

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

Several years ago, God impressed upon me the need to propose a new administrative way of doing church. It was entitled, "Centers for Christian Ministry." It was a new model for doing ministry and missions. Its theme, "Centering our Community in Christ," was a new strategy that would compel the church to move outside physical boundaries to meet persons where they were in the community. I believed that serving the Lord with gladness was both an expectation and a shared responsibility as we would partner with one another in building bridges in the Kingdom of God. Each Center would provide that opportunity. A Volunteer Resource Center would assist participants in becoming involved in centers that best suited one's spiritual gifts. The philosophy was: Everyone has a place to serve the Lord.

The Centers for Christian Ministry was an experiment. I must admit I did not see its full implementation, but I have remain convinced that all churches must adjust and respond to one's particular circumstances. Leadership is challenging, and some new ideas are either before their time, after their time, or not deemed appropriate for the occasion. An organization must have willing workers, and these workers are to serve others with the mind of Christ who reached out to all persons.

I sometimes wonder: "Where is the next generation of church leadership?" Will it be strong? Will it be ready? Will such leadership find willing partners in ministry?

Here were the Centers I dreamed about: Center for Spiritual Formation, Center for Health Ministry, Center for Christian Recreation, Center for Leadership Development, Center for Community Outreach, Center for Christian Missions, and Center for Special Projects. A Church Coordinating Council would work to be sure the centers would function cohesively. Isn't it interesting how a dream can stay a dream? And it is also interesting how dreams can someday turn into reality.

My hope and prayer as your Interim Pastor is that you will all continue to Dream, Hope, Pray, and Serve in whatever capacity God leads you. Ideas come and go, but our time on earth is limited as to how long we ourselves may impact the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! What a blessing it is to serve Him daily!

I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we continue to worship, pray and respond to God's Spirit.
-David



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:
ORDINARY TIME
MAY 29TH - NOVEMBER 26TH

Practicing Our Faith

What does that phrase mean to you? Seriously, I want to know.

July is a slow month around these parts. That's not a bad thing. It provides ample time to think and dream. How much dreaming do you do? I dream a lot. Not while I'm asleep though. I rarely remember my dreams when I wake up in the morning. But daydreams? The good kind of daydreams that look forward to the future? Those stick with me.

There's a personality test called the Enneagram. I don't know if I've talked about that before. We used to use it as a staff tool to help improve our efficiency, communication, and all that jazz. Well, this personality test has been really helpful for me. I realize they're all subjective, but this one hit different. It's taught me how my brain works. And I've realized that my brain's primary function is dreaming.

On June 24th, Megan and I went to a wedding for a former college house-mate of mine. Payton is a campus pastor now for Northview Church and leads spiritual direction sessions using the Enneagram. (If that sequence of sentences sounds insane, go back and re-read it and ask yourself what about it sounded weird: was it "campus pastor", was it "spiritual direction", or was it just the whole thing? These are good things for me to know.) Anyway, I was Payton's guinea pig for Enneagram-based spiritual direction. And I loved it. He helped me learn so much about myself in ways that clarified why I am the way I am and what I can do to reckon with my shortcomings (because I have a lot of them). But through it all, he helped me realize that I'm at my best when I'm dreaming - when I'm imagining a future that's better than today.

Better. There's that word again. I used it last month when I was talking about the "Practicing our Faith" Coffee Talk series. If you attended our first coffee talk, you'll have heard me say that I'm a completist who doesn't like to leave things unfinished. If I start something, I have to get to the end. But spirituality isn't conducive to that part of my personality. Instead, spirituality appeals to the dreamer in me. Faith asks that I consider what is "now" and consider what might be better "then". It's a fun mental exercise. Faith is effectively a big puzzle in that regard. We're always looking for the right pieces to fill-in the gaps of our souls, our churches, our communities, etc.

Obviously the short answer to that problem is (say it with me): Jesus! But that's the thing about Jesus. He doesn't want to solve all our problems without us learning something. Usually, the answer becomes way too obvious only at the very end and we realize how much harder we were making things (like doing a puzzle without the picture to know what we're making).

So, what are we making? What is our puzzle? The puzzle of faith and spirituality isn't something to do only on our own as individuals but rather as a community of practitioners, each of whom bring a different personality to the table. Those personalities are what key our success! You're going to see something that I'm not, and I need your help just as you need mine. So. Who has the box to this puzzle we're making?

Peace,
Pastor Daniel



Around The Church ...



A Time of Celebration

All are invited to join Daniel Kane & Megan Novak in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 6th during 2nd Hour to celebrate their upcoming marriage.

Refreshments will be provided by the hostess team but cards and well wishes are appreciated. Please enclose a favorite recipe and/or tip for a happy marriage. The couple are also registered on Amazon.


We rejoice with them as they are joined in marriage in a private ceremony on August 27.

Sunday Suppers

on July 30th & 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.***



Missions

Practicing Our Faith

This summer, join us at the Eastbrook Lucabe for our new 6 week summer coffee talk series: "Practicing our Faith" that started on June 22nd at 9:30 AM.



Stuffed with Love Campaign

Thanks to all who donated a total of 37 stuffed animals in April and May. The Seymour Young Marines Troop "Stuffed With Love Campaign of 23" collected a total of 2,109 stuffed animals for the Seymour and Columbus hospitals. The goal was 500 for each hospital, so the project was an overwhelming success! These stuffed animals will help decrease the stress of ill or hurt children. In the photo above, Bob Langdon is receiving a certificate of appreciation from Young Marine Roger Douglass.

County Fair Love Chapel Food Booth

Thanks to all who volunteered to serve at the Love Chapel Food Booth on June 26 and July 1. Thirty two of you filled all positions for all shifts on July 26th and all positions for the breakfast shift on July 1. This was a wonderful response for a very worthy cause. Thanks again for practicing your faith by serving others!

This project of the Ecumenical Council of Bartholomew County will provide funds for Love Chapel to meet the increasing needs of hungry and hurting residents of our city and county. If you read this and plan to go to the fair, make sure to stop by and purchase a meal. The Love Chapel Booth is located directly across from the grandstand.

Bob & Jean Langdon
Mission Team Leaders



Other News...

Father's Day at FB&C!



Directory Update

We will be updating the church directory in the coming weeks.

We ask that anyone with a change in address or phone number contact Mel at the church office

(812-376-3321) or secretary@fbccolumbus.org

Medical Equipment Available for Loan



Durable medical Equipment is available at the church to lend to church family and friends as needed. Items available:

Walkers
Canes
Four Quad Canes
Crutches
Wheel Chairs

Transport Wheel Chairs
Bedside Commodes
Elevated Commode Seats
Rollator Walker
Suction Handles for shower wall

Please contact the church office or call Judy Rhude (812-764-9175) if any of this equipment is needed.

Around The Church...



Thank You

Thank you to our church family for all the food, cards, flowers and visits that you gave to us as I am recovering from back pain. We are blessed to have you as our family. Thanks again!

Daryl & Dot McMath

Thank you to all who donated School, Hygiene, and Period Kits to Church World Service this past year. We gave 10 School, 21 Hygiene, and 10 Period kits to them.

Judy Alexander

I would like to thank everyone who attended my graduation celebration as well as those who couldn't attend but did express their congratulations. I was happily surprised at the overflowing of affection shared by the people of First Baptist both in person and in spirit.

Bless you all, Landon McIntosh



It's time to begin collecting for the Church World Services Back to School Kits. Below are the items needed. Please include \$2.00 if possible for shipping and processing. A box marked "CWS Kits" will be on the table by the kitchen from July 9 until August 13.

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-page count spiral bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (removed from packing and use a rubber band to hold the pencils together).
- One box of 24 crayons (**only 24**)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (*solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks*)

Optional: Loose school kit items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together. Remove the air, seal the bag and place inside of the cotton/canvas bag.



Around The Church

July Birthdays

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| 1. ~ Deanna Glick | 18. ~ Homer Ford |
| 6. ~ Gavin Frady | 21. ~ Ruby Cunningham |
| 7. ~ Lucy Cash | 23. ~ Katie Emmert |
| 10. ~ Kari Lovelace | 24. ~ John Stafford |
| 11. ~ Scott Babb | 28. ~ Liz Lipson, Alice Richmond |
| 12 ~ Diane Ginn, Mary Greene | 29. ~ Jane Seal |
| 14. ~ David Stehouwer | 30. ~ Allen Rea |
| | 31. ~ Steven Pool |

The Body of Christ Prays For...

The Family of Joyce Roney, Dot McMath, Marcia Battle, Dick & Beth Miller, Ramona Harlow, and 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 July

- 2 - Communion Worship (9:30 am)
- 4 - Office Closed for 4th
- 11 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
- 15 - Newsletter Deadline
- 19 - Quarterly Congregational Meeting
- 30 - 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



Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

July 2 - Bob & Jean Langdon
July 9 - Paul & Carol Poe
July 16 - Kerry & Alice Richmond
July 23 - Jim & Linda Reid
July 30 - Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher

*Pastor on Call for July: Jon Carlstrom
(812-) 372-7374*

Serving in the Nursery:

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

Emergency Responder Schedule

July 2nd : Jean Williams
July 9th: Joyce Briggs
July 16th : Joyce Briggs
July 23rd: Lindsay McIntosh
July 30th: Mike Compton

Coffee Fellowship



There will be a Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, July 30th. Last names A-H are invited to bring treats to share.

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, July 2nd. 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.