



**FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
OF MADISON

## *The Visitor*

A newsletter for members and friends  
of First Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin

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## ALL ABOUT PASTOR TIM'S INSTALLATION

**Installation Celebration – Saturday,  
September 18, 2021 | Between 1 and 3 pm**

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**INSTALLATION  
CELEBRATION**

— SATURDAY / SEPTEMBER 18 —

STOP BY BETWEEN 1-3 PM TO  
OFFER YOUR BEST WISHES

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ON THE LAWN

AT THE HOME OF PASTOR TIM & JOHN  
852 SUGAR MAPLE LANE, VERONA

**Installation of Rev. Tim Schaefer  
Sunday, September 19, 2021, 2:00**

Join us as First Baptist Church of Madison officially  
installs its new pastor, Rev. Tim Schaefer.

*Behold—we are doing a new thing!*

With joy and gladness, First Baptist Church of Madison  
announces the installation of our new  
Pastor, the Rev. Tim Schaefer

Please join us in-person or virtually to help commemorate this  
sacred and joyous occasion!

**Sunday, September 19 | 2:00 PM**

Reflecting on his role as pastor, Rev. Schaefer said,  
"As Christians, I believe strongly that we are called by  
God to love unconditionally, to bring healing and  
wholeness to the world, to practice inclusion and  
celebrate diversity, and to challenge unjust systems  
through our mission and social justice work. These are  
among the many values that First Baptist embodies as  
a congregation."

Before starting work here in November 2020,  
Rev. Schaefer served as the Minister to Youth at Royal  
Lane Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, where he was  
ordained in May 2019. He has a Master of Divinity from  
Brice Divinity School. Rev. Schaefer is joined by his  
husband, John W. Duncan.

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518 N. Franklin Avenue | Madison  
Masks and social distancing will be required for the in-person service.

Livestream: <http://live.firstbaptistmadison.org>

For more information, visit [firstbaptistmadison.org](http://firstbaptistmadison.org)  
or Call 608.233.1880

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### **"WHY FIRST BAPTIST?"**

### **Additional Opportunities to Share Your Story**

**On Sunday, September 12 between 12 - 2 pm, and  
Saturday, September 25, between 9 – 11 am or  
2 – 4 pm, we will be conducting video interviews of  
congregants telling us why they chose First Baptist  
Church as their community of faith, and why they  
stay. Your 1 - 2 minute "Why First Baptist?" video  
will be featured on our redesigned website, scheduled  
to launch this fall. Please sign up for one of the 20-  
minute time slot or call the office, (608) 233-1880  
or email, [FBCEoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:FBCEoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org)**

**[SCHEDULE HERE](#)**

## ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

August – September – 2021

Date	Worship #
8/01/21	36 (In-Person) 25 (Online)*
8/08/21	25 (In-Person) 37 (Online)*
8/15/21	30 (In-Person) 26 (Online)*
8/22/21	46 (In-Person) 10 (Online)*
8/29/21	33 (In-Person) 31 (Online)*
9/05/21	35 (In-Person) 25 (Online)*

\*Online numbers represent the number of devices / households joining livestreaming/YouTube/FB not the actual number of individuals.



If you are unable to join Sunday's In-Person Worship Service, you can still see the service in one of three different platforms:

### Livestream to Worship:

<http://live.firstbaptistmadison.org>

### Livestream to YouTube:

<https://tinyurl.com/eubzz6mr>

### Livestream to Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FBCMAdison>



**Zoom Fellowship Time (Livestream Worship only):** <https://tinyurl.com/Zoom-Fellowship-Time>

## FBC HIGHLIGHTS

### Re-Opening of the Church



After many days of preparation, volunteer work, and anticipation, FBC opened its doors to in-person worship. We were blessed to see our friends who worshiped together but apart, safely distancing and wearing masks.



### Fellowship Time took place outside.



## We Welcomed Katrina Welborn, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Katrina inspired us with her lovely voice.



We look forward to her plans for the music department.



## Lawn Lemonade at FBC Remembering Bea Dewey

She has settled down in her office, is leading the worship team, and has integrated worship planning in e360 (FBC's new database) making communication more effective.



Many friends gathered to celebrate Bea Dewey's life.

Gene, his son, David, and David's wife Laura were greeted by Pastor Tim and church friends. David's and Laura's children joined them as well.



Many hands helped put together the refreshment table for the occasion.



## Pastor Tim's Sermons



## Tai Chi at FBC

Thanks to the Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR), FBC members and friends were able to enjoy exercise and relaxation on Fridays during the month of August.



So many sermons, such little time.

If you missed any of Pastor Tim's sermons but would like to hear them; or if you would like to hear them again?

Go to FBC's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJHk7PdGaa700k4UFphlnhw/videos>

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

You may have noticed the colorful banners around the church proclaiming that "Our Doors Are Open." This is thanks to a member of the church donating them.

One of these banners has been placed above the old front entry doors on Franklin Avenue that lead to the Narthex and the back of the sanctuary.

Given the open door message on the banner, the Trustees talked about the fact that our Franklin Avenue front door has been kept closed during worship since the construction of the Gathering Space. As a result of our discussion, the Trustees decided to reopen that front door for worship access. We have a greeter at that door (in addition to greeters in the Gathering Space and at the parking lot door).



If you'd like to let us know what you think about the change, please contact members of the Building and Grounds Committee: Paul Chotlos, Bill Fiore, Bill Hausler.

## WORLD MISSION OFFERING

September is the month that First Baptist emphasizes our American Baptist International Ministries outreach (see letter on next to last page). Following is an example of this outreach from Katherine and Wayne Niles, Global Servants in the Congo.

## The Impact of Your Giving "Water Without Walking"



*An ideal challenge awaited me (Wayne) in Kipata Katika, home to one of our mission hospitals. The recently installed water pump, the first in Kipata's history, died. Solar panels that came with that pump had never been installed. The hospital and community went back to tradition—children carrying spring water on their heads, six gallons at a time, two miles up the steep valley hill. I couldn't resist tackling the task.*

*It took a month to collect materials (new pump, more panels) and to coordinate timing for a trip. Mupwa and Lunda, two strong friends who have nearly a decade of experience helping me keep pumps running here in Kinshasa, weren't going to be left behind.*

*The well is five hundred feet deep so when we pulled the old pump out, the pipe went on 'forever.' Without a winch, we installed the new pump using a frame with a pulley I welded up specifically for the task, and LOTS of manpower. Once in place, we fired up the generator and after a nerve-wracking minute, water came out!*



*Suddenly, folks came from everywhere with water containers to fill. This is 'dry' season so it has not rained since end of May. Every drop of household water previously came from the spring. So great was the excitement, they ran the generator until 9 pm to fill water jugs. We timed the pump at ten gallons a minute, which means it can fill the water tower in just six hours.*

*On day two, we built a wood frame to support twenty-four solar panels. The installation wasn't done until evening, too late to have enough sunshine to test it. By 9:45 am on day three, the sun shone enough to power the pump, which should now run most days between 10 am and 2 pm with only solar power. THAT is miraculous.*

*Rejoice with us, and with the folks at Kipata Katika, for the wonderful work God is doing through the team there. Seeing the Lord's work flourish through his servants makes any effort worthwhile. Some of you paid for the pump, panels, and other expensive materials by giving to the Better Health Care in Congo Project. Thank you for partnering with us by making our contribution to this work possible.*

Wayne works with IMA (Interchurch Medical Assistance) in the management of health development and relief projects. Katherine is the medical coordinator for the network of rural Baptist Hospitals staffed entirely by Christian Congolese professionals. Katherine manages the distribution of White Cross supplies to member hospitals. Together with Wayne they organize the installation of solar power and computerized management systems. You are offered an opportunity to support ABC IM outreach ministries of evangelism and theological education, relief to immigrants and refugees, peace and justice, abolishing global slavery, economic development, and health and wellness in Iberoamerica and The Caribbean, Africa, Europe, The Middle East, Liberia, East and South Asia and Japan.

*Lynette Miller and the Board of Christian Outreach*

### **THANK YOU FROM THE DEWEYS**

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and kind words during this tough time. Our family appreciates your support.

*Gene, David, and Janet Dewey*

### **JOIN US!**

### **An Invitation – Thursday, September 30**



Mary and Dennis Ray and Wynn Davies invite you to volunteer with them to help process food donated to Second Harvest. **We will be joining other volunteers from 12:30 to 3:00 PM on Thursday, September 30** at 2802 Dairy Drive on Madison's East Side. Covid and strict sanitation protocols are followed.

Second Harvest is Wisconsin's largest hunger relief charity. They gather millions of pounds of donated surplus food from grocery chains and food producers then process and send that food to food pantries and other places where nutritious food is distributed to those in need. Check out their website at [secondharvestmadison.org](http://secondharvestmadison.org) for more information. Or give Wynn Davies a call at 608 238 1817.

We'd love to have you join us!

### **THANK YOU, FIRST BAPTIST**

Members of the congregation donated \$8,651.20 to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

This donation helps bring emergency relief to people who have suffered natural disasters, provide sustainable development for projects such as a clean water sources, and support for refugees and immigrants.

THANK YOU!

*Your Board of Christian Outreach*

## MEET & GREET

Saturday, September 11 at 10 am



- ❖ Are you new to Madison?
- ❖ Just visited First Baptist Church through our Sunday worship services?
- ❖ Interested in joining the church?
- ❖ Want to know more about who we are and what we do?

We invite you to our monthly “Meet and Greet.”

Please join us for coffee, pastries, and a casual time of fellowship on **SEPTEMBER 11 – 10 AM** at FBC’s patio. We look forward to meeting you!

Details and RSVP: [eventbrite.com/e/monthly-meet-greet-tickets-163655260289](https://eventbrite.com/e/monthly-meet-greet-tickets-163655260289)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Church Family:** Jeanette K’s daughter and friends, and her cousin Heather & family; Bill & Sue H; Brenda L’s family; Harley Y; Ruth E; Rich B’s sister, Roberta, & Coral B’s brother

**Our Homebound:** Pat & Harley Y; Linda O; Byron & Ruth P; Martha F; Gene D; Ruth E

**Others:** Those whose names and needs are unspoken.

## OFFICE VISITS WITH PASTOR TIM

Pastor Tim continues to hold office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

You can schedule an appointment with him over Zoom, phone, or in person at the following link [tim@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:tim@firstbaptistmadison.org) OR call the church office (608) 233-1880 to schedule a time.

Pastor Tim’s day off is on Mondays.

## BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

3 Brett Turner  
5 Alan Ferguson  
6 Christopher Evans  
8 Heather Ziegler  
8 Ann Miller  
8 Pihra Pizzingrilli  
9 Cheryl Castillo  
9 Jeff Kersten  
12 Charlotte Evans  
13 Debbie Johnson  
14 Judy Craig  
14 Tyler Mack  
16 Claire Rider  
16 Nelson Dresser  
20 Ashley Bischel  
20 Rachel Evans  
24 Jeanette Kersten  
25 Bob Martens  
25 Rhiannon Tibbetts  
27 David Hegley  
27 Moira Kersten  
29 Linda Mintener  
30 Sara Strain

### OCTOBER

4 Jim Thompson  
5 Olivia Hebblewhite  
5 Leona Moen  
7 Janet Clinger  
7 Angela Thomas  
11 Bill Hausler  
16 Greg Dean  
18 Carolyn Cross  
19 Janet Reinke  
21 Marci Henderson  
22 Jody Lara  
25 Richard Bishop



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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**In-Person and Online Worship Service Sundays  
JOIN AT 10:30 AM**

### Provide your news...

If you would like to publish news, events, or updates in *The Visitor*, please email ([fboffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fboffice@firstbaptistmadison.org)) or mail your article no later than the first Monday of the month.

## FBC LEADERSHIP BOARDS / TEAMS

### FBC's Leadership Boards and Teams - June 2021

#### **Church Officers**

Moderator, Paul Chotlos, 2022  
*Vice Moderator, Vacancy*  
Treasurer, Bill Fiore, 2022  
Church Clerk, Carla Eakins, 2022  
Membership Clerk, Janet Reinke, 2022  
Historian, Barbara Eggleston, 2022  
(Officers 6 / Vacancies 1)

#### **Church Leadership Council Members**

Paul Chotlos, Moderator  
*Vacant, Vice Moderator*  
Carla Eakins, Church Clerk  
Tim Schaefer, Minister  
Bill Fiore, Board of Trustees  
Carolyn Cross, Board of Christian Education  
Lynette Miller, Board of Christian Outreach  
Mary Fiore, Board of Deacons  
(Members 8 / Vacancies 1)

#### **Board or Team**

##### **Trustees**

Diane Adams, 2022, 2024  
\*Nancy Emmert, 2022, 2023  
Bill Fiore, 2022, 2026  
\*Bill Hausler, 2022, 2026  
Brenda Lempp, 2022, 2026  
(Full Board 8 / Vacancies 3)

##### **Christian Outreach**

Cheryl Castillo, 2022, 2026  
John W. Duncan, 2022, 2023  
Beth Gunshor, 2022, 2023  
Thomas Gunshor, 2022, 2023  
\*Lynette Miller, 2022, 2024  
\*Rhiannon Tibbetts, 2022, 2025  
(Full Board 4 / Vacancies 0)

##### **Christian Education**

Deb Chotlos, 2022, 2026  
\*Carolyn Cross, 2022, 2023  
(Full Board 4 / Vacancies 2)

##### **Deacons**

Gwen Abramson, 2022, 2025  
Jennifer Angelo, 2022, 2023  
Barbara Eggleston, 2022, 2023  
\*Mary Fiore, 2022, 2023  
Barry Kita, 2022, 2025  
Katy Marty, 2022, 2024  
Russell Novkov, 2022, 2023  
Jill Thomas, 2022, 2026  
(Full Board 6 / Vacancies 0)

##### **Pastoral Relations**

Jim Davison, 2022, 2025  
Gil Emmert, 2022, 2026  
Nancy Emmert, 2022, 2023  
Bill Hausler, 2022, 2026  
(Full Committee 4 / Vacancies 0)

##### **Wayland Board**

\*Chris Blythe  
Gil Emmert  
Bill Fiore (At-Large Member)

**Note:** Wayland Board Members change in January according to Wayland By-laws and may be different for 2022).

\*Chairs

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## Make A Difference



Join a board or committee. You can contact the specific chair for information.



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*A community for all people*

September 2021

Dear First Baptist Friends,

*“So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness...From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another.” (John 1:14-16, NLT).*

This is the scripture basis for this year’s World Mission Offering (WMO) *“We’ve Been Surprised by God’s Glory”* that is being received in September. God continues to pour blessings (grace) into his people so that through us he might touch the lives of individuals and communities who have yet to hear the name of Jesus, to experience his healing touch, or be transformed by the Word and the Spirit. By giving to International Ministries’ World Mission Offering, we can join others across the country to celebrate and support ministries that God is using to transform the world.

For more than two hundred years, International Ministries (also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society) has combined resilience, adaptability, and creative approaches to cross-cultural ministry with faithfulness to scripture. It serves together with and learns from the many local partners in ministry around the globe.

International Ministries (IM) has 120+ Global Servants (formerly known as missionaries), 900+ volunteers, home staff, and 250+ international partners in 70 countries. Each year, IM Global Servants seek to raise about ¾ of the money needed for their ministry programs. IM then comes alongside the Global Servants in financial support as well as ministry. WMO gifts fill the gap, keeping Global Servants in the field and covering ministry expenses such as education, visas, and passports. WMO gifts also fill the gaps in funding other IM expenses such as supporting Global Servants with training and pastoral care; enabling IM to address crises as they arise; providing financial accountability; maintaining up-to-date and transparent communications; and keeping all operations running.

Global Servants highlighted during this year’s WMO are:

\*Ketly and Vidal Pierre who work with Haitian immigrants in the Dominican Republic, providing education, Bible studies, language classes, a micro-loan program, legal counseling, and more as the immigrants face inequality and maltreatment.

\*Alise and Mark Juanes who have a ministry of practical care and love for the hill tribe children in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

\*Ricardo Mayol-Bracero’s ministry of serving and standing alongside communities in Latin America trying to access clean water and air.

As you give to this year’s World Mission Offering, may you do so in recognition and celebration of God’s amazing and abundant grace.

Peace,

Cheryl Castillo and the Board of Outreach

## *FBC Bible Study and Other Groups*

**Men's Breakfast (Online)** – We are back online - bring your breakfast to your computer and connect with other men via Zoom; we meet at 8:30 a.m. **the first Wednesday of each month.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/y94m75rm> Mtg. ID: 874 5779 5346 PW: 518608  
If joining by telephone, the number is 1 (312) 626-6799 enter the Mtg. ID and password.

**Hourglass Bible Study – Restarts September 12** – We will **meet via Zoom** from 4:30 to 5:30 each Sunday evening, beginning on September 12 and ending December 19. The group will read the **gospel of Matthew**, looking with fresh eyes at these familiar verses and contemplating how this book adds to the earlier gospel written by Mark. We especially invite those of you who have studied this book and the Bible in general to join us and add your insights to the conversation, for every member of the group is a teacher. We also especially invite those of you who have little experience with the Bible, because your fresh eyes and observations help us see these scriptures anew.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/y88gf4ol> Mtg. ID: 810 0782 5061 PW: 518608  
If Joining by Phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 US Meeting ID: 810 0782 5061 Password: 518608

**Bible Study Group (Online)** – This group is led by Rev. Bob Martens (retired ABC pastor). The focus is on the lectionary texts for the following Sunday. It meets for about **one to one and a half hours on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/yyewatk6> Mtg. ID: 180 468362 PW: 518608  
If joining by telephone, the number is 1 312 626 6799 and enter the meeting ID number.

**FBC @ Prayer (Online)** – Pastor Schaefer will lead in prayer. This prayer group lifts up joys and concerns of the congregation. It meets for **half hour on Thursdays at Noon.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/y2fwu7py> Mtg. ID: 779 383 700 PW: 518608  
If joining by telephone, the number is 1 (312) 626-6799 and enter the meeting ID number.

**Spiritual Renewal Group 1 (Online? Maybe... maybe not...to be confirmed.)** – we next meet September 20 at 7:00. **We will be starting our next book – Orthodoxy by G. K. Chesterton!** We meet the first and third Monday of the month. **Questions? Please contact Bill Hausler, [hhausler@tds.net](mailto:hhausler@tds.net), 608-231-2890.**

**Spiritual Renewal Group 2 (Online)** – Restarts **September 14 at 4:00 PM and the second and fourth Tuesday of each month after that.** We will be reading the book **The Faith Club** by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. Our goal is to grow in our spiritual journey. We pick books that help us to grow. We have become a support group as well and endeavor to not share with the general public and no one is wrong. We do not discuss church business when we meet.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/y8brxx4e> Mtg. ID: 825 2775 4175 PW: 518608  
If joining by telephone, the number is 1 (312) 626-6799 enter the Mtg. ID and password.