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Rev. Evan Guse, Senior Pastor
Tyler Griffin, Associate Pastor

From the Pastor's Pen

As we move into April, I hope you've found this season of Lent both challenging and encouraging. Walking through our Jonah sermon series together has been a blessing to me, as we've explored the radical mercy and grace of God. Just like Jonah, we sometimes struggle to extend God's mercy to those who aren't like us, those we don't like, or those with whom we have strained relationships. My prayer is that this series challenges us in good and healthy ways, not just to receive God's mercy for ourselves, but to extend that mercy to others as well.

One of the most exciting moments of the year is just around the corner: Easter Sunday on April 20th! We look forward to gathering together to celebrate the resurrection love and hope of Jesus Christ. I would love to invite you and your family to join us for Resurrection Sunday, as we lift high the name of Jesus and proclaim the good news of the empty tomb.

I'm also excited about the start of our new Wednesday night study, *The Prayer Course*, as we walk through The Lord's Prayer together. We will meet in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings, and you are welcome to come and be part of this time of learning and growing. We will explore the simplicity, the gift, and the profound invitation of prayer; communing with God and growing deeper in our relationship with Him, both as individuals and as a church family.

Finally, we are thrilled to officially welcome Tyler and Leah Griffin to our First Baptist family this month. I encourage you to find ways to express your welcome and generosity to them as they get settled. We look forward to walking alongside them in ministry and seeing how God will use Tyler's pastoral gifts to help support and equip the saints for ministry at First Baptist. Be praying especially for Tyler as he gets to know us as a church family and steps into his role.

I am so grateful to be your pastor and to witness the ways God is stirring among us. We have many exciting opportunities ahead, along with challenges that will stretch us and grow us. But I have every confidence that as we continue to seek the Lord's will together, He will guide and bless us in immeasurable ways.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Evan

Around The Church ...

Welcome Tyler & Leah!

We are excited to welcome Tyler Griffin to our staff at FBC as the Associate Pastor. Tyler and Leah come to us from Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church in Scottsburg. Pastor Tyler will support our ongoing ministry, with a special focus on children, youth, and families.

Tyler and Leah are already involved in our area through Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp and are ready to begin work here on Sunday, April 6th.

They will be residing at 2321 Meadow Bend Dr., Columbus, IN 47201.



Kwai River Hostel Project

The Kwai River Hostel Mission Project started in 2000 after the Daughertys visited Thailand. An unused hostel dormitory in a small Baptist Mission Station began housing children from the outlying countryside so they could attend a good high school. Approximately \$200 of additional funds allow a year of school in a Christian environment and has been very successful. If you would like to contribute to this project, please make your checks out to First Baptist Church and indicate Kwai River on the memo line. Thank you. -Forest Daugherty

<https://kwairiverchristianhospital.wordpress.com/a-little-bit-of-our-history/>

Edna Martin Food Pantry Collection



April is the month for the Flat Rock Association to support the food pantry at Edna Martin Christian Center. They are requesting **monetary donations** for them to supply the pantry. Please donate through the church, designating your gift for "EMCC food pantry." Thank you!



Love Chapel Food Booth

Coming sooner than you think: Love Chapel Food Booth at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds! This fundraiser for Love Chapel is now in its third year. Fair dates are June 20 – 28. Our church has committed to the following times: Monday, June 23 (lunch and dinner); Tuesday, June 24 (breakfast); and Saturday, June 28 (breakfast). Sign-up sheets are now on the welcome table in the gathering place. On site training will be offered for everyone on the day of volunteering. Special training will be offered for cashiers at 5 pm on June 11 or 2 pm on June 12 at Love chapel. All profits go to Love Chapel's food pantry to help alleviate the hunger needs of area residents.

Your participation will make a difference by being the hands and heart of our Lord. An added benefit: a time to enjoy fellowship with other members of our congregation. Please call Bob Langdon, 812 343 2944, if you have a concern or question.

Anniversary Celebration!

Attention! Coffee fellowship hour for this month will be on April 13 instead of April 27! Please join Bob and Jean Langdon on that Sunday for light refreshments to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

There will be no coffee fellowship on the 27th.



Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls will be available at the Gathering Place the 13th of April for any who would like to pick one up as an encouragement.

Medical Equipment Available for Loan

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

- Transport Wheel Chairs
- Bedside Commodes
- Elevated Commode Seats
- Rollator Walker
- Suction Handles for shower wall
- Walkers
- Canes
- Four Quad Canes
- Crutches
- Wheel Chairs

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

Around The Church



Welcome to our Church Family

We warmly welcome Tim & Carol Meyer to our church family! Tim & Carol joined by profession of faith on Sunday, March 16th.

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!”

1 John 3:1-2

Farewell Sendoff



We bid a fond farewell to Donna Tull, a longtime member and organist for 61 years. She will be deeply missed.

Donna's new address is below.

Canyon Winds
2851 N. Boulder Canyon Apt 123
Mesa, AZ 85207

Around The Church

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Week is almost here! Check your calendars for the following dates

- April 18th - Good Friday @ 12:00 PM in the Commons
- Easter Sunrise Service @ 7:30 AM in the Chapel
- Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- Easter Service @ 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Invite a friend or neighbor!



Candy needed for the Easter Egg Hunt! Drop off near the kitchen or the church office.



EASTER EGG HUNT!

**Saturday
April 19th
at 10 am**

Bring the kids, grandkids, and neighbors and join us!





Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

Apr. 6th: Kerry & Alice Richmond
Apr. 13th: Paula Pickup & Linda Mayfield
Apr. 20th: Bob & Jean Langdon
Apr. 27th: Susan Carter & Heidi Jones

Emergency Responder Schedule

Apr. 6th: Judy Rhude
Apr. 13th: Cole Bennett
Apr. 20th: Lindsay McIntosh
Apr. 27th: Jean Williams

the prayer course

**An eight week journey
through the Lord's Prayer**

Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45pm

March 26; April 2, 9, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21



Communion

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, April 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

April Birthdays

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| 2. ~ Paisley Hernandez | 15. ~ Alexander Kelley |
| 4. ~ Elizabeth Miller | 16. ~ Jeanne Greenlee, Kayla Jones, David Tobias |
| 7. ~ Marjorie Betz | 19. ~ Kyle Olson |
| 9. ~ Karston McIntosh | 25. ~ Anna Kelley, Carol Poe |
| 10. ~ Jeff Caldwell | 26. ~ Susan Hoffman |
| 12. ~ Donna Browne, Corbie Snyder | 29. ~ Paul Poe |
| 13. ~ Donna Moore | 30. ~ Molly Nelson |

The Body of Christ Prays For...

Tim Pickup, Priscilla & Roger Day, Bobbie & John Walker, Cathy Stiles, Frank Eldridge, Daryl & Dot McMath, Joyce Sutton, Jenny Wilkerson, John & Liz Lipson, Jon Carlstrom, Marge Betz, Anita Burton, Dick & Beth Miller, Ramona Harlow, Claude Wright, Jr. "Bub", Anita Yancey, Allen Rea, Larry Alexander, and Roger & Ben Glick and all persons who are homebound & in nursing care centers.

Looking Ahead to April

- 6- Communion (9:30 am)
- 8- Church Council (5:30 pm)
- 11- Blood Drive (9-1 PM)
- 15- Newsletter Deadline
- 16- Congregational Quarterly Meeting (6:00 PM)
- 22- Abigail Circle (6:30 PM)

Weekly:

- Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- Prayer Group: Weds. at 12:30 pm in Prayer Room
- Choir Practice: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- LIGHT Ladies Bible Study Thursdays at 9:00 am
- Men of Faith Bible Study Thursdays at 9:00 am

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

