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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

The last few months, the FBC Personnel team has been working with a team of our pastors to fill two positions: **Children’s Ministry Director and Ministry Connections Director**. The jobs were posted on several national placement sites. Also, calls were made to several denominational officials and Christian universities as we sought qualified candidates.

We did not receive as many resumes as we have in the past, but the Lord did lead us to two highly qualified individuals who both happen to be members of FBC and who are already serving at our church. Both are highly qualified for the tasks we are asking them to fulfill.

Carrie Wimbish is our new Children’s Ministry Director. She worked this summer successfully helping to lead our Vacation Bible School. She did an excellent job of helping to create an experience that blessed our children and teachers.

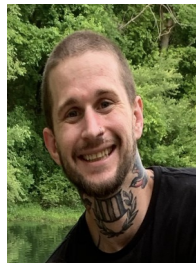


Carrie has degrees in Middle School Education and classroom technology and taught for six years in public schools. She has also been involved in children’s and student ministries for ten years.

Carrie’s responsibilities include recruiting, training, communication, and appreciation for the many teachers and workers in our many children’s ministries.

Carrie is the wife of our student pastor, Mark, and they have three children: Jase, Lillian, and Waylon.

Andrew Earley is our new Ministry Connections Director. Andrew has been serving as the Chaplain/Teacher for our King’s Kids Daycare and recently led 25 children to Christ there. Before moving to Ohio, Andrew created a non-profit outreach center in Las Vegas where many poor people were given food, clothing, and help to find Jesus and a job. He has also worked for the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention planning large outreach events for local churches.



Andrew holds degrees from Liberty University and Liberty Theological Seminary. He has been involved in ministry for more than ten years.

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Andrew is the husband of FBC Office Manager Andi, and they have two sons at home, Lincoln and Kasen. He is also the middle son of Pastor Dave and Cathy Earley.

Please make Carrie and Andrew feel welcome in their new roles.

**Bob Hohn
Chairman,
FBC Personnel Committee**

Tuesday Morning Prayer Meetings Return Again at FBC

Beginning August 31st

8:30 AM

Neal Auditorium



FBC member Kent Spann (2nd from right) had the opportunity to serve on a mission trip recently to La Paz and El Alto, Bolivia in South America.

Kent spoke in a college preparatory class, visited in numerous homes as a witness for Christ, performed a wedding for a Bolivian couple, and taught a Zoom course for a church in El Alto.

Their team saw God do amazing things as 403 people prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior. Please pray now for the local churches as they conduct follow-up ministry.

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, September 4th, at 7:30 AM in our Fellowship Hall! **Roland Guay** will be sharing his testimony.

Lake Erie Charter Fishing Trip: Saturday, September 11th. Includes overnight stay Friday. Contact Ken Williams at 614-260-6167 or Pastor David Berna at 614-288-6337 for more details.

Please contact **Pastor David Berna** at 614-288-6337 or by email at dberna4808@aol.com for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Women's Breakfast: Saturday, September 11th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. **Beth Palmer** with the Gideon ministry will be sharing. RSVP by September 9th by registering online at firstgc.org or by contacting Ronda Kinnett at 614-647-7332 or by email ronda@firstgc.org.

First Place For Health: Orientation for this Christ-centered total-wellness program begins Sunday, September 12th at 4:45 PM for new members. Classes will meet every Sunday from 4:45 to 6:00 PM in room C-156. Please RSVP to Sherri Love at 614-871-3053 or by email at slove@columbusrr.com.

New study beginning Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30 PM in room W-104. Studying *If God is for Us* by Trillia Newbell. Books will be provided. Please contact Ronda Kinnett at ronda@firstgc.org or 614-647-7332 for more information.

New study beginning Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 PM in the Student Center. Studying *Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer. Please contact DeeAnn Brown at dmbrown1689@gmail.com or 614) 314-7847 for more information.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study resumes with the study of *My Father's House* by Mary Kassian on September 16th at 9:30 AM in the Student Center. Child Care is available if needed. Please contact Kay Hardman at 614-323-6891 or by email at kayhardman@gmail.com for more information.

For more information on upcoming events please visit the **Women's Ministry Kiosk** in the FBC lobby.

AWANA SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

1ST—Kickoff. "Sundaes on Wednesday."

8TH—First Regular AWANA Meeting.

15TH—7-Up Slurp Night.

22TH—Double Points for Bibles.

29TH—Pajama Night.



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

Starting September 19th **6:00 PM**
Neal Auditorium
Bible Study—Verse by Verse (w/ Bryan Corbett)
Hymns **Special Music**

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 completely lost my voice a couple months ago. My family was delighted. I need to speak at work and home. There are only so many times I can snap my fingers to give the stink eye to my kids. It was painful to whisper to communicate with them. New allergy medicine from my doctor has restored my volume. My kids do not find that delightful at all.

Everyone needs to be heard; whether through creativity, words or actions. People have an inherent desire to have their opinions considered. Only the most egotistical amongst us expect all others to act on our every whim. Still, there is something extremely satisfying about writing a letter to the editor or simply clicking an emoji on social media. Lately, artwork is simply a word or phrase on a piece of shiplap.

In our world where sin has been deemed "right" and ethics and respect are treated with disdain, our opinions and beliefs may be in the minority. I understand that others need not share my beliefs, but it hurts nonetheless when the response is mocking or outright derisive. A lot of arguments start due to the elephant (and the donkey) in the room. We do not always agree with others' political, religious, and denominational views. Some of us can't find peace with folks in our own church.

It would be a boring world if we all agreed. Some of our best fellowship and deepest understanding occurs after polite, spirited discussions. Sometimes we will realize we cannot compromise; our faith in Christ is too important. Some of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have a voice, such as those in Afghanistan today.

If we are ever to find and use our voice in the best possible way, perhaps it is such a time as this.

Blessings,
Cindy Matlock

