

FIRST BAPTIST NEWS

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First Baptist Church

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTIAN

By Dr. Rob Collins

The global church has a long journey ahead if it wants to earn back the trust of the people. With the ever increasing revelations of systemic child abuse within various Christian entities, trust has long been broken. Simply claiming the allegiance or title of Christian carries its own assumptions and negative connotations in our society. Our church likes to tell people that we are "a different kind of Baptist," but perhaps we should be striving to be a different kind of Christian instead. Perhaps we all should be working toward being more authentically Christ-like in our everyday lives.

My philosophy professor at Howard Payne University, Dr. Roark, would often pronounce the term Christian as if it had a dash in the middle. He would say Christ-ian, always emphasizing the "Christ" at the beginning of this word. He did so to remind us that being a Christian meant being like Christ. Anything short of that fell far from the actual calling of following Jesus.

There are ways to restore trust, but like any other betrayal they will require time, effort, sacrifice, and great determination. Restoration only stands a chance if those who claim to follow Christ actually start acting like, sounding like, and living like Christ. The season has arrived for the global church to start saving, serving, and rescuing children again. In the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, Jesus says that anyone harming a child would be better off drowning. It is a gory and dark passage, but so is a world where children live in fear and abuse. That's why we must all work hard to change our world and demand a better, safer place for all children.

I don't blame anyone for no longer trusting the church. It's not their job to trust us. It's our job to earn that trust back. And we will; by God's grace, through the power of Christ, with the guidance of the Spirit we can be authentic, loving, responsible, "Christ-ians!" May God help us to do just that.

Serving Together,
Rob Collins Senior Pastor

WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Worship & Children's Sunday School

April 14, 2019, Palm Sunday

"RISK EVERYTHING FOR PEACE"

Psalm 118:19-24

Jesus enters Jerusalem with singing, shouts of acclamation, and not a little bit of controversy. The pharisees are perturbed at the commotion of it all and want it to stop. But the real question is, are we willing to follow Jesus on this journey along the narrow path? We'll explore this question and others on Palm Sunday.

Music: "Mighty to Save" - Michelle Lacy

"I Won't Let Go" - Chris Frauenhoffer

"He Is With Us" - Higher Ground

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Sunday, April 19th
6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary



April 21, 2019, Easter Sunday

"THEY FOUND THE STONE ROLLED AWAY"

Psalm 150:1-6

The disciples weep in a dark room. The followers are scattered in their fear. The enemies of Jesus smile in their victory. But the stone is rolling away and the women have come to witness the event that will change the world. Resurrection is coming; and we will all be called to live as new creations, as people of the resurrection.

Music: "*Jesus Messiah*" — vocal trio

John Posth, Pierre Paul, Mark Grizzard

Because He Lives (Amen) — combined ensembles

Youth Band, Chancel Choir, Higher Ground,
Chancel Bells, and Brass

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Easter Offering

This year our special Easter Offering will be divided equally between two very worthwhile causes. Half of the offering will be used to provide some financial aid to one in our church family who is in need of a serious medical procedure. This individual has had to hold off on having the procedure for some time as they try to come up with the necessary funding. Hopefully our assistance will help them clear that last hurdle. The other half will be distributed to the Young Lives organization that meets here at First Baptist. Young Lives ministers to young, single mothers in the Peoria area by providing life skills and showing how Christ can have an impact in their lives. Young Lives is expertly lead by SuAnne Krick, daughter of Bob and Mary Hinch. We ask for your prayers for both of these causes and will appreciate your generosity in supporting them.

Joe Sexton, Moderator

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We encourage all FBC members and regular visitors to add their names and photographs to our new church directory. Pictures will be taken by Life Touch May 14–18 at the church. To schedule your appointment go to our church website, fbcpeoria.org, and click on the “Church Directory” link. Choose a date to see a list of available appointment times, click on the time you want and follow the instructions to complete your reservation. You will be asked to create a log-in and password and provide your e-mail and phone number as part of the appointment process. Once completed, you will be able to print a confirmation and will also receive a confirmation in your e-mail.

Gay Barton, Committee Chair

ABW April Meetings

ABW Brunch, Saturday, April 13th, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Ladies, we invite you to join us for a virtual tour of the Peoria Riverfront Museum with its President & CEO, John Morris. Also hear about the new things coming to the museum. We will have Love Gift boxes on the tables for your contributions. Our devotion will be by Bonna Zimmerman.

The cost is \$4 at the door. You are invited to bring guests. Don't forget to make reservations! We want to make sure you have a seat. Please contact Carolyn Ihnken by phone at 685-1388 or by email to csimk@comcast.net.

Circle of Friends will meet on Tuesday, April 16th, at the church at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Evening Literature Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Pat Miller, 701 Fondulac Drive, East Peoria. The book to be reviewed is In Pieces by Sally Field.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tom Maulding	Char Austin	Helen Nicol
Sharon Stanard	Rose Kimpling	Mark Stanard
Jim Ashton	June Fredell	Rosemary Walk
Mary Hinch	Jerry Edwards	Pam Orrill
Alyssa Russell	Leon Vickerman	Jacquelyn Kellogg
Ted Osborn (Dr. Osborn's brother)		

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to Lurene & Phil Ladd and family on the death of Lurene's brother, Gene Kulik. Gene died on Monday, April 1st, at his home in Massilon, Ohio.



HEALTH TIPS: GRIEF

“You give yourself permission to grieve by recognizing the need for grieving. Grieving is the natural way of working through the loss of a loved one. Grieving is not weakness nor the absence of faith. Grieving is as natural as crying when you are hurt, sleeping when you are tired or sneezing when your nose itches. It is nature's way of healing a broken heart.”

—Doug Manning

FBC GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our congregation has experienced many deaths over the last several years. We invite anyone who has experienced a loss to be part of this group. It will include videos, discussions, and a time for sharing. Although each person's grief journey is unique, having a support group series can help participants move toward healing.

The facilitators for this group are Bob Atwater and Candy Lacy. There will be six consecutive sessions starting Thursday, April 4th, through May 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will meet in the church parlor. Please contact one of the following if you are interested:

Church Office, (309) 682-5491
Lurene Ladd, (309) 691-2054
Bob Atwater, (309) 240-8151
Candy Lacy, (309) 868-3038

Lurene Ladd
Parish Nurse

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We will recognize our 2019 graduates on Sunday, May 19th. If you have a 2019 high school or college graduate, please contact the church office by phone at (309) 682-5491 or e-mail to office@fbcpeoria.com. Please provide their name, the school they are graduating from and, if applicable, the degree earned.

Karen Pilgrim, Chair
Christian Education Board



CHRIS FRAUENHOFFER

By Barb Drake

Chris Frauenhoffer pretty much knew First Baptist Church was for him on that Sunday in December when he first visited. His thinking came with the welcome he got from members, then moved to the music and progressed to the message he heard from Pastor Rob Collins. All put together, he sensed “a difference in style.” Chris joined on February 24. Of his new church, he says, “It’s something I’ve been looking for.”

From all appearances, Chris is someone First Baptist has been looking for. He’s a friendly guy. He sings in the choir, singing a solo at his first service as a member. And he sang at our March 5 pancake supper and talent show -- the Josh Groban hit “You Are Loved.” That was fitting because he’s been singing since he was five years old, moving up to the concert choir at his alma mater, Peoria High School, and to the choir at his previous church. It also was fitting because Groban is his favorite singer – when he’s not listening to jazz.

A native Peorian, Chris has lived in the same house since his birth 31 years ago. He lives there now with his dad; his mother died when he was in high school. A brother lives in Bartonville.

He remembers a childhood spent playing baseball and soccer on Peoria Park District and Christian Center teams, but his love for sports continues into adulthood. He’s been coaching youth basketball and baseball teams for nine years, starting with the Park District and then moving to the Christian Center. “I wanted to find a way to reach out to kids and other people too,” he explains. It’s time-consuming volunteer work; baseball games can run as often as three times a week, and practices can last two hours. Nor is coaching fifth and sixth graders easy. “Kids have a lot of energy,” he says, and they do tire him out. But that’s OK because they’re having fun – and so is he.

Another favorite hobby – besides listening to music – is strolling through his neighborhood, which is near Northwoods Mall, and taking photographs. So his yearning for it to warm up stems not so much from being tired of cold weather but from the joy he gets being outside and snapping pictures of what he sees. He is not currently employed but says his hobbies occupy much of his time. And he’d like his new church to do that too.

“I wanted to be more than a person who just attended. I wanted to get myself involved in some way,” he explains.

Chris was a member of a local Disciples of Christ Church when he decided he needed a change “on both a personal and spiritual level.” Checking church websites eventually brought him to First Baptist. Three months after his initial visit here his first impressions have only been affirmed. “I’m finding that I can relate to the messages and the preaching more,” he explains. “I can identify with what is being said. I feel like I’m getting something to take home and think about.”

That’s something we might all take home and think about.

This profile is part of a series on First Baptist Church members. The series is the work of a church committee headed by Barb Drake. Please let her know if anyone has been overlooked.



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2019 EASTER EGG HUNTS

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th, 1:00 p.m.

FBC Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 21st, after Worship Service.

Please contact Karen Pilgrim (ph: 309-369-2431, e-mail: khpilgrim@comcast.net) if you can help.

SENIOR NET SEMINARS

- Fraud & Theft, Thursday, April 11th, 10:30 a.m. at FBC in the chapel. Presented by CEFCU.
- Wednesday, April 17th, at Illinois Eye Center in the conference room: Dry Eye Syndrome, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch provided at noon. "Eye Care Today" and "Eye Nutrition" 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

No cost for attendance. Call Dave Dunkin, Sr. Net Coordinator, at (309) 453-1436 to sign up for any or all of the seminars.

2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications for the 2019-20 school year are due in the church office by April 30, 2019. Application forms are available on the church website and in the church office.

RUMMAGE



SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH,

8:00 AM—2:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Items donated for the sale may be left at the church any time before the sale. Contact Deb McGlothlen (635-3666) or the church office (682-5491) to arrange drop-off time and date.



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