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Around & About - NOVEMBER 2024

A Sign of Hope and A Call to Action

This is my second week back to work, and it feels so good to be back. I look forward to reconnecting with each of you over the coming weeks. I want to begin this article by thanking all of you for your prayers, care, and support throughout this pregnancy. During the ten weeks I spent in the hospital, as I awaited the birth of Flora and Grace, your prayers and support kept me going. I am thankful to serve such a caring and loving church. I would especially like to affirm your intentional care that you showed to me and that you consistently show each other and those in our communities.

In reflection on my last few months, I feel strongly that the birth of a child (or children) is one of the most profound and awe-inspiring experiences in life. Whether it is a family welcoming a new baby through childbirth or adoption, it is such a profound experience to see this young life welcomed into the world. Five weeks ago, I gave birth to our twin girls, Flora and Grace. The weeks and months leading up to their birth were full of uncertainties and fears. Due to the twins being mono-mono, which is the rarest identical twins, our doctors shared the risks related to their umbilical cords not being protected by separate sacs, and thus they could become tangled and cause harm to one or both babies. No matter how much I tried to stay calm and hopeful, the fear was always there. Yet, once they were born, all the fear disappeared. Seeing their little faces brought me so much joy and hope. Birth reminds us that even in the darkest times, new beginnings await. Birth is the beginning of new possibilities, a fresh start, and an unmistakable sign of hope.

Their birth also reminds me of the responsibility and obligation we have to create an environment relevant to our children. With birth comes an inherent responsibility to nurture, protect, and empower the life that has just begun. The sense of responsibility accompanying new life ignites hope for a better world but also calls us to action. To safeguard the future of each new generation, we must commit to building safe, equitable, and sustainable communities.

As we witness new births, we are reminded of our duty to care not just for our household but also for the planet, to pursue justice, and to foster compassion. Birth is an opportunity to make the world a place that upholds the values of love, respect, and kindness. It is a reminder to prioritize the well-being of others, to take care of ourselves and our surroundings, and to strive for continuous improvement, ensuring that the seeds of hope we plant today will grow into the pillars of tomorrow.

In closing, birth is more than just the arrival of new life, it is the embodiment of hope, renewal, and our future. May we feel encouraged to do our part to prepare the best future environment in our church and in our community for this next generation.

Pastor Dezo Schreiner

Building Updates

The steeple has now been repainted and wood rot removed and replaced with a composite material that will not rot. The bid was considerably lower than we had anticipated, and we are now asking the painting contractor for a bid to paint all of the front of the sanctuary entrance plus the choir door.



We have downsized our church library collection considerably and now we need to organize the remaining books for easy access. Could you join us on Monday, Nov. 25, for a library workday from 9:00 – 11:00 am



THE DEACONS ARE MEETING FOR A LUNCHEON MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOV. 3 AFTER WORSHIP.



Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 24th at 12:10 pm in the Fireside Room.

* Sign up to bring a side on the [Green Sheet!](#)

The Kitchen in the Fireside Room has now been completed and installed and we celebrate the expanded use of the Fireside Room for hospitality purposes. We will have our annual Advent Family dinner likely on Sunday, Dec. 15 -- all in the Fireside Room! This came from Memorial Funds mostly from Sherry and Jerry Mustapha.



We have an adult Sunday Morning class, the Journeys Class, meeting weekly at 9:30 am using the Journeys curriculum. Meets in the Cross-Generations Classroom, 9:30 am Sundays. **Everyone is welcome!!**



NEED VIDEO/SOUND/STREAMING VOLUNTEERS!

We still need more volunteers to serve in the sound balcony on Sunday mornings. Talk with Bill Humenczuk or Matt Clingan.

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY –



Beginning in November, Christine Garner, a long-time member of our church will begin working with our 3, 4, 5 and K children on Sunday mornings, and Daline Desauguste will continue working with our infants and toddlers. We thank Jonas Bedford-Strohm and Laurie Tourtellot for serving our children in the interim.



100 minutes of popular, professional jazz in a concert setting.

Join us in our sanctuary for some of the best jazz that Kansas City has to offer. It's FREE and all are welcome!

CHARLES WILLIAMS AND BAND

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
6-8 PM



KC Jazz Vespers
time is back at
6pm!

2024 FALL JAZZ VESPERS
PERFORMANCES
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 6-8PM
CHARLES WILLIAMS AND BAND

Join us for this exciting season of KC JAZZ. Help us by volunteering to greet and pass out bulletins, bring cookies, host the reception, take the offering!
Sign up on the [Green Sheet](#)

ALL ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST PEOPLE

WE PRAY FOR...

- Steve McBride who has begun his second regimen of chemo treatments for cancer. We pray for his full recovery. Steve's wife, Ginny, has also been diagnosed with cancer and has surgery scheduled for late November.
- Valerie Carroll, daughter of Bill and Christine Rinck, and Mary Ann, granddaughter, courageously facing health issues in Ireland.
- Sue Hansen at Brookdale Care Center in the memory care unit on Lahser Road.
- Debbie Ebright experiencing back pain
- Please pray for someone struggling with dementia.
- Leonard and Lynn Barbee request prayers
- Dixie Kelly is making a strong recovery and increased mobility!
- Susan Smith is receiving good care now at home. Pray for her and for Sally who is coordinating her care.
- John Hopkins passed on to eternal life on Sunday Morning, October 27th following a massive stroke on Saturday. His memorial service will be held at our church on a date TBD.
- Becky Boden has now returned to her home at Princeton Place following hospitalization and rehab.
- Lynette Adkins' great granddaughter remains at St. Luke's Plaza Hospital.
- Pat Betteridge is home but struggling with vision and back pain
- Sophia Crosby, daughter of Dwight Crosby and Janelle Jones, has been hospitalized over the past week due to upper respiratory infection. She is home now.
- Patty Vann is building a new home in Holden, KS and plans to relocate this Fall to live in the same community as her daughter, Joy.
- Eyvonne Walker is living with her mother to provide her with care while she is convalescing.
- Eloise Mills, a former member of our church, but in recent years a member of Grace Baptist. Died on October 18th at the age of 95.



WE REJOICE WITH...

- Karen Foster who is now with a new doctor and has found some relief from ongoing pain.
- Pastor Dezo has returned from maternity leave on Sunday, October 20. We rejoice over the births of Grace and Flora!
- Dennis Fugitt has now retired! Congratulations!
- Christine Garner is now employed at America's Best Eye Care on State Line Road
- Those who went on the Day Trip to the George Washington Carver Monument and Museum on Oct. 11: Janice Greene, Laurie Tourtellot, Melba McIntosh, Lynette Adkins and her sister, Susie and Linda Bolen, Bill Humenczuk and Stephen Jones.
- Rev. Shane Kinniston, the new pastor of our daughter church, Grace Baptist Church in north KC. Pastor Steve will join Grace for his installation on Sunday, Nov. 3, but will return midway to our service.

WE SHARE OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER FOR...

Geraldine Raines — Nancy Bundy (Fighting Cancer) — Leonard Barbee — Cosette Kelly (Vision Issues) — Dixie Kelly — Susan Smith — Patty Vann — John & Donna Hopkins — Becky Boden — Pat Betteridge — Valerie Carroll (Daughter of Bill & Chris Rinck) — Justin Prigel (Military in Italy)



NICARAGUAN MISSION TRIP, NOVEMBER 8-17.

Our team is meeting on Sunday, Nov. 3 for a luncheon meeting. Please keep this team in prayer and the people who live in San Jose' de las Mulas, where we intend to install home water filters, work on nutrition and health projects, and offer Vacation Bible school to the children.

Members of the team are:

Pastor Steve Jones, Kerry Triplett, Kathie Manda, Laurie Tourtellot, Lia Norman, Sarah Doyle, Margo Humenczuk, Diana Parker, and Joyce Parker

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign

"WHEN WE GIVE - WE FLOURISH!"

Psalm 92:12-13

Our Stewardship Sunday will be on November 24. We urge you to consider your giving to the Beloved Community of First Baptist Church in 2025. Pledge and Estimate Cards will be sent out the week before along with a packet of interpretation.

FOOD PANTRY

RED BRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

ACTIVITY DATES

Monday, November 4th — 1:15-3:00 p.m. — Restocking Day
(Volunteers Needed!)

Wednesday, November 13th, 6PM — **Deadline for clients call Food Pantry Phone Line.** If you know of a family in need of food assistance, have them call the Food Pantry Line (**816-908-7800**) **anytime BEFORE 6 p.m. on Wed., November 13th.** They will need to provide the requested information and a phone number. They will then receive a return call which must be answered before their request for food can be processed.

Friday, November 15th — 1:15-3:15 p.m. — **Fill Food Pantry Orders**

Saturday, November 16th — 9:00-11:00 a.m. — **Clients Pick Up Orders**

⇒ Potential clients who live in our south Kansas City area can be referred to call:

816-908-7800

Red Bridge Food Pantry NEEDS — November 2024:

- ⇒ Jelly
- ⇒ Dish Soap
- ⇒ Oatmeal (both instant & regular)
- ⇒ Cereal
- ⇒ Canned: Peas, Mixed Vegetable, Carrots, Mushrooms, Beets, Fruits (no applesauce), Soup, Chicken (small & large), Pasta, Chili, Stews, Sloppy Joes
- ⇒ Instant Mashed Potatoes
- ⇒ Pasta Sauce
- ⇒ Boxed Meals (Hamburger Helper type)
- ⇒ Vegetable Oil
- ⇒ Men's Deodorant
- ⇒ Facial Tissues
- ⇒ Laundry Detergent (small bottles)

Contact Tarah Kruger with any questions at
tarahkruger@sbcglobal.net

In October, we helped a total of 56 people in 19 families!!

Financials

OCTOBER OFFERING



American Baptists have long been known by the effectiveness of our overseas mission overseas and around the world. We have been directly connected to our global mission workers in Zimbabwe, in Mexico, in Nicaragua, but there are effective missionaries serving around the world. All our gifts go 100% in support of these ministries! World Mission Offering Envelopes are in the pews and you can give on-line designated to WMO.

We have given: \$1,525.00

NOVEMBER OFFERING

In November, we will receive the Deacon Fellowship Fund Communion Offering which allows our church to help members and friends of our church going through a crisis or transition.

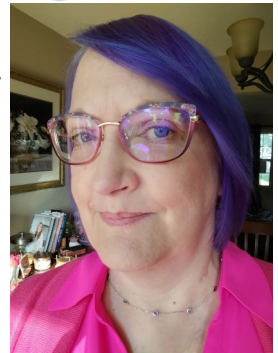


Please give generously!

Spotlight on Rev. Toni Page

I have been at FBC since the summer of 2021. After COVID hit and during seminary, my husband and I found ourselves uncomfortable and unwelcome at our previous church. My theology had changed significantly from theirs, and their response to COVID was disheartening. We found ourselves spiritually homeless. We are so thankful to have found FBC, KCMO. We have been so graciously received.

I am the oldest of three girls. My mother, my dad, and I are all left-handed. When I was younger, we liked to tent camp a lot. After moving to Arizona, we didn't camp much. I was born with a heart defect. However, I did well and did not require much maintenance. However, when I had my daughter, Rex, I went into congestive heart failure. I was in this condition for 7 years. Then, in 1996, I contracted whooping cough. This caused my heart to begin failing in earnest. I needed a heart transplant. On October 7th, 1997, I got my donated heart. I have a few bumps along the way. I have a pacemaker, and I've had to have a valve replaced. Otherwise, I've been doing great!



I met my husband, David, in Arizona. We have lived in California, Colorado, Minnesota (for my heart transplant), Iowa, Arizona, and Missouri. I have had several home multi-level marketing businesses. Mary Kay was my most successful, but I never earned a car. I am a lifelong Vikings fan, but I love the Chiefs. The Chiefs are my secondary team.

I spent many years working as a church Synagogue secretary. My recent chaplain residency was my first full-time job since before Rex was born.

If I had a whole day to myself and if the budget was unlimited, I would go shopping, see a movie, and eat lunch and dinner out. I love science fiction books, movies, and TV shows. It's no secret that David and I are Star Trek fans. I've watched every Star Trek movie and show created except for the cartoons. I collect shot glasses. I love the smell of books.

My favorite classes at seminary were Theology and Biblical Interpretation. I like philosophy.

I am an Enneagram Nine and dislike conflict. I practice avoidance as much as possible.

I love horseback riding. I have also done beading, created T-shirts, and made jewelry out of old, discarded pieces. I did several kinds of handicrafts when I was raising my daughter ex on Disability.

I am a big fan of David Gilmore of Pink Floyd. I also love classical music, Blues, Classic Rock, and Way Too Famous! Guilty pleasure? Some heavy metal rock.

Aside from quotes from Star Trek. Some of my favorites are: "What does the Lord require of me? To do justice, love mercy as a way of walking with God from a place of humility." Micah 6:8. "For God alone, my soul waits in silence." Psalm 62:50. And "We are all born mad. Some of us remain so." - Samuel Beckett, *Waiting for Godot*.

My main hobby now is reading. I am reading the series on which the Netflix show *Three-Body Problem* is based. I also love to cook. I am learning the practice of meditation.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP THEMES: "WHO IS THE GREATEST?"

Rev. Dezo Schreiner & Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Jones, preaching
Mark 9:33-37. (Mt. 18:1-5; Lk 9:46-48)

+ Sunday, November 3rd — 10:50am:

"He Has Done All Things Well", Mark 7:31-37

Pastor Steve, preaching. Communion Sunday

We will commission our Nicaraguan Mission Team.

They depart early on Friday morning, Nov. 8.

+ Sunday, November 10th — 10:50am:

"Be Still And Know I am God", based on Psalm 46

Pastor Dezo, preaching.

+ Sunday, November 17th — 10:50am:

"Thankful For God's Goodness", 1 Chronicles 16:34

Pastor Dezo, preaching.

+ Sunday, November 24th — 10:50am:

"When We Give, We Flourish!", Psalms 92:12-13

Pastor Steve, preaching.

Thanksgiving Sunday, and our Annual Stewardship Campaign Sunday.

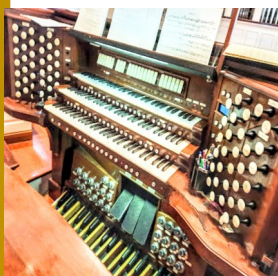
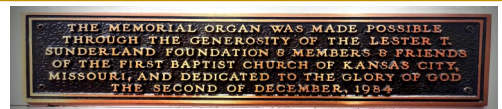
"The generous of heart flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They flourish in the courts of our God."

Lance and Chrissy Mateyo contacted us to let us know that they have safely returned to Zimbabwe. They sent greetings to everyone and gratitude for donating to support their ministry.



🎵 FBC Music 🎵 -- Eyvonne Walker

Greetings friends of the Beloved Community of FBC! I hope you had the chance to mark your calendars to be present to join in on our "FBC ORGAN OPEN HOUSE", which will be on **Saturday, Nov. 23rd from 1-5pm in the afternoon**. Our FBC Music Ministries



want to celebrate the 40th year of service of our church organ! I've invited several areas Organists who will join us in this celebration, to give our fine instrument the opportunity to be seen and heard in its full glory. Please look for our ad/community invitation in the Martin City Telegraph this month and be sure to invite your family & friends in your inner circles to come to celebrate with us! We're going to have a good ol'-fashioned "hymn sing" as well, so bring your voices along with you!

Special guests will include David Cool, the son of Frederick Cool who was the owner of "Temple Organs" of St. Joseph, MO who designed and built our for FBC-KCMO, Dr. Ann Marie Rigler, Franklin Coleman, Helen Hofmeister, John Murray, Dale Rider, Dr. Rosi Penner Kaufman and Dr. William McCandless are among the Organists who have been invited to join us in this celebration.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23, 2024 Afternoon

- Further details TBD -

Four Hours for 40 years of Service @FBC

Church Calendar

- **November 3rd** — Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal - All are Welcome! (Contact: David Page)
- **November 3rd** — “**He Has Done All Things Well**”; **Pastor Steve, preaching**
- **November 3rd** — Sunday, at 12:10 p.m. Deacon’s Luncheon
- November 4th — Monday, 1:15 p.m. Restock Pantry with Donations
- November 5th — Election Day! FBC Offices Closed
- November 5th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 6th — Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. Music Skill Builders (Contact: Eyvonne 816-289-4793)
- November 6th — Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers - Handbell Choir
- November 6th — Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. Chancel Singers
- **November 10th** — Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal - All are Welcome! (Contact: David Page)
- **November 10th** — “**Be Still And Know I am God**”; **Pastor Dezo, preaching**
- November 12th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 13th — Wednesday, Deadline to Request Food from the Food Pantry
- November 13th — Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. Music Skill Builders (Contact: Eyvonne 816-289-4793)
- November 13th — Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers - Handbell Choir
- November 13th — Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. Chancel Singers
- November 15th — Friday, 1:15 p.m. Fill Client Food Pantry Orders
- November 16th — Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Clients Pick Up Food Pantry Orders
- **November 17th** — Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal - All are Welcome! (Contact: David Page)
- **November 17th** — “**Thankful For God’s Goodness**”; **Pastor Dezo, preaching**
- November 19th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 20th — Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. Music Skill Builders (Contact: Eyvonne 816-289-4793)
- November 20th — Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- November 20th — Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. Chancel Singers
- **November 24th** — Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal - All are Welcome! (Contact: David Page)
- **November 24th** — “**When We Give, We Flourish!**”; **Pastor Steve, preaching**
- **November 24th** — **Stewardship Begins!**
- **November 24th** — Sunday, at 12:10 p.m. Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- **November 24th** — **6:00 p.m. KC Jazz Vespers Performance - Charles Williams and Band**
- November 25th — Monday, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Help Downsize Church Library
- November 26th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 27th — Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. Music Skill Builders (Contact: Eyvonne 816-289-4793)
- November 27th — Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- November 27th — Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. Chancel Singers
- November 28th — Happy Thanksgiving! FBC Offices Closed
- November 29th — FBC Offices Closed

Pastor Steve and Jan visited Carole Raines at her retirement community in Wilson, North Carolina. Carole sends our congregation her best wishes!





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TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION



Birthdays of the Month November Birthdays

Josue Aguilar	01
Mai Tadokoro	02
Rebecca Page	06
Stephanie Parham	06
Bob Holloway	06
Karen Mathis	06
Patricia Hallquist	15
Sandeep Ravi	15
Brad Law	16
Jim Kelly	25
Jan Jones	26



TUESDAY MORNING, 10AM CONGREGATIONAL CHECK-IN AND BIBLE STUDY ON MARK'S GOSPEL

WE ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO LISTEN ONLINE TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICES TO ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE TUESDAY ZOOM CALL. IT WOULD ADD A FACE-TO-FACE HOUR OF INTERACTION WITH OUR PASTORS. WE USE THE HOURS FOR PERSONAL CHECK-IN, PRAYER, AND BIBLE STUDY. JOIN US!
(TAUGHT BY PASTORS DEZO AND STEVE)

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

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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

**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME ENDS
FALL BACK**
Set Your Clocks Back One Hour
Sunday, November 3,
2024



Website: www.belovedcommunitykc.org

TO WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICE **LIVE** AT 10:50AM ON
FACEBOOK GO TO:

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TO WATCH IT ON THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE GO TO:

<http://fbckcmo.net/worship-services>

(The services will be posted on our website at 1:00PM)