



## *From the Senior Pastor's Pen*

Recently, I began helping drive the delivery box truck for Love Chapel two mornings each month. It starts early in the morning, heading up to a warehouse on the south side of Indianapolis, loading pallets of food, and bringing them back to be distributed to our neighbors here in Columbus. It's not complicated work. It's a few hours out of the month. Nothing flashy. And yet, it feels deeply meaningful. It might even be more important than some of the sermons I preach from the pulpit.

To me, it's a reminder that so much of the life of discipleship is not found in big, visible moments, but in quiet faithfulness. Showing up. Serving others. Offering what we have. Trusting that God takes even the smallest acts and uses them to plant seeds of His kingdom. Jesus often spoke about the kingdom of God in this way. A mustard seed. A bit of yeast. Ordinary things, easily overlooked, yet filled with life and potential beyond what we can see.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, we are reminded that God's greatest work also came in a way many did not expect; through humility, sacrifice, and what looked, at first, like weakness. And yet, through the resurrection, God revealed that even death itself could not stop the work He was doing. We are resurrection people. That means we trust that God is at work, even in the ordinary, the unseen, and the small, faithful "yes" of a life lived for Him.

As we close out the month of March, I want to again invite you to prayerfully consider your commitment to our *Forward in Faith* campaign if you have not yet already. Your generosity is a powerful testimony to what God is doing among us, and these commitments will help guide us as we begin moving into the next phase of projects this spring and summer.

In the months ahead, there will be moments that require flexibility and patience from all of us. Construction, updates, and changes to our spaces are rarely seamless. But they are meaningful. We are not simply maintaining a building; we are stewarding a place where ministry happens, where lives are shaped, and where future generations will encounter Christ. Thank you for the ways you are already stepping forward in faith.

I also want to encourage you to register for our upcoming church retreat as soon as possible. We are working to finalize numbers with the camp, and even if you plan to attend only during the day or join us for meals, your registration is incredibly helpful.

This is shaping up to be a special weekend; a time for worship, fellowship, shared meals, and plenty of fun. From group activities and outdoor time to space for rest and connection, there will be something for everyone. I truly believe this will be a meaningful time together as a church family, and I hope you'll be part of it.

As we look ahead to Easter, my prayer is that we would not rush past it, but truly enter into the depth of what it means. The resurrection is not just something we celebrate once a year. It is the foundation of who we are. We are Easter people. Christ is risen. And because He is risen, hope is alive. Renewal is possible. And God is still at work in our church, in our community, and in each of our lives. May we be a people who live with that kind of hope!

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Evan*



## FB&C News

I feel as though I say this to myself quite often, however it is astonishing to me how quickly time seems to fly. It's hard to believe it's already April of 2026! As of March 31st, Leah and I have officially celebrated one year at First Baptist! What a blessing it has been. In my first couple of months here, I met with all of the ministry chairpersons to learn more about their areas of ministry. In one of my conversations about our church I was asked, "Did it feel like home?" At the time, I had to agree and say yes, I was still new, I didn't want to look bad! I have thought about that question a lot since that meeting almost a year ago and I can say with all assurance today, yes- it feels like home.

While reflecting on this, it reminded me of how the church, the body of Christ, is a family. Growing up, every Sunday for our benediction at church we would all hold hands and sing the chorus of "The Family of God." It was a regular reminder that we are all a part of one family, sisters and brothers in Christ. Romans 8:14-17

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heir—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory."

Because we share the same Spirit, we have all been adopted into the same family. We are no longer strangers or outsiders. We have a place where we belong, a place of fellowship and love, a place to call home. We can live as the Apostle Paul called the church in Rome to live in Romans 12:9-16

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 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. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited."

As God's family, as sisters and brothers, we have the unique privilege of choosing to share life with one another. First Baptist is our church home, it is where we fix a meal for those who need it; it's where we grieve with a family living in loss; where we celebrate with the birth of new life; it's where we come along side one another, on the good days and bad, with encouragement, love, and the warm presence of someone who cares. Paul tells us to look past the barriers that the world may put between us and to choose love instead. Together, let's keep leading the charge in love.

"You will notice we say 'brother and sister' round here, it's because we're a family and these folks are so near; when one has a heartache, we all share the tears, and rejoice in each victory in this family so dear. I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God, I've been washed in the fountain, cleaned by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, for I'm part of the family, the family of God."

Pastor Tyler

# Around The Church ...

## Holy Week Schedule



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

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:00 PM
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Good Friday @ 12:00 PM at Memorial Baptist Church
- Easter Sunrise Service @ 7:30 AM
- Easter Breakfast @ 8:00 AM
- Easter Service @ 9:30 AM

*Invite a friend or neighbor!*

Easter Eggs will be stuffed on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> after service. Candy still needed!



## EASTER EGG HUNT!

**Saturday  
April 4th  
at 10 am**

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



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COLUMBUS

# SPRING CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT

APRIL 10-12, 2026

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

3127 W. COUNTY ROAD 800 S., GREENSBURG, IN 47240

SUNDAY WORSHIP WILL BE HELD ONLY AT THE CAMP ON APRIL 12

ALL MEALS AND OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS ARE PROVIDED AT NO COST.  
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED SO WE CAN PREPARE WELL FOR EVERYONE.



Register by picking up a form at the Welcome Desk or by clicking [HERE](#).

## Donate Your Vehicle to First Baptist Church

Contact the Church Office for more information



## Around The Church ...

### CarePortal

We are excited to announce that First Baptist will be partnering with CarePortal! CarePortal is an organization that partners with our local Bartholomew County DCS (Department of Child Services) to provide resources for children in foster care and families at risk who are working with DCS.

*If you would like to be involved in this ministry, or would like to know more about it, contact the church office.*

### **Kwai River Project Collection**

During the month of April we will also be collecting for this mission. The Kwai River Mission Project started in 2000 after the Daughertys visited Thailand. An unused 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

Welcome  
Rob & Laura Andrews!



We would like to warmly welcome Rob & Laura to our FBC Family! They reside at 3821 Oriole Dr, Columbus, IN 47203.

### **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!

# **SBYC 2026 CALENDAR**

## **WINTER/SPRING**

**REGISTRATION OPENS: JANUARY 1**

**MARRIAGE RETREAT: FEBRUARY 12-14**

**LADIES RETREAT: MARCH 13-14**

**FUSE: APRIL 19**

**CABIN LEADER TRAINING: MAY 8 & 11**

**DONATION OPEN HOUSE: MAY 31**

## **SUMMER CAMPS**

**STAFF TRAINING: MAY 26-JUNE 6**

**JUNIOR CAMP: JUN 7-12**

**TEEN CAMP: JUNE 14-19**

**CAMP GOOD NEWS: JUNE 21-24**

**JR/SR CAMP: JULY 12-17**

**PRIMARY CAMP: JULY 19-22**

**FAMILY CAMP: SEPTEMBER 4-7**

## **FALL/WINTER**

**FUSE: SEPTEMBER 20**

**BETHLEHEM LIGHTS: DEC 4, 5, 11, & 12**

**SNOW JAM WINTER CAMP: JAN 29-31, 2027**



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# First Baptist Church

## Pastoral Care Team

Apr. 5th: Ron & Peggy Lane  
Apr. 12th: Dortha Anderson & Juanita Bush  
Apr. 19th: Heidi Jones & Stephanie Olson  
Apr. 26th: Bob & Jean Langdon

## Emergency Responder Schedule

Apr. 5th: Cole Bennett  
Apr. 12th: Judy Rhude  
Apr. 19th: Lindsay McIntosh  
Apr. 26th: Jean Williams

# Wednesdays

*at First Baptist Church*

Dinner – 5:00pm  
Bible Study – 5:30pm  
Choir Practice – 7:00pm

*Every Thought Captive:  
How Renewing Your Mind Can Change Your Life*  
April 15 – May 13

# Communion

We will celebrate Communion on Easter Sunday, April 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.

# Around The Church

## April Birthdays

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| 2. ~ Paisley Hernandez                        | 13. ~ Donna Moore                            |
| 4. ~ Elizabeth Miller,<br>Amelia Langenderfer | 15. ~ Alexander Kelley                       |
| 7. ~ Marjorie Betz                            | 16. ~ Jeanne Greenlee, David Tobias          |
| 9. ~ Karston McIntosh                         | 19. ~ Kyle Olson                             |
| 10. ~ Jeff Caldwell                           | 25. ~ Anna Kelley, Carol Poe, Tammy Columbia |
| 12. ~ Donna Browne, Corbie Snyder             | 26. ~ Susan Hoffman                          |
|   | 29. ~ Paul Poe                               |

## The Body of Christ Prays For...

Luann Harlow, Carol Burton, Sue Hoffman, Rollin Strode, Mandy Reed, Bill Griffith, Janet Bailey, Dorothy Abney, Susan Carter, Tim Pickup, Priscilla & Roger Day, Bobbie & John Walker, Daryl & Dot McMath, 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

- 2- Maundy Thursday Service (6:00 PM)
- 4- Easter Egg Hunt (10:00 AM)
- 5- Sunrise Service & Breakfast (7:30 AM)
- 10-12 Church Retreat at SBYC
- 15- Newsletter Deadline
- 14- Council Meeting (5:30 PM)
- 16- Ladies For the Love of Brunch (11:00 AM)
- 22- Congregational Meeting (6:00 PM)
- 28- Abigail Circle (6:30 PM)

## Weekly:

- Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- Prayer Group: Weds. at 12:30 pm in Prayer Room
- Wed. Meal & Bible Study: @ 5:00-6:45 pm.
- Choir Practice: Weds. at 7:00 pm
- LIGHT Ladies Bible Study: Thurs. at 9:00 am
- Men of Faith Bible Study: Thurs. 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.



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Live Video Every Sunday at 9:30  
[firstbaptistcolumbus.org](http://firstbaptistcolumbus.org)



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