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**ALL CHURCH MORNING
RETREAT**

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Expanding Our Learning Community

**Saturday, Nov. 9 @ 9AM – Noon
Fellowship Hall**

The Board of Christian Education and Pastor Jason are hosting an all-church retreat on the morning of Saturday, November 9th, inviting everyone (including children and youth) to gather to reflect on the educational ministry of our church and consider how God might be calling us to rethink and expand our learning community.

In our Church Covenant we promise to “allow God to be the center of our community through the practices of study, prayer, and ethical discipline” and to “strive to be steadfast and joyful Christians continually seeking to understand and proclaim God’s unfolding Word.” How are you/we doing with such practices and pursuits? When and where does your/our learning about God, Jesus, faith, the Scriptures, etc. take place? And who are your learning, your conversation partners? What voices are missing? And how might God be leading you/us to do something new and different?

These are the kinds of questions on which we will reflect. We need not come away from this time with answers, quick fixes or programs. The time together is meant to be worshipful work that is discerning and delightful; something to be enjoyed; and this, in and of itself, is an important part of our calling. So please mark your calendars and plan to join us. To help with our preparations, please RSVP by using the yellow cards in the pews or by emailing Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org), or Janet Landis (janetcwl218@gmail.com). All are welcome!

“Steadfast and Joyful” Stewardship 2025

We’ve had a wonderful time celebrating our 200th year as a congregation! Our theme has been a phrase from our church’s covenant, “Steadfast and Joyful.” For any church to last 200 years requires some steadfast people committed to its work. And it truly has been a joy to be part of it for so many of us.

2 Corinthians 5:7 expresses our attitude toward giving beautifully when it says, “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” I hope you experience joy in giving, and know the smile of God on your generosity! And I hope you will make up your mind to support our congregation as we seek to do God’s work together here.

Each one of you who has supported our church in the past by prayer, time and finances has helped do its work, and **we thank you** for doing so! You’ve helped us support our various mission causes in our community and around the world. You’ve helped employ a committed staff of pastors, musicians, office workers and custodians who keep the ministry active and vibrant. You’ve helped sustain our presence in downtown Dayton in a beautiful landmark building. You’ve helped each and every program that happens through our church, and these could not happen without everyone sharing of the gifts entrusted to us.

Please return a commitment card by Thanksgiving so we know we can count on you for the coming year. Every gift matters, regardless of size. As you consider what you might give financially in the coming year, I encourage you to pray about it. Some of you give regularly—can you increase your gift to help us achieve more? Some of you may give occasionally, or have not given previously. Would you consider making a regular, planned gift on a weekly or monthly basis? Even if you can’t give much or make an increase in your giving this year, please know that we appreciate every gift no matter what.

Use the cut-off card below or a card available at church and turn it in during worship in our collection baskets, by mail, or return it any way you wish to the church office. Or you can email our financial secretary, nkerr@fbcd Dayton.org. You can use e-giving at www.fbcd Dayton.org if that is most helpful for you.

First Baptist Church has done great things for God’s kingdom in the past 200 years. Hopefully it will do so for 200 more! But for today, what we accomplish depends on how much each of us gives of ourselves to the work of the ministry today. Let’s be “steadfast and joyful” givers, just as we promise one another in our covenant. And thank you again for being part of God’s good work here in our church community!

~Pastor Kent

(PLEASE CUT HERE AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE)



With a grateful heart for God’s boundless generosity and as an expression of my Christian stewardship, I make this commitment to Christ’s church and the ministry of this congregation.

My/Our commitment is: \$ _____ per week, or
\$ _____ per month, or
\$ _____ per year

I understand that I may adjust this estimate of giving at any time by contacting the Finance secretary.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Stewardship 2025
*“Steadfast and
Joyful”*





DABA

Dayton Area Baptist Association

FALL GATHERING

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024

First Baptist Church of Dayton

5:00pm Dinner

6:00pm Service

We will be hosting the Dayton Area Baptist Association (DABA) Fall Gathering on Sunday, November 3rd. There will be a carry-in dinner upstairs at 5 PM, with chicken provided—bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Worship will begin after dinner at about 6 PM, with Pastor Joshua Ward from Omega Baptist Church preaching. Come out and enjoy fellowship with our extended church family!

First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio
presents

First Baptist Sings!

“Oratorio and More”

(Works by Brahms, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Schubert)

featuring

The Chancel Choir

Under the direction of Dr. William Henry Caldwell

Organists Dr. R. Alan Kimbrough and Mr. Gregory Land

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024

4:00 PM

Free Parking / Reception to follow

111 W Monument Ave

Dayton OH 45402

937-222-4691



FBC Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 24 @ 11:30am

Dinner will be prepared including turkey, ham,
potatoes, stuffing, green beans, yams.

Bring a dessert to share!

Let us know if you plan to attend--
it will help with food planning.

Thank you!

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t h a n k s

g i v i n g



Upcoming Adult Sunday School Classes

Gifts, Passions, and Discernment

Facilitated by Rev. David Coggins

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

November 3 - 17

1st Floor – Chapel

Paul writes to the church in Ephesus, "The gifts he (Jesus) gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." And there were other gifts he gave and still gives to members of the body of Christ. This class will be a conversational style exploration of the many ways members of our fellowship have felt called to fulfilling activities over the course of their lives. Several members have already committed to sharing their stories, and we look forward to affirming their gifts. Come be inspired, and perhaps you will share your own story.

Sermon Talkback

Second Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

Next Session is November 10

1st Floor - Choir Room

Sermon Talkback sessions are on the Second Sunday of each month in the Choir Room. We hope you'll join us and share the questions, insights, challenges, etc. from your hearing of the morning's sermon.

Special Advent Series!

Angels All Around Us

Led by Rev. Dr. Karen Johnson

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

December 1 - 22

1st Floor - Chapel

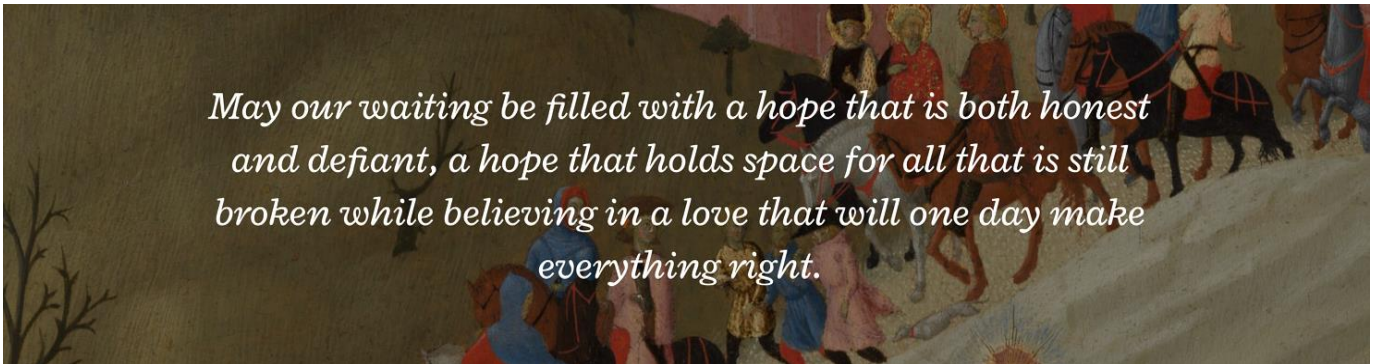
Are you curious about angels? How do you picture them? These messengers from God are poised to act in a surprising number of ways. Through art, angel-lore and the Biblical witness, we will become more familiar with angels and their actions. Join Dr. Johnson during December Sundays for light-hearted and informative Sunday School sessions, including a survey of angels in the nativity narratives.

Advent Devotional Recommendation



The Season of Advent and the new liturgical year (Year C) for the Church begins on Sunday, December 1st, and I would like to commend to you Kate Bowler's Advent devotional guide called, "The Weary World Rejoices." You can access the material at www.katebowler.com/Advent. I will also be making print copies available to folks on the table outside the church office.

There is an individual and a group guide available. If you'd like to be a part of forming a small group, let me know (Pastor Jason – jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org).



Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15th @ 10am

Mark your calendars, as we are once again looking forward to our children and youth (and the young at heart) offering some Christmas Pageantry as part of our worship on December 15. Casting and rehearsals will be on Sundays, December 1 & 8 during the 11:30am Sunday school/Second Hour time, and take place in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, speak with Pastor Jason.



Poinsettia Orders

If you wish to contribute toward our annual display of poinsettias for Advent/Christmas, please notify the church office via email (fbcd@fbcd Dayton.org) or by phone (937-222-4691). You may contribute in memory of loved ones or to honor special people. Gifts of \$20 will help to defray the cost of the plants. Checks can be made out to First Baptist Church and note Poinsettias on the memo line. **Orders and payments are needed by Wednesday, Nov. 27, in time for the 1st Sunday of Advent on December 1st.**



Decorate for Advent/Christmas

Saturday, Nov. 30 @ 9:00AM

On Saturday, Nov. 30, beginning at 9:00am we plan to decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and exterior of the church for Advent/Christmas and would greatly appreciate as many helpers as possible. We will have refreshments available. Join us for this time of preparation, fun and fellowship!



The Mitten Tree

During the Advent/Christmas season, we ask that you honor the gift of Christ with gifts for those in need. You may bring gifts of hats, mittens, gloves & scarves to place on our Mitten Tree for kids and families served by the Dayton Christian Center. The Mitten Tree will be set up in the narthex at the front entrance of the church in time for the first Sunday of Advent, Dec. 1.



From the Mission Board

On the evening of Thursday, October 10th, Ted Greenwood and David and Jamie See attended the **CityHeart Gala** at the Carillon Historical Park Eichelberger Pavilion as representatives of the First Baptist Church of Dayton Mission Board. The Mission Board donates \$1,200 annually to CityHeart -- an organization whose mission is to offer compassionate response to urgent needs of the homeless, low income, and marginalized and to make connections to resources for long-term solutions. CityHeart was founded as a non-profit program of Christ Episcopal Church. If any church members are interested in donating to this worthy cause, please reach out to the Mission Board.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. THOMAS J. LASLEY, II

I am sharing this news with you because we sometimes forget to celebrate each other, and we don't always know all the good our folks are doing in the world, often because they do so without seeking any kind of recognition. On Thursday, October 3, 2024, our beloved Dr. Thomas J. Lasley, II received the 2024 Citizen Legion of Honor Award from The Presidents Club of Dayton. We join in celebrating Tom's work and service to those in our community and beyond. Below is an excerpt from the press release from The Presidents Club regarding the award. Congratulations and thank you, Tom! Well done!

~ Pastor Jason



“The Presidents Club of Dayton is pleased to announce that Thomas J. Lasley, II Ph.D will be the 73rd recipient of the region’s 2024 Citizen Legion of Honor Award. The award, given annually since 1951 (2020 COVID exception) is the oldest, most continuous and prestigious recognition of volunteer servant leadership in the Dayton region.

Dr. Lasley is Professor and Dean Emeritus at the University of Dayton School of Education and Health Services. Dr. Lasley received his bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees at The Ohio State University. He currently serves as the Director, Policy and Advocacy for The Montgomery County Educational Services Center and Learn to Earn Dayton.

He founded or co-founded a number of organizations that are critical to the educational and social programming that is available for young people and adults in the Dayton region, as well as across Ohio. These include Dayton Early College Academy, the Ohio Early College Association, Air Camp, Inc, and others. He was the founder of our community’s Learn to Earn Dayton.

Our recipient has served on a wide variety of local, state, and national boards over the past 30 years, including the Dayton Literary Peace Prize; Dayton Metro Library Foundation; National Council on Teacher Quality; National Museum of the United States Air Force Foundation; Chaminade Julianne High School; Boonshoft Museum of Discovery; Air Camp, Inc; and the Special Wish Foundation.

Dr. Lasley is the recipient of numerous honors including the University of Dayton Alumni Award in Scholarship; the National Conference for Community and Justice’s Humanitarian Award; the UD’s Lackner Award; Knowledge Works’ Visionary Leader Award; the Buckeye Association of School Administrators’ Jerry Klenke Distinguished Service Award and StriveTogether’s Cradle-to-Career Champion Award.”



Change Coming to Online Giving

In the next couple of months we will be changing our online giving to a different company. It will be CDM+ or Engage (this is our software company). This new company will give us more features than what we have now. More information will be shared as it becomes available. Anyone who has a recurring gift set up or has an account may ask Nancy Kerr (937-222-4692) to assist in transferring their information when it is up and running.

November Church Meetings

Board Meetings
Wednesday, Nov. 13 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 20 @ 6:30pm

Recent MUSICA Concert at FBC by Dayton's Chamber Choir on October 27, 2024



Ginger Minneman, Musica Director and
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, FBC Choir Director



Window Restoration

A nice photo of our restored
east-side balcony window.

The window with our Savior was
returned after eight months of
restoration! Isn't it beautiful?!



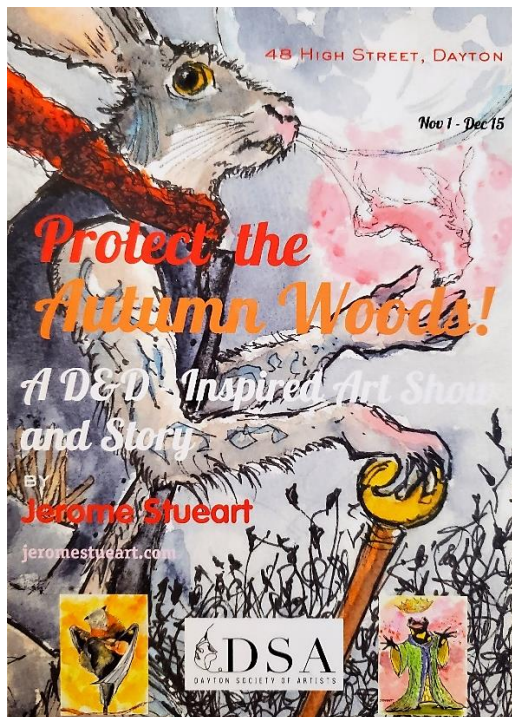
Steeple Work Progress

Photos provided by HKC

Replacing old wood with new, and fitting copper pieces in place.



Art Show by Jerome Stueart



**OPENS FRIDAY,
NOV. 1st**

Jerome's art show "Protect the Autumn Woods!" opens Friday night, November 1st, 5pm to 8pm, and everyone is invited. The show will be up from Nov. 1st thru Dec. 15th at the Dayton Society of Artists, 48 High Street, Dayton in the St. Anne's Hill area. There will be hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Jerome will have an artist talk on Nov. 8th, 7:30pm. And he's going to arrange a LIVE reading of the story for kids and adults later in November.



November Celebrants

- 4 Clara Black
- 7 Sydney Owens
- 9 Diane Charron, Sharon Kohnle
- 11 Zachery Williamson
- 14 Jennifer Craig
- 16 Matthew Burtenshaw
- 18 Kylie (Thorn) Stanley
- 20 Elaine Rasco
- 25 Kimberly Bogan
- 27 Ida Lou Sensel Hawkins
- 28 Barry Schlaile
- 29 Barbara Bogan
- 30 Debby Menzel, Jonathan Taylor

(Is your birthday not listed? Please contact the church office to update our records.)

For Our Cards & Prayers

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| Tathiane Ayers | Merkle Family |
| Clara Black | Shirley Nash |
| Don Brown | Mary Ann Paloncy |
| Linda Ginter Brown | Susan Parent |
| Gerald Busch | Judy Smith |
| June Collier | Roger Stephens |
| Donovan-Schlaile Family | Anita Suro |
| Lavanda Ferguson | Thomson Family |
| Bill Harrell | Lee Tyson |
| Karen Johnson | Anne Veghte |
| Kalbfleisch Family | Harold West |
| Landis Family | Dorothy Williams |
| Gene Lee | Sharon Wingham |

Military Duty:

Sebastian Ewald, Sunny Ewald, Brittany Kalbfleisch, Will Radachi, Andy Wilson



Thank You from the Yellow Brick Theater Group

“Thank you so much for the use of the church! It was amazing and helped us out so much! We appreciate your kindness and generosity!

–Dionne and Jessi, Yellow Brick Theater”

(The group made a \$600 donation to the church!)

SEPTEMBER 2024 Financial Report

	Budget	Received	YTD Budget	YTD Received
Loose Offerings	1000.00	61.00	750.00	861.03
Pledges	207794.00	16202.00	155845.50	148303.50
Non-pledged Contributions	55000.00	4401.00	41250.00	41174.00

Love Loaves of Welcoming

First Baptist Church has restarted their practice of giving loaves of bread to first-time visitors. We want visitors to know that we care, and we welcome them to our service. The Deacons are inviting other members to help bake bread loaves for Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen off of fellowship hall. We usually need two loaves, but they do not need to be huge loaves. And the bread can be any kind of bread you want to bake.