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

I have spent some time this summer “throwing out” old papers, empty bottles, cleaning out drawers, and discarding some of the unnecessary items that were clogging up spaces I occupied. Some of these “treasured items” were in my office, in my closets, and in the garage. Among my newly discovered treasured items was a list of New Year’s resolutions from 2018! My, how time flies when you stop cleaning out one day, and before you know it, five years has passed!

The Church has a perpetual need to clean up, clean out, and create space for God to do “a new thing” in our lives. Christ desires us to be committed to a life of faith over human vision, and promise over personal skepticism. Over the years, I have seen various church members cling to some things that they thought were important, only to discover later that such keepsakes had long since passed their days of usefulness. At times, these are tangible, and at other times, ideas and attitudes are in play.

In one church I know about personally, a church cleanup day resulted in two 20 foot dumpster loads of trash and materials members had been collecting over the years. Valuable space for future ministry programs had been nothing more than “junk rooms.” Another person I became acquainted with was known as the annual “Church Clean-up Lady” as she volunteered herself to come and clean out all the places in the church that persons were ignoring. If Martha was coming, you better take it home soon if you wanted it, or one would know it would be thrown out in the trash after her arrival on the scene.

I am sure we all have places to clean out, clean up, or sift through. As I understand what it is that God wants me to do, I am reminded of the Psalmist who said, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10). I need to create room in my heart for God to come and speak to my real needs. It may mean I need to let go of something in my past that I have been hanging onto.

It continues to be my joy to worship with you each week. Help us make First Baptist Church of Columbus the go-to place for you and your family this summer as we continue to share our faith, reach out to others, and invite others to find hope for their future as Christ is seeking to “cleanse” us from all our sin.

Blessings always
- David



SEASON OF THE CHURCH: ORDINARY TIME

MAY 29TH - NOVEMBER 26TH

Outdoor Service and Picnic!

I know that's not a very clever title, but it gets the point across doesn't it?

It's time for another outdoor service! On August 13th, we'll be meeting out on the lawn by the parking lot for what's become an annual summer event. This time, however, we're going to add a picnic! So be on the lookout for information regarding food needs as we'll need grillers and suppliers. Below is the intended schedule of events:

- 9:30 - Livestreamed Service*
- 10:45 - Second Hour (Inside) - Food Prep Begins
- 11:30- Lunch!

We'll have some kind of entertainment during the picnic, but how that gets filled out continues to be TBD. So, if you would like to participate in that let me know and I'll work on assembling a schedule of events from 11:30 - until we're done/run out of people and things to do.

Maybe that all seems open-ended but I think that's nice. I'll be honest, since coming here in 2020 and enduring the Covid years, the times of open-ended fellowship have been few and far between. I remember the party at the Whittington's and of course the other outdoor services, but, if we think about it, how many of those things had a schedule of start and end? Sometimes it's nice to just say "come and go as you please." I know that's how things will be for the Green Card party that the Putterill's are hosting (at the time of this writing) as it was for the mixer that the Whittington's hosted for the churches and resettled Afghan families.

So, for our outdoor picnic invite who you may. If that means they come for the service, wonderful! If for the food, fantastic. The goal is to enjoy each other's company and maybe even connect with our surrounding neighborhood a little bit more. I know we'll have another chance to do this in October during the 2nd annual "Worship in the Park" that Love Chapel is hosting, but I'm looking forward to beginning this trend of non-agenda'd get togethers to just enjoy being around each other.

To that end, you may have read the asterisk above and asked, "Where's the asterisk explanation?" Well, here it is: *Despite providing Livestream services for those watching from elsewhere, I would love for the outdoor service to be made as accessible as possible for whoever may want to participate. We have a lot of homebound people who don't attend frequently. While we will Livestream, my greater desire is to effectively not need it because we're able to carpool everyone to the service. What would it look like to provide transportation to Four Seasons, homes, and the other facilities we inhabit? And who knows, what if others from those facilities who aren't already members wanted to join, too? We have unique accessibility to making churchgoing available for people who typically aren't able to go. That's not something to miss, but something to celebrate for it truly is a God-given gift.

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.



Welcome New Members!

On June 25th we welcomed into our church family, *Aubree Lynn Adams*. She is the granddaughter of Stephanie and Dennis Adams and the niece of Linda Foster. Her baptism will take place August 6th. Aubree's mother, Heather Hardin will also be baptized at that time.

We also welcome *Tammy Columbia*, who came forward seeking to join our church on July 16th. Baptismal date and location TBA.

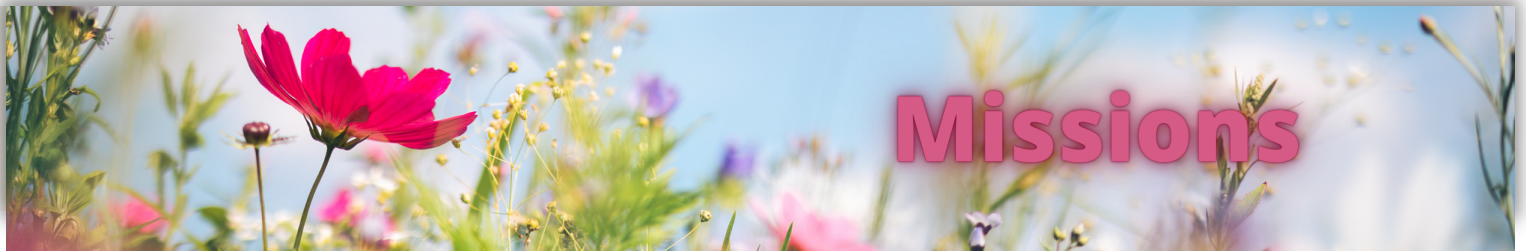
On Sunday, July 23rd, *Norma Cherry* and *Ina Mae Aulby* came forward to join our church by profession of faith.

(We will have further details and their photos in the next newsletter.)

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. The deadline to make any changes is August 9th.

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



Richards Elementary Hospitality Table



Sign up to be a part of the annual back to school event on August 2nd. Helpers are still needed from 5-7 pm to distribute cookies (bring a lawn chair); and cookie donations are also still needed.

Please bring cookies unwrapped to the church by noon Aug. 2nd. We will package them in paper snack bags for distribution.

Sign up at the Gathering Place.

FUTURE MISSION PROJECT



Possible workday at New Song is scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 9 a.m. to noon. A sign-up sheet is located on the counter in the gathering place. The work will be general groundskeeping, gardening, home cleaning, etc.



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.

Other News...

Outdoor Service & Picnic!

**Sunday, August 13th
beginning at 9:30 am**

The Church will be providing all food and drinks
Please bring a lawn chair - if it rains we will eat
inside in fellowship hall.

We will eat at approximately 11:45 am.



Prayer Shawls



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

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.

Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

Aug 6 - Ron & Peggy Lane

Aug 13 - Paul & Carol Poe

Aug 20 - Tim & Carol Pickup

Aug 27 - Jim & Linda Reid

*Pastor on Call for August: Bill Griffith
(812-) 314-2415*

Serving in the Nursery:

First Sunday: Susan Hoffman

Second Sunday: Adams

Third Sunday: Fee

Fourth Sunday: *Open*

Fifth Sunday: *Open*

Emergency Responder Schedule

Aug 6th : Jean Williams

Aug 13th: Judy Rhude

Aug 20th : Lindsay McIntosh

Aug 27th: Mike Compton

Coffee Fellowship



There will be a Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, August 27th. Last names I-Q are invited to bring treats to share.

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, August 6th. 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.

Around The Church

August Birthdays

1. ~ Ron Lane
2. ~ Carter Chitwood
3. ~ Anna DeHaven, Soozie Ford, Kerry Richmond
5. ~ Lori Cash
8. ~ Lana Luzier
- 10 ~ Debra Steele
14. ~ Paige Babb
16. ~ Forest Daugherty, Anna Emmert
- 18 ~ Ina Mae Aulby
19. ~ Nancy Wagner, Norma Cherry
21. ~ Barbara Campbell
23. ~ Jim Bokleman
24. ~ Danny Burton
25. ~ Juanita Atkins
26. ~ Lyman Snyder
28. ~ Daryl McMath
29. ~ Jennifer Kelley
31. ~ Dot McMath

The Body of Christ Prays For...

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, Search Committee, and FBC Staff.

Looking Ahead to August

- 6 - Communion /Baptism Worship (9:30 am)
- 6 - Celebration of Megan & Daniel (10:45 am)
- 13 - Outdoor Service & Picnic (9:30 & 11:30 am)
- 15 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
- 15 - Newsletter Deadline
- 27 - Coffee Fellowship (10:45 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
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