



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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AROUND & ABOUT

2018

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Can We Talk?

No matter how we feel about the controversy over guns in our society, the nation has been deeply touched by the nationwide effort by high school students to demand that our society deal with the issue of gun violence. Hundreds of thousands of young people across the nation gathered in cities, including Kansas City, on March 24 to demand that some action be taken.

No matter our position, all of us surely are concerned about the number of people who die as the result of gun violence every year. Kansas City has one of the nation's highest incidents of homicides using guns, and we have been rocked as a society by the number of mass murders occurring far too frequently.

Should we shy away from conversation about gun violence because it is controversial and we know that there are a variety of positions in our congregation? Or could we participate in a national dialogue on a local level that needs to occur in order to find better solutions than the status quo? Can we talk as a congregation without anger or division?

We think it is possible – and extremely helpful – if our congregation can talk together respectfully and civilly, because without local conversations the situation will not likely improve out of Jefferson City, Topeka or Washington DC.

Right now, there are at least ten serious proposals in the public forum to try to limit gun violence in our society without infringing upon the 2nd Amendment. We read that over 90% of the American public, including a majority of NRA members, support some of these proposals. In other words the largest majority of Americans want something done.

We don't feel safe in our schools, in our workplaces, at concerts and at our church because the incidence of gun violence has become so commonplace. There is the issue of safety in our church: what should be done to ensure our safety as we worship together? We wish such questions didn't need to be raised, but they do. Again, there are many options – but what does the widest majority of our members support?

Our April congregational dinner will be held on April 22, noon, following worship in Fellowship Hall. It will be a catered congregational dinner (\$10. per person or \$25 for a family of 3 or more). Following the dinner, we plan to have a respectful dialogue around tables about the choices that stand before us as a society, and also as a church. We aren't voting in an official business meeting; we are talking. If consensus emerges, we may identify those areas but no official position or action will be taken.

The purpose is talking together about issues where we may not agree without destroying the unity of our congregation. Indeed, we might argue that our unity doesn't mean very much unless we can address our differences, understand them, and respect them.

Please undergird this effort with your prayers, make your dinner reservations and join us for a respectful, honest dialogue as God's people in this troubled time in our society.

– Dezo Desauguste & Stephen Jones

Spring Jazz Vespers
April 8, 6 pm
Featuring: Cubanisms



Cubanisms presents unique and inspired arrangements giving the band a genuine and exhilarating Cuban-Latin feel, with a wide repertoire including many traditional Cuban rhythms



– Join others in making a friendly call on one of our 13 confined members or upon members in the hospital. We will gather for prayer and organizing our visits on these Wednesday mornings at 9:30am: **April 11 and April 25**. All are welcome. We go out in teams of two and make one or two calls before noon. It would help if you would contact Karen Foster or the church office if you plan to participate.



2018
Labyrinth



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ALL ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST PEOPLE

We pray for...

- † Lloyd Brown is a patient in the Health Care Resort rehab. (5401 W 143rd St, Overland Park, KS 66223) Regaining strength from pneumonia and flu.
- † Flo Brown received good news from her recent medical tests. But is in St Joe Hospital with the Flu.
- † Sherry Mustapha continues to recover from a recent fall
- † Krista Ramirez will undergo major surgery April 12. On Sunday, April 8, all who desire are asked to remain after church and join in a prayer circle and anointing of Krista around 12:30 pm as she prepares for this surgery
- † Gerry Raines, member of our church living in southern Missouri, has now returned home
- † Harriet Bonner, in her 100th year, now in final stages with hospice, still living with her granddaughter, Tonya, in the Baltimore area.
- † Becky Boden, hospitalized at Research with kidney issues
- † Patty Vann, in-between caregivers, at home
- † Pat Betteridge continues to recover from the flu, at home
- † Dixie Kelly continues to struggle with a respiratory disease at home
- † Kathy Hinton who is hospitalized at Menorah for heart-related issues
- † Gay Barton who has finally completed a challenging regimen of treatment for respiratory condition

We give thanks for...

- † Pat Hallquist, Lois Hightower, Flo Brown, Margo Humenczuk, Jan Jones, and many others for making this Palm Sunday one of our finest! We had over 20 children participating!
- † Sue Fuggit, returning to church after hospitalization in Florida, continuing to regain strength
- † Dezo Desauguste, Susie Bolden, Jan Jones, Jessie Carpenter, Stephen Jones, Pat Hester, Bill Humenczuk. For attending the Area 5 Annual Meeting held at Grace Church on March 10
- † Bill Humenczuk flying to Puerto Rico from March 25– 31, to participate in an American Baptist Men's work-mission trip following the Hurricane damage.

We rejoice with...

- † Amelie and Jack Clingan who were joyously baptized in the Palm Sunday service. Shelbi Neal and James Prigel were their faith partners.
- † Matt, Jill, Amelie and Jack Clingan who came forward on Palm Sunday for membership in our church! Matt is a computer software specialist in the health-care field; Jill works with recruiting students from Brazil to study at Mizzou; Amelie attends RayPech High School and Jack attends Peculiar Elementary.
- † Donna Fast, director and accompanist, Kerry Triplett, narrator, and the 14-member FBC Chancel Choir as they presented an exceptional Easter season cantata "Hallelujah! What a Savior" on Palm Sunday!
- † Andrea Davidson who came forward on March 18 as a candidate for membership by letter of transfer. Andrea is the director of the Hickman Mills Freshman Choir and faculty member at this school; and also our lead alto singer in the choir and frequent FBC soloist.
- † James and Mariko Prigel, Daichi and Yui Tadokoro, Dezo Desauguste, Daylin Rodriguez, Dalie Ortet, Stephen and Jan Jones, Lyndell Leatherman who attended a recent concert by Erik Hessel and Mai Tadokoro Hessel in KU March 13
- † Jan and Stephen Jones celebrating with 48th wedding anniversary on March 28
- † Shelbi Neal as she relocates to her own independent office as Farmer's Insurance Agent in April near the intersection of I-29 and Vivian Road. Stephanie Davis is her lead associate. They have been operating out of a Farmers regional sales office in Briarcliff.
- † Martha Brown who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on April 20

We share our Long-term prayer for...

JoAnn Gardner - Jan Carrigan - Robert Woods

We share our prayer for Those Far away...

Thelma Sickles - Kathleen Brown - Marie Denton & Family - Maybelle Logan - Geraldine Raines
Harriett Bonner - Bobbie Matson



Upcoming Worship Sundays at 10:50 am

Easter Sunday Service, *April 1*, 10:50 AM

“Mary Magdalene...A Walk in the Garden”, Stephen Jones, preaching
Mary came to the garden expecting death, and as she walked in the garden was entrusted with a victorious message in the first encounter with the Risen Lord! It was difficult for the others to accept her and dismissed her testimony as an idle tale! Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:9-11, Communion Sunday

Early Easter Service, 9:00 – 9:30 am **“Some Women Astounded Us”**

Story of the Road to Emmaus; Luke 24:22
Dezo Desauguste, preaching; contemporary music led by Victor Velez

Easter Congregational Breakfast, 9:30 – 10:30 am. Fellowship Hall

*No reservations needed. Offering basket out, but no set fee.
Breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls and fruit.*

April 8: Rev. Stephanie Spears, preaching;

PENTECOST 2018 WORSHIP SERIES

Evidences of the Spirit

Where do we see the Spirit of God at work?

April 15: **“The Evidence of Diversity,”** Pastor Dezo Desauguste, preaching
Text: Acts 10:9-16. The marvelous diversity of our congregation reflects the work of the Spirit.
It wasn't the result of human planning or effort.

April 22: **“The Evidence of Soul Liberty,”** Dr. Stephen Jones preaching
Text: John 14:1-3; John 10:14-16.
Our congregation's passion for soul liberty reflects the work of the Spirit.

April 29: **Punkin Patch Sunday,**
celebration of our 105 year history providing weekday child care
Pastor Dezo Desauguste, preaching:
We will celebrate the role of children in the ministry of Christ





Spring clean and support the January 2019 Nicaragua mission trip!

Please bring the items to church no later than **May 20th** to raise funds for the 2019 mission trip.

Gently-used clothing, linens, jewelry, shoes, accessories (such as belts and purses), and small household goods.

Sort by **soft goods**: Clothing & Shoes, Men's, Women's, Children's, Hats, Mittens, Scarves, Ties, Nylons, Socks, Underwear and Purses. **Tie shoes together with a rubber band, so they stay a happy couple. We repurpose single socks and tattered clothing into rags for insulation.**

Books: Hardback and Paperback Books, Magazines, Records, Tapes, CDs, Videos, DVDs, and Computer Software.

Hard Goods: Pots, Pans, Utensils, China Cups, Vases, Dishes, Cutlery, Glassware, Silverware, Stemware, Small Electrical Toasters, Radio, Power Tools, Irons, Blenders, Mixers, Stereos, CD Players, Speakers. **Please ensure the electronic items you're donating are in working condition.**



**2017
Mission
Trip**



GREEN LAKE, WISCONSIN WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE

The World Mission Conference at our national ABC conference center will be July 4-7 (Wednesday through Saturday). We stay in our beautiful First Baptist Lodge, the Wilson-Penniston Lodge, for free. We have funds set aside in the 2018 budget to help with conference registration costs for anyone who requests it. We will carpool, perhaps using the church bus if we have enough people going. The only out-of-pocket expense is for groceries we purchase and the food we prepare at the lodge. So it is remarkably inexpensive and you will meet ABC missionaries from around the world and address such key issues as global trafficking, immigration, evangelism, and justice-seeking. Contact any member of the Mission Board if you are interested in attending: Jan Jones, Diana Parker, Paul Sienkiewicz, Margo Humenczuk.

February Financial Update

For giving from our members and friends to date this year, we have given \$24,578.

That compares with \$23,350 in 2017. \$25,131 in 2016. and \$18,066 in 2015.

In terms of our pledges, we are behind \$4,825 so far this year.

Our total income for the year is \$38,240 and our endowment draw was \$24,000 or total income of \$63,240. Our total expenses to date were: \$66,151, or we are behind \$2,035 for the year. If we all paid our pledges up to date, we would have a positive balance of over \$2800.



FYI

ABWM

We meet April 14, 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Our program is "Refugees At Our Door" given by Jan Jones. The congregation is invited to join the women of our church as several DREAMER young adults come to speak to us in the Fireside Room. The DREAMERS are young people brought into the United States as children and who are in danger of losing their immigration rights. Legislation is pending in Congress regarding their status.. We invite you to join us. If you have any questions please call

- Sue Hansen President, 816-942-1334

Food Pantry Needs for April any Boxed Food item. Drop off delivery date will be Monday April 9 due to Easter Sunday.

Red Bridge Food Pantry

April 20 Friday, 1:30 – 3:30 pm Sacking Day for the Red Bridge Food Pantry in our Fellowship Hall. We will fill the sacks for families in need in our wider community. Please speak with Dixie Kelly or Sue Hansen if you can help.

April 21 Saturday, 9:00 – 11:00 am Pick Up day. If you know of a family in need of food assistance, contact our food pantry leaders. Dixie or Sue. Or have them call 913-313-0250

2018 Palm Sunday



FYI



Board of Deacons would like to remind you the **first Sunday** of the month is Communion Sunday. Please consider the Deacon fund, when giving. This fund is used to help people in need.



Order Fair Trade Coffee, Chocolate & Cocoa!

Talk to **Ken Fast** to purchase and Help those who are trying to Help themselves!



BIBLE STUDY – TUESDAY MORNINGS, 10 – 11 AM

Dr. Jones is leading the group in studying the book of I John

All are welcome to attend!

America For Christ Offering

Total given \$2,245



Bethel Neighborhood Center's 107th Birthday Party

Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 pm at First Baptist Church KCK

Donation requested of at least \$20 to help Bethel Children get back into their remodeled/expanded building! (If enough have interest, we can go by our church bus)

Defibrillator Training

BE WATCHING for the announcement of a 5-hour training for our new Defibrillator given to our church by Gay and John Barton. The Defibrillator will be kept on the bottom shelf of the Welcome Center in the Commons, readily available when a medical emergency arises. The training should occur one Saturday in April open to any interested person.



**FBC
Outing**

Royals Vs White Sox

April 26, 7:15 pm Tickets \$27

at 3rd base ground level, 20 tickets

Available, golf cart service to seat area

(15 people fit on Bus) **Sign up on the green sheet**

- ♥ **Sunday April 15, at noon**, Church Executive Council Dinner Meeting.
- ♥ **Sunday April 22, 9:30 a.m.** Wilson Scholarship Committee meeting, in the Fireside Room
- ♥ **Monday, April 23, 6 p.m.** Finance Board meeting, in the Fireside Room
- ♥ **Sunday April 29, at noon** Trustee Meeting, Sunday in the Fireside Room



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TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Birthdays of the Month

Palm Sunday Baptism
Jack & Amelie Clingan
Matt & Jill Clingan, parents
Dezo Desauguste, Pastor

Bill Gillen	06
Teresa Brummit (Dunn)	07
Stevie Clark	07
Lyn Barbee	07
Eddie Murray	10
Jack Bales	12
Regina Moore	13
Carlos Hopkins	14
Daichi Tadokoro	14
McKenzie Levy	17
Suanna Counts	19
Sallie Smith	19
Linda Bolden	19
Martha Jean Brown	20
Georgia Buchanan	20
Roberta Stevenson	24
Freddie Harper	26

