



Beloved Community of First Baptist Kansas City, MO

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Around & About - NOVEMBER 2025

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Dezo Schreiner

The Family Name Matters

Growing up in Haiti, I often heard the phrase, “The family name matters.” It was not just about how we lived, but about how our name would be remembered. People spoke with pride about families known for generosity and involvement in the community.

That idea stayed with me, because names carry more than reputation, they carry belonging. They hold our stories, our values, and our sense of who we are.

When I think of our faith, our denomination, and this congregation, I am reminded that we are part of God’s family, children of God, called to carry that name with grace and love. Our church family is diverse, faithful, and welcoming. For 170 years, our congregation has carried God’s name well. As we look toward the *next 170*, the best way to honor that legacy is by caring for what God has entrusted to us.

As we begin our new stewardship sermon series, “*The Next 170: Living as Stewards–Leaving a Legacy*,” we do so with hearts filled with gratitude for God’s faithfulness and with hope for the future God is shaping among us. Every November, we pause to give thanks and remember how God has sustained our church through every challenge and change. It is also when we renew our commitment to support the ministry of our congregation for the year ahead trusting that the same God who has guided us in the past will continue to lead us forward.

This year, we face real challenges: rising costs and a shrinking endowment. Yet there’s good news, too. **Our daycare, Punkin Patch, is no longer in debt!** That’s something to celebrate and a clear sign of God’s faithfulness.

Every act of giving, every prayer, every hour of service adds up. Together, they tell the story of a family that does not give up when things get hard, but leans in, trusts God, and keeps going.

1 John 3:1–3 reminds us that we are God’s children. That’s our truest identity and the name we carry wherever we go. As God’s stewards, we have been entrusted with resources, a legacy of faith, and a mission to share Christ’s love.

For 170 years, those before us gave generously so that we might worship, learn, and serve together today. Now we are called to do the same, to be faithful stewards who care for what has been entrusted to us and to plant seeds for those who will follow. Our legacy is not only in the building we maintain or the ministries we sustain, but in the lives, we touch and the witness we share in the name of Christ.

Friends, I believe God is preparing our church for something big. Perhaps it begins right here, right now, with hearts that say yes to generosity, hands that serve with faithfulness, and a vision that dreams beyond today’s challenges.

Even in difficult times, gratitude opens our eyes to what God is doing and gives us courage to join in what God will do next.

As we prepare to make our financial pledges to support this church in 2026, let us also pledge to remain a family that keeps the faith, builds bridges across our diversity, and shines as a beacon of Christ’s love in our community.

My prayer and my hope for our beautiful congregation is that 170 years from now when future generations look back, may they say: “*They did not give up. They gave thanks. They believed. And through them, God did amazing things.*”

Pastor Dezo Schriener

Announcements

Join us on November 16th for our Stewardship Sunday Dinner 2026 Stewardship Campaign

“The Next 170: Living as Stewards-Leaving a Legacy”

Our Stewardship Sunday will be on November 16. We encourage you to consider your giving to the Beloved Community of First Baptist Church in 2026. Pledge and Estimate Cards will be sent out the week before along with a packet of interpretation.



We will be sponsoring a family at Bethel Neighborhood Center for Christmas again this year. We'll get

the list of suggested items the family needs soon, so watch the announcements and weekly updates for more specific information on the family and their needs. You can either purchase items on the wish list or provide funds via the offering (note Bethel Family) or by giving the money to Diana Parker or Margo Humenczuk.

Thanks for making Christmas special for a deserving family!

MORE
DETAILS
Coming Soon!

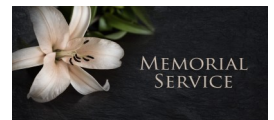


Living Nativity on Sunday, December 7th, 6-7PM

Don't forget we need many **volunteers** to assist with our producing the Living Nativity.

Please plan to participate. It is a good way to tell the story of the birth of our Savior to the wider community.

Lynne Mertel's Memorial Service will be on Saturday, November 15th at 2pm at the Beloved Community of First Baptist Church.



Sunday, November 23rd, Sanctuary Christmas Decorating, we are putting up the Christmas decorations after worship (**volunteers needed**)

Missions



The Beloved Community is planning a mission trip to Nicaragua sometime in 2027 and we're recruiting now!

*We take a delegation of 10 people for a 10 day trip every 2-3 years so it's time to start planning our 2027 trip now.

*Cost is usually about \$2,000 per person but don't let funding be a barrier as we will do some fundraising events and there may be some scholarship money available.



We spend the first two days in training at the AMOS compound in Managua then travel to a remote community for 5 days of work installing water filters to enable families to have clean water, conducting a vacation Bible school, and sometimes conducting health clinics to monitor growth and health of children in the community. The food is great, and safe, but there's no running water or indoor plumbing, so it's a bit of a "camp" type adventure. We do stay in a building, but it may not have glass or screens on the win-

dows. If you're up to the challenge and would like to really make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua, please let Margo Humenczuk or Pastor Dezo know and we'll be sure to include you in the planning and training sessions prior to the trip. No special skills required, just a willingness to serve.

Hope you'll be able to join us. If not, we'll keep everyone posted on our fundraising events and would love to have your support.

ALL ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST PEOPLE

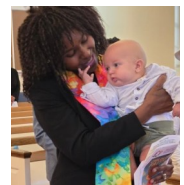
WE PRAY FOR...

- Jim and Dixie Kelly and her family. Dixie's brother-in-law, Al Madrid passed away on October 28th.
- A member healing from knee replacement surgery and making progress.
- Kerry Triplett's sister-in-law diagnose with breast cancer.
- Bill and Chris Rinck. Bill is experiencing a lot of pain and balance issues. Valerie Carroll, daughter of Bill and Christine Rinck, and Mary Ann, granddaughter, courageously facing health issues in Ireland.
- Rob Page, going through cancer treatment.
- Blake and Meghan Severson, friends of the Humenczuk. Meghan has been battling liver cancer, and we ask for your continued prayers for the family.
- Susan Smith, who is bedridden at home. Please also pray for Sallie's health as she cares for Susie. They really appreciate all the prayers and cards.
- Vonda Breedlove at home healing from a broken shoulder.
- Leonard and Lyn Barbee.
- Sue Hansen at Brookdale Care Center in the memory care unit.
- Pat Betteridge is home but struggling with vision and back pain.



WE GIVE THANKS TO ...

- Lynne Barbee and the members of First Baptist Church who organized the Pastor's Appreciation Sunday. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards and gifts. You all are amazing. I am thankful to serve such a loving congregation.
- Matt Clingan and Bill Humenczuk for their faithful service in handling the technology and livestreaming our worship service. Thank you, Matt and Bill, your dedication is greatly appreciated.



WE REJOICE WITH...

- For Aleta Laurence who joined our church on October 27th.
- Jonas and Megan Bedford-Strohm who dedicated their son Bo on October 12th.

WE SHARE OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER FOR...

Nancy Bundy (Fighting Cancer) — Leonard Barbee — The Dawdys, Avery & Gregory Family — Marquett, Rodie, Teen & Dee (Pat Hester's Friends) — Rion Russell (Diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma [Kathie Manda's Friend]) — Mia Gunter (Care-Giver for Evelyn Brooks) — Evelyn Brooks (Suffering from severe memory issues) — Eyvonne's Mom — Tyler Parris (Lynette's Nephew) — Donna Durham (Lost her daughter in a shooting [Lynette's Friend]) — Eyvonne Walker's Family (Grieving the passing of her sister) — Rob Page (David Page's Brother) — Vonda Breedlove (Healing from a broken humerus) — The Chandler Family (A relative was killed)



If you would like an updated directory, please notify Robin, in our church office

Financials

world
mission
offering

OCTOBER OFFERING

Many thanks to all who gave generously to the World Mission Offering. Our Global Servants do amazing work, funded by you through this offering.
This year we collected: \$1,635.00.

OFFERINGS



In November, our special monthly offering goes to our Deacon Fellowship Fund which assists persons and families within our congregation to nearby in transition or crisis.

Please give generously!

give and receive grace through the
DEACONS' FUND

Spotlight on Brad Dawdy



I was born on an army base in Tacoma, Washington, and spent my first 2 years of life in Germany. German was actually my first language (though it is all gone now). From there, I spent a little time in Springfield, MO, but moved to Kansas City when I was 7.

I am the oldest of 3 children. I grew up in Prairie Village. My family and I attended Village Presbyterian Church for many years. My mother, Karen, worked there as preschool director and event coordinator for several years. Graduating from Shawnee Mission East and later Westminster College in Fulton, MO, I centered my education and career around math and computers. Participating in an accelerated program, I completed high school math in 9th grade. I spent 35 years "growing up" with the tech industry. Starting with mainframes reading punch cards to creating apps on mobile phones.

I am retired now. I spend my time loving my beautiful and spectacular wife of 5 years, Vickie. Blessed beyond measure with such a wonderful partner. My wife Vickie and I have 5 children. All from previous marriages. They are all grown and doing well here in KC.

Growing up a sports enthusiast, I now enjoy performing in plays and musical theater. Starting in 2017, I perform all around the KC area. To date, I have been in more than 30 shows, both community theater and professionally. I have also done some very, very small film work. Appearing as an extra in 2 commercials with Patrick Mahomes (in the background) and seven in the Hallmark movie, A Touchdown Christmas. You can see him over Ed Begley's left shoulder, for 2 seconds, in the last scene. By the way, that scene was filmed on a 98 degree day in July and the costuming was for a December football game. HOT! This month, I will be sporting a copious amount of facial hair as I am playing the Ghost of Christmas Present in A Christmas Carol at Main Street Theater in Belton this December.

My wife Vickie and I joined The Beloved Community of First Baptist Church this summer and we are excited to be part of such a loving and caring family. We are keenly interested in serving and helping the church grow and realize its mission starting our next 170 years.

FOOD PANTRY

RED BRIDGE FOOD PANTRY ACTIVITY DATES

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

Wednesday, November 12th 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 12th.** 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 14th — 1:15-3:15 p.m. — Fill Food Pantry Orders
Saturday, November 15th — 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 2025:

- ⇒ Canned Fruit (Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges, Mixed Fruit)
- ⇒ Spaghetti Sauce
- ⇒ Canned Chilis, Stews, Manwich
- ⇒ Tomato Paste
- ⇒ Chicken Broth
- ⇒ Laundry & Dish Soap
- ⇒ Deodorant (Male & Female)
- ⇒ Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

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

In October, we helped 16 families - 60 individuals!! Thank you for *all* you donate!!



For those who would prefer to provide financial support as we need to take up the slack left by Harvesters (to provide produce and frozen meats), **please send checks to First Baptist Church, 100 W. Red Bridge Road, KC, MO. 64114, with "food pantry" on the memo line.** Or you can scan the QR code.

→ We are also now working with Farm Fresh to help with produce which is so exciting!
Let them know you appreciate their local support!



Reverse Advent Calendar

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| Dec. 1. | Peanut butter | Dec 13 | canned mixed fruit |
| Dec. 2. | Bag of rice | Dec 14. | mashed potatoes |
| Dec. 3. | canned soup | Dec 15. | canned tuna |
| Dec 4. | jelly | Dec 16. | canned beans |
| Dec 5. | organic food item | Dec 17. | canned chicken |
| Dec 6. | low sodium food item | Dec 18. | canned pasta |
| Dec 7. | canned mixed vegetables | Dec 19. | toothbrushes |
| Dec 8. | laundry detergent | Dec 20. | oatmeal |
| Dec 9. | canned sweet potatoes | Dec 21. | Hamburger Helper |
| Dec 10. | canned pears | Dec 22 | spaghetti sauce |
| Dec 11. | canned green beans | Dec 23 | canned mandarin oranges |
| Dec 12. | deodorant | Dec 24. | dried beans |

What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

Many of us enjoy using an Advent calendar as a festive and creative way to count down the days from December 1st until Christmas. Traditional Advent calendars include a small treat or gift to open each day.

A *Reverse Advent Calendar* flips that idea around! Instead of receiving something each day, you set aside one small item daily to donate. By Christmas, you'll have a box (or several!) filled with meaningful necessities to share with someone in need.

Above is our wish list, and all collected items will go toward our **January Food Drive.**
Give it a try this season - let's spread kindness and generosity together!

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 SERMON SERIES: "THE NEXT 170: LIVING AS STEWARDS-LEAVING A LEGACY" 2025 NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

The Beloved Community of FBC KCMO

Rev. Dr. Dezo Schreiner, preaching

† **Sunday, November 2nd — 10:50am**

"Trusted and Entrusted," based on Matthew 25: 14-30.

Pastor Dezo, preaching. Communion Sunday.

† **Sunday, November 9th — 10:50am**

"Faithful in the Little Things," based on Luke 16: 10-13.

Pastor Dezo, preaching.

† **Sunday, November 16th, — 10:50am**

"The Joy of Generosity," based on 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15.

Generosity reflects a joyful and trusting heart.

Pastor Dezo, preaching. Stewardship Sunday.

† **Sunday, November 23rd, — 10:50am**

"Leaving a Legacy That Lasts," based on Matthew 6: 19-21.

Pastor Dezo, preaching. Decorating the Sanctuary with Christmas Decorations after service.

ADVENT 2025 SERMON SERIES: DIVINE HOSPITALITY

† **Sunday, November 30th — 10:50am: First Sunday of Advent**

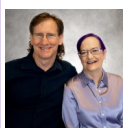
"Making Room for God," based on Luke 1:26-38.

Pastor Dezo, preaching.

FBC Music -- Eyvonne Walker

Ah, November! 'tis the season of giving, anticipation, thanks and transitions at the heart of Autumn! Our FBC Music Ministries are going through transitions due to the church year, but also due to the blessings of slowly gaining in numbers with the addition of **Brad Dawdy** and possibly too, one of our newest friends to join our Beloved Community, **Aletha Lawrence**!

Another name I would like to drop in this month's article is **Adesjola Tucker**! Adesjola has been a great "Singing Buddy" of mine for many, many years since we first met as Sopranos in Dr. Robert McNichols' *Black Musical Arts Community Chorus* in 2016. This choral ensemble has shared in worship at FBC-KCMO once, many years ago, for a Black History Month celebration. Adesjola is a church member of the historic St. James "Paseo" United Methodist Church, formerly pastored by Rev., Dr., US Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II. Adesjola has also sung in other mass and community choirs, those being: *The William Baker Summer Singers of Kansas City* and *Lee's Summit*, Isaac Cates' *Acclimation Spiritual Mass Choir* of the Leawood, KS Church of the Resurrection. Adesjola and I are pictured in this article with FBC member, Bill Ryan! Bill was attending our concert, last Sunday, conducted by Dr. Timothy McDonald, Founder of *Musica Sacra of Kansas City* which performs at Rockhurst University in midtown KCMO. Bill is a Professor Emeritus of Rockhurst University in the Communications Arts & Sciences and a former colleague of Dr. McDonald. It was such a pleasant surprise to see an FBC member at our concert last week! Adesjola and I (and formerly Steve McBride, may He rest in peace) have enjoyed many years together, singing in Musica Sacra of Kansas City.



In other news, among our Music Ministry music makers, **David & Rev. Toni Page** are making a transition in life by preparing to be GRANDparents! David continues sharing his musical talents outside of FBC with singing and playing with area "cover bands". We already know about the group "Way Too Famous", but we should catch David at church some time and have him tell you about the other bands he plays with! You might discover a group/artist whose music you crooned to in your past -- his groups are top-notch and a really fun "blast from the past"!

Looking ahead to our annual Advent Sunday cantata, there has been a call out to our Beloved Community members since August, regarding your favorite hymns! I have had our friends mention to me that there are many Christmas hymns that we don't get to sing. This year's cantata will feature many Advent and Christmas Carol's to warm and to delight our hearts.



Church Calendar



- **November 2nd** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **November 2nd** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sing & Shout (Children's Choir Time)
- **November 2nd** — Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal - All are Welcome!
- **November 2nd** — **"Trusted and Entrusted," based on Matthew 25: 14-30. Pastor Dezo, preaching. Communion Sunday.**
- November 3rd — Monday, 1:15 p.m. Restock Pantry with Donations
- November 4th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 5th — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers (Handbell Ensemble rehearsal)
- November 5th — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Chanel Singers (Choir rehearsal)
- **November 9th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **November 9th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sing & Shout (Children's Choir Time)
- **November 9th** — Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal - All are Welcome!
- **November 9th** — **"Faithful in the Little Things," based on Luke 16: 10-13. Pastor Dezo, preaching.**
- November 11th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 12th — Wednesday, Deadline to Request Food from the Food Pantry
- November 12th — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers (Handbell Ensemble rehearsal)
- November 12th — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Chanel Singers (Choir rehearsal)
- November 14th — Friday, 1:15 p.m. Fill Client Food Pantry Orders
- November 15th — Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Clients Pick Up Food Pantry Orders
- November 15th — Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Lynne Mertel's Memorial Service
- **November 16th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **November 16th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sing & Shout (Children's Choir Time)
- **November 16th** — Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal - All are Welcome!
- **November 16th** — **"The Joy of Generosity," based on 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15. Pastor Dezo, preaching. Stewardship Sunday. Dinner at Noon in the Fireside Room.**
Christmas decorations after worship (**volunteers needed**)
- November 18th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 19th — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers (Handbell Ensemble rehearsal)
- November 19th — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Chanel Singers (Choir rehearsal)
- **November 23rd** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **November 23rd** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sing & Shout (Children's Choir Time)
- **November 23rd** — **"Leaving a Legacy That Lasts," based on Matthew 6:19-21. Pastor Dezo, preaching. Decorating the Sanctuary with Christmas Decoration after service.**
- November 25th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 26th — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers (Handbell Ensemble rehearsal)
- November 26th — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Chanel Singers (Choir rehearsal)
- November 27th — Thursday, FBC Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 28th — Friday, FBC Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- **November 30th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **November 30th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sing & Shout (Children's Choir Time)
- **November 30th** — **"Making Room for God," based on Luke 1:26-38. Pastor Dezo, preaching. First Sunday of Advent.**



TRANSFORMED

The Transforming Congregations/Sacred Listening Program is doing a fantastic job. We are getting close to finishing the first phase.

Thank you to all who have participated.

TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION



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Place
Stamp
Here



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
Joy Goble	28



**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=SFNmQUlVTD0tRaHlDaVYrN3l5bzJlVQ09>
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/

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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)