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

"Growing in Grace" is our worship theme for August and September, and what a wonderful opportunity it is for us all to consider how we magnify God's Grace through our lives. It is difficult for me to not consider God's "Amazing Grace" as I live my life as a Christian. Jesus modeled grace for us, and I believe that means one should always exemplify a gracious heart toward others through Christian service.

As I think about grace and actions which promote Jesus' model, I am reminded of Robert Greenleaf who wrote a book entitled, *Teacher as Servant – A Parable*, that is a fictional story of a person who invested his life in assisting others to gain the wisdom of practicing servanthood. It not only included participation, but the motto "Serve and be served by" which became one's watchword. There were three major kinds of activity explained. He said: We engage in service projects together, but we serve mostly with our energies, not money. Some things we learn with our own hands. We spend a lot of time trying to learn, and we learn a lot of good common sense in the process. Second, we invite others to come in and share with us ideas that have worked in serving others. We learn and grow from those experiences. Finally, we try to spot how we can help this place become better with our own efforts. We ask ourselves, "What can I do to serve others?" Greenleaf's book has a direct relationship on how we practice "being" the Church of Jesus Christ called First Baptist Church of Columbus. Have you thought about how to magnify God's impact in the world as you show grace and service to a world in need of a Savior?

Listed below are four thoughts you may want to consider:

1. Will you pray that God's Spirit will give you an attitude of showing grace toward others?
2. Serving and service are the attitude and actions that produce a result. What gracious actions can you take today to help someone in need?
3. Missions and service go together. Would you consider helping someone who is poor today? Would you consider going out of your way to help a neighbor?
4. Love and laughter make for greatness of spirit. Would you make a call or drop a note to someone as a word of encouragement and blessing?

Taking one step toward grace is a beginning point you will not regret. As we move toward the future, we will move together...with God's grace as our guide. And it will surely be "AMAZING!" I look forward to seeing you in Worship next Sunday!

Blessings always,

David



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

Outdoor Service Take 2!
(And Other Important Information)

What's that famous adage? "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!"

I know we didn't end up having our picnic outside, but that doesn't mean the day wasn't a success! It's always good to be able to simply sit and have a meal. I truly believe the more of that we can do, the better. Which is good! Because we have another chance to try our outdoor plan again!

This time, we will be worshipping together through the "Worship-in-the-Park" event that Love Chapel kicked off last year. If you remember, we went to Millrace Park to enjoy hymn singing and ice cream with First United Methodist Church. This year, we will be worshipping with Memorial Baptist and New Hope Christian Church at a location yet to be decided. I was hoping to have that information before writing this, but seeing as I'll be away for wedding things by the time you'll receive this, I wasn't able to get all those people in the room yet.

So! Be on the lookout for information later in September regarding Worship in the Park. Your job will be very simple - just show up! (And bring a lawn chair). We are anticipating holding this event as our PRIMARY and ONLY service on October 1st, so make sure to get it in your calendars now that we will not be meeting at FBC on Sunday October 1st. Neither will we be livestreaming the event, so if we can set up a carpool for those who watch from home I'd love to see as many people present as possible.

Again, location and time will be announced as soon as it's available, but get ready for a good time of fellowship as we connect with some of our sister churches in town! And maybe bring a friend or neighbor! (You can see a save the date on the next page.)

In other news, with Labor Day just around the bend, that means it's time for choir to get started again! This fall, I want anyone interested in choir to join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM starting on September 6th in the choir loft. We will be rehearsing on Wednesday nights for the following Sunday so that the choir can sing every week to build up our stamina and technique while we prepare for Christmas.

Can't join on Wednesday? No worries! We will also be meeting at 8:45 on Sunday morning to do a sound check and quick run through of the music. Maybe you don't know how to read music. Maybe you've never sung in the choir before. Never fear! That's what this is for. As we sing each week, we will be building up the habits and skills needed for group singing - and that always starts with the basics. So come ready to sing, learn, and worship! Chancel Choir is back!

Peace,
Pastor Daniel



WORSHIP

in the

PARK

SAVE THE DATE

OCT. 1

Donner Park | Pence Park | Clifty Park | Parkside Park

Around The Church ...

Welcome New Members!



Aubree
Adams



Tammy
Columbia



Norma
Cherry



InaMae
Aulby

On June 25th we welcomed into our church family, *Aubree Lynn Adams*.

We also welcome *Tammy Columbia*, who came forward to join our church on July 16th.

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





Around The Church

Many Thanks!

Thank you to all who baked cookies and those who came to help in so many ways to make the hospitality at Richards School a big success. We cannot do it without lots of folks helping.

-Janet Bailey

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Dear FBC Family,
Thank you so much for all the wonderful supplies for my classroom!

Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated and I will think of your love and prayers as I use the supplies this year!

-Lori Cash

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Another school year has started and you have once again blessed Richards Elementary with your thoughtful and generous bags of school supplies. I use everything you include in the bags! Many thanks!

-Pennie Snider, Media Assist.

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Special Thanks!



Be sure to read all the special thanks from the staff at Richard's Elementary, posted on the desk in the Gathering Place.

Men of Faith Bible Study

MEN OF FAITH will begin again on Friday September 8 at 7:00 am.

Our study will be: Paul: Worldview Influences On His Life and Teachings

Study guides are available at the Gathering Place.

"Understanding the mind of Paul sounds like a daunting task. Writing down what we know about Paul would not doubt be a very short list, and the same may be true of what we know about even our best friends. What do we really know about our closest friends? Unless we have taken the time to share our life story of the influences that have shaped our lives; our religious, political, and social values, we have a limited knowledge of the person.

All of this is by way of emphasizing that if we are to understand the mind of Paul and gain a deeper appreciation of his life and the biblical teachings gleaned from his letters, it would help us to know what those influences were that impacted his life. What was the world like that he lived in during those first twenty-five years? What political, religious, and ethical world-views define that period of history? How did they influence him? You can prepare for this study by identifying the major world views that have influenced your life.

We will begin our study by reminding ourselves that, "A 'worldview' is not what you normally look at, but what you normally look through...worldviews are like spectacles; normally you take them for granted, and you only think about them when they are broken, dirty or out of focus." (N.T. Wright, Paul and the Faithfulness of God)

It is our hope that this study together will enable us to have a greater appreciation of Paul's life, the worldviews that shaped him, and the teachings that defined his faith."

I want to encourage you to invite a friend to join us for our study and fellowship. Larry Calfee and I are looking forward to being back together with you.

Other News....

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you all for the cards received and prayers offered for the passing of my brother, Mike Henry.

My thanks to Dortha for the prayer shawl and the delicious cookies.

Thanks Jon Carlstrom for the comforting phone conversation and Bill Griffith for your timely visit. Your sentiments help and are greatly appreciated.

In his love, Linda Rea & family.

Dear Folks,

I want to thank everyone who thought of us. I have every card we received, some at the hardest days, to cheer us and lessen the stress. We also appreciate the help that Alice continues to offer regularly.

Thanks again to every person, and to FBC for the cards and calls. In Christian Love,
Ramona & Robert Harlow

To First Baptist Church,

I want to let everyone at FBC know how much each and every visitor has meant to me over the last several months. As you probably know, my ability to get out and go places has been somewhat limited. I feel extremely fortunate to have such love and kindness displayed by each of you.

-Anita Burton



Birthday Blessings!



Hey, got any plans for September 9th from 4-6 pm? How about going to Brighter Days for a birthday party for some of the folks a little less fortunate. We'll be sharing a light supper with them and finishing up with birthday cake and ice cream with a round or two of Bingo.

Would you like to brighten their day a little more by seeing them open a couple of birthday cards given by you? Simply pick cards that would be appropriate for men or women, and sign them or just write "from a friend", while adding your birthday wishes or even "God bless you" to the cards.

Bring your cards to the church any Sunday before September 9th. Thank you and God bless you!

-Jan Carlstrom



Hot Meals

First Baptist Church will be providing the hot meal at Memorial Baptist Church on Sept 5th and 12th, on behalf of Love Chapel.

If you are interested in helping make the meal or serving, please sign up in the Gathering place.

If you have questions, please call or text Sue Putterill

Other News...

Monday Night Bowling League Opportunity



Men & Women: Are you interested in bowling in a league?

Where? Columbus Bowling Center

When? 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Every Monday beginning August 21st thru May (about 35 weeks).

Cost: \$15.00 per person, per night.

Contact Keith Arbuckle if interested. Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

LIGHT Women's Bible Study



Pastor Bill has provided us with a great study called "*It's all Greek to Me*", focusing on six essential words in our faith walk. The different Bible translations will enrich our understanding of these words which are so essential to our beliefs.

We will start our six week study on Thursday, September 7, at 9 am (new time) in the downstairs room 105 (new room, too). All ladies of the church are invited, and we welcome our friends and neighbors too! Let's join in looking forward to a new year of learning and living our lives sharing Christ's love."

SPECIAL SPEAKER FOR 2ND HOUR ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Barb Miller will be a guest speaker in Fellowship Hall after the worship service during the 2nd hour on September 10th. Barb will speak and answer questions on: MEDICARE FRAUD, ROBO CALLS, IMPOSTERS, CURRENT SCAMS and other NEFARIOUS TOPICS that can affect everyone in today's world.

Barb is retired from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield where she held positions in sales and sales management. This is where she first became aware of medical fraud. When the opportunity presented itself to educate people about Medicare fraud for Indiana Senior Medicare Patrol, it seem like a perfect fit. Barb has also worked for the Indiana Office of the Attorney General, educating fellow Hoosiers about scams and fraud of all types.

In addition, Barb has been involved as a volunteer with many community non-profit organizations, including the Community Foundation, the Greenwood Library, the Humane Society, Youth Connections, the Historic Artcraft Theater, Girls Inc., and Dancing with the Johnson County Stars.

This is open to ALL FBC members and non-members alike, so plan on attending this special presentation with Barb. We think you will find her style engaging, entertaining, and very educational!!

So mark your calendars for Sunday September 10th, 2nd hour! See you there!! Please see Larry Mayfield if you have any questions about this presentation.

Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

Sept 3 - Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher

Sept 10 - Ron & Peggy Lane

Sept 17 - Paul & Carol Poe

Sept 24 - Tim & Carol Pickup

*Pastor on Call for September: Bob Langdon
(812-) 343-2944*

Serving in the Nursery:

First Sunday: Susan Hoffman

Second Sunday: Adams

Third Sunday: Fee

Fourth Sunday: *Open*

Fifth Sunday: *Open*

Emergency Responder Schedule

Sept 3rd : Jean Williams

Sept 10th: Judy Rhude

Sept 17th: Mike Compton

Sept 24th : Lindsay McIntosh

Coffee Fellowship



There will be a Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, September 24th. Last names R-Z 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.

Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, September 3rd. 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

September Birthdays

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| 1. ~ Joyce Crowder, Hannah Moore | 13 ~ Heather Babb | 23. ~ Nancy Trueblood |
| 2. ~ Esther Fulkerson | 14. ~ Parker Smith | 24. ~ Daniel Anderson |
| 5. ~ Diane Steele | 15. ~ Juanita Bush | 24. ~ Morgan McDaniel |
| 7. ~ Barry Anderson, Rachael Kearns | 16. ~ Jim Reid, Davi Carvalho | 25. ~ Don Jessee |
| 9 ~ Brenda Frady, Tom Ganus, Chris Sims | 17. ~ Melissa Brunning | 29 ~ Karen Fogle |
| 10. ~ Harold Hatter, Jim Morris | 18. ~ Judy Rhude | 30. ~ Angela Adkins |
| 11. ~ Jan Fogle, Myrna Shane | 19. ~ Kelli Smith | |
| 12. ~ John Wyman | 22. ~ Alan Seal | |

The Body of Christ Prays For...

Jennifer & Anna Kelley, Linda Rea and family, Marcia Battle, Dick & Beth Miller, Ramona Harlow, Dan Greene, and Claude Wright Jr "Bub" and all those 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 September

- 3 - Communion / Worship (9:30 am)
- 15 - Newsletter Deadline
- 19 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
- 24 - Coffee Fellowship (10:45 am)

Weekly:

- Prayer Shawl Group:* Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 12:30 pm in Prayer Room
- LIGHT Ladies Bible Study at 9:00 am (beginning 9/7)
- Men of Faith Bible Study at 7:00 am (Beginning 9/8)

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

