



## **From the Shepherd's Shop...By Rev. Dr. David K. Hinson, Interim Senior Pastor**

Thank you for your strong participation in "The Family of Faith" worship theme during May! Highlighted by Hat Day on Mother's Day, we came together to celebrate our desire to perpetuate Christ's love through witness, missions, and fellowship. Moving forward, in the summer months, we will be emphasizing "Servants Practicing Discipleship" during June and July as we focus on how we practice our faith daily. Sermon titles in the week's ahead include: "What Happens when a Christian Sins," "You'd Better Wake UP!" "Is your Child Well?" "The Joy is the Journey," "Can you be Perfect?" and more.

I continue to admire your consistent responses to the challenges of missions and ministry. Your volunteer spirit is strong, and your willingness to sacrifice for others is unquestionable. As your Interim Pastor, some of the most important questions I often ask myself are: "When the new Pastor arrives, what will the congregation expect him/her to do?" Do they want the Pastor to be a visionary who will have a plan to lead the church into its future? Will they desire their Pastor to be a great Preacher on Sunday mornings? Will they desire for the next Pastor to always be at the hospital or visit the nursing homes whenever called upon? Will they expect the new Pastor to communicate well with young children and young families? Will they expect the new Pastor to stick with all the traditions of the past? Will they expect the Pastor to prioritize and do what the church is already doing?

Or, will the new Pastor have the freedom to pursue new avenues of ministry that have not yet been determined? Will the congregation be open to new paths of ministry in 2023 and beyond? If so, how can I decide now to be supportive of these new directions?

All these questions will have to be answered in some form or fashion in the next few months, and some may be addressed directly, while others will be addressed indirectly. One might possibly hear someone say: "When the new Pastor comes, I intend to offer my total support and encouragement, no matter who it is. I am praying now, and I believe the whole Church will be both blessed and unified as we pray together for the Search Committee and all their members who will help us find the right person for the future of First Baptist Church of Columbus." What a great spirit and testimony.

I look forward to seeing you all in worship this Sunday, and don't forget Men's Hat Day is on the calendar for Father's Day- June 18!

Blessings to you all!  
David



# SEASON OF THE CHURCH: ORDINARY TIME

## MAY 29TH - NOVEMBER 26TH

### Servants Practicing Discipleship

"Practicing Our Faith." For those of you who have been here longer than I, you'll recognize that phrase. It's one that's hung above the Baptistry many times, on at least three different banners, and has occupied a lot of time in Staff and Church Planning meetings. Maybe that phrase is too familiar. Maybe it's one of those fill-in-the-blank phrases that you can finish when someone simply says "Practicing..." If so, that's ok! But I want to reframe the phrase with one word: Discipleship. That's another word that is probably way too familiar, but as I think about it, I don't know how much we've really focused on it, defined it, and practiced practicing it.

Yes, you read that right: "Practiced practicing." I know what you're thinking: But Daniel we don't practice practicing it, we just practice it. Why spend the time practicing something that is, in and of itself, a practice to simply do?

You're not wrong. But, what if we thought about it a different way? What if, instead of simply saying we need to just "Go be the people of God" we ask ourselves again: "How are we to be the people of God?" "What does it mean to be the people of God?" "What are the things that the people of God are supposed to do?"

Go ahead, sit down and make a list of those things and then come back.....

Ready?

So when I make the list, here's some of the things I come up with: prayer, Bible Study, charity, fellowship, evangelism, hospitality, healing, worship (which includes a whole host of other things), and many other things that I missed. And you're right, these are things to simply "do." But go through that list and ask yourself: "Self, which of these do I do? Which ones don't I do? Which ones do I wish I were better at?"

*Better.* Now that's an interesting word isn't it? Discipleship is a conversation about human-centered growth. How can we be the hands, feet, and words of Jesus to others *better*? Those are the things that we practice practicing, and we do that by joining together in worship, study, and fellowship to help each other grow. It's amazing how spiritual disciplines are so closely tied to our personalities and strengths. Inevitably though, there will always be things that we can get *better* at because we're stronger in some areas more than others. That's not a bad thing - it's a beautiful thing! It's part of why we are called to exist in community with each other - so that we can help each other grow and can make up for each other's weaknesses.

This summer is going to be a practice in "practicing practicing." Sometimes that will mean going out and simply doing something. Other times it will mean breaking something down into bite size pieces and getting back to the fundamentals of 1. *What* 2. *Why* and 3. *How* we are to walk with Coach Jesus. That catch you off guard a little bit? Good! The training has begun...

Peace,  
Pastor Daniel

## Around The Church ...

### Mother's Day was Hat Day!



## "E" Matters

We began our inward evangelism journey several months ago in preparation to begin our outward journey.

Do you still have the journal that you wrote down your thoughts and feelings in with some guideposts? I would like to encourage you to find that journal, sit down and read through it. Next I would like to encourage you to think about, pray about, and then write down your faith story in that same journal.

In the near future there will be various opportunities to share YOUR faith story with others. Remember this verse: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." I Peter 3:15

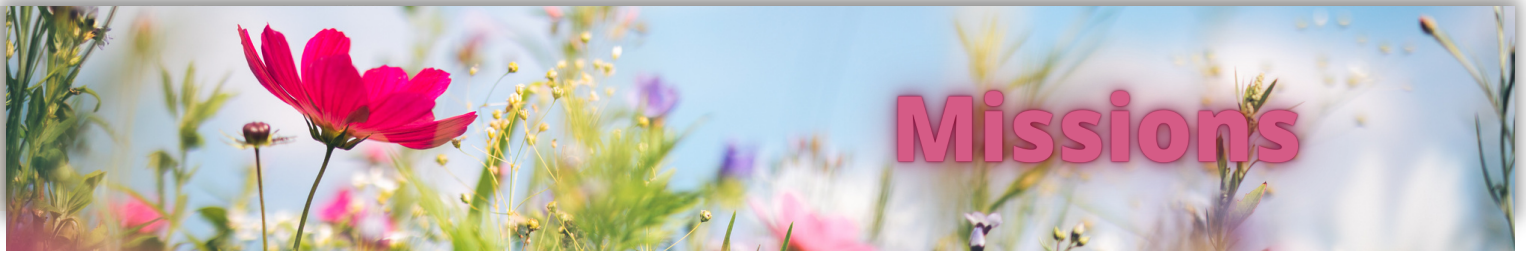
### Church Work Day!

Thank you to those who came out and helped clean the church inside and out on our Annual Work Day.

It was much appreciated!







## Food Booth at County Fair

Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve at the Love Chapel Food Booth on Monday, June 26, and Saturday morning, July 1. Love Chapel will contact everyone about the event. Two positions are urgently needed for July 1: Runner and Packager. If you would be willing to take one of those positions or to serve as a backup or relief worker, please see Missions Team Leader, Bob Langdon, or call him at 812 343 2944.

## Missions Offerings:

The following amounts were collected for three mission projects in April : Edna Martin Christian Center, \$ 3,355; Kwai River Hostel in Thailand, \$3,000; Turning Point, \$600 (collected through First Baptist's American Baptist Women's Ministries organization). Thanks to all who contributed.

## Stuffed With Love Update

Last call for the collection of Stuffed animals for children who are treated at Columbus and Seymour hospitals is Sunday May 28.



First Baptist Church,  
Thank you for your gracious hospitality and support in providing a wonderful place to study God's word. We couldn't do it without you.  
In His Love,  
Laura Blair, Bible Study Fellowship



## Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls will be available at the Gathering Place the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month for any who would like to pick one up as an encouragement to someone. For any questions see Judy Alexander.





**Around The Church...**

## SUNDAY SUPPERS

*on June 25th, July 30th,  
and August 27th*

*Sign up today at the  
Gathering Place!*

*This will be a time to meet in someone's home  
and share a meal with others in our FBC Family  
who we may not know as well as we should.*

### **Host Homes Needed**

**Guests will be randomly assigned to each location.  
Menus will be coordinated by the hosts.  
Sign up today at the Gathering Place!**



## June Birthdays

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| 4. ~ Lindsay McIntosh | 14. ~ Joshua Fields, Ramona Harlow            |
| 5. ~ Larry Sims       | 16. ~ Donna Emmert, David Hinson              |
| 6. ~ Troy Cheek       | 20. ~ Julia Casey                             |
| 8. ~ Michelle Emmert  | 22. ~ Keith Arbuckle, Margaret Hatter         |
| 9. ~ Timothy Pickup   | 23. ~ Jon Carlstrom                           |
| 10. ~ Dennis Orwin    | 24. ~ Adrienne Hatton                         |
| 12. ~ Ted Burton      | 25. ~ Eric Olson, Emma Patrick, Roberta Walls |
|                       | 27. ~ Catherine Fields, Jessica King          |
|                       | 29. ~ Dennis Steele                           |

## The Body of Christ Prays For...

The Family of Francis Arbuckle, Marcia Battle, Dick & Beth Miller, Joyce Roney, Ramona Harlow, Dan Greene & all persons who are homebound & in nursing care centers.

Please be in prayer for the Church during this time of pastoral transition, including our Church Council and FBC Staff.



## Looking Ahead to June

- 4 - Communion Worship (9:30 am)
- 15 - Newsletter Deadline
- 20 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
- 25 - Coffee Fellowship (10:30 am)

## Weekly:

- Prayer Shawl Group:* Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- Prayer Group:* Tuesdays at 12:30 pm in Prayer Room

**Service: Sunday Morning - Worship 9:30 am**  
**(in-person worship & Live Stream)**

**2nd Hour Learning - following worship at 10:45 am**

## Live streaming available for Sunday Services

In addition to watching our streaming service on our website, the service is also streamed to Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. It is also sent internationally.



**Just Press Play**

Live Video Every Sunday at 9:30  
[firstbaptistcolumbus.org](http://firstbaptistcolumbus.org)





# Leadership

## Pastoral Care Team

June 4 - Kerry & Alice Richmond  
June 11 - Tim & Paula Pickup  
June 18 - Jim & Linda Reid  
June 25 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed

*Pastor on Call for June: Bob Langdon  
(812-378-0608)*

## Serving in the Nursery:

First Sunday: Susan Hoffman  
Second Sunday: Adams  
Third Sunday: Fee  
Fourth Sunday: *Open*  
Fifth Sunday: *Open*

## Emergency Responder Schedule

May 28th: Jean Williams  
June 4th: Jean Williams  
June 11th: Judy Rhude  
June 18th: Mike Compton  
June 25th: Lindsay McIntosh

## Coffee Fellowship



There will be a Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, May 28th. Last names I-Q are invited to bring treats to share.

The next Coffee Fellowship is June 25th -R-Z.

## Children's Sunday School

### 2-4 Year Olds -

#### Teachers:

First Sunday: *Open*  
Second Sunday: Susan Carter  
Third Sunday: Carol Poe  
Fourth Sunday: Heidi Jones  
Fifth Sunday: Carolyn Pool

#### Helpers:

First Sunday: *Open*  
Second Sunday: *Open*  
Third Sunday: Jennifer Kelley  
Fourth Sunday: *Open*  
Fifth Sunday: Carolyn Pool

#### Kids Connection:

First Sunday: Marcia Cheek  
Second Sunday: Linda Reid  
Third Sunday: *Open*  
Fourth Sunday: Deanna Glick

No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.

## Lunch Sign Up

There is a sign up sheet at the Gathering Place for those who would like to take Pastor David Hinson to lunch on Sundays.

# Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, June 4th. For those of you who join us for worship via live stream, we invite you to have something available to use for communion as we come to the Lord's Table together.