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From the Pastor's Pen

What a wonderful start to summer we've experienced at First Baptist! Our *Blessed to Be a Blessing* sermon series has been a joy, exploring how the Lord calls each of us to be everyday missionaries and evangelists. We are reminded of 1 Corinthians 3:6 where Paul writes, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." Throughout this series, I trust God has given you opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus, sowing and watering seeds for kingdom awakening.

One of the highlights of my summer so far has been the Sips & Scripture gatherings at Lucabe. What a gift it has been to fellowship with many of you and engage in scripture together as we walk through the book of Hebrews. It was especially heartwarming to witness a young woman from the coffee shop join us and receive Christ as her Savior at our first gathering. God is simply amazing and loves to surprise us by working in and stirring hearts before we even show up! I am hopeful and expectant for the rest of the summer and would like to remind you we will be adding an additional meeting on Tuesdays at 1 pm starting the first week of July.

I also want to extend yet another invitation to join in the fun of Sunday Suppers, a time of sharing meals and fellowship within our church family. Whether you're a longtime member or new to First Baptist, Sunday Suppers provide a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and grow together in community. Please sign up and be part of this special time of connection and encouragement.

As we look forward to the rest of the summer, I know there will be many more opportunities to grow, worship, and serve alongside one another. I trust July will present fresh opportunities to walk in obedience to the Lord, be in step with the Holy Spirit, and sow and water even more seeds for the kingdom of God.

As we embrace these opportunities, let us remember the words of Romans 12:10-13: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

With Love,

Pastor Evan



SEASON OF THE CHURCH: EASTER

MARCH 31ST - MAY 19TH

Summer of Blessing

If you happen to compare newsletters from month to month, you may notice this article has the same title as my last one. Never fear, this is not the same article! However, I retain the title “Summer of Blessing” because of our ongoing emphasis on blessings - both received and given - and because we’ll have an opportunity in the coming weeks to experience both at once.

Ever since I got here, I’ve longed to continue the tradition of having members from the Columbus Philharmonic join us for worship. Well, finally the day has arrived! On July 21st, the Brass Quintet from the Philharmonic will be joining us for worship, and I could not be more excited!

This event is the result of many conversations over tacos every week for the last several years. I have had the pleasure of getting to know several members of the Philharmonic by nature of having lived with a former band director and now being married to one of the marching band’s biggest supporters.

One of the ways Megan and I got to know each other before we were even dating was over meals together. Particularly on Taco Tuesday. Every Tuesday for over two years we have found ourselves at Riviera Maya with the same group of 5-12 people - all of whom were band geeks. Well, as time passed, I became great friends with everyone at that table, and now our worlds are colliding!

One of those band geeks is the Columbus North band director, Keith Burton. The more he and I talked, the more I realized we needed to collaborate sometime. So I’m thrilled that the Brass Quintet was able to add us to their *very* busy schedule. My hope is that, by sharing this service, we might also share in the giving and receiving of blessings. I mean, the entire event is a testimony to the power and importance of everything that our “Summer of Blessing” is all about.

Blessings come when we’re out in the community, getting to know neighbors and strangers, and going to a dinner with a group of people you don’t know and end up marrying one of them. So how have your lives intersected with and supported others as you have sought to bring goodness into the world?

As we’ve met at Lucabe and will meet in each other’s homes for meals, I pray that such a gift would make itself known to you. Who might become a permanent resident in your life that you never would have expected? What events do you find yourself attending that seem to come out of nowhere? What conversations with strangers just *happen* and end up being the best and most needed part of your week?

Blessings emerge from organic interactions filled with open and honest conversations. People all over are longing for such a place as that. Why can’t this summer be such a time for it?

Peace,
Pastor Daniel



Around The Church



Sips & Scripture

Tuesdays at 1:00pm
Thursdays at 9:30am
Eastbrook Lucabe

Many Thanks!

Dear First Baptist Family and Foundation,

Thank you so much for honoring me with the foundation scholarship. The \$1000 will come in very handy this fall when I return to Ball State for my junior year. I plan to use the money for my books along with back to school necessities. I'm blessed to be able to call First Baptist my church home and always appreciate your support of me in my educational endeavors. Thank you again! -Evan Babb

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Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for all the cards and well wishes from those who attended the open house for my birthday. It made the day even more special. The love I received from my Christian brothers and sisters was very special too.

-Ted Burton

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Sunday Suppers

Sign up in the Gathering Place for Sunday Suppers.

You can also sign up if you are willing to be a host home.

Dates are: June 30th, July 28th, and August 25th.

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the delicious lunch for field day. We appreciate all that you do for our school! Thanks for being wonderful neighbors to Richards.

-Kelly Anderson & Diane Wang,
Kindergarten

Other News...

Congratulations 2024 Graduates!



Daniella Hernandez graduated from CSA New Tech and will be starting at Ivy Tech this summer toward a degree in business and entrepreneurship. Daniella is the daughter of Melissa Brunning and grand-daughter of Carla Williams.

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Lily Carlstrom recently graduated from High School and is the grand-daughter of Jon & Jan Carlstrom.



Anna Kelley just graduated (with Honors) from Ball State with a double major in Dance and Media. Proud parents are Robert & Jennifer Kelley.

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Matt Hamon graduated from Judson University with his Bachelor of Arts in Worship Arts and will be working at Green Lake Conference Center this Summer as a counselor and worship leader.



Around The Church ...

First Baptist Road Trip to Lancaster, PA

Join us for an exciting two-night trip to Lancaster, PA, where we'll have the unique opportunity to see the biblical story of "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theatre.

This journey is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 3rd, and we'll be traveling by charter bus, giving everyone a comfortable and enjoyable ride.

Itinerary Overview:

- **October 3:** Departure and exploration of Amish Country, immersing ourselves in the serene and pastoral lifestyle.
- **October 4:** Attend the spectacular "Daniel" performance at the Sight and Sound Theatre.
- **October 5:** In the morning, we'll tour the Hershey Chocolate Factory and enjoy a delightful trolley tour, followed by our return trip home in the afternoon.

What's Included:

- Hotel accommodations for two nights.
- All excursions and transportation via charter bus.
 - Please Note: Meals, food, and souvenirs are not included in the package price.

The cost of the trip is estimated to be between \$500-600 per person, depending on the final number of participants. This trip is not only a chance to enjoy a fantastic theatrical performance but also an opportunity to explore and learn more about two iconic Pennsylvania attractions. Secure your spot soon and be part of this memorable journey with your First Baptist community! Sign up at the Gathering Place today.

Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

July 7th : Kerry & Alice Richmond
July 14th: Jim & Linda Reid
July 21st: Bob & Jean Langdon
July 28th: Susan Carter & Heidi Jones

Serving in the Nursery:

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

Emergency Responder Schedule

July 7th : Cole Bennett
July 14th: Jean Williams
July 21st: Lindsay McIntosh
July 28th: Mike Compton

Children's Sunday School

2-4 Year Olds -

Teachers:

First Sunday: *Open*
Second Sunday: Carol Poe
Third Sunday: Jennifer Kelley
Fourth Sunday: Heidi Jones

Helpers:

First Sunday: *Open*
Second Sunday: *Open*
Third Sunday: *Open*
Fourth Sunday: *Open*

Kids Connection:

First Sunday: *Open*
Second Sunday: *Open*
Third Sunday: *Open*
Fourth Sunday: Deanna Glick

No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.

Coffee Fellowship



There will be Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, July 28th. Last names A-H are invited to bring treats to share.

Communion

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, July 7th. 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

July Birthdays

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| 1. ~ Deanna Glick | 20. ~ Melissa Cross |
| 6. ~ Gavin Frady | 21. ~ Ruby Cunningham |
| 10. ~ Kari Lovelace | 23. ~ Katie Emmert |
| 11. ~ Scott Babb | 24. ~ John Stafford |
| 12 ~ Diane Ginn, Mary Greene | 28. ~ Liz Lipson, Alice Richmond |
| 14. ~ David Stehouwer | 29. ~ Jane Seal |
| 18. ~ Homer Ford | 30. ~ Allen Rea |
| | 31. ~ Steven Pool |



The Body of Christ Prays For...

Jon & Jan Carlstrom, Family of Besslee Graham (Donna Emmert), Family of Marcia Battle, Myrna Shane, Kyle Olson, Marge Betz, Devin Baker, Rick DeHaven, Jeanette McKim, Anita Burton, Dick & Beth Miller, Ramona Harlow, Claude Wright, Jr "Bub", Anita Yancey, Joyce Sutton, Allen Rea, Larry Alexander, and Roger & Ben Glick and all persons who are homebound & in nursing care centers.

Looking Ahead to June

- 7- Communion (9:30 am)
- 9- Church Council (7:00 PM)
- 15- Newsletter Deadline
- 17- Congregational Meeting (6:30 PM)
- 28- 2nd Hour Coffee Fellowship (10:45 AM)
- 28- Sunday Suppers

Weekly:

- Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 12:30 pm in Prayer Room
- Summer Bible Study: Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and Thursdays at 9:30 am at the Eastbrook Lucabe

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.



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