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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COVID-19 PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Sunday night and Wednesday night large gatherings are scheduled to return beginning January 10th.

The year 2020 has been a difficult and crazy year. With all the shutdowns we long to get back to the basics of our faith and fellowship. As we move into 2021, Worship and Bible study is of utmost importance. Therefore, Sunday night and Wednesday night large gatherings will return January 10th. Because of a desire to remain safe and practice wise social distancing, we are holding off on having any Life Groups or ministries in January apart from large gatherings in our large spaces that allow us to meet safely.

This means:

Sunday PM 7:14 Prayer Meeting returns January 10th.

Wednesday night Student Worship returns January 13th.

Wednesday evening Auditorium Bible Study returns January 13th.

Sunday PM Auditorium Bible Study returns January 17th.

Praying for God’s very best for you in the year 2021!

**Dr. David Earley
Lead Pastor**

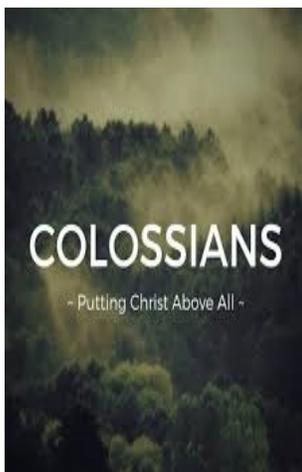
JANUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

Neal Auditorium

January 3rd—Colossians 1:1-8
January 10th—Colossians 1:9-12
January 17th—Colossians 1:13-20
January 24th—Colossians 1:21-2:3
January 31st—Colossians 2:1-7
February 7th—Colossians 2:8-23

Genesis Auditorium

January 3rd—Hebrews 1:1-13
January 10th—Colossians 1:1-8
January 17th—Colossians 1:9-12
January 24th—Colossians 1:13-20
January 31st—Colossians 1:21-2:3
February 7th—Colossians 2:1-7



OUR VISION—2021

We Are...

Word-based (Acts 6:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-4:2).

Prayer-powered (Acts 6:4; 1 Timothy 2:1; Hebrews 13:20-21).

Mission-minded (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; 1 Timothy 2:4-6).

Disciple-makers (Acts 6:7; Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:2).

Influencing our world in Jesus’ name (John 20:21).

FBC 2021 SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 8:00 AM Neal Auditorium—Blended Worship

Sunday 9:15 AM Neal Auditorium—Blended Worship

Sunday 10:45 AM Neal Auditorium—Blended Worship

Sunday 10:45 AM Genesis Auditorium—Contemporary

FBC LIVESTREAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday 9:15 AM Neal Auditorium—Facebook, FBC Website

Sunday 10:45 AM Neal Auditorium—Facebook, FBC Website

Sunday 6:00 PM Morning Rewind—Facebook, FBC Website (A rebroadcast of one of the morning worship services.)

Wednesday 7:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study—Facebook, FBC Website

Additional Events may be livestreamed as designated. Please consult FBC resources for further details.

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

We are delighted to have the Wimbish family with us in ministry. Pastor Mark joined the FBC staff back in November, and we are anticipating great things for our student ministry.

Student Ministry will be resuming on **Wednesday, January 13th!** We would love to have your student here on **Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 PM in the Genesis Auditorium.** Also, on Saturday, January 16th from 10 AM to 4 PM, we will be hosting an event called **Winter Blast.** It’s a day full of games, food, and prizes. The cost is \$20. You may sign up on the church website firstgc.org.

For more information about our student ministry, please contact **Pastor Mark Wimbish** at 614-991-0205 or by email at mark@firstgc.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

No Men's Breakfast in January!

See you February 6th at 7:30 AM in Fellowship Hall!

Men's Potluck and Fellowship

Friday, February 26th from 6 to 9 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Donuts and Devotions

The third Saturday of every month.

Returning March 20th from 9 to 11 AM in Student Center.

FBC Church Car Show

Saturday, June 5th. More information coming soon!

For more information on upcoming events and activities, please contact **Pastor Brian Kinnett** at 614-313-7870 or by email at brian@firstgc.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

No Women's Fellowship Breakfast in January!

See you February 13th at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall!

Thank you to all who donated and volunteered to help put the **Blessing Bags** together and make deliveries. Your kindness blessed and encouraged 30 precious brothers and sisters in Christ!

Stowe Mission has provided virtual homework help for students since September. These children are challenged with learning from home, and many of these families need extra hands for the educational success of their children. If you are interested in volunteering, check out the website for more information. Commitment times and options vary. Visit <https://stowemission.org/afterschool> or contact Sarah Stewart with the After-School Program. She can be reached at 614-445-8400 or by email at sarah@stowemission.org.

For more information on upcoming events and activities, please visit the **Women's Ministry kiosk** in the FBC lobby. You may also contact **Ronda Kinnett** at 614-313-7871 or by email at ronda@firstgc.org.

FBC OUTREACH NEWS & NOTES

Local Outreach opportunities, while very different this past year, were abundant due to the financial, school, and social circumstances. Families and members of FBC were able to participate in multiple local outreach opportunities.

We helped distribute thousands of meals to children and families in partnership with *Communities in Schools*.

We hosted *Upward* flag-football, cheerleading, and soccer this past fall with more than 200 participants and 100 volunteers. We saw kids become followers of Jesus and families attending church for the first time.

We distributed 100 Christmas dinner food boxes, which included a ham or small turkey.

We maintained our partnerships with *Stowe Mission*, *Feed My Sheep*, and other local ministries.

And you made it possible. Thank you for giving and for serving!

For more information regarding outreach opportunities, please contact **Pastor Jeff Bane** at 614-991-0205 or by email at jeff@firstgc.org.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

I would like to thank the church for their cards and phone calls during my confinement. I am doing better and looking forward to returning to church activities in the future. Bless our church and all of God's people.

Grace Herderick

I want to thank my church for their Christ-like love in sharing, preparing, and delivering the wonderful goodies to me. Much appreciated. God bless you all.

Minerva Giffen

With the passing of Bill's sister, Sharon and my mother, Bessie, we feel God's blessings from the love and caring of our church family. We greatly appreciated the prayers, flowers, and wonderful heartfelt cards. May you be blessed as you have blessed us.

Sue and Bill Chadwick

Thank you for helping us in a time of difficulty. Our family appreciates everything you do for us. We love our church family.

The Gibson Family

Billy is doing much better now and not in much pain. He is using a cane now instead of a walker, and is scheduled for therapy through January. Thank you for the prayers and calls and gifts we have been given. We thank God daily for our church family. We are blessed. Thank you.

Nita Allen



January 24th—Soccer and Cheer registration opens. Registration fee is discounted at \$75 per participant.

February 28th—Coaches training event (Sunday).

March 7th—Coaches training event (Sunday).

March 8th—Registration fee increases to \$90 per participant.

March 19th—Registration fee increases to \$100 per participant.

For more information on *Upward*, please contact **Pastor Jeff Bane** at 614-991-0205 or by email at jeff@firstgc.org.



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

Sessions are to resume on **Sunday, January 17th** and meet in person and online. Please contact **Barb Lovingshimer** at 614-875-4613, for more information.