



FIRST BAPTIST
COLUMBUS
JOIN OUR *Family* OF FAITH

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Tyler Griffin, Associate Pastor

From the Pastor's Pen

It's hard to believe May is nearly here. This year seems to be flying by! Maybe you've felt it, too. The days move quickly, and the calendar fills up faster than we expect. It's a good reminder that the time God gives us is a gift. Each day is a fresh opportunity to live with intention, to dwell in God's presence, and to love those around us.

What a meaningful Easter weekend we just shared. From the joy on children's faces at the Easter egg hunt, to the warm gathering of the sunrise service, to a sanctuary packed with people celebrating the resurrection of Jesus—it was all a beautiful picture of hope and joy. We are truly blessed here at First Baptist. Please don't forget we are *Resurrection People*. Easter is not just one day on the calendar; it's the foundation of our faith for those who walk in the way of Jesus. May the inexpressible joy of Christ's resurrection continue to fill your heart in the coming days.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to begin a new Sunday morning sermon series called *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship*, based on the book (by the same title) by Pete Scazzero. This series will invite us to consider how our emotional health is deeply connected to our spiritual maturity. We'll explore how our emotions, which are often misunderstood or mismanaged, are not obstacles to spiritual growth, but actually opportunities for it. God created us as whole beings, and our emotional lives are to be stewarded for His glory and for the good of those around us. I really believe this series is going to be both practical and deeply meaningful, so I encourage you to make worship a priority this month!

What a joy it's been to welcome Tyler and Leah Griffin to our First Baptist family this month! Tyler is settling in well as Associate Pastor, and I hope you'll continue to help them feel at home by sharing your stories, passions, and heart for the church. Let's be intentional about loving them well as they step into ministry among us.

There are several continued opportunities this month to grow in faith and connection—whether it's through the Prayer Course on Wednesday nights, Men of Faith, or the L.I.G.H.T. women's study. These moments of shared study, conversation, and prayer are where community and transformation in the image of Christ take root.

As we look to the month to come, would you join me in praying about how God might use you? Not just within the walls of First Baptist, but out in your neighborhood, workplace, or wherever He's placed you. The church is not just a place we go—it's who we are. A called-out people, sent to be the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in a world that is desperate for His love.

I love serving as your pastor, and I love being part of this family of faith. Let's continue seeking the Lord together, one day, one step, and one joyful “yes” at a time.

With Love,

Pastor Evan



FBC News

Hello FBC Family!

At its heart, ministry is not about titles, buildings, or programs, it's about people. It's about answering the call to serve, love, and lead others in the way of Christ. Whether you're preaching from a pulpit, mentoring a student, visiting the sick, or simply offering a listening ear, you are participating in the beautiful, messy, life-changing work of ministry.

Ministry takes many forms. Some are visible like teaching, leading worship, or organizing events. Others can be quiet but no less powerful like praying for someone in private or showing up consistently for a friend in need. What ties all of these acts together is the heart behind them: a desire to reflect Jesus and meet people where they are.

In 1 Peter 4:10, we are reminded, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Every believer is called to ministry, not just pastors or other church leaders. Your workplace, your school or your home. These are all mission fields where God can use you. Ask yourself: where is God calling me to serve? Who in my life needs encouragement, guidance, or simply the presence of someone who cares?

Ministry is not always easy. It requires humility, patience, and perseverance. But it is also very rewarding. When we serve others, we encounter God in fresh ways and become part of something bigger than ourselves. So let us go out with open hearts and ready hands, remembering that in every act of service, we are planting seeds of faith, hope and love.

Leah and I are so excited to be in Columbus and joining you in ministry! We have been overwhelmed by the amount of love that has already been shown to us in the few short weeks we've been here. We cannot say thank you enough for the cards, gifts and food that have been given during our moving process and of course the many prayers. We are almost fully moved into our home in Shadow Creek. As of writing this, we have a pending offer on our home in Scottsburg. We are praying for this transaction to go smoothly!

My first few weeks in the office have been great! It has been a true pleasure getting to know many of you so far and I am looking forward to getting to know you all much better! I have made a few visits with Pastor Evan and Cliff has graciously given me a tour of Love Chapel and Brighter Days.

Leah has settled into her new job well. The week after we accepted the call to serve at First Baptist, she accepted a position as Guidance Counselor at Edinburgh Middle School. She has always enjoyed working with middle school aged kids in the mental health field. Growing up in a small school, she feels right at home at Edinburgh.

God has truly blessed us throughout this whole process, and we are so glad to be here in Columbus, serving alongside you! Blessings,

Pastor Tyler



Around The Church ...

Sunday Suppers!

Dates are: June 29, July 27, and August 24.

As in past years, we will ask people to sign up for one, or ALL, evenings and then they will be randomly assigned to a host home for dinner. The main course is chosen by each host and they will coordinate what dinner contributions each guest can provide. It is a great way to spend time with others who we may not normally see socially. Mark your calendar!



Cookie Ministry

We need "Bakers and Takers" for the Cookie Ministry. Our bakers will be baking the cookies, and we only need a couple dozen cookies to begin with and we will keep them in the freezer here at church. Takers will put together our gift boxes w/cookies and a few other goodies, and deliver them to our new attendees. Pray on this request and if this is something that God has put on your heart, we would love to have you be a part of this ministry, and to represent FBC. All are welcome, and looking forward to serving with you.

-Deanna Glick



Many Thanks

John and I have appreciated all the calls, cards and visits during John's extended illness. Feel free to call and then drop in for a visit. Gratefully, Liz

First Baptist,

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Thank you for always loving on Jeannette, she truly considered you all family. And kudos for making her celebration of life event so cozy and welcoming, just like she was!

-Sheila Hawkins

Dear Folks,

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Miss you all very much Praying for the church and congregation every night. Many thanks to all who remembered me.

Love, Ramona

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Thank you First Baptist Family for all the cards, calls and kindness extended to me during the recent death of my Granddaughter. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Myrna Shane and family.

Hello First Baptist,

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We had a wonderful tour of your building earlier this week. Frank Eldridge was a gracious and knowledgeable guide. The pride you must all feel in your building was evident in all of Frank's stories.

Thank you for opening up your space and sharing it with us. The tour was a highlight of our time in Columbus. Maybe we'll be back to join you on a Sunday morning some day.

-Karl Lauger, Dee Dee, Mark, and Brenda

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Thanks to all who helped us celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary. -Bob & Jean Langdon

Special Thanks

My dear friends,

You certainly know how to do a "send off party" ! I so enjoyed seeing all of you--- your hugs--good wishes--remembrances of people, past pastors/leaders--- occasions--and ALL those cards and gifts. i have now read and enjoyed your comments/gifts.

Looking back-61 years is a long time--different from living those years day by day! Well--for the present time--have opened almost all of boxes and now - what to do with all that stuff that seemed important ! Haha

Love the community where I am living - the residents and staff are so friendly and helpful---and the food is outstanding! And, granted, summer heat has not arrived - comments for another time!

So good to have Margy and family's help with getting moved in----and stopping in frequently. Please know you are in my prayers as you go forward. I have and will continue to livestream. I love getting mail...hint! Better yet, if you get a hankering to travel southwest- would love to see you!

With heartfelt thanks, Donna Tull

Graduates

Please let the church office know ASAP if you know of any students graduating from either high school or college this year.

Around The Church

Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to a bridal shower honoring Kaylee Sergeant and Matt Hamon on June 7 at 2 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Kaylee and Matt are registered at Amazon and Target. Please sign up at the Gathering Place by June 1st if you will be attending.

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.

New Members!

We are excited to welcome new members Tyler and Leah Griffin to our church family here at FBC. Tyler is our Associate Pastor and began serving on April 2nd.

They reside at:

2321 Meadow Bend Dr.
Columbus, IN 47201



Around The Church

Sips & Scripture

Thursdays at 9:00am
Eastbrook Lucabe

Starting May 29th

Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls will be available at the Gathering Place the 11th of May 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.

Don't Miss Out!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

WE STILL HAVE
PHOTOGRAPHY
APPOINTMENTS
AVAILABLE FOR
THE DIRECTORY!
EVERY FAMILY
RECEIVES A FREE
8X10 FAMILY
PORTRAIT AND A
PRINTED
DIRECTORY!





Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

May 4th: Ron & Peggy Lane
May 11th: Dortha Anderson & Amanda Reed
May 17th: Jim & Linda Reid
May 25th: Paul & Carol Poe

Emergency Responder Schedule

May 4th: Lindsay McIntosh
May 11th: Cole Bennett
May 17th: Joyce Briggs
May 25th: 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, May 4th. 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

May Birthdays

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| 5. ~ Daniella Hernandez, Cliff Putterill | 19. ~ Joyce Briggs, Tyler Griffin |
| 6. ~ Bob Rhude | 20. ~ David Langenderfer |
| 7. ~ Jan Stafford | 21. ~ Bethany Fulkerson |
| 8. ~ Nathaniel Hash | 23. ~ Lawrence Stephens |
| 11. ~ Edmond Browne, Robert Kelley | 25. ~ Linda Mayfield |
| 12. ~ Nolan Pickup | 26. ~ Ava Lowman |
| 17. ~ Mollie Adams, Deborah Nelson | 29. ~ Sharon Tobias |

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 May

Weekly:

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| 4- Communion (9:30 am) | • Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:00 am |
| 15- Newsletter Deadline | • Prayer Group: Weds. at 12:30 pm in Prayer Room |
| 20- Church Council (5:30 pm) | • LIGHT Ladies Bible Study Thursdays at 9:00 am (ends 22 nd) |
| 25- Coffee Fellowship I-Q (10:45 AM) | • Men of Faith Bible Study Thursdays at 9:00 am (ends 22 nd) |
| 27- Abigail Circle Salad Supper (6:00 PM) | • Sips & Scripture begins May 29 th at 9:00 am / Lucabes |

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

