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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Dear FBC Family,

Our family is so very grateful for the many acts of love, caring, and kindness you have shown to our parents, Russ and Barb Riley, and our family over the years, especially in recent years during our parents' illnesses and deaths. We can never thank you enough for being the hands and feet of Christ as you called, sent cards, visited, prepared meals, and always, always supported us in prayer.

Many thanks to Pastor Jerry Neal for his compassionate and perfect words spoken at the family graveside service in June 2020. Pastor Jeff Bane, you spoke so respectfully and lovingly of our father (who thought so highly of you) at the memorial service in June 2021. We are blessed and grateful for both of you as pastors and leaders in our church.

Thank you to our church family for the gorgeous planter sent for the service. So many beautiful plants! We express our appreciation also to the office staff who helped us in so many ways, to Music Minister Bryan Corbett who helped with music and sound and, of course, to Patti Morgan and her kitchen crew who patiently waited through a long service and who did such a wonderful job of feeding our family and friends.

These past few years have been difficult, but your love and support have made them bearable. We can't imagine what people do without Jesus and a church family—they mean so much to us! May God bless each and every one of you who in some small or large way have touched our lives in recent years.

Because He lives,

Bev Babbert, Kim Tyndall, Valerie Riley, Melanie Trombetti, and Families

WOMEN ON THE MOVE SUMMIT

Renew, Refresh, Recharge!

Saturday, November 13th from 9 AM to 7 PM

Be renewed at this one-day event as you experience a "spiritual spa day." Registration is open online at firstgc.org OR on Sunday mornings until October 31st. Ages 13-19: \$30, ages 20-100: \$40.

Please contact Ronda Kinnett at 614-647-7332 or by email at ronda@firstgc.org for more information.

OCTOBER CALENDAR EVENTS OF INTEREST AT FBC

- 1st UPWARD flag football held at The NAZ 6:00 PM
- 1st English Language Learners Training Event 5:00 PM
- 2nd Men's Ministry Breakfast 7:30 AM
- 2nd English Language Learners Training Event 8:00 AM
- 3rd Communion Sunday 9:15 and 10:45 AM
- 3rd Shoebox Collection officially begins at FBC
- 5th Tuesday Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
- 9th Women's Ministry Breakfast 9:00 AM
- 10th Baptism Sunday 9:15 and 10:45 AM
- 10th Breakthrough Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12th Tuesday Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
- 12th Prime Time Luncheon 10:30 AM
- 12th English Language Learners begins 6:30 PM
- 15th 2-Day Craft Day 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- 16th 2-Day Craft Day 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- 18th All Ministries Meeting 7:00 PM
- 19th Tuesday Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
- 19th Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- 23rd UPWARD Awards Ceremony 9:00 AM to Noon
- 24th Trunk-or-Treat 4:00 to 6:00 PM
- 26th Tuesday Morning Prayer 8:30 AM

Please consult the FBC *Facebook* page and weekly Sunday bulletin for additional information on these and other events and activities.



Some of the recent **Believe!** class graduates. You will be hearing more about this class in January. Appearing left to right, front row: Pastor Dave and Cathy Earley, Janet Doss. Back row: Geoff Henderson, Dale Evans, Don Brown, and Linda Turkoglu.

MORE NOTES OF APPRECIATION

To First Baptist Church,

Saturday, I was having a very mournful day as were many because of the tragedy on 9/11. I was adding to my mourning the loss of my husband in 2001, my son, who is going through drug addictions, and friends I have lost during the COVID crisis. My heart was very heavy.

In the afternoon, I received a call from a wonderful gentleman. He was a Deacon from First Baptist. He was calling to ask if Ashley had any prayers for the prayer list. I listened and was not sure if he or I was confused and maybe he was talking about the town of Ashley, which is close to where I live. The conversation was near an end when I said to him, "I think you may have called the wrong number." He said, "Do you have a prayer for our prayer list?" I said, "Yes, please pray for my son Luke who is struggling with drug addiction." He said he would be more than glad to put Luke on the prayer list.

After the call, I felt very blessed and somewhat selfish because I was overly willing to give my prayer to him and First Baptist. However, I had not requested a prayer for all of you.

Thank you all for your prayers and the Deacon for the call from God. Please know that I am praying for all of you.

**Love and Prayers,
Kari Schneider**

Thank you for the kind words, cards, calls, many beautiful flowers, gifts, and visits at the funeral home for the passing of my mother (Wilda Diamond). We are so blessed to have such a supportive and loving church family and awesome Life Group.

Colleen and Gerald Satterfield

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT!

Tuesday, October 26th at 6:00 PM

FBC Staff Meeting Room

Please contact Jodi Butcher at 614-620-6380 for more information and to RSVP.

AWANA OCTOBER SCHEDULE

6TH—Visitor Treat Night! Bring an AWANA-age visitor and earn a treat for you and your guest!

13TH—AWANA "GO" Envelope Night!

20TH—Favorite Team Night! Wear your AWANA uniform OR your favorite team colors or uniform.

27TH—Dues to "GO" Missions Night!

Please contact **Sherri Love** at 614-327-5792 or email slove@columbus.rr.com for more information.



Members of FBC's Baptist Builders work to set the very first wall in the Justin Butcher Memorial Lodge at Seneca Lake last month. The new lodge is expected to open next spring.

trunk-OR-treat
Sunday October 24th, 4 - 6pm

REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE AT
→ firstgc.org

CANDY DONATIONS!
→ Drop in the bins at the church entrance

MY VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE PEW

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

I saw a headline about a home church of 320 Christian believers which grew to 2,500 in two weeks. I took a sip of coffee and thought to myself, "What sermon, children's program or beautiful new church building caused that kind of growth? Is that church in Ohio?" Then I scrolled down to the article.

The first week, the Taliban overran the home church's country. The second week, the Taliban took over their city. News of believers being martyred from the very first night of occupation was widely circulated.

Dear God, please forgive me. Please have mercy on me when I'm too tired to go to church... because the Buckeyes played a night game...or, I have a slight headache... or I just deserve one day without having to "be somewhere."

**Blessings,
Cindy Matlock**

