



FIRST BAPTIST
COLUMBUS
JOIN OUR *Family* OF FAITH

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

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Church Family,

As we turn the page into June, we continue our sermon series, *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship*, based on the book by Pete Scazzero. I hope it's been both encouraging and challenging for you. The aim of this series isn't just to offer helpful ideas, but to help us recognize the deeper work the Holy Spirit wants to do in our lives. As we grow in spiritual maturity, we're invited to consider what it means to be shaped from the inside out, learning to live with greater self-awareness, deeper trust, and growing faith in how we relate to God and others.

We just wrapped up our Men of Faith and L.I.G.H.T. Bible studies for summer break. It's been a full year of good conversations, growing friendships, and meaningful time in Scripture. We also recently concluded *The Prayer Course*, which brought together a great group of people who were open to learning, sharing, and deepening their prayer lives. These moments matter. God is faithful to meet us when we show up with open hearts and a willingness to be shaped by His Word.

With that in mind, I want to invite you to join us for Sips & Scripture at Eastbrook Lucabe on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. throughout the summer. It's a relaxed time to read Scripture together, reflect, and have honest conversation. Bring your Bible and a willingness to listen and share. We'd love to have you.

As summer approaches, we naturally shift into a different rhythm. There's space for rest, travel, and a little more breathing room. But I'd encourage you not to disconnect from your walk with Christ. Lamentations 3:22–23 reminds us that, “Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Whatever the season, God is at work—faithful, steady, present. Lately, I've been thinking about how easy it is to live distracted. We hurry through our routines, fill our days with tasks, and sometimes miss the quiet work of God that's happening all around us. Summer can have a way of slowing us down, just enough, to notice again.

Take time to pay attention. Not just to what needs to be done, but to where God might be moving; maybe in a conversation with a neighbor, a moment of quiet, or a prayer you didn't expect to pray. You don't have to do anything flashy, just stay open, grounded, and willing to be led by the Spirit in your life. The Spirit is present. Let's be people who notice.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Evan



FBC News

Hello FBC Family!

It has been a busy and exciting month at First Baptist! There's always something going on, and I'm so thankful to see how God is working in our church family. I wanted to take a moment to share a little about what's been happening. Over the past few weeks, I've had the chance to meet with all the ministry team leaders. It's been great to sit down with each of them and hear about the work they're doing for our church and the Lord. Everyone is serving with such heart and love for the Lord. I'm really thankful for the ways God is using these teams to make a difference, both here in our family of faith and our community.

I've also had the privilege leading the Men of Faith Bible Study, and it's been a real blessing. The group has had some great conversations and I am encouraged by the faith and knowledge of the men in our group. If you haven't been a part of it yet, I'd love for you to come join us—we'll be starting back up in September! Until then, be sure to join us at Eastbrook Lucabe on Thursday mornings at 9am for Sips and Scripture!

Also, don't forget to sign up for the church pictorial directory! It's a fun way to help everyone put names to faces. Being a newbie here at First Baptist, this new pictorial directory will come in handy for getting to know you all better! Whether you've been at First Baptist for years or just started coming, it helps us all feel a little more like family. Mel has put all the info for scheduling online further down in the newsletter, or you can call the church office and I can get you scheduled over the phone!

Leah and I are so blessed to be here. It's been a joy getting to know so many of you. We already feel right at home and are so thankful to call First Baptist our church. Thank you for making us feel so welcome. As we keep moving forward together, I'm reminded of 1 John 4:7, which says, "Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God." It's a blessing to serve with you, and I'm excited to see what God will continue to do in and through our church. Blessings,

Pastor Tyler

Around The Church ...

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 29, July 27, and August 24.



Love Chapel Food Booth

Join Us at The Fair!



Join us again at the Bartholomew County Fair at the *Love Chapel Food Booth*. All proceeds from this project will go directly to Love Chapel's ministries.

Our church will host all three shifts on Monday, June 24, from 6:45 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. and the breakfast shift on Saturday, June 29 from 6:45-11:15 am. **Come for a meal to support Love Chapel!**

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.



Around The Church ...

SBYCamp 2025

DONATION OPEN HOUSE: JUNE 1

STAFF TRAINING: MAY 27-JUNE 7

JUNIOR CAMP: JUNE 8-13

TEEN CAMP: JUNE 15-20

CAMP GOOD NEWS: JUNE 21-24

JUNIOR/SENIOR CAMP: JULY 13-18

K & PRIMARY CAMP: JULY 20-23

FAMILY CAMP: AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 1

BETHLEHEM LIGHTS: DECEMBER 5, 6, 12, & 13



sbycamp.com



Easter Egg Hunt Fun!



DONATION OPEN HOUSE | 20 25

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JUNE 1ST
1-4 PM

AN OPEN HOUSE
EVENT TO SEE
CAMP AND TRY
SOME OF THE
NEW ACTIVITIES!

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ANYONE!!!!
PLEASE NO PETS

MUST BRING A
DONATION ITEM FROM
OUR LIST ONLINE

COST

FOR DONATION LIST:
[SBYCAMP.COM/OPENHOUSE](http://sbycamp.com/openhouse)



Around The Church ...



SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP



TAKING A TOUR OF CAMP

MONDAY, JUNE 2ND
LEAVE FBC AT 9:30AM
BE BACK BY 12PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Around The Church ...

Our Graduates

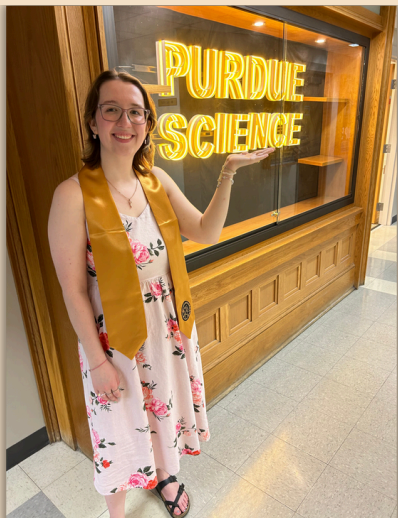


Bryce Olson is graduating from Columbus North High School. He will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the fall to major in Urban Planning through the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning. Bryce is the son of Kyle and Stephanie Olson.



Reagan Babb is a high school graduate and will be attending Ball State University where she will be majoring in Hospitality, Leadership and Entrepreneurship.

Her career goals are to manage a boutique hotel. Reagan is the daughter of Scott & Heather Babb.



Emma Patrick is a Purdue graduate and is exploring opportunities for Software Engineer & Web Developer positions. She is also working on personal design and software projects. Emma is the granddaughter of Charlotte Oestreicher.



Around The Church ...

Thank You

Dear Friends of Verna West,

As Aunt Verna's extended family we want to thank Verna's church family and friends for the care and kindness you shared so generously with our Aunt, especially during the last few years.

Thank you for celebrating milestone birthdays (102 is a lot of birthdays), the visits, meals, and support for various needs. She loved you. Aunt Verna also enjoyed your church library and we have given a gift in her honor. God bless you.
The Extended Family of Verna West

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As being the youngest daughter of Nellie McCalip, I want to thank you and commend you for your continued support of the Nellie McCalip Library. To still supply a place where one can experience and enjoy the comfort of a real book, to escape the high tech world for the enjoyment of holding a real book in your hand, turning the pages one by one and feel the love of stories of Christian people down through the ages. May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.

Your sister in Christ,
Linda McCalip Reading

I am a member of Bible Study Fellowship and I want to personally thank you for your long time support! I am amazed that you have such a long relationship with BSF! Thank you for everything you do!

-Blessings, Kalynn Harmon

Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch you provided to our school staff for Teacher Appreciation. Everything was amazing but that COLESLAW! I appreciate everything you do for our students and staff!

Diana Wang

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the fabulous lunch on Monday for the Richard's Staff! You are so thoughtful. I truly appreciate all you have done for our school, our students and our staff over the years. What a wonderful community we have around W.D. Richards Elementary School. Thank you!

Kelly Anderson, Kindergarten Teacher

Dear First Baptist,

We at Richards are so blessed to have you partner with us. Your outreach is not unnoticed. Thank you for the delicious meal and all the extra things you have done over the years. -Carolyn Harper



We invite our church family
to celebrate our 50th Wedding
Anniversary on Saturday,
June 21st from 2-4 pm in
Fellowship Hall.
Your presence will be your
gift to us.

Danny & Anita Burton

Around The Church

Psalm 100: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord...Come before His presence with singing."

It has been a joy and privilege to serve as the Interim Choir Director since September. The choir is a talented, dedicated and faithful group who serve with me to bring God's message to God's people. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Please continue to pray with me for the right person to continue the leadership of music and worship at First Baptist on a permanent basis. We are known as the church which values praising God with beautiful music and we want that to continue.

Thank you also to our choir members who have put up with and embraced my "rules and regulations". They are truly a family within a family, caring for each other and giving their best both on Wednesday night and Sunday morning. Their appreciation for what I do gives me strength and new energy.

It's been a good year,
Lois Griffith, Interim Choir Director

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.

Pictorial Directory

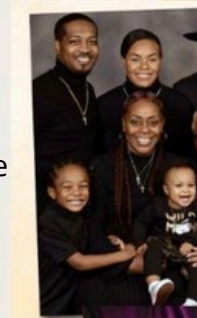
Sign Up Today!

Photography dates are

Thursday, June 12th from 2-8:30 pm,
Friday, June 13th from 2-8:30 pm
Saturday, June 14th from 10-4 pm
Appointments required!

You can schedule online by goin to schedule.ucdir.com and entering the photography scheduling login in2016, then the password photos.

A table will be set up at the Gathering Place on Sunday to assist with scheduling, or contact Pastor Tyler @ 812-595-3278.



Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

June 1st: Kerry & Alice Richmond
June 8th: Paula Pickup & Linda Mayfield
June 15th: Bob & Jean Langdon
June 22nd: Ron & Peggy Lane
June 29th: Heidi Jones & Sue Hoffman

Emergency Responder Schedule

June 1st: Judy Rhude
June 8th: Mike Compton
June 15th: Cole Bennett
June 22nd: Lindsay McIntosh
June 29th: Jean Williams

Sips & Scripture

**Thursdays at 9:00am
Eastbrook Lucabe**

Starting May 29th

Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, June 1st. 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

June Birthdays

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| 4. ~ Lindsay McIntosh | 17. ~ Leah Griffin |
| 5. ~ Larry Sims | 20. ~ Julia Casey |
| 6. ~ Troy Cheek | 21. ~ Frank Tull |
| 7. ~ Emma Guse | 22. ~ Keith Arbuckle, Margaret Hatter |
| 8. ~ Michelle Emmert | 23. ~ Jon Carlstrom |
| 9. ~ Timothy Pickup | 24. ~ Adrienne Hatton |
| 10. ~ Paige Langenderfer, Dennis Orwin | 25. ~ Eric Olson, Emma Patrick, Roberta Walls |
| 12. ~ Ted Burton | 27. ~ Catherine Fields, Jessica King |
| 14. ~ Joshua Fields, Ramona Harlow | 29. ~ Dennis Steele |
| 16. ~ Donna Emmert | |

The Body of Christ Prays For...

Kim Shane, Donna Moore, Susan Carter, 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 June

- 1- Communion (9:30 am)
- 1- Graduate Sunday
- 7- Bridal Shower for Kaylee & Matt (2-4 pm)
- 12-14- Pictorial Photo Sessions
- 15- Newsletter Deadline
- 17- Church Council (5:30 pm)
- 19- Office Closed for Juneteenth (No Sips & Scripture)
- 21- Burton's 50th Anniversary Celebration (2-4 pm)
- 29- Coffee Fellowship R-Z (10:45 AM)

Weekly:

- Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- Prayer Group: Weds. at 12:30 pm in Prayer Room
- Sips & Scripture 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

