



FIRST BAPTIST
COLUMBUS
JOIN OUR *Family* OF FAITH

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From the Senior Pastor's Pen

As we move into June, summer begins to bring a different rhythm to life. School is out, vacations are underway, grandkids are visiting, cookouts and camps fill the calendar, and many of us find ourselves moving at a slightly different pace than the rest of the year. That shift happens in the life of the church too. While some of our regular weekly activities slow down for the summer months, there is still plenty ahead for us at First Baptist.

As we wrap up our *Practicing the Way* sermon series, I've been reflecting on how we are called to the quiet, steady work of discipleship. In a world built on noise, hurry, and distraction, we've been reminded that following Jesus is not just about believing certain things, but about intentionally shaping our lives around His presence and way of living. Practices like prayer, Scripture, Sabbath, generosity, solitude, and community are not simply religious tasks, but ways we make room for God to form us over time.

Continue showing up. Continue making space for God. Continue investing in relationships that help shape your faith and encourage your walk with the Lord.

One simple way to do that is by joining us for Sips & Scripture at Lucabe on Thursday mornings throughout the summer. It's a relaxed time to gather, open Scripture together, and have good conversation over coffee. No pressure. Just time together in God's Word and in community. We'd love to have you there. Another great opportunity is to sign up for Sunday Suppers...this is a great way to engage with the FBC family over good food and fellowship. Please join us!

We also continue moving forward with our *Forward in Faith* campaign. Many of you have noticed the flat roof work already underway, and we're hopeful that project will be completed within the next several weeks. Planning for the sanctuary work also continues, with hopes of beginning sometime in July. There will certainly be moments that require patience and flexibility from all of us in the months ahead, but it's exciting to see long-awaited plans beginning to take shape.

As of now, more than \$375,000 has been pledged and/or given toward our \$460,000 goal. Thank you for your generosity, faithfulness, prayers, and encouragement throughout this process. Your support continues to be a testimony to the shared love so many of you have for this church and its future. As we move into the final stretch of the campaign, we continue to welcome new gifts and remaining pledges through the end of the year.

I'd also encourage you to continue sharing with friends and family about the good things happening at First Baptist. You never know how God may use a simple invitation, conversation, or act of generosity in someone's life. Sometimes God's provision comes from places we never expected.

As always, thank you for the many ways you continue to serve, encourage, pray, and show up for one another. I'm grateful to be walking through this season with you and look forward to what God has ahead for us this summer.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Evan



FBC News

This summer, I again have the privilege of serving as the summer camp pastor for SBYCamp. It makes for a long summer, however it is deeply rewarding to have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with so many teens and children. We have children from First Baptist attending almost every week of camp this summer. Our theme this summer is "Even If." It is taken from Daniel 3:16-18:

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But Even If He doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

During each week, we will share with the kids of God's goodness even in the midst of life's uncertainty. We will look at stories like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and how they stood up for their faith in the face of certain death. They believed that the One True God whom they served, could rescue them from the king's hand, however even if He did not, they would not bow down to false idols, and their faith would not waiver. Now, you and I know the end of the story, God not only rescues them from the king, He meets them in the midst of the fire.

We will look at Queen Esther and her faithfulness to prayer and fasting ahead of going before the king. Even if it cost her everything, she was obedient for the sake of her people. Queen Esther risked everything to stand before the king, and because of her faith, rescued her people.

A more difficult life to study, the life of Job. There are times in life in which things don't go the way we think they should. It may seem as though it is just one heartache followed by another. We will look at how even if we don't understand the difficulties we go through in life, we can still trust in God. Without much support, through deep pain and loss, and even in his questions, Job stayed faithful to God. Through a life of uncertainty, we too can stay faithful.

Next, the first martyr for the faith, Stephen. Willing to stand before the Sanhedrin and share the gospel message. He began with Abraham and continued down through ages to the coming of the Messiah. Stephen stood up for his faith, even though he lost his life. Yet in his loss, there was gain- Acts 7:59 "While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.'" There have been countless women, men, and children since Stephen willing to give up their life for the sake of the gospel. There are Christians even today around the world who put everything at risk for their faith. How can we have that kind of faith?

Finally, we will share with the kids how Jesus lived the ultimate "even if" for all of us. In Mark 14:32-42 we find Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. He asks the father in this intimate moment, to take this cup from Him. Yet not what He will, what the Father wills. Out of His love for you and me, Jesus was obedient to the Father's will, even if it led to death on the cross.

This summer, I ask you to pray for the children and teens who will be attending camp—especially those from First Baptist! Pray for their home situations, pray that they see Christ's love in those who are serving them, pray for opportunities to share the love of Jesus. Pray for the cabin leaders who freely give of their time to serve and pray for our staff. If you are interested in how you can serve during a week of camp as a cabin leader, in the kitchen, or other ways, you can reach out to myself, or Hannah and we would love to talk with you.

It a true blessing to serve as one of your pastors. I pray this summer brings you blessings and joy. Praying God's Most Gracious Blessings on You and Yours,

Pastor Tyler

Around The Church ...

SAVE THE DATE!

Church Retreat

Mark your 2027 calendar for
May 14-16
for our next Churchwide
Retreat at SBYC!

Donate Your Vehicle to First Baptist Church

Contact the Church Office for more information



Sips & Scripture

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

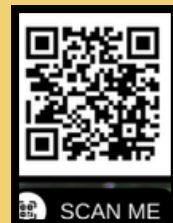
June 4 - July 30



Around The Church ...

Cabin Cleaning Day at SBYC

Thank you to the many hands who helped clean the FBC cabin at Southeast Baptist Youth Camp as they get ready for the summer campers! If you have a child or grandchild interested in camp, sign up today by going to <https://sbycamp.com/home/> or scan the QR code.



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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Around The Church

SUNDAY SUPPERS

June 28, July 26, and August 30

*Sign up today at the
Gathering Place!*

*This will be a time to meet in someone's home
and share a meal with others in our FBC Family
who we may not know as well as we should.*

Many Thanks

Dear First Baptist,
I am a group leader for BSF
and I am so thankful for all
you do to make our jobs
easier! Every person feels so
welcome and I appreciate my
nice clean space and chairs in
a circle every single week! You
all are the hands and feet!
Have a great summer!
Blessings,
Kalynn Harmon

FBC Columbus,
Thank you so much for
helping out and cleaning
your cabin to help get
ready for campers this
Spring & Summer!
Thank you,
Chris, Carrie, Hannah &
Ralph



Dear FBC Family,
We are so grateful to our FBC
family for all the prayers and
good wishes during Adrienne's
recent health scare. She is on
her way to a full recovery and
we know this is in large part
because of the prayer
warriors in this church
community. We are so
thankful for your support as
she continues her recovery.
Jerald & Aderianne

Around The Church ...

FBC Apparel Store

We have an online store with FBC t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, hats, and bags for any who want to order. Scan the QR code!



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.

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, come to an info meeting on Sunday, June 14th during 2nd hour.

Camp Cabin Leaders Needed

Cabin leaders for both girls and boys are needed at SBYC-Primary week (K-3rd Grade) on July 19-22nd. If you are interested contact the church office at 812-376-3321 or secretary@fbccolumbus.org.

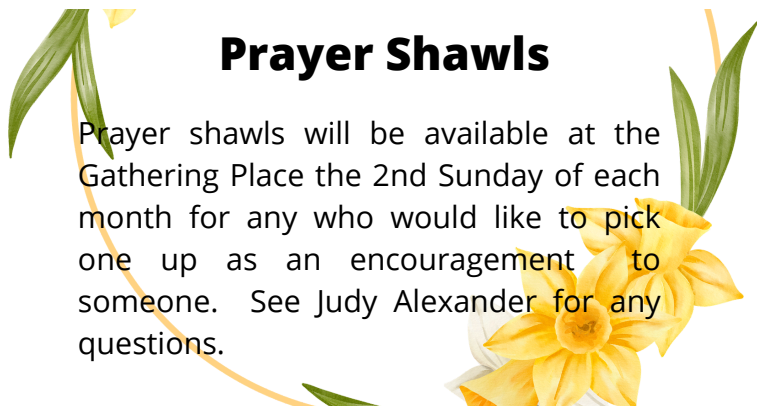
A Special Thank You

What a wonderful surprise to be honored by the congregation on Sunday. The picture is so special, the flowers beautiful and the messages in the big basket brought tears to our eyes. We love our church family at First Baptist and are so thankful for your love and care through the years. It has been a privilege to serve our church family and be loved in return.

-Bill and Lois

Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls will be available at the Gathering Place the 2nd Sunday of each month for any who would like to pick one up as an encouragement to someone. See Judy Alexander for any questions.



First Baptist Church

Pastoral Care Team

June 7th: Dortha Anderson & Juanita Bush
June 14th: Heidi Jobes & Stephanie Olson
June 21st: Bob & Jean Langdon
June 28th: Linda & Jim Reid

Emergency Responder Schedule

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

2026 Graduates



Eric Olson

Graduated in December from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music with a degree in Classical Guitar. Then in January, he began his Masters at IU Jacobs in Jazz Studies.



Kayla Jones

Bachelors of Science in Psychology
Indiana University - Columbus



Kari Lovelace

Graduated from Purdue Polytechnic University with a Bachelors degree in Organizational Leadership & Supervision, also receiving a certificate in Industrial Engineering.

CONGRATS!

Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Easter Sunday, June 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

June Birthdays

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

The Body of Christ Prays For...

Dennis Orwin, Harold Simpson, Lyman & Corbie Snyder, Marsha Daugherty, Carol Burton, Rollin Strode, Mandy Reed, Bill & Lois 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, Anita Yancey, 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)
- 15- Newsletter Deadline
- 16- Church Council (5:30 pm)
- 19- Office Closed for Juneteenth
- 28- Coffee Fellowship R-Z (10:45 AM)

Weekly:

- Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- Prayer Group: Weds. @ 12:30 pm in Prayer Room
- Sips & Scripture: at Eastbrook Lucabe Thurs. @ 9:00 am starting June 4th

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
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