

CONNECTIONS & PRAYERS

Our Welcome Ministry

Questions to Help You Connect:

Here are some suggestions for conversation starters with those around you on Sunday mornings. We hope we can all connect together when we gather!

- **Hi, my name is...**
- **Welcome! We are glad you're here!**
- **How can I pray for you?**
- **I'll meet you next week, and talk about how it went.**

Our Missionaries

Pray for:

FBC-Supported Missionaries

- ◆ Andyshak, Calva, Gervasi, Guest, Harris, Hubbell, Humble, Kelley, Lomilo, Lovelady, Rasmussen, Swenson, Tice, Tissell, Trussel, and Wernow.

FBC-Supported Ministries

- ◆ CEF Benton County, CEF Linn County, Compassion Ministries, Love INC Benton County, Options Pregnancy Center, Southside Youth Outreach, Volunteer InterFaith Caregivers, Western Seminary, and We Care.

Len Andyshak

- ◆ Len has served with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for 48 years! Len is in a ministry oversight and supervisory role. Please pray for his last assignment prior to retiring in December. He states: "The six states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island currently have very few grad student or faculty groups. My 'mission' during the next six months is to pray, stir up the dust, turn over rocks, renew old connections, make new contacts and generally do whatever I can to spark new ministry in the area – while also supporting and encouraging the few things currently happening."

SouthSide Youth Outreach

- ◆ SSYO has the mission "to build strong, young lives so that our community will thrive." RISE After School program includes encouraging high character, training future leaders, and investing in personal relationships through homework help, team building games, and hands-on crafts. The staff focus on building positive relationships with the students, who will experience the love and care of a healthy, family-like environment.

Mike and Rebekah Gervasi

- ◆ There was a 7.2 magnitude earthquake off the Haitian coast. They are safe but their area has experienced much damage and many fatalities. Pray for the Gervasis in Haiti

Church Leadership

Staff: Pastor Rick Harpel, Pastor Bill Knopp, Kathy Ferrier, Jim Hinckley, Brooke Staples, Mitchell Henderson

Elders: Matt MacClary, Jeff Harris, Daniel Peterson, Mike Rinkin, Dale Durrell, Rick Harpel

WELCOME

to  First Baptist Church Corvallis

August 29th, 2021



"The Church's I.D. Is Unity"

by Pastor Rick Harpel [Acts 15:1-33]

Worship Leader: Cindy Forrest

**We are many generations connecting
the next generation to Jesus.**

We aim to encounter God through worship, to connect with others through smaller communities, and to engage in missional outreach to our neighbors and the nations.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



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<https://fbccorvallis.churchcenter.com/>



We're Back Inside!



125 nw 10th st.

FBC INDOOR WORSHIP GATHERING

Starting Sunday, September 5th at 10:30am

We will be back at the FBC building for worship at 125 NW 10th St. The service will also be available via livestream. As the Delta variant causes COVID cases to increase and available hospital beds to decrease, the leadership of FBC requests each person to please wear a mask when in FBC buildings.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER ZOOM

Now at 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY PRAYER ZOOM TIME CHANGE!

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

There is an All Church Prayer Meeting each Wednesday. The time has changed and will now meet via Zoom at 6:30pm.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Online Only Until 9/19

FBC KIDS MEETING ONLINE ONLY UNTIL 9/19 KICKOFF!

We have decided to not hold in-person classes for Pre-K Church or K-5th Kids Church the first 2 Sundays in September to help keep our kids and families safe in the current Covid Delta variant situation. Our tentative Fall KidMin Kick-off will be on 9/19 for Pre-K Church & K-5th Kids Church. Awana hopes to start up on September 22. All of our plans depend on what happens with the Covid situation locally and what the Lord might have in mind.



PRIME TIMERS POSTPONED

The Prime Timers event for Thursday, September 9th has been cancelled. Please stay tuned for future announcements about Prime Timers and updates about our October Prime Timers event.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sundays—Worship at 10:30 am

Mon, Aug 30—Women's Bible Study at 7pm, cforrest@peak.org

Tues, Aug 31—Geezer Men's Bible Study, 7am in the Conference Room

Tues, Aug 31—Women's Prayer Time, 9:30-11:30 on Zoom, cathycunningham77@yahoo.com

Wed, Sep 1—All Church Prayer Zoom, 6:30pm

Sun, Oct 3— Fall Congregational Meeting at 1pm

MESSAGE NOTES

The Church's I.D Is Unity: Acts 15:1-33



INTRODUCTION: Ladder of Church Disunity and Division.

- Above the entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jerusalem.
- The Great Schism of East/West in 1054 AD.
- The Protestant Reformation split from Roman Catholicism.
- The divisions of American denominations.
- Division and disunity in local churches over...you name it!

**Division and disunity. What are the consequences?
How are they resolved?**

REVIEW: The core identities of the church from Acts 2:42-47.

1. Awe: they were in awe of Jesus continually
2. God's Word: the teaching of the Apostles and Prophets
3. Worship: prayer, the Lord's Supper, and praise
4. Authentic Community: sacrificial sharing vs. lies and deception
5. Devotion: day after day, in the face of opposition
6. Service: a structure of relationships which would become elders and deacons
7. Mission & Multiplication: Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, to the ends of the earth

1. GOD DESIRES THE UNITY OF HIS PEOPLE.

- Psalm 133:1; Ephesians 4:31-32; Romans 12:18; Ephesians 4:3-6; John 17:20-23.

2. THE CHURCH FACED DIVISION AND DISUNITY OF THE MOST DANGEROUS KIND AT THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME.

- a. The definition of salvation is at stake.
- b. The definition of the church is at stake.

3. THE CHURCH CAME TOGETHER TO SEEK A RESOLUTION AND UNITY.

- a. The Antioch Church does not ignore or bury the disagreement.
- b. The party of the Pharisees quickly made their demands and accusation.

4. UNITY COMES FROM GOD WHEN HIS PEOPLE LISTEN TO EACH OTHER AND TO GOD.

- a. Peter pointed to God's work as a basis for unity.
- b. Paul pointed to God's work as a basis for unity.
- c. James pointed to God's work as a basis for unity.
- d. A delegation was sent with a letter to appeal for unity.
- e. Unity was restored and enhanced.

**THE UNITY GOD DESIRES IS THE UNITY HE WILL PRODUCE
WHEN HIS PEOPLE COME TOGETHER TO LISTEN TO EACH OTHER AND TO GOD.**

APPLICATION: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3)

There are actually some positive reasons for division.
There are several practical ways to seek unity right now.