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Welcoming the Kimmels

CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIPS TASK FORCE

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel and her husband Tom have arrived!

We are thrilled to welcome Kat and Tom and want everyone to have an opportunity to get to know them.

We will celebrate the Kimmels throughout this month with

a series of small group events hosted by Sunday School classes.*

**Please note that, for everyone's health and safety, events are intended to be small, private gatherings. If you do not have a Sunday School class, this is a good time to join one!*

September 5: *Co-Ed Class*—Senior Adults will host the Kimmels for breakfast from 9:30-10:30 am in the Parlor

September 8: *First Friends*—First Friends will meet Kat and Tom for dinner at 6 pm

September 10: *Connect 4*—Connect Four will host a Levitt Shell meet-up for Kat and Tom to see Don Bryant and the Bo-Keys perform live at 7 pm in Overton Park

September 12: *Children and Families*—FBC kids and their families are invited to hang with Pastor Kat at the Crosstown Concourse splash pad from 3-4 pm. Kids need to wear their swimsuits and bring a towel

September 17: *Women of Faith*—Women of Faith will gather at 7 pm for a time of fellowship with the Kimmels.

September 19: *Religion 101*—Religion 101 will host the Kimmels for breakfast from 9:30-10 am in their Sunday School room

September 26: *Youth*—The Youth will meet the Kimmels for a picnic in Martyr Park at 6 pm and then walk Big River Crossing to watch the sunset on the Mighty Mississippi

RE-OPENING TASK FORCE

Changes to Worship & FBC's Mask Policy

The Re-Opening Task Force met Wednesday, August 11, and recommended changes to FBC's worship service and mask policy. These changes were approved by the Deacon Body Thursday, August 12.

These were effective Sunday, August 15, 2021.

- Masks are required for everyone, ages two and older (including those fully vaccinated) while in the building. This includes moving throughout the building, in the Sanctuary, and in Sunday School classes.
- Until further notice, we will not have solos or congregational singing in worship.
- Ministers and lay worship leaders may remove their masks while speaking from the pulpit and put their masks back on before being seated.
- Children will remain with their families for the Children's Sermon in worship.
- Until further notice, we will discontinue passing the offering plate and return to requesting offerings be placed in the plates on either side of the chancel.
- Sunday School classes can continue to meet as they feel appropriate, but if in person, masks will be required.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please keep your church, its leaders, our city, and our nation in your prayers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Promotion Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Promotion Sunday is September 12! On this day our Kindergartners will promote to the 2nd floor for Temple.

As is our tradition, the Kindergartners, 3rd Graders, and 6th Graders will be presented with new Bibles during the worship service.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Installation of Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel



Please join us on Sunday, November 7 at 11 am for Rev. Dr. Kimmel's Installation Service.

This will be a meaningful service for our church as we recognize God's calling Kat to us, and as we affirm her ministry and her leadership.

FBC SWAG

FBC Opens a Cafe Press Shop

FBC Memphis has an online shop where you can purchase church merch on demand!

Check us out at <https://www.cafepress.com/firstmemphis/>

We will continue to add new products, so if there are particular items you'd like to see, please let the PR Committee know.

This is a great way to promote our church in our community, and the church will receive a portion of the proceeds for every sale.

GIVING

FBC's Giving Options

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE

FBC has several ways for you to keep up with your giving schedule.

Mail

You may continue to mail your check to the church, FBC, Attn: Financial Administrator, 200 E Parkway N., Memphis, TN 38112.

Online via our website

You may give via our website, fbcmemphis.org/giving, using a credit card.

Online via your bank's bill pay or ACH Payments

If you already pay your household bills through online banking, you can simply add First Baptist Church as a new additional payee. The address you would use for payment is 200 E. Parkway N., Memphis, TN 38112. Phone # 901-454-1131. You will need to put your FBC member envelope number in as your payee account number. If you do not know your member envelope

number, email Lisa Butts at lbutts@fbcmemphis.org and she will send it to you. You can put in an amount to send automatically each time period (you decide the time period), or you can simply go in each week/month/etc., and have the amount sent to us just as you would other bills.

For those who would prefer to have an automatic payment set-up from your bank account or credit card, you can request ACH Form from the finance office, complete it, sign, and return to the finance office at FBC, 200 E. Parkway N., Memphis, TN 38112. The form will lead you through completion. You have the option of specifying what account you want to the amount to be deducted from, how much, how often, and whether or not you want an ending date or until otherwise notified. Once Lisa receives your form, she will read it over and call you if there are any questions.

If anyone has questions concerning these giving methods, please email Lisa Butts (lbutts@fbcmemphis.org).

FBDS

FBDS Names New Director and Business Manager

The search for a new director of the day school has been completed.

It is with great pleasure we announce that Mary Anne Waddell has accepted the position of Director of the First Baptist Day School. Ms. Waddell has proven throughout the summer while she was serving as the interim director that she is more than capable of serving as our school's director. She is gifted with an approachable personality, a loving concern for the welfare of the children and a desire to continue to maintain the high standard of education for which our school has been known for years.

In addition to the installation of a director, we have set up a new office position as Business Manager. As we studied the responsibilities of the director over the years, we have determined a second person is needed in the school office to share the administrative load with the director. Sally Fethi, the former teacher of the three-year class, has been engaged to be our Business Manager. Ms. Fethi has an extensive background in accounting and business. She came to FBDS as a parent and has continued to be dedicated to our school for years as a teacher. We have been impressed with her professional manner and eagerness to meet the

daily operational needs of the school.

The Day School Committee, also known as the Board of the Day School, is very pleased with the credentials of both ladies. We are confident they will be excellent guardians of a school that has maintained a high standard of education in midtown Memphis.

You will be interested to know that the day school enrollment for the fall term is the highest it has ever been. People are still eager to choose First Baptist Day School as the best, most loving place to care for their children during the day.

Betty Wilson, Chair, FBDS Comt.

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Willena Highsmith
Ann Powell

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Anita Cobb
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David Edwards

In honor of **the
Pastor Search Committee** by

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