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Celebrating 70 Years at Poplar & Parkway

REV. DR. KATHRYN KIMMEL, SENIOR PASTOR

FBC,

We are coming up on an anniversary. December 2 marks seventy years of doing church in this building, and this is something to celebrate. Now, of course, church is more than a building. It is more than a location, more than bricks, more than plaster walls. It is more than the pews we sit on and the stained glass windows

that let the light in. It is more than the halls we walk through or the rooms we sit in. Church is more than a building; church is a people. Church is testifying to Christ's love and light in every space of this earth.

Yes, Church is more than the building on the corner of poplar and parkway, but this building... this building has held us, gathered us, and made much of our ministry and mission possible. It has held homeless ministries, refugee ministries. It has held people meeting one another around tables, listening to God's word, seeing one another. It has held every age related ministry there is. It has offered space for care of our minds, our souls, and our bodies.

Right now, this building is alive with children learning and growing, receiving love and care six days a week. Let us give thanks to God for First Baptist Day School and its light shining work. Let us give thanks for First Baptist children's ministry and the way our children are learning the love of Christ. Right now, this building holds a ministry for refugees in our city, Asha's Refuge. Let us give thanks for this place that makes possible welcoming the stranger in our midst. Right now, this

building houses four different congregations in different spaces with different worship styles. Let us give thanks to God, there is space for all of us.

No, Buildings do not make a church, but how we choose to fill this building can be a bold and beautiful witness to Christ's continued work here and now. So, as we prepare to celebrate this anniversary, I invite you to give thanks for the many ministries, meetings, and movements this building has, does, and will hold. I invite you to look back and remember what drew you here. I invite you to look around and give thanks for what is. And, I invite you to dream with me about what this building might become and how with it, we might bless this community and each other.

As you dream and as you remember, write the church office, and tell us your stories. Tell us stories of the past and your visions for the future; tell us how this building holds meaning for you now. As we look forward to this anniversary, we will be sharing these stories and giving thanks for this place that has brought us all together to be the church.

With gratitude and hope, Kat

WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday

OCTOBER 3, 11 AM, SANCUTARY

We will gather to celebrate World Communion Sunday with congregations around the world, Sunday, October 3.

We'll be joined by lay leaders and leadership from Asha's Refuge as part of this special communion service.



WORSHIP

Children's Sabbath

OCTOBER 17, 11 AM, SANCUTARY

Join us October 17 as our children lead us in worship. The theme for this year's Children's Sabbath is "Listen, God is Calling." Come allow our children to lead you to listen and discover what God is calling you to do.

"The multi-faith Children's Sabbath weekend engages places of worship across the country in focusing prayers, worship, education programs, and action on learning more about the urgent problems facing our nation's children exploring sacred texts and teachings that call us to love and protect children, responding with outreach and advocacy, and—most importantly—inspiring new, year-round action to improve the lives of children."



You can learn more about Children's Sabbath and the Children's Defense Fund at <https://www.childrensdefense.org/childrens-sabbath-celebration/>

FAMILY EVENT

FBC Family Pumpkin Carving Fellowship

OCTOBER 29, 6-8 PM



Families are invited to gather outside of the Welcome Center on Friday, October 29 from 6-8 pm to carve pumpkins, roast marshmallows, and listen to a dramatic telling of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Midtown Progressive Trunk-or-Treat

OCTOBER 30, 1-4:30 PM



On Saturday, October 30, FBC Memphis will join several other area churches in a progressive Trunk-or-Treat beginning at St John's UMC at 1 pm and ending at Lindenwood at 4:30 pm.

You can help by donating individually wrapped candy (no nuts), volunteering to help turn our east side portacache into a spooky spirit tunnel, or volunteering to work the event.

Please contact Holly for details.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Installation of Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 11 AM, SANCTUARY



We will gather for worship Sunday, November 7 at 11 am to install Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel as the twenty-third and first female Senior Pastor of the historic First Baptist Church of Memphis.

Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, Pastor Kat's mentor and the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will be our guest preacher for this service.

During the worship service, we will honor the Saints among us that we lost this past year.

WORSHIP

All Hallows Eve

OCTOBER 30, 6 PM, SANCUTARY



Come join us for our first All Hallows Eve service on October 30, at 6 pm.

It will be a special night of prayer and thanksgiving. We will give thanks by candlelight for the saints who have given light to the world in every generation.

We will hear their stories, soak up their love, and partake in communion together, as we remember the cloud of witnesses that precede and surround us.

70TH ANNIVERSARY AT POPLAR AND PARKWAY

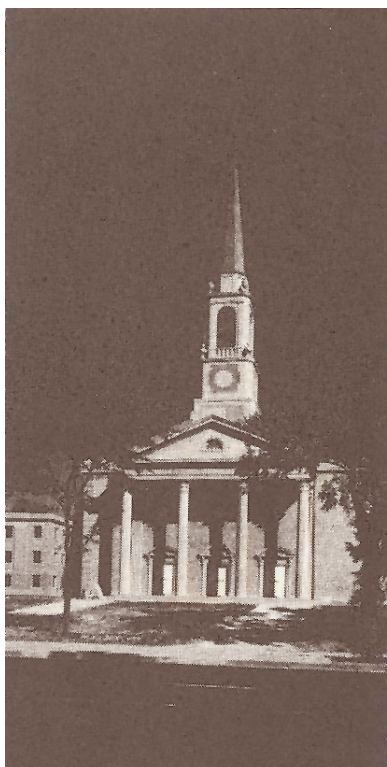
70 Years at Poplar and Parkway: Story Collection

DECEMBER 2

As Pastor Kat said in her letter, “no, Buildings do not make a church, but how we choose to fill this building can be a bold and beautiful witness to Christ’s continued work here and now” (page 1 of this newsletter).

We are reaching out to members, former members and friends to help us commemorate this special anniversary by submitting stories about FBC.

These can be turned into the church office or emailed to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org).



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The First Baptist Church
Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Pastor
cordially invites you to attend the
Dedication Services of their new Church
beginning Sunday, December second
nineteen hundred fifty-one
Poplar and Parkway
Memphis, Tennessee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking Ahead

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Please note the upcoming events for November and December

Mid-November: Missions Week 2021

Sundays, Nov. 28-Dec. 19: Advent Theme: Dreaming

Sunday, Nov. 28: Hanging of the Green Service, 11 am

Sunday Dec. 5: Celebration of 70 Years at the Corner of Poplar & Parkway



FBC

Rev. Holly Hatton, Associate Pastor

We are excited to announce that effective immediately, Rev. Holly Hatton's title is now Associate Pastor.



We celebrate this and give thanks for Holly's continued ministry and love for her FBC family. Please help us in congratulating Holly.

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.

WORSHIP

Changes to FBC Worship & Mask Policy

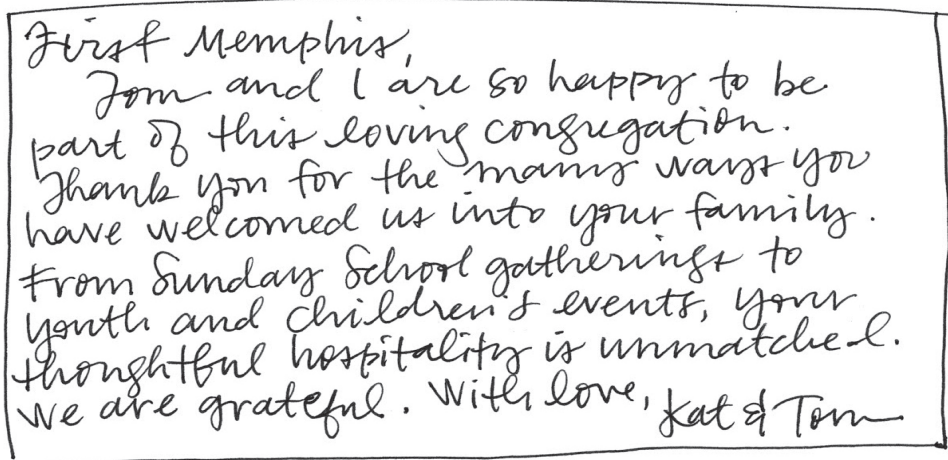
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2021

Please note the following updates to worship and FBC's mask policy

- Masks are required for everyone, ages two and older while in the building.
- Until further notice, we will not have congregational singing in worship.
- Children will remain with their families for the Children's Sermon which will be delivered from the podium microphone.

WELCOMING THE KIMMELS

Thank You from Kat and Tom



First Memphis,
Tom and I are so happy to be part of this loving congregation. Thank you for the many ways you have welcomed us into your family. From Sunday School gatherings to youth and children's events, your thoughtful hospitality is unmatched. We are grateful. With love, Kat & Tom

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Classes Meeting In Person

At this time, Sunday School classes are determining the best time for them to return to meeting regularly at the church.

When your Sunday School class is ready to return to church on Sunday mornings, the teacher should send an e-mail to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org) letting us know the date you would like to return.

We'll provide you with any necessary information to ensure the return of your Sunday School class will be as safe as possible.

Thank you for your patience and your dedication and prayers for our church.



WELCOME

FBC Welcomes New Members

FBC welcomes the following new members:

- **Kat and Tom Kimmel** and **Chris Church** who joined FBC on September 5.
- **Regina Benson** who joined FBC on September 19.

MEMORIALS

In memory of **Jim Donnell** by

Kenneth Foster

Patty Wiggs

Nancy Burch

Central Baptist Bearden

Travis, Herbert & Stempien
Attorneys, PLLC

Mary Fleming

Catherine Roberts

Chuck Roberts Family

Rick Roberts Family

In memory of **Jim Donnell** by

Linda Morris

Charlene & Jim Allen

Mark & Sally Smith

HONORARIA

In honor of **Randy Hyde** by

Pat Podzorski

In honor of **Kat Kimmel** by

Pat Podzorski

GIVING

Giving Options

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE

We are grateful for your continued financial support of FBC during this ongoing pandemic. We have a variety of ways to give your gifts to FBC besides the offering plate.

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

Online via our website: via credit card at www.fbcmemphis.org/giving.

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 using the church address and phone number and include your envelope number. Email Lisa Butts to get your envelope number. You can put in an amount to send

automatically each 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. The form will lead you through completion. You have the option of specifying what account you want to the amount to be deducted from, the amount, frequency, and whether or not you want an ending date.

If anyone has questions concerning these giving methods, please email Lisa Butts (lbutts@fbcmemphis.org). God Bless and stay healthy!

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