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JOIN OUR *Family* OF FAITH

**Evan Guse, Senior Pastor**  
**Daniel Kane, Worship Pastor**

## *From The Pastor's Pen*

Dear First Baptist Family,

We are so blessed and excited to join you in ministry beginning in just a few short weeks! Since that first evening in March when Keith Arbuckle reached out to me regarding the search for a new Senior Pastor, I have been praying for you and God's provision and faithfulness in the life of First Baptist. What a joy it has been for my family to meet you, learn more about your ministry and vision, worship with you, and realize it is the call of the Lord upon our lives to love, serve, and lead this incredible church family in the days to come. We are truly humbled by the opportunity.

I am very eager to get to know each of you, hear your stories, and understand your unique place in the body of Christ. In the first months of my ministry, I plan to dedicate the majority of my time to meeting with you at dinner tables, coffee shops, in your homes, in the community, at the church, and in small group settings. As we meet, I trust the Holy Spirit will bind our hearts together in Christian love and community. First Baptist has such an incredible legacy of mission and faithful presence in the Columbus community and we are excited to help honor and build on that rich history for many years to come.

Until we arrive "back home" in Columbus, we will continue praying for you and ask that you continue to pray for us. We appreciate your specific prayers for several things: a) peace and joy amid hard "Goodbyes" to our current congregation, b) the hearts of our kids, Madeline and Clayton, as they prepare for our move, c) the details of buying and moving into a new home, and d) times of rest during a busy season. We thank you for your warm welcome and prayers up to this point and know they will continue to see us through in the days to come. We'll see you soon!

With Love,  
Pastor Evan



# *Welcome Guse Family!*



# SEASON OF THE CHURCH: ORDINARY TIME

MAY 29TH - NOVEMBER 26TH

## Leaning Into Our Challenge

Last week I presented a sermon entitled “Leaning Into Our Challenge” as a way of introducing our 2023-2024 Stewardship Emphasis. With this emphasis lasting 4 Sundays, I want to make sure we keep our sights set on what’s ahead while also carrying with us those things we need to be considering. So to recap:

In the mail, you should have received or will be receiving an envelope with three things in it: 1.) A letter from Danny Burton. 2.) 2 Commitment Cards. 3.) A Ministry Team Sign-Up Sheet. If you did not get any of these and would like them, please let us know so that you can participate in this annual event. Because...

On November 12th we will be presenting those cards and Sign-Up Sheets during worship as a way of committing to and “leaning into” the challenge that’s ahead of us in 2024. What’s the challenge? I’m glad you asked!

The challenge is committing to saying “yes” to God’s will as individuals and as a church in the coming year. That might mean committing to a certain financial contribution or checking a box on the sign-up sheet that you’ve never checked before. The goal is to be able to discern with God and each other what our mission is. Remember, our mission is that God-given gift which can be found at the intersection of our capability and desire. So don’t be afraid to ask God: “What can I do?” and “What do I want to do?” The answers to these questions may very well be a sign that God has already been using you in amazing ways.

The Council wants to know those things! Our new minister Evan Guse wants to know those things! Now is the time to say “Yes, and...” It’s a time to be ready for anything - to get our house in order while being flexible, aware, and willing to go where God would have us be next. Are you ready? Let’s show it together on November 12th.

Peace,  
Pastor Daniel

P.S. Scan the QR Code Below To Volunteer for the Love Chapel Christmas Pantry!

Packings will be held on  
11/16, 11/30, and 12/7.  
Distribution will occur  
during regular pantry  
hours 11/27 through 12/22.



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## Around The Church ...



### Operation Christmas Child

Don't forget to pick up your shoebox in the Gathering Place! Time is running out to complete them by the deadline. Remember, no war-like toys, no liquids, no toothpaste, and no food. If your toy needs batteries, remember to include some. **Please include \$10 for each box you fill. They will be due back to the church November 12.** Questions: Call Liz Lipson, 812-350-0505.

### Love Chapel Christmas Outreach



We are now collecting boxes of cereal for the Love Chapel Christmas Feast. Our goal is 600 boxes of cereal. Deadline is Sunday, November 12th. Bring them to a table near the kitchen or drop them by the church office.

### Christmas Market



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for this year's Christmas Market, taking place on Saturday, November 18th (the Saturday before Thanksgiving) from 10-3 pm. To have a successful Christmas Market we need your participation! Applications are available at the Gathering Place or through email.

### Thank You

Thank you to all who took the time to assemble and donate School Kits for Church World Service. This year we have 24 kits to send them.

-Judy Alexander

## Thanksgiving Fellowship

Join us on Sunday, November 19th at 11:30 am for our Thanksgiving Fellowship. Sign up to bring a salad or dessert, and to let us know you are attending.

*This will also be a welcome for Pastor Evan and Family.*

# Leadership

## Pastoral Care Team

Nov 5th : Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher

Nov 12th: Ron & Peggy Lane

Nov 19th: Paul & Carol Poe

Nov 26th: Tim & Paula Pickup

*Pastor on Call for November: 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

Nov 5th : Jean Williams

Nov 12th: Joyce Briggs

Nov 19th: Judy Rhude

Nov 26th: Lindsay McIntosh

## L.I.G.H.T. Women's Bible Study



The ladies will begin a new study called "No Room" on November 16th. This has an Advent theme but the study examines the thread of rejection woven through the life of Christ as a symptom of the deeper problem of sin in all humanity. This will be a 5 week study. All ladies are invited!

## 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, November 5th. 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.

## Coffee Fellowship



There will be a Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, November 26th. Last names I-Q are invited to bring treats to share.



# Around The Church

## November Birthdays

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| 3. ~ Sarah Patrick                  | 15. ~ Faith Briggs, Norm Curry, Robert Hoffman |
| 4. ~ Teresa Arbuckle                | 16. ~ Betty Harrison                           |
| 6. ~ Jeanette McKim                 | 17. ~ Martha Whedon                            |
| 7. ~ Kerry Brockhagen               | 18. ~ William Griffith                         |
| 8. ~ Lynn Lovelace, Alberta Ruble   | 21. ~ LuAnn Harlow                             |
| 10. ~ Reagan Babb, Sharon Fulkerson | 22. ~ Janet Bailey, Rob Lilly, Landon McIntosh |
| 11. ~ Sue Putterill                 | 23. ~ David Emmert                             |
| 12. ~ Carolyn Baker                 | 25. ~ Dennis Adams                             |
| 13. ~ Norma Compton                 | 27. ~ Joanne Sublette                          |

## The Body of Christ Prays For...

Alice Richmond, Myrna Shane, Ashley Fee, Anita Burton, Marcia Battle, Dick & Beth Miller, Ramona Harlow, Dan Greene, Claude Wright, Jr "Bub", and Anita Yancey, Joyce Sutton, Roger & Ben Glick & all persons who are homebound & in nursing care centers.

## Looking Ahead to November

- 5- Communion (9:30 am)
- 15- Newsletter Deadline
- 21- Church Council (7:00 pm)
- 26- Coffee Fellowship (10:45 am)
- 28- Abigail Circle (6:30 pm)

## 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](http://firstbaptistcolumbus.org)

