



Beloved Community of First Baptist Kansas City, MO

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Around & About - JULY 2026

Pastors
Rev. Dr. Dezo Schreiner
Dr. Megan Bedford-Strohm

What Is God Placing on Your Heart?

Recently, as I was driving into the office, I noticed someone trimming the bushes around the church building in the heat. As I got closer, I realized it was one of our church members.

He happened to have a day off and had called the church to ask if there was anything he could do to help. That was what the Lord had placed on his heart that day. How beautiful is that? It is encouraging to see members offering their time, gifts, and energy even before anyone asks. It reminds us that God is still moving among us, quietly stirring hearts and inspiring acts of love.

There is a lot to do around the church building, and no one person can do it all. But I can already see the difference faithful hands and generous hearts are making.

Many of you may remember what the Quiet Room used to look like. The carpet had been damaged by water from the steeple, and over time the room had developed mold. After I shared the need with a church member who is no longer able to attend in person, the Lord moved that person to sponsor the project. Today, the room is beautiful, clean, and welcoming. The carpet has been replaced, new furniture has been added, and it is now a peaceful place for rest and a safe, comfortable space for our children. If you have not seen it yet, I invite you to stop by.

About a month ago, another member heard of someone who had a few hours of community service to give and welcomed his help with painting around the church. He painted the curb at the East entrance and the north wall near the blue canopy, an area that had not been painted in a long time. His time and labor made a real difference.

If you have ever used the church pantry or kitchen area, you may know that things had become difficult to manage and organize. But a few months ago, a member offered to help reorganize those spaces. Slowly but surely, dishes are being washed and stored properly. Tablecloths and kitchen items are being cleaned, wrapped, and placed where they belong. It is becoming easier to know what we have, what we need, and where everything goes. It feels like a breath of fresh air.

I could share many more stories like these. The Lord is moving among us. People are listening, responding, and taking action in quiet but meaningful ways.

So my encouragement to all of us is to ask "what might God be placing on my heart?"

For some, it may be volunteering a few hours. For others, it may be sponsoring a project. Perhaps you cannot do the physical work yourself, but you could help pay for a contractor, purchase needed supplies, or support a ministry area that needs attention.

I do not know what your heart may be telling you. But if you sense God inviting you to help, please talk with us. There are many ways to bless our Beloved Community, even from afar.

As 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us that God places gifts in each person's heart so we can serve one another and care for the community entrusted to us.

Thank you for helping care for the church God has entrusted to us.

(See page 2 for pictures of before and after)

Pastor Dezo Schriener

Renovations

The remodel of our Infant Quiet Room has been completed!



Before



After



Before



After



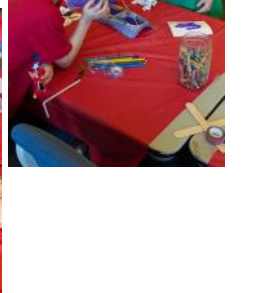
Before



After

Punkin Patch has a nice fresh yellow curb now. Thank You!

Photos from Art Night



Announcements



Are you interested in volunteering for our wedding committee? Let our church office know!

* The Transforming Congregation Team is taking a break for the summer. We will notify you of the next meetings.



Continue to be in prayer during this discernment process. God is at work in our midst.



Do you like to garden?

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Rose Garden.



Be on the lookout for our 2026 Fall Jazz Vespers Performances



WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

TWO PROJECTS. BIG IMPACT.



BIGGER SINK for the Fireside Room

A larger sink will help us serve our many meals, gatherings and events with ease.



INTERESTED?

Please reach out to the church office.



LANDSCAPING Improvements

We're looking for someone to sponsor landscaping by paying and/or hiring a company. The work needed is too extensive for an individual.



Thank you ♥

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
AND SUPPORT!



Dear FBC Church Family,

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your incredible love and support. We are so grateful for everything you did to prepare and be a part of for our wedding, making it such a beautiful and memorable day. Your kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness mean more to us than words can express.

Thank you for always supporting my daughter and me, and for welcoming us as part of your church family. We have truly felt loved, accepted, and cared for, and that is a gift we will always treasure.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Rose-Daline & Steve Stuart



MORE²

We often mention MORE2 (Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity) at The Beloved Community. Yet perhaps some of us are unaware of the scope and importance of the work being done and why we are a Member Congregation.

MORE2 has seven active task forces at work in the KC Metro area. Education, Criminal Justice, Our Voices (for those formerly incarcerated), a Youth Leadership Program, and an Environmental Justice Task Force.

Currently, volunteers of MORE2 are hard at work collecting signatures for a campaign to require the city of Kansas City to properly distribute taxes collected from online purchases to the areas originally designated by the citizens of Kansas City. Those funds are being collected in a general fund and are not being used properly. The revenue should be going to Capital Improvements, Parks & Recreation (eg, Bush Creek), Public Mass Transit, KCATA (Buses), Public Safety, Fire Department, Fire Capital Improvements, and Central City Economic Development. The initiative to get a law on the ballot this fall to ensure that this oversight is corrected. If you are registered to vote in Kansas City and have not had a chance to sign the petition, let Rev. Toni know so she can help you with that.

If you are interested in participating in MORE2, reach out to Rev. Dezo or Rev. Toni.

More information can be found at [MORE2.org](https://more2.org)

– Rev. Toni Page, Executive Board Member

ALL ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST PEOPLE

WE PRAY FOR...

- For continued healing for Bo Bedford-Strohm who is now home and for the whole family as they heal emotionally from this traumatic experience.
- Bob Holloway gaining strength at home.
- Melba McIntosh for strength. We give thanks for the healing that is taking place in her son's life.
- Vonda Breedlove is struggling with pain.
- Sue and Dennis Fugitt. Their daughter Megan, who is only 42, is going through chemo for pancreatic cancer.
- Geneva Abel dealing with health issues.
- Kerry Triplett and his family.
- Lynette Adkins and her family. For her niece Shianne.
- Valerie Carroll, daughter of Bill and Christine Rinck, and their granddaughter, Mary Ann, who is courageously facing health issues in Ireland.
- Dixie and Jim Kelly.
- Susan Smith is receiving good care at home. Pray for her and for Sallie's health.
- Toni Page's mother dealing with health issues.
- Tom Ott, Jay Manda's father-in-law.
- Daylin, Dalie Rodriguez Ortet and Noah.
- Breeze's Dad, who is dealing with blood clots in his lung.
- Sue Hansen at Brookdale Care Center in the memory care unit



WE GIVE THANKS TO ...

- To the member who sponsored the renovation of the Quiet Room.
- To the member who trimmed the bushes in the church yard.
- To the member cleaning and organizing the church pantry.

WE SHARE OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER FOR...

Sue Hansen at Brookdale (in memory Care)—Nancy Bundy (Fighting Cancer) — Leonard Barbee — The Dawdys, Avery & Gregory Family — Rodie (Pat Hester's Friends) — Mia Gunter (Care-Giver for Evelyn Brooks) — Evelyn Brooks (Suffering from severe memory issues) — Tim Link — Vonda Breedlove — The Chandler Family — Justin Prigel (In the Military) — Samuel Okwo (US National Guard)

Spotlight on Jim Kelly

Jim grew up in Kansas City with his brothers, attending Westport High School, and has deep roots in the community. He remembers living in a neighborhood where school, church, and home were all close by, shaping many of his early memories and connections.



One of Jim's favorite stories is how he met his wife, Dixie. Their story began at Plaza Bowl, where he first noticed her bowling. After seeing her a few times, he started going early just so he could watch her bowl. Eventually, they began talking, and as Jim says, "the rest is history." Bowling has been part of his life since he was about 13 years old, when he would bowl with his parents, aunt, and uncle. He remembers when bowling cost only a quarter a game, a memory that still brings a smile.

Jim spent much of his working life in the grocery business. He started while still in high school and continued in that field for more than 30 years. Through the years, he experienced the hard work, relationships, and changes that came with the business. His commitment to steady work and providing for his family has been an important part of his life story.

Jim has also served faithfully through the church, especially through the food pantry and food ministry. He remembers helping pick up food for the church alongside other members, giving his time and energy so that others in the community could be fed and cared for. His service reflects a quiet but meaningful commitment to helping people in practical ways.

On a perfect day, Jim would likely spend time working on puzzles. Puzzles are one of his favorite pastimes, along with listening to country western music and enjoying his collection of records. He collects puzzles. He is someone who finds joy in simple routines, staying active around the house, and appreciating the ordinary gifts of life.

Jim's hopes for the church are rooted in faithfulness and generosity. He and his wife have talked about ways they want to continue supporting the church in the future, helping sustain its ministry for generations to come. Their desire is to bless the church that has blessed them and to help make sure its work continues.

Jim's life is marked by family, hard work, service, humor, and quiet generosity. We give thanks for his story and for the many ways he has been a blessing to the church and community.

Invitation to join our Mission Trip 2027

Many have asked for more information on the trip so we'll be presenting a little more information each month! We need to take a delegation of ten people and have about 5 confirmed team members with some still thinking about it.

We will depart KCI about 6 am Friday May 7, 2027 and fly to Managua with a plane change in Houston. We will be met by our friends from AMOS (A mission of sharing hope and health) and go to the lovely AMOS campus and guest house. We'll meet the Nicaraguan team that will accompany us to the rural community and start our training.

Saturday we will learn all we need to know to make water filters from plastic buckets, spigots, and other components, then do some hands on work preparing the materials so we're ready to install water filters and teach families to use them. We'll learn a bit about Nicaragua, it's culture and customs.

Sunday, we leave for the rural community where we'll serve and will be greeted by the community at a welcome ceremony. We'll stay in a church, school or house in the community, men in one location and women in another. There're no running water and showers are a bucket of water. The restroom is a latrine. The AMOS staff cook for us all 3 meals a day and we've all stayed healthy each trip! Each evening we have devotions with the entire team.

Monday-Thursday we'll deliver water filters, do vacation Bible school with the kids, possibly help in a clinic, teach healthy cooking or basic nutrition.

Friday we'll pack up and return to Managua for a debriefing with the AMOS staff. At the guest house we'll have welcome (cold) showers and running water with flush toilets.

Saturday we'll see a different part of Nicaragua, tour a bit, shop, and have a meal at a local restaurant. This helps to support the local economy and gives us a better appreciation for the urban areas of Nicaragua.

Then Sunday May 16, 2027, we'll fly home and arrive at KCI about 10 pm.



It's a bit rugged at times, but the people of Nicaragua are so appreciative that we've come all that way to help them have safe drinking water so they can keep their family healthy. Local trained water promoters will follow up with the families and be sure the filters are working correctly and that they have replacement parts when needed. In communities without AMOS support diarrhea is a common cause of death in childhood.



The Mission Board: Diana, Jill and Margo



Financials

JUNE OFFERING

Our Love Offering to the World

One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING

Our special offering for June is the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) that supports emergency relief, funds for development projects and ministries to displaced persons with a focus on displaced persons, immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers and migrants both in the US and around the world. OGHS, in collaboration with our international partners, shows up all over the world delivering your love offering in practical and life-changing ways. Rebuilding lives and entire communities with God's love.

Thus far, we have given: \$1,300.00

JULY Offering



Our July special offering will support the **STEP Africa - Children of Peace Student Tuition Program**, a global American Baptist ministry that helps vulnerable children in Zimbabwe attend school by providing tuition, books, uniforms, and classroom supplies.

The program is led by global servants Lance & Chrissy Muteyo. Through local partnerships, they support rural children while helping families become more self-sufficient through chicken, goat, and fruit tree projects.

Please consider supporting this ministry to help children in Zimbabwe receive an education regardless of their financial circumstances.

Please give generously!

DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE/BUSINESS
WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO
Sponsor US TO GET A
NEW PLAYGROUND?

Our playground brings joy, learning, and play to so many children in our care. We're looking for a generous sponsor to help make a brand new playground a reality for our kids!

YOUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT!

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A BETTER PLACE TO PLAY!

Help **support**
our church!

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You can give in the way that works best for you.

- BY MAIL**
Mail your gift to:
First Baptist Church
of Kansas City, Missouri
(address on mailing label)
- OFFERTORY PLATE**
Place your offering in the offertory plate during service.
- ONLINE**
Visit our website or scan the QR code to give online.

Scan to Give Online

WE ACCEPT CASH, CHECK AND CARDS ONLINE.
Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Worship Schedule

—In-person in the Sanctuary and LIVE on Facebook & YouTube at 10:50 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. on our website—

The Beloved Community of FBC KCMO

UPCOMING WORSHIP THEMES: 2026 PREACHING SCHEDULE **ISAIAH: HOPE FOR A BROKEN WORLD - A SUMMER SERIES**

- + **Sunday, July 5th — 10:50am**
“A People in Need of Healing,” based on Isaiah 1:1-20.
Pastor Dezo, preaching. Communion Sunday.
- + **Sunday, July 12th — 10:50am**
“Hope Is Coming,” based on Isaiah 9:2-7.
Pastor Dezo preaching.
- + **Sunday, July 19th — 10:50am**
“When Nations Forget God,” based on Isaiah 14:24-27.
Pastor Dezo, preaching.
- + **Sunday, July 26th — 10:50am**
Pastor Megan, preaching.
- + **Sunday, August 2nd — 10:50am**
“Called by Name,” based on Isaiah 43:1-7.
Pastor Dezo, preaching. Communion Sunday.



Let us know!
We would like to include it
in our service.

You're Invited!

JOURNEYS CLASS

— ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASS —

Faith. Community. Growth.

A photograph of four people (three women and one man) sitting around a table, smiling and engaged in conversation. A framed sign on the wall behind them reads "Walk with Christ" with a cross symbol.

9:30 AM
ON SUNDAYS

USING THE
JOURNEYS
CURRICULUM

IN THE
CROSS
GENERATIONS
CLASSROOM

EVERYONE
IS WELCOME!

Lively and engaging conversations each week!

Join us! Let's grow together
in faith and friendship.

🎵 FBC Music 🎵

WE ARE STILL
actively
LOOKING
FOR AN
**ORGANIST/
MUSIC DIRECTOR**
for our church.



PLEASE SEND ANYONE YOU
KNOW OUR WAY



OR CONTACT
THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Thank you. ♥



Church Calendar



- July 3rd — Friday, FBC Offices Closed in observance of Independence Day
- July 4th — Saturday, Happy Independence Day!
- **July 5th** — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class
(Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **July 5th** — **“A People in Need of Healing,” based on Isaiah 1:1-20.**
Pastor Dezo, preaching. Communion Sunday.
- July 6th — Monday, 1:15-3:00 p.m. Food Pantry Restock Day
- July 7th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study
(via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- **July 12th** — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class
(Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **July 12th** — **“Hope Is Coming,” based on Isaiah 9:2-7.**
Pastor Dezo, preaching.
- July 14th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study
(via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- July 15th — Wednesday, Food Pantry Client Deadline
- July 16th — Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Art Night for Children + Families
- July 17th — Friday, 1:15 p.m. Fill Client Food Pantry Orders
- July 18th — Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Clients Pick Up Food Pantry Orders
- **July 19th** — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class
(Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **July 19th** — **“When Nations Forget God,” based on Isaiah 14:24-27**
Pastor Dezo, preaching.
- July 21st — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study
(via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- **July 26th** — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class
(Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **July 26th** — **Pastor Megan, preaching.**
- July 28th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study
(via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- **August 2nd** — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class
(Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **August 2nd** — **“Called By Name,” based on Isaiah 43:1-7.**
Pastor Dezo, preaching. Communion Sunday.

There's still time to order a black baseball cap featuring our church logo!

Hats are **\$8 each**, and payment may be made by **cash, check, or online through our website.**

If you'd like to order one, please let us know!



TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION



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Place
Stamp
Here



July Birthdays

Sandi Leonard	01
Kathie Manda	02
Chiara Bedford-Strohm	03
Marie & David Humenczuk	04
David Page	13
Winston Frazier	14
Amelie Clingan	22
Irene Minor	22
Musse Befekadu	23



**TUESDAY MORNING, 10AM CONGREGATIONAL
CHECK-IN AND BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ISAIAH
JOIN US!
(TAUGHT BY PASTOR DEZO)**

Method 1 – Video and Audio by Smartphone/Tablet/PC

1. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/555892911?pwd=SFNmQUlvT0tRaHlDaVYrN3I5bzJVQT09>
2. Meeting ID: 555 892 911
3. Password: 1

Method 2 – Audio ONLY

1. Call 312.626.6799 US (Chicago)
2. Meeting ID: 555 892 911
3. Password: 1

Website: www.belovedkc.org/

TO WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICE LIVE AT 10:50AM ON FACEBOOK GO TO:
www.facebook.com/fbckc/

TO WATCH IT ON YOUTUBE GO TO:
www.youtube.com/@BelovedCommunityKC

TO WATCH IT ON THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE GO TO:
www.belovedkc.org/watch
(The services will be posted on our website at 1:00PM)