



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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For the past two months, it has been my privilege to serve as your interim pastor. While I know you have supported the faithful service of Pastor Patti as your earlier interim pastor, I trust we will all now look forward with a sense of anticipation and openness in this time of our service together during a continuing interim period.

Thirty-one years ago when I first came to Carrollton to get my wedding license (since I was marrying a Roodhouse girl) I did not know that sometime later I would be seeing that courthouse on an almost daily basis and serving in a church in this community. That has made me think of the many ways God has nurtured our travels in most amazing ways, and how He stills wishes to amaze us with what he has in store for our future, if we will be open to His leadership.

I will be resident in Carrollton from Sunday through Tuesday. I will have definite office hours on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 to noon. During that time, I would be happy to see you if you wish to stop by the office for conversation or simple fellowship. If all you wish to do is say “hi”, I will be glad to greet you. In addition, I will look forward to responding to your special needs and requests, visiting where needed, listening to your concerns, and even attending some community events. Open communication helps us maintain a healthy church relationship, and I encourage you to take every opportunity to express your concerns, joys and needs with one another as we seek to openly worship and serve.

I am encouraged by much that I see in the life of our church. We have those who are thinking creatively on food ministry, by having a fellowship time each Sunday morning and an important summer lunch program for needy families and students. We have those who are consistently thinking of ways to reach out to a variety of groups in our community, including the use of our fellowship hall to host meals for our high school football team. We have those who in the past thought enough about our need to reach out to others that spaces in our church were upgraded so that we could always be prepared to welcome others and be sensitive to their needs. We have those who are sensitive even now to the arrival of new individuals and asking how we can be supportive of them when they attend. And we have several individuals in our church who are willing to share God’s word in other church settings when they are invited.

We are now in a season in which we are served by an interim pastor. What do we wish to do in this season? Just as in every season in our lives, we are called to be faithful and even visionary in the very season we are in. Ministry, hope, joy, and service did not cease when we lost a full-time pastor. These can all continue if we, the congregation, seek to humbly be available to God’s leadership in our lives.

3rd Quarterly Ministry Meeting

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Time – Immediately following Worship

Reports due Friday, October 6th.

Message from Church Council & Diaconate

FBC said good-bye to Pastor Patti Meyer on July 23, 2023, our interim pastor for the past year. Thank you to Pastor Patti for shepherding and loving us during this time. Pastor Patti will continue her duties at Jerseyville First Baptist and ABCGRR. FBC diaconate and church council are pleased to announce Rev. Adrian Lamkin as our current interim. Pastor Adrian was referred to FBC by the ABCGRR, and has served in several interim positions in the Region, including serving multiple churches and as interim Area Minister. Pastor Adrian, his wife and two daughter reside in Savoy, IL. He has taught at two colleges and one seminary, and has written the latest historical sketches of our Great River Region. During his time in Carrollton Pastor Adrian will reside in the parsonage. Pastor Adrian will be in Carrollton 20 hours per week. His current schedule for being in Carrollton will be Sunday – Tuesday with office hours 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday & Tuesday. On Monday & Tuesday afternoons, the pastor will be available by appointment so feel free to call him at 217-898-1168 if you would like to visit at that time. Pastor Adrian has demonstrated his love for God and us by officiating for weddings, funerals, hospital visits during his short tenure here. Pastor Adrian has reiterated that he is available when needed for the congregation on the days he is not in Carrollton. Thank you Pastor Adrian for shepherding us during this time. Kay Ogden

Update from Pastor Search Committee

At the beginning of this summer, after a year of hard work, David Surbeck had to resign from the committee for health reasons. Since Anita Adams was the co-chairman, she became the new chairman. Marilyn Cordes volunteered and took David's place to become the seventh member. Many candidates have been interviewed and the interviews will continue until a candidate selection is made. We are currently interviewing pastor and will have a second Zoom meeting with him in a few weeks. We covet your continued prayers as we trust the Holy Spirit for guidance and

wisdom to make the right decision. Thank you for your support as we continue this good work the Lord has given us to do. Committee members are as follows: Anita Adams, Marilyn Cordes, Edwina Garrison, Luke and Maddie Gillingham, Debra Hoots and Marty Overbey. Dick Gillingham continues to be the alternate.

Blood Drive

Final Blood Mobile date for 2023 is Wed., Nov. 29th running from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Location is in the Parking Lot.



Hot Dog Roast & Hayride

The Ninth Annual All Church Hot Dog Roast will be on Sun. Oct. 8th at the Hazel Roberts farm. Come and visit around 4:00 p.m. & we will be eating at 5 p.m. More information will be made available as decisions are finalized.



FBC will be hosting Trunk or Treat this year on Tues. Oct. 31st from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall parking lot. Anyone wishing to provide a trunk is welcome. Please contact the church office so we have an idea on how many cars will be available. Also any donations of candy are greatly appreciated. A donation box will be in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who wishes to donate candy to Trunk or Treat.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night, Nov. 4th.

Operation Christmas Child 2023

Operation Christ Child National Shoebox Collection week is November 13th – 20th. More information will be made available as we get closer to Collection Week.

OCTOBER

World Mission Offering Month

- 7th – Church Reserved for Wedding
8th – LSBC Offering
8th – Fellowship Hall Reserved
by Kristen Griswold
Ninth Annual Hot Dog Roast
@ Hazel Roberts Farm
15th – Quarterly Ministry Mtg.
31st – Trunk or Treat Time 6-8p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 5th – Daylight Savings Ends
11th – Veterans Day (Office Closed)
Fellowship Hall Reserved by Deb Hoots
12th – Veteran's Recognition & Luncheon
13th to 20th – Shoebox Collection Week
TBD – Community Thanksgiving Service
24th – Thanksgiving Day
26th – Community Carol Sing TBD
29th – Blood Drive in FBC Parking Lot

DECEMBER – RMMO Month

- Operation Christmas hosted by
United Methodist Church
1st – Carrollton Christmas Parade
@ 6:30 p.m.
2nd – Restore Network Christmas Party
23rd – Christmas Candlelight Service
@ 6:30 p.m.



Thank you for the gift card and the card! Also thank you for thinking of me!

Laila Kiger

Thank you for allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall for our family together after dad's funeral. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to enjoy each other's company and not have to worry about anything else. You always serve others in their time of need.

Family of Ed Gilbert

Thank you for thinking of Graham & my family by giving us a card and gift card shortly after his arrival. Thank you for any prayers you have prayed for us, God has truly blessed us with a healthy, beautiful baby boy. Thank you all again.

Hannah, Blake & Graham Dean

We would like to thank the FBC family for their Christain love given to Pat during the Celebration of Life. To all who had a part in the service and meal that followed, your efforts were greatly appreciated. Her two families, Kell's and Midkiff's, were overjoyed by the number of friends who took time from their normal workday schedule to come and pay their respects. She loved her church. Again, thank you all.

Midkiff & Kell Families

We were so blessed to be invited to the feast, fellowship, friends & family at Pat's, our 1960 classmate, "farewell party". Thanking God and Thanking First Baptist. Love you. Much love and many prayers.

Pat's Class of 1960

Thank you to all those that helped with the 2023 "Lunch On Us" program. Working with the other area churches, we served on average of 65 lunches per day to those in need in our community. Because of you, our community continues to see God's hands at work one lunch at a time.

Janice Roberts & Committee

Thank you for remembering us. Your church card really surprised me this morning. You're a bunch of good eggs down there!

Ruth Lemon family

Thank you all so much for giving our sweet baby Wesley the warmest welcome last Sunday and for the generous gifts. Brayden and I have been so blessed.

Olivia, Brayden & Wesley Rhoads

I want to thank everyone for all your prayers and for all the cards that several of you sent. You are all the best church family anyone could ask for. Her funeral was so perfect here. Thanks for all that helped in the church and during the dinner. The food was delicious.

Racheal DeOrnellas & family

Thank you to our church family for being so thoughtful and thinking of us during Grandma Helen's passing. She had a great love for the Lord and will be missed by so many. I'll think of her every time I see the beautiful peace lily you sent.

The Chad Flowers family

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship & Communion in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. Sunday School Kurtis Weber Mark & Corie Gillingham	2 Jack Pyatt Dru King Charlie Treadway Stacey Watson Scott & Julie Rhoads	3	4 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary	5 6 p.m. Stained Glass Class	6	7
8 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. Sunday School Fellowship Hall Reserved by Kristen Griswold 4 p.m. Hot Dog Roast & Hayride at Hazel Roberts Farm Cara Reynolds Julie Rhoads	9 7 p.m. Ministry Meetings Racheal DeOrnellas Michelle Churchman Lauren Lyons Brock & Jennifer Shaw	10 Marty & Laura Overbey	11 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary Janice Roberts Emily Graham Emma Hoots Patti Meyer	12 Kyle & Sarah Ogden	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 Deb Hoots Sharon Butler Amanda Essen Neil Sexton
15 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. 3 rd Quarter Ministry Meeting TBD Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study Dan Cunningham Elaina Nguyen	16 6 p.m. Diaconate Meeting Jennifer Pinkerton Hannah Uhles	17 Chad & Amber Flowers	18 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary Lois Portwood Jami Graham	19 6 p.m. Stained Glass Class Barbi Butler	20 Matt & Kathy Reynolds	21 Dennis & Sandra Byland
22 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. Sunday School Linda Meek	23 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting Jadyn Henderson Phillip & Katie Steinacher	24 Nick Flowers	25 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary Carl & Sandra Edwards	26 Mary Cay Sethaler Olivia Estes	27 Randall Rhoads Laila Kiger Art & Mary Cay Sethaler	28 Willie Sumner
29 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study Emily Hopper	30 Rhonda Kiger	31 6 – 8 p.m.  Jamie Flowers Misty Shaw				

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Wedding Anniversary Congratulations






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12 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. Sunday School 12 p.m. Veteran's Recognition Lunch 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study Scott Belden	13 7 p.m. Ministry Meetings Paul Coonrod Bode Cunningham Bonnie Jackson	14 Kendra Cunningham Mason Tucker	15 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary Kennedy Estes	16 6 p.m. Stained Glass Class Scott Schad Lucas & Karley Tucker	17	18 Carol Knoll
19 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. Sunday School Jane Settles	20 6 p.m. Diaconate Meeting Cayden Rawe Taylor Zimmerman	21 OFFICE OPEN Sandra Byland Kristian Trotter	22 OFFICE OPEN 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary	23 OFFICE CLOSED 	24 OFFICE CLOSED Doris Muntz Hudson Stringer	25 Sandra Edwards Matthew Heger Hunter McDaniels
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17  9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. Sunday School Guyla Duba Landry & Kassidy Prough	18 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting Bob Schnettgoecke Annette Scott Mark Beckman & Kara Portwood	19 Joyce Lentz Lyndsey Graham Kye Steinacher	20 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary	21 Marty Osterman Cathy Steckel Cheryl White	22 OFFICE CLOSED James Midkiff John Baker	23 Martha Meek Marsha Meek
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