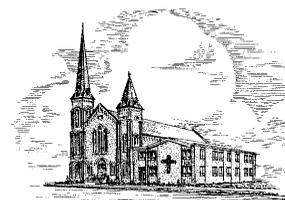


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Greetings from the pastor:

⁴ *Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise.*

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ *For the Lord is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Psalm 100:4-5

As I prepare to transition to Jackson, I'm excited to join you for this new chapter in our faith journey together. In the midst of the hectic transition of moving, I'd like to pause and give thanks to God and to those in our church community who have already been a blessing to my family as we make this transition.

I'd like to thank the church for its welcoming spirit and overwhelming support of my calling. I am grateful for the church's optimism about what God is going to continue to do through us. I'm thankful for those in the church community who have been away for a while but who have rejoined us with hope for the future. I hope that our church can be a place where all can belong and be inspired to grow. I am very excited to meet everyone and to hear your stories and your dreams about what great things God may be calling you to do.

I am very thankful to Pastor Ross for all of the work he's done to help our church prepare for this new chapter. I know he deeply cares for our church and I'm sure that you have seen that in his time with you. I appreciate his willingness to assist me both in insight and networking during this transition. God's blessing goes with him on the journey to wherever God may be leading him to serve next.

Lastly, I want to say how much I have appreciated and enjoyed getting to work with the Pastoral Search Committee during this transition. Nancy, Richard, Marilyn, Ron, and Don have been a tremendous help to my family. They've given us endless help at understanding the church, the city, housing options, teaching opportunities for my wife, Beth, and much more. I'm grateful for all of their work to discern where God is moving First Baptist.

I can't wait to start serving alongside each of you. Let's make a difference in Jackson together!

Blessings,
Dallas



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can listen to our sermons and follow First Baptist Church online?

You can go to our church's website: **fbcofjackson.org** to hear the sermons and learn what is going on in our church.

We also can be followed on Facebook at **[facebook.com/firstbaptistjxn](https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistjxn)**.

If anyone has any questions, comments, concerns or further information, please contact the church office.

If anyone is in need of reimbursements, please submit your receipts to Sue so a check can be processed. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sue or Mary White. Thank you.



September is a busy month with events and activities beginning for another year. Please mark your calendars so you won't miss out on anything!!

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, September 5th at 5:15 pm in the Sanctuary.

FRIDAY BOOK GROUP: Join the Friday Book Group for sharing various books and lots of good fellowship, caring and support of each other.

Our current book, "An Extra Mile" is a story of embracing God's Call. Author, Sharon G. Brown, powerfully weaves the stories of four very different women who are struggling yet desiring to grow their faith in everyday life with its ups and downs. Through realistic stories of these four women, we experience what it feels like to enter the darkest places of loss, resistance, and frustration, and find there the abundant grace of God.

We read a chapter each week, then discuss the story, how God is working through our characters and the application to our own busy, chaotic lives.

We meet every Friday, beginning September 7 at 10 am. If you would like to join us, please let Mary White or Sue in the church office know so we can make sure we have plenty of books on hand. Give it a try! What have you got to lose?

PRAYER QUILTS: Attention all church ladies. The Quilting Ladies will begin meeting on Friday, September 7 at 11 am. Due to donating two large bags of quilts to the Veterans's hospital in Ann Arbor, we are in need of replenishing our supply. Please plan on joining us for this rewarding fellowship with other ladies of our church in making these beautiful quilts.



It goes without question that the greatest strength of our congregation is the manner in which they care about one another. This was recently brought to light in my own experience of knee replacement surgery when this congregation expressed their concern regarding my progress. Words cannot adequately tell of my appreciation for the get-well cards, phone calls, visits, and your prayers. Pat and I have been overwhelmed by your Christian love. Thank you!

Richard and Pat Raby

