



FIRST BAPTIST
COLUMBUS
JOIN OUR *Family* OF FAITH

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From the Senior Pastor's Pen

As we step into September, I find myself thinking about how meaningful it was to return to the sanctuary after several weeks of worshiping in the Fellowship Hall. Our audio and visual overhaul is largely complete. We are still tweaking a few things and learning how everything can best serve us on Sunday mornings. Overall, though, I am incredibly pleased with the project and encouraged by the feedback many of you have shared.

I also want to simply say “Thank you.” Thank you to everyone who has given generously through Forward in Faith. Thank you to those who moved and reset pews, worked behind the scenes, and helped in countless ways. Thank you for being flexible while we worshiped in a different space. I know it was not always convenient, and I am grateful for the patience and grace you showed.

This project was never just about better technology. It was about caring for a space that has been entrusted to us. Technology cannot create worship or cause someone to encounter God, but it can remove distractions and help people hear, participate, and worship together. My prayer is that our sanctuary will continue to be a sacred place where people gather to worship, encounter one another, and experience the presence of Jesus Christ in life-changing ways.

I have also been thinking about 2027, when First Baptist will celebrate its 175th anniversary. There are very few places in our lives that hold as many memories as a church does. First Baptist, both the people and the place, has been part of baptisms, weddings, funerals, Christmas Eve services, Sunday mornings, and countless ordinary moments that have shaped our lives.

That history is worth celebrating, but it also gives us a responsibility. We want to care for what previous generations entrusted to us while preparing this church for those who will come after us.

With that in mind, our attention now turns downstairs to the children’s ministry areas. We want those spaces to be fresh, safe, welcoming, and thoughtfully prepared. We want children and families to know that they matter here. This work is for the children already among us, but it is also for families we have not met yet. It is for your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We want to be ready to welcome them and help them know and follow Jesus.

September also brings the return of our fall rhythms. Men of Faith and the L.I.G.H.T. Women’s Bible Study will begin meeting again, along with choir and other opportunities to connect and serve. And, of course, Hot Diggity Dog It’s Fall! is only a few weeks away.

This fall, I encourage you to find one place where you can show up, serve, grow, or invite someone to join you. I am grateful for what we have accomplished together and excited about what God has ahead for First Baptist.

Pastor Evan



FBC News

September is almost here, and there are so many opportunities to connect, grow, serve, and simply enjoy being together as our FBC family. As summer winds down and fall schedules begin to fill up, I hope you'll make room for some of the great things happening in the life of our church!

I'm excited for this coming Sunday, August 30. We have 2 awesome events happening. Right after service, during Coffee Fellowship, you can head out into our beautiful courtyard and get yourself a fizzy drink. What is a fizzy drink, you may ask? It is a soda drink with added flavors or creamers. There will be several different kinds to try from. Be sure to head out there and get yourself a fizzy, then you can head inside for Coffee Fellowship.

Then, in the evening we will have our last Sunday Supper for the summer. These are always a great time for laughter, fellowship, and great food around the dinner table. It's a great way for our FBC family to get to know each other better. I hope you're signed up to attend!

With the fall season quickly approaching, more bible study opportunities are becoming available for you as well. Men of Faith and Ladies Light will begin after Labor Day or Thursday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Evan will be leading the Men of Faith group and the Ladies Light will be studying "Luke in the Land."

Towards the end of the month, beginning on September 23, Wednesday evening dinner and bible study will begin. I will be leading us through a 6-week study on Psalm 23. We will be looking at the main question, "Do you trust the Lord to care for your needs?"

As always, we have our 2nd Hour classes that meet each week. We have our Sunday School class that meets in the fellowship hall and the small group discussion group that meets in the chapel. I hope that you will take advantage of one, or all of these opportunities to study alongside your fellow believers.

On Sunday, September 20 everyone is invited as we gather with our brothers and sisters from other American Baptist Churches for an evening of worship and fellowship at SBYCamp. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m., with worship beginning at 6:00 p.m. There is something powerful about being reminded that the Church is bigger than our individual congregation. We are part of a much larger family of believers who are worshiping, serving, and sharing Christ throughout our region and around the world. I will be there, I hope you will be too!

Then, on Sunday, September 27 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. we will have our annual "Hot Diggity" Fall Gathering at the Whittingtons. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan for a fun afternoon of games, food, and fellowship!

When we look at everything happening this month, it would be easy to see nothing more than a calendar full of events. But I hope we see something more. Paul writes in Hebrews 10:24-25:

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...but encouraging one another."

Church was never intended to be something we simply attend. God created us for community. We need people who will worship beside us, study Scripture with us, eat with us, laugh with us, encourage us, pray for us, and sometimes simply sit beside us when life gets difficult. That kind of community doesn't happen accidentally. We have to make room for one another. That is really what all these opportunities are about. God often does some of His best work through everyday, ordinary moments shared with other people. So as we begin another busy fall, my encouragement for you is simple: don't just fill your calendar, build relationships.

Show up. Sit with someone new. Learn a name you don't know. Have a conversation you wouldn't normally have. Serve somewhere new. Invite someone along. Because we really are better when we walk this journey of faith together.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Pastor Tyler

Around The Church ...

Join the
Choir!

Wednesdays at 7 pm

*All who love to sing
are invited. No special
skills required!*

Many Thanks!

On behalf of Richards, please extend our gratitude to your church body for partnering with us to get the school year off to an incredible start. We were blessed by your presence, time, and generosity. The lemonade and treats were a big hit and lent the perfect sense of excitement and celebration to start a year! -Amy Mocas, Principal

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers as for our family as we mourn the loss of my sister, Robyn. We appreciate you all so much. Love, The Cash Family

Dear FBC Family,

The Amazon gift card and prayers are so appreciated as the school year begins. I was able to use the gift card to help purchase my back to school "running" shoes so I can keep up with my first graders! I think of you as I go through the day:)

Bless you! -Lori Cash

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone at First Baptist Church that have shown me so much love and compassion! It has been such a blessing to me. A very special thank you to the kitchen helpers-the dinner was delicious. It was a beautiful way to complete honoring Claude. Everyone had such praise for the welcome and loved feeling we received. I know Claude was smiling on us.

Carolyn Wright

Around The Church ...



ABWM
Women's Day
OCTOBER 10
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
here at FBC!

Cost: **\$25** per person
Register at Gathering Place *by Oct 1st*

We can't wait to see you there! ♥

*Save
the Date!*

Mark your 2027 calendar for May 14-16 for our next Churchwide Retreat at SBYC! It will be an event you won't want to miss!

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.

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, and Wheel Chairs.

Please contact the church office.



Walk with Jesus in His First-Century World

LIGHT Women's Bible Study

Join us on Thursdays at 9 am in the chapel beginning Sept. 10th. Sign up at the Gathering Place to order your book.

Lifeway women

AT THE TABLE

MEETING GOD IN THE MEALS OF SCRIPTURE

MEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY



THURSDAYS AT 9:00 AM



STARTING SEPTEMBER 10



Other News...



Richards Elementary Open House



Around The Church ...



Begin collecting now for your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The Church will pay half of the shipping cost!

Items not allowed are : SOAP; candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. ***Boxes are available in the Gathering Place.***



Church World Service Offering in September

Instead of collecting the individual kits (hygiene kits, period packs, and school kits) for Church World Service throughout the year, we will designate September for a special offering and we will send the donations directly to them so that they can purchase whatever kits are needed. This will also save on expensive shipping. Thank you in advance for giving!

College Addresses Needed

If you have or know of a college student from FBC, please contact the office with their address. secretary@fbccolumbus.org



Love Packaging is a program that recycles Christian material to provide free Christian literature to pastors, missionaries, and teachers in developing countries with the aim of spreading the gospel.

This would include Sunday school material, devotionals and inspiration materials, etc. There is now a box in the library downstairs for any donations. For any questions, contact Dortha Anderson, our librarian.

Hot Meals

We will be providing hot meals for Love Chapel at Memorial Baptist Church on Sept 1st & 8th. The sign up is in the Gathering Place.

Nursery Volunteers Needed!

Our little ones are growing fast, and we need you! If you have a heart for children and want to care for the littlest among us, we'd love to have you serve in our nursery. See Pastor Tyler for more information!

Other News...

RACE | WORSHIP | CONNECT

FUSE



WORSHIP
WITH FIRE
BY NIGHT

MARIO
KART
RACES

09.20.2026

SBYCamp - Greensburg, IN

Fuse Youth Gathering

Who: 6th-12th Graders

When: 3-5pm

What: Life Size Mario Kart, Switch Competitions, & other fun Camp Events

Region Wide Worship

Who: Everyone

When: 5-7pm

What: Dinner, Worship with Fire by Night, Short Devo, & an Offering for Camp

Around The Church

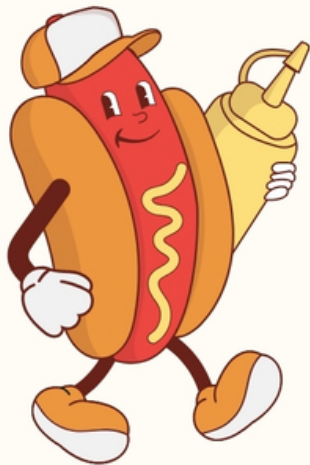
Hot Diggity Dog It's Fall!

Food, Fun, & Fellowship

SUN | **SEP**
DAY | **27**

1-4PM

6400 S. 1000 E.
Grammer, IN



Update: Many thanks to those who have supported FBC in this new program to share the love of Christ with families in need through your service and donations.

To date, we have have had the honor of ministering to 4 families- a total of 12 children! If you would like to donate to this effort, mark your envelope "CarePortal" It will be used for much needed items.

Donate Your Vehicle to First Baptist Church

Contact the Church Office for more information



First Baptist Church

Pastoral Care Team

Sept. 6th: Ron & Peggy Lane
Sept. 13th: Bob & Jean Langdon
Sept. 20th: Jim & Linda Reid
Sept. 27th: Heidi Jones & Stephanie Olson

Emergency Responder Schedule

Sept. 6th: Cole Bennett
Sept. 13th: Mike Compton
Sept. 20th: Jean Williams
Sept. 27th: Lindsay McIntosh



**FBC Library
on Wheels**

Beginning in August, a cart filled with library books will be available for check out each week in the Gathering Place.

There will also be a special section of children's books!

BE SURE TO CHECK IT OUT!

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!



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Check out our new Online Store! Scan the QR Code or go to our website!

PSALM 23

Wednesdays begin September 23
Meal 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm

Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study

Starting on September 23rd, join us every Wednesday evening for a meal at 5:00 pm followed by Bible study. There will be a free-will donation taken every evening to offset the cost of the meal. All are encouraged to attend!

Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, September 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

September Birthdays

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| 6. ~ Evan Guse | 15. ~ Juanita Bush |
| 7. ~ Barry Anderson, Jerto Noel | 16. ~ Jim Reid |
| 8. ~ Roger Day | 17. ~ Melissa Brunning |
| 9. ~ Brenda Frady | 18. ~ Judy Rhude |
| 10. ~ Jim Morris | 22. ~ Thomas Hogan |
| 11. ~ Jan Fogle, Myrna Shane | 23. ~ John Whittington |
| 13. ~ Heather Babb | 29. ~ Karen Fogle |
| 14. ~ Clayton Guse | |

The Body of Christ Prays For...

Julia Casey, Dennis Orwin, Harold Simpson, Lyman & Corbie Snyder, Forest & Marsha Daugherty, Carol Burton, Rollin Strode, Mandy Reed, Bill & Lois Griffith, Janet Bailey, Dorothy Abney, Susan Carter, Paula Pickup, Priscilla & Roger Day, Bobbie & John Walker, 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 September Weekly:

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| 6- Communion (9:30 am) | • Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:00 am |
| 7- Office Closed/Labor Day | • Prayer Group: Weds. @ 12:30 pm in Prayer Room |
| 15- Newsletter Deadline | • Wednesday Meal & Bible Study begins Sept 23rd |
| 15- Church Council (5:30 pm) | • Choir Practice @ 7:00 PM |
| 22- Abigail Circle (6:30 PM) | • LIGHT Ladies Bible Study: Thurs. at 9:00 am on Sept 10 |
| 27- Coffee Fellowship R-Z (10:45 am) | • Men of Faith Bible Study: Thurs. at 9:00 am on Sept 10 |
| 27- Hot Diggity Dog @ Whittingtons (1-4 pm) | |

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

