



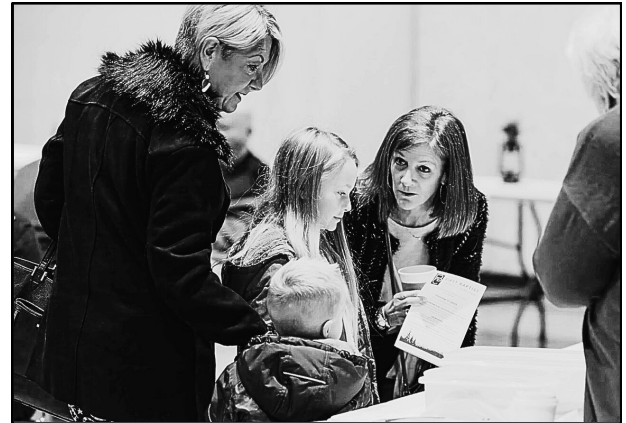
FBC Hamilton is moving forward

Church family,

As of the last week of January, the transitional leadership council has dissolved. This group of 12 members was selected to help the church move forward following some difficult times.

We have been prayerful that God would show us how to move on, and that He did. Since November 2023:

- We have repopulated the boards and re-created the cabinet
- Filled the pulpit with tremendous speakers who conducted meaningful worship services
- The Deacons are in the process of finding an intentional interim pastor
- The Christian Education Board is planning VBS and other children's programming
- The youth group has resumed
- We assisted the Trustees in building a difficult budget



- The Deaconesses and Mission Boards are active with their work
- We hired a wonderful administrative assistant, Lori Kempton
- We rehired Pastoral Care and Visitation Minister Chuck Russell

God is good. He will continue to lead First Baptist Church. We are sure God has a plan for us to bring more people to a saving knowledge of His son, Jesus Christ. We can't wait to see what He has in store for us.



Thank you to the transitional leadership council

We'd like to thank the members of the council who met weekly to help create next-steps: Larry Bowling, Charles Campbell, Mark Click, Roger Chamberlain, Dan Clemens, Nancy Follmer, Juli Ford, Mandy Gambrell, Natalie Lakes, Tonja Randall, Chuck Russell, Laurin Sprague, Bob Theimann and Cathi Thomas.

Sunday School & Groups

9 A.M. Sundays

Nursery/Toddlers – Room 206
Children Pre-K – 6th grade – Room
103/104
Youth 7th – 12th grade – Room 201
Berean Adult Bible Fellowship – Room
200
WINGS, Women In God's Service –
Room 205

Wednesday groups

6 P.M.

First Baptist Youth, grades 7-12 –
Room 201
Adult Prayer & Bible Study – Room 200

6:30 P.M.

First Baptist Kids, Pre-K through 6th
Room 107

First Baptist Youth

7-12 grades
Led by JD & Becky Simpson
and Natalie Lakes

9 a.m. Sundays
6 p.m. Wednesdays
in Room 100, the youth room

First Baptist Kids

Pre-K-6 grades
Jill O'Hara has been volunteering,
and we welcome any other
volunteers and helpers

9 a.m. Sundays
6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
in the Children's Worship Center
on the bottom level
(Rm. 107)

Tabitha Ministry to grow

The Tabitha Ministry, our sewing ministry, has supplied many, such as Bill and Ann Clemmer, with dresses for their Sunday School attendees ... numbering 1,700! This vital ministry is such a blessing to our mission field and our ladies who sew.

Anyone interested in joining is asked to contact FBC member Cheryl Motzer. The group will soon meet to discuss sewing days and come up with a plan for the ministry. Cheryl is at (513) 608-8468.



Upcoming Keenager events

The Keenagers (seniors) plan to have lunch in Larosa's at Fairfield at 11 a.m. Feb. 15. They'll also be going together to Matthew 25 Ministries on Feb. 29. Meet at the church at 9 a.m. to join.

Updated list of the FBCH boards for 2024

Board of Deacons

Jeff Miller
 Charles Campbell*
 Dave Hazelwood
 Rich Hazelwood
 Alan McComb
 Dan Clemens
 Jerry Hampton
 Charles Russell
 JD Simpson

Board of Missions

Natalie Lakes
 Kathie Russell
 Krys Schramm
 Nella Hurst
 Cathi Thomas*
 Ann Brown
 Megan Miller
 Lil Wilson

Board of Deaconess

Pam Childs
 Marjorie Corley*
 Marilyn Bowling
 Brenda Brown
 Lisa Dulli
 Juli Ford
 Nancy Follmer
 Barb Keith
 Sue Gambrell-Peace
 Glenna McComb
 Janet Hazelwood

Board of Trustees

Bill Corley
 Jordan Allen
 Larry Bowling*
 Mandy Gambrell
 Bronlyn Tendam
 Keith Gibson
 Michael Click

Board of Christian Education

Becky Simpson*
 Shelley Lakes
 Debbie Gibson
 Cara Ash
 Kathy Click
 Sheryl Thiemann
 Cheryl Motzer

Business meeting moderator

Bob Thiemann (1 year)

Treasurer

Laurin Sprague (1 year)

Clerk

Tonja Randall (1 year)

*Denotes board chair

Soup-er Bowl Sunday



Please bring canned goods or non-perishables on Feb. 11 to our Sunday morning worship service. They will be donated to the food pantry at Laurel Avenue Church of Christ to be distributed to those in need. First Baptist does not keep a food pantry on site.

February Birthdays

Feb. 2

Mike O'Hara

Feb. 7

Leah Witmer

Feb. 12

Carol Dawson

Feb. 14

Nellie Roberts

Feb. 15

Noah Hampton

Feb. 16

Debbie Gibson

Feb. 19

Emily Miller

Feb. 20

Cathi Thomas

Feb. 21

Glenna McComb

Feb. 22

Rod Anderson



Feb. 23

Bettie Carmack
 Jill O'Hara

Feb. 27

Flo Gill
 Madison Booth

Feb. 28

Jean Roach

A message from IM Global Servant Dan Chetti

One of the most common features I used to notice when traveling to northern Syria were shepherds leading large flocks of sheep. Sometimes these flocks would block the narrow country roads for several minutes. Also not uncommon was the sight of little children driving these large flocks.

In the book of Isaiah, often referred to as the fifth gospel, we are foretold about the inauguration of the Kingdom of God that would be ushered in by a child. With the birth of Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah, we are reminded of God's plan that "a little child will lead them" (Isaiah 11:6). The fulfilled promise emphasizes God's awesome value of our ministry among children in the Arab world.

As I witnessed the events around me in Palestine and Israel, and as I see the adults in our region hurl bombs, fire rockets and unleash violence on each other, the victims are often innocent children. This is not the

world God intended for these children. Rather, He said through the surrounding verses in Isaiah: "The wolf will live with the lamb, then the leopard will lie down with the goat, The calf and the lion and the yearlings together... and the infant will play near the cobra's den...they will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain" (Isaiah 11:6-9). Then comes the even greater promise that "a little child will lead them."

That prediction of Isaiah was borne out by the astonishing value Jesus placed in all his teachings about the value of children: "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14) in our work through Enduring Love, ministry to these children are a PRIORITY.

For more information go online to www.enduring-love.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon's Benevolence Fund

The Deacons will take up a collection next Sunday, Feb. 4 after the service. We use the funds collected to help those in our community in need. It's always on the first Sunday of the month.

AB history workshop to be at FBC Hamilton

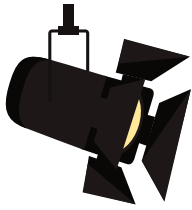
The Miami Baptist Association and First Baptist Church of Hamilton will soon host an "American Baptist History and Polity" Workshop. It is open to everyone and takes place from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Feb. 10. Please RSVP on a connect card.

AB Women's Circle meeting

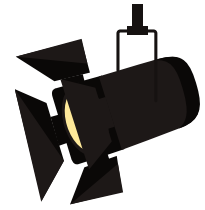
Weather permitting, we're going to celebrate Valentine's Day and show our love to some special ladies with some gift bags. Please bring small items like candy, lotion, etc., to fill the baskets on Feb. 13 (the second Tuesday) at 10:30 a.m. in the library.

Cabinet meeting scheduled

The first Cabinet meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 in Room 201. The Cabinet consists of the Moderator, the Chair, Past Chair and Vice Chair of the five church boards and two at large members.



FBC member spotlight: Meet Bronlyn Tendam



1. What is your connection to FBC?

Years ago, I came to First Baptist for lock-ins with youth groups and visited Camp Kirkwood with the same groups as campers and counselors later on. My father Chuck Russell joined First Baptist after his retirement, and I am familiar with many members here. Kathie is my stepmother and another FBC attendee, Cara Ash, is my cousin. Her daughter Ashten is my second cousin.

2. In which city are you residing, and are you from there?

I live in Trenton. I was born in Tennessee and moved around between Tennessee, Kentucky and Florida until 1984 when we moved to Ohio.

3. Are you a member or regular attendee?

I joined in April 2023 right after my cousins became members.

4. What do you do and what are your hobbies?

I am a Buyer/Planner at Valco Melton in Cincinnati. Hobbies - reading, gardening, hiking, enjoy puzzles and spending time



with family & friends. I love taking roads trips and finding interesting places to visit and explore.

5. Which groups at the church have you participated in, if any?

I am parts of the WINGS women’s Sunday School class and recently became joined the Trustee Board.

6. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

I am the proud mom of two young men, Nick and Jason Tendam (shown in the pic).

Pulpit schedule:

- Feb. 4: Chuck Russell
- Feb. 11: Tim Mohon
- Feb. 18: Scott Burns
- Feb. 24: Mark Eaton

AB Women

Bible books of the month

- Feb. 2024 Joel
- March Galatians
- April Micah
- May Hebrews

Source: abwmc.org/bible-books-of-the-month

We need your help with contact info

The office is trying to build a new membership list, but we need some help. Every Sunday, someone takes a head count of how many folks attend Worship in the sanctuary. But the number is always greater than the connect cards we collect.

During this transitional time, we really need folks to fill these cards out. This includes EVERYONE ... those of you in the music ministries and in the audio/visual space are asked to contribute. We also ask that folks include their address at least through the month of February. Don't forget the date!



BUILDING HOURS

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

Closed Friday and Saturday

Open Sundays for worship
and various programs

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON STAFF

Phone: (513) 868-1412

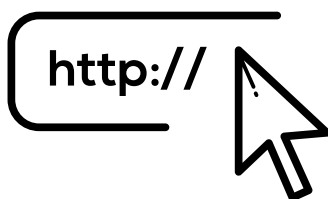
Chuck Russell visitation minister
Roger Chamberlain worship director
Lori Kempton office administrator

Email the office: info@firstbaptisthamilton.org

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Web address: gofbch.org

