



January 2020

# Tower Tidings

First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland



## Renew in 2020

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

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## 20 20 Vision First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland

"A vision is a mental picture of the result you want to achieve---a picture so clear and strong it will help make that result real. A vision is not a vague wish or dream or hope. It's a picture of the real results of real efforts. It comes from the future and informs and energizes the present."

*-John Graham, "Life on the Edge"*

Much of our life is consumed in response to the demands of the urgent. Pressing needs tend to take priority over long range plans. Crisis and conflict both dominate and dictate our energy and resources. There are many individuals who desire to write a book, learn to play an instrument, or take on a major project only for daily routines and responsibilities to fill our schedule, tire our soul, and thereby prevent our dreams from becoming our reality.

This approach of meeting life's daily challenges becomes our 'default' strategy. In order for a transformation to occur, the priority of planning must carry a greater weight than the default schedule. Routines must be altered to include investment in the future. The operation of a church can easily fall into a pattern of running off the default schedule. Budgets and seasonal activities are based on prior trajectories and traditions. Change takes place in response to interruptions of the regular schedule, volunteers or staff with the prioritized objective to be the return to normalcy.

Entering into a new decade, the First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland has been blessed with many visionaries over the years who have made investments into the congregational life of the church and community. Our Long Range Planning committee put forth a plan for growth through the strengthening of four pillars: 1) worship, 2) education/discipleship, 3) internal ministry, and 4) external ministry (outreach and mission). My ministry and focus over the past four years has been to strengthen these four areas with the goal of building a foundation for 'greater work' ahead at First Baptist.

Congregational life is very much like that of a family which is ever evolving amidst an environment of new technology and shifting social patterns. These create both obstacles and opportunities for churches at a time which has witnessed the rate of U.S. church membership in sharp decline. One and four U.S.

adults now consider themselves as spiritual, but are not members of any organized religious body. This has contributed to a sharp increase in the proportion of the population identifying with no religious affiliation. This trend is projected to gain strength toward greater secularization over the next decade. The challenge for churches is to find ways to convince unaffiliated religious adults to become committed to a particular house of faith.

Another obstacle churches face is Americans' eroding confidence in the institution of organized religion. Public scandals from those within the Roman Catholic and moral failures of megachurch pastors have exposed various forms of lust, prejudice, greed, corruption and hypocrisy. Facing this rising tide against institutional religion, churches wishing to survive and thrive must be: 1) relationally based, 2) inclusive 3) experiential (verses performance) in worship 4) external focused (verses internal focused) in ministry and 5) incorporated technology as part of the congregational life in the pursue of authenticity and relativity.

Our church moderator, Kim Kidd Collins, requested that I present a vision for the church as part of a strategic three year action plan. This has taken me into periods of great personal prayer asking for God's vision for FBCGC.

On Sunday January 28th, First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland will have our annual meeting following our morning unified worship service at 10:00 a.m. A dinner in the fellowship hall will precede our annual business session. Nominations for officers for 2020 alongside an updated financial report will be presented to the church. My Vision 20 20 will be presented to FBCGC at this time. It is my desire to have this presentation generate an action plan which will move our church forward toward greater strength and vitality as we approach our 100th anniversary of our home in Shaker Heights (1928-2028). I look forward to seeing you there and in our conversations regarding our future together.

Blessings,  
Kregg

  
Pastor Kregg Burris  
Senior Pastor

## Olney Dekker 1926-2019

*by Mike Skerritt*

First Baptist lost a long time, fiercely loyal and generously supportive member, Olney Dekker, on November 1, 2019 at the age of 93. Our condolences go out to Gail Dekker his wife and all the members of his family.

A native of Bedford, Ohio and long-time resident of Bainbridge, Olney was a tenor who sang for years in the FBC Chancel Choir, but was also good enough to spend several years as a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. Making beautiful music and supporting musical endeavors was his preferred way to worship.

Olney was not just a singer, but an impresario of sorts. He wrote, directed, and performed in two musical productions for the 49ers. The shows, named "Lost Accord Found," and "Nothing Could Be Finer Than to be a Forty Niner," were big hits. Olney was always one of the leaders of the 49ers. He used his journalist's skills to write a regular 49er newsletter called the Prospector for many, many years. It included updates on the activities of members and their families as well as interesting articles of interest to the group.

Olney put together a ½ hour radio broadcast on WCLV for 30 years, taking sermons, prayers and choir anthems from tape recordings made each Sunday. It was an incredibly far-reaching ministry. For example, when my wife began working at Notre Dame College of Ohio, she was asked one day where she went to church. When she responded

to the nuns that she was a member of FBC, they responded that they listened to the sermons of Gil Hellwig our senior pastor every Sunday morning.

FBC has become the venue of preference for many musical groups of Cleveland because Olney and Gail paid to have the sound deadening surface of the ceiling of the Sanctuary covered with ¾ inch hardwood plywood, in memory of Marilyn Coward, his daughter, who had passed away in 2003. This was the final step in an extensive effort to enhance the quality of music in this great sanctuary which included an extensive organ renovation, which Olney and Gail also generously supported financially.

Olney was a charter member of the Cats and Dogs, a discussion group of about 8 older men, who meet monthly to talk about a wide range of topics. Each member's opinion is thoughtfully considered, respected, and civilly discussed at every gathering of the group. In addition, Olney had the uncanny ability to get other members to consider a slightly different viewpoint than had already been considered. He was able to keep the conversation going, always civil, and always respectful.

Olney Dekker was a special member of First Baptist, a special friend to many. He is missed.



### Preschool & Elementary Children's December Schedule

Sunday mornings drop off Preschool in room 103 prior to worship service.

K-4 are dismissed from the worship service with Carly to Wheaton Center from 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

<p><b>WEEK ONE</b> JOHN 2:1-11</p> <p>Jesus helps at a wedding party by changing water to wine.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>WEEK TWO</b> LUKE 5:1-7</p> <p>Jesus fills Peter's nets with so many fish that they begin to break and the boat begins to sink.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>WEEK THREE</b> MARK 6:31-44</p> <p>Jesus feeds over 5,000 hungry people with only five loaves of bread and two fish.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>WEEK FOUR</b> MATTHEW 14:22-33</p> <p>The disciples see Jesus walking on water.</p>	<p><b>REMEMBER THIS:</b> "With God all things are possible." MATTHEW 19:26, NIV</p> <p><b>SAY THIS:</b> Who can do anything? <b>JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING.</b></p> <p><b>BASIC TRUTH:</b> <b>JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.</b></p>
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<p><b>WEEK ONE</b> LUKE 2:41-52</p> <p>The Boy Jesus at the Temple</p> <p><b>SAY THIS:</b> Knowing God is the most important thing.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>WEEK TWO</b> JOHN 1:19-42, JOHN 3:22-36</p> <p>Jesus' Baptism</p> <p><b>SAY THIS:</b> If you want to know God, start with Jesus.</p>	<p><b>WEEK THREE</b> LUKE 4:1-13</p> <p>Jesus Is Tempted in the Desert</p> <p><b>SAY THIS:</b> Discovering what's in the Bible can help you make the wise choice.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>WEEK FOUR</b> MATTHEW 11:1-6</p> <p>Jesus and John the Baptist</p> <p><b>SAY THIS:</b> If you don't understand something about God, ask.</p>
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**KNOWLEDGE:**  
LEARNING SOMETHING NEW SO YOU CAN BE BETTER AT WHATEVER YOU DO

**REMEMBER THIS:**  
"The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."  
PROVERBS 2:6, NIV

## Christian Education Schedule

Come join us in these upcoming Sunday and Wednesday classes to grow in God's Word.

### Mid Morning Bible Study Every Wednesday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Study the Bible*

Led by Pastor Gregg  
Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Gregg Burris  
**In the Fireside Room**



"The Gospel is God's Good News for humanity." It is a message about the person and work of Jesus Christ. It is both a message that is both personally transformational to those who accept it, as well as communally transformation as its kingdom principle shape culture and society. Our ongoing study is walking through the entire Bible. We began in Genesis and are currently in 2 Kings. It is open to anyone to come and join our small group study.

### Wednesdays in the Word Every Wednesday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

*Dance, Stand, Run - Women's Group*  
by Jess Connolly

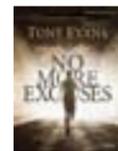


Led by Martha Lant, Sandra Alexander-Haynes, Tobili Sam Yellowe, and Charmie Scott  
**In the Fireside Room**

As daughters of God, let's come together to discuss our relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The author of this study, Jess Connolly, writes, Dance, Stand, and Run is an invitation to step into the movements of abundant life, dancing in grace, standing firm in holiness, and running on mission. Let's spur one another on as we develop a deeper understanding of the outcomes of true grace, the implications of standing our Holy ground in the world, and accepting our mission from God. This Bible study is indeed for women who by the grace of God long to change the world rather than to be changed by the world. Please join us in this life shifting discussion which will leave you eager to dance, stand, and run in your purpose on earth for the glory of God.

### *No More Excuses: Be The Man God Made You To Be - Men's Group*

by Tony Evans  
Led by Eddie Wills



**In the Montgomery Room**

Sometimes trials and circumstances make it challenging for men to be all God has called them to be. In this powerful perspective changing Bible study, Tony Evans encourages men to stop looking at their setbacks, hardships, and failures as excuses and instead to view them as opportunities for success. As stated by Dr. Evans, this Bible study will help you fight for purpose and meaning in your life. Also, this study will help you learn to lead with strength and godliness. Furthermore, it will help you learn to overcome obstacles on the path to spiritual growth.

### *The Holy Land Revealed*

by Professor Jodi Magness  
Led by Betty Meyers



**In the Livingstone Room**

Come and discuss the historical and archaeological implications of regions in the Bible. This course will cover the ancient history of the Holy Land, a geographic area that includes Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian regions. This course will also explore other regions in the ancient Near East, including Asia Minor and Mesopotamia. The timespan of this study begins with the First Temple period through the Second Temple period, the time of Jesus, and the destruction of the temple.

### *The Financial Peace Planner*

by Dave Ramsey  
Led by Tammy Gordon and Kim Kidd Collins  
**In the Library**



"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10

Using Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace Planner, learn to assess your financial situation, create a realistic budget, dump your debt, clean up your credit rating, and more. The Financial Peace Planner comes in a workbook format, allowing you to frequently monitor your progress and most importantly, to face your situation honestly. This book contains many inspirational insights that come from personal experience.

### Sunday Discipleship Hour Every Sunday 10:10 AM - 11:00 AM

*Praying At the Crossroads: Learning from the Prayers of Old Testament Leaders*

General Editor Ken Coley  
Led by Marty Capers and Wendy Chaney



**In the Fireside Room**

Prayer is vital to our spiritual growth, yet few of us pray as frequently or as fervently as we would like. We turn to God only in moments of desperation and crisis. God wants us to turn to Him at every moment of our lives. The Bible is filled with the prayers of God's people. Often these prayers come at critical moments of their journey—"at crossroads of decision". This study will help you pray regarding everyday matters and at those critical, sometimes unpredictable crossroads of life.

### *Spiritual Warfare a Biblical & Balanced Perspective*

Starts January 5th, 2020  
by Brian Borgman & Rob Ventura  
Led by Alwin and Tondra Miller



**In the Livingstone Room**

Let's continue this empowering discussion about the realities of Spiritual Warfare. In the preface of this text, Borgman states, "Awareness and vigilance are critical for survival. It is sad that we, as followers of Jesus, so easily forget that we are in a war—an invisible war, but a real one nonetheless." The authors of this book want to help equip Christians to fight spiritual warfare biblically and in a practical way. This is definitely an important study for such a time as this!

[firstbaptistcleveland.org/class-schedule](http://firstbaptistcleveland.org/class-schedule)

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS



Spiritual Gifts - abilities from God to grow the Church in Spirit and numbers.

God calls us as believers to discover and use our spiritual gifts in order to grow the Church in Spirit and in numbers. We invite you to Spahr Center to answer God's call at our "Pre-Lent Kickoff Breakfast" Saturday, January 25, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. The Holy Spirit enables us through spiritual gifts to build the Church. FBC needs your gifts. Enjoy breakfast. Leave the one-hour overview with inspiration.

Then join us in the Judson Room for an in-depth study this Spring during our "Lenten Celebration of Spiritual Gifts." We offer two sessions of eight-week classes for your convenience — Sundays during the 10:10 a.m. Discipleship Hour and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Examine the Holy Spirit's part in spiritual gifts and discover or uncover your gifts. Also, experience an internship to test out your gifts. To that end, please plan on an approximate 30-minute interview and a maximum two-hour internship prior to commissioning.

Relish in joy and ease of service when you implement God's power within you. Our main resources include The Holy Spirit as Teacher, Scripture and *SpiritGifts*, by Patricia D. Brown. Classes run 60-90 minutes.

*God calls. Please answer.*

All participants, including the 16 people who signed up at Cluster Fair, please use the Sign-up Button to pick your schedule. Sign up deadline: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 for the Pre-Lent Breakfast. Sign up deadline: Friday, February 14, 2020 for the eight-week classes.

### "Lenten Celebration of Spiritual Gifts" Schedule

Spiritual Gifts Kickoff Breakfast

**SATURDAY** (In the Spahr Center)

**January 25:** Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.  
\$10 donation includes cost of the book.



Ash Wednesday Service with Spiritual Gifts Focus

**WEDNESDAY** (In the Sanctuary)

**February 26:** Service at 7:00 p.m.

Eight-Week Classes — Sundays or Wednesdays

**SUNDAY DATES & TOPICS** (In the Judson Room)

(Discipleship Hour 10:10 a.m.)

**March 1:** Holy Spirit 1

**March 1:** Holy Spirit 2

**March 15:** Spiritual Gifts 1

**March 22:** Spiritual Gifts 2

**March 29:** Spiritual Gifts 3

**April 5 Break:** Palm Sunday

**April 12 Break:** Easter Sunday

### January Birthdays

1st Larry Maurer  
3rd Julie Mizener  
4th Anthony Peebles  
5th Gabrielle Arnold  
5th Arnold Simmons

6th Carole Negus  
7th Kim Kidd-Collins  
7th Destiny Miller  
8th JoAnn Neff  
11th Sheri Stevens

14th Theodore Fielding  
14th Tom Neff  
14th Joseph Tillman  
15th Gregg Burris  
16th Ralph Hise

18th Brenda Eakin  
19th Carolyn Neal  
20th Beverly Farmer  
21st Faith Kenniebrev  
22nd Bonnie Heath

22nd Alexander Jackson  
24th Wendy Chaney  
25th Amelia Gruber-Canning  
25th Margo Jerome  
27th Jack Shelley

**April 19:** Spiritual Gifts 4  
**May 3:** Internship Preparation 1  
**May 10 Break:** Mother's Day  
**May 17:** Internship Preparation 2  
**May 24 Break:** Memorial Day Weekend  
**May 31:** Commissioning On Day Of Pentecost\*

**WEDNESDAY DATES & TOPICS** (in the Judson Room)  
(Dinner@6:00 p.m.-Wednesdays in the Word@7:00 p.m.)

**March 11:** Holy Spirit 1

**March 18:** Holy Spirit 2

**March 25:** Spiritual Gifts 1

**April 1:** Spiritual Gifts 2

**April 8, 15 Break**

**April 22:** Spiritual Gifts 3

**April 29:** Spiritual Gifts 4

**May 6:** Internship Preparation 1

**May 13:** Internship Preparation 2

**May 31:** Commissioning On Day Of Pentecost\*

\*Includes those who hold a completion certificate from a previous Spiritual Gifts Class taught at FBC.

### Minimum requirements for Commissioning

Kickoff Breakfast or Spiritual Gifts 2  
Internship Preparation 1 & 2  
Interview  
Internship

You may make up sessions online at [firstbaptistcleveland.org/spiritual-gifts-classes](http://firstbaptistcleveland.org/spiritual-gifts-classes) or switch between Sunday and Wednesday sessions of duplicate material. Check back periodically for the option to complete the interview online.

We are excited about your gifts and look forward to your contribution.

Blessings,  
Pastor Gregg  
Mari Schroeder-Jenkins  
Jennifer Whatley Williams

Sign Up - [firstbaptistcleveland.org/spiritual-gifts-registration](http://firstbaptistcleveland.org/spiritual-gifts-registration)

### Music Notes

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7:15PM - 8:30 PM in the sanctuary and the choir room.

Gospel Choir meets Thursdays at 6:30PM.

The Children's Choir meets Thursday evenings from 5:15PM - 5:45PM.

More Info - [firstbaptistcleveland.org/choirs](http://firstbaptistcleveland.org/choirs)



## 2019 Socks, Socks And More Socks!

by Anita Bartel

This year, FBC decided to address a different need in our city; helping those who face homelessness stay a little warmer. Our Socks, Socks, and more Socks outreach was an amazing success because of all of you!

We sponsored this Ministry in coordination with John Carroll University who has helped our homeless for years with the Labre Ministry. Students from JCU make weekly trips to downtown Cleveland and share food, clothing, toiletries and most of all, their listening ears to hopefully develop some friendships.

Your generosity in donating socks was through the roof! A total of 437 pairs of socks were donated with an appropriate number for men, women and children.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Here is some information about the Labre Ministry. [jcu.edu/student-life/getting-involved/campus-ministry/social-justice/labre-project](http://jcu.edu/student-life/getting-involved/campus-ministry/social-justice/labre-project)

A special thanks to those who helped engage our children in this ministry; Dr. Sandra, Carly, Delesia, Ship, ESM and more.



## Calvary Meals For The Homeless

by Tina Marr

Friday, January 24, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Happy New Year, friends. We had a delightful meal service at New Life at Calvary on Friday, November 29, 2019. There were 19 volunteers on that day, so we were able to have some folks stay for just a short time and then return back to their family activities. Delesia Robinson was there representing P.A.D.S., providing needed feminine supplies to the women. We had about 40 guests in total, and the spirit of the space was very positive on that day, as always, but even more special at Thanksgiving.



Our next meal service will be on Friday, January 24, 2020, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at New Life at Calvary, located at the corner of East 79th Street and Euclid Avenue. We hope you can join us for part or all of the time. If you are not able to attend, no worries. Maybe you'd like to donate a food item. You will see a sign-up sheet in Swasey Tower in mid January with all the details. If you have any questions or interest in assisting with this ministry, please contact Tina Marr – [firstbaptistcleveland.org/calvary](http://firstbaptistcleveland.org/calvary)

## Mitten Tree Blessings And Thanks!!

by April Shepherd

I wish you could see for yourselves the gratefulness on the faces of the women from NORA's House when they received all the WONDERFUL donations from First Baptist Church! Expressions of joy, shock, and thankfulness are just some of the expressions seen when we showed up with all the gifts from First Baptist Church. The ladies from NORA's House want FBC to know they are thankful and wish continued blessings upon all those who attend our very giving church.

The Fairhill Partners Grandparents are always so appreciative of the gifts they are able to give to their grandchildren that are donated from First Baptist Church. The smiles and joy from the grandparents and the grandchildren is heartwarming. God's blessings are abundant at FBC and our community partners can feel those blessings. Happy New Year! Thanks, April

## MLK Day Of Service

by Annette Szalay

Monday, January 20, 2020  
9:00AM - 1:30PM

We are in the process of putting together 2020s MLK Day of Service at FBC. Please save the date for this special day of service projects to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

Visit [firstbaptistcleveland.org/mlk-day-of-service](http://firstbaptistcleveland.org/mlk-day-of-service) for details as they are finalized.



## Jazz-Poetry Night Returns!

by Mike Skerritt

Friday, February 21, 2020 at 7:30 PM

We Need Poetry Readers

Yes, we are bringing back the very popular Jazz-Poetry Night to First Baptist. The original format of alternating poetry readings with jazz numbers related to each poem performed by the Demetrius Steinmetz Jazz Trio will be followed again. Goodies will be provided at the event.

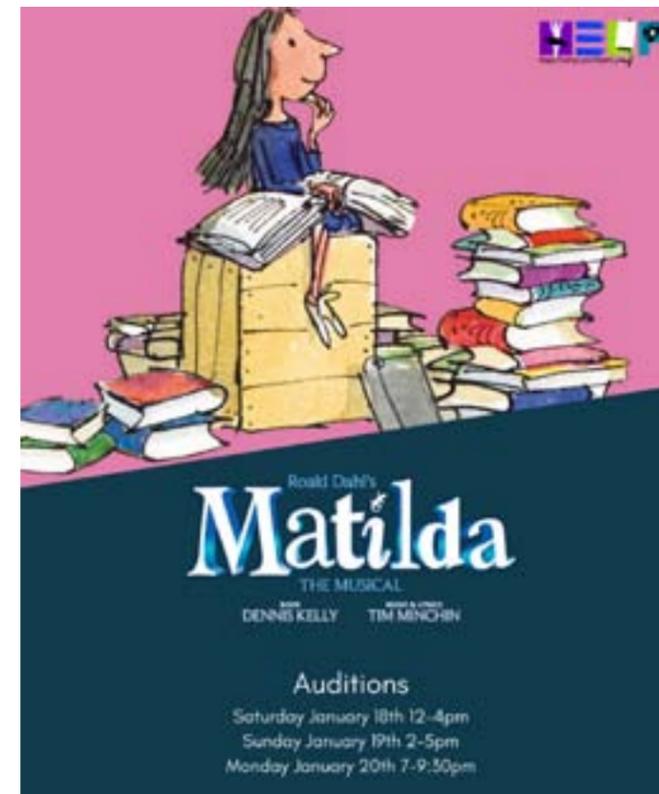
This is an opportunity for you to share your favorite poems with an eager and appreciative audience. Up to two poems per person suggested.

Please contact Mike Skerritt through the form at the bottom of [firstbaptistcleveland.org/jazz](http://firstbaptistcleveland.org/jazz) as soon as possible and let him know if you are interested and your availability.



## Matilda The Musical - Auditions

by Kelley Pernicone



Do you have what it takes to be English Hammer-Throwing Champion 1969? Do you still have nightmares about horrifying school officials? Do you just want to have a great time telling a classic children's story?

If so, we want you to audition the Happy Ending Lyric Players Spring Production, Matilda the Musical! Based on the classic children's Novel by Roald Dahl, Matilda tells the story of an extraordinary young person and the colorful adults around her.

HELP does NOT precast and ALL roles are open! We will host open auditions for all performers (no need to sign up or register, just come have some fun on stage). Auditions will be held Saturday January 18th from 12-4, Sunday January 19th from 2-5, and Monday January 20th from 7-9:30pm.

Please prepare 32 bars of an upbeat song for auditions and be prepared to do some light dancing. Make sure you have your sheet music as well! Some individuals may be asked to do a cold reading.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to director Kelley "Helen" Pernicone.

[firstbaptistcleveland.org/matilda](http://firstbaptistcleveland.org/matilda)

## Annual Meeting

Unified Service Sunday, January 26 at 10:00 AM

Our youth will be helping with much of our single worship service. We will then have our business meeting, vote on new leadership, then have lunch following the meeting.

## Audrey Schregardus

by Fran Leanza

5/17/29-10/10/19, One Amazing Lady!

Ask any pastor who is one of the most valuable members of a church staff and the answer will be the church secretary or office manager. FBC was blessed with Audrey working in our church office from the late 60s until her retirement at age 75. During this time she worked with about fifty different professional staff members; pastors, business managers, directors of youth, children's ministry, the children's center, etc. They all came to Audrey with their questions as they knew she would have the answer. She was exceptionally valuable in the office as she knew the congregation very well. She was a regular at worship where she often serving as a greeter, was in 49ers, the MEG group and a strong supporter of the Music and Fine Arts activities. After a day in the office she could often be found in Spahr Center painting scenery or risers for the next H.E.L.P. Production. She took on the challenge of running the "Box Office" for all ticket sales.



Audrey was an avid gardener. She took pride and joy in her large lawn and flower gardens at her home in Moreland Hills as well as tending to the church court yard. After her retirement she continued working in the courtyard, taking care of the HELP ticket sales and volunteering with Marcia Mautter, the director of the Institute for Creative Living that had their office at FBC.

Retirement for Audrey did not mean slowing down, just changing her focus to engage in many new activities and interests. She volunteered her time ushering at Playhouse Square, The Cleveland Orchestra, the Chagrin Valley Little Theater, the Orange library and the Orange Senior Center as well as finding time to visit her children and grandchildren scattered around the country. Her love of travel took her with FBC friends and family members to Europe, Russia, Egypt, Israel, Scotland, Ireland, China, Nova Scotia, Banff, Alaska and the Panama Canal.

Audrey was an example to all who knew her of how to live life to its fullest. FBC will forever be grateful for her dedication to our church. Her gifts of time, talent and friendship will long be remembered.

## 49ers

by Fran Leanza



January 19, Lunch \$5 at 12:45AM

Welcome to an event sponsored by the 49ers Fellowship group that is open to all, followed by a program presented by IRIS GOINS. Iris is known by many at First Baptist as a member of our Church Council and the chair of the Fellowship & Nurture Cluster. As a social worker she is involved in a suicide prevention program and works to assist our homeless population.

Please join us for a catered lunch, and an interesting talk and discussion. [firstbaptistcleveland.org/forty-niners](http://firstbaptistcleveland.org/forty-niners)



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Miss a sermon  
or want to hear  
one again?

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## 2020 FBC Lay Leadership

**Moderator:** Kim Kidd-Collins

**Vice Moderator:** Victor Bull

**Treasurer:** Ralph Hise

**Clerk:** Tammy Gordon

**Children's Center:** Frank Marino

**Communication & Outreach:** Debra Hegler  
*Greeters, Welcome Center, Marketing,  
& Communications*

**Discipleship:** Ship Collins  
*Discipleship Classes, Children's Ministry,  
Youth Ministry, & Covenant Groups*

**Fellowship and Nurture:** Iris Goins  
*Stephen Ministry, Deacons,  
& New Member Orientation*

**Stewardship:** Dan Mizener  
*Property and Finance, Stewardship Campaign,  
& Endowment and Audit*

**Missions & Social Concerns:** Jessica  
Chapman-Martinez

**Worship and Fine Arts:** G. Michael Skerritt

## Serving in Ministry

### Ministries

**Rev. Dr. Kregg F. Burris** - Senior Pastor

**Rev. Jeff Gordon** - Associate Pastor/  
Business Administrator

**Rev. Dr. Sandra Alexander-Haynes** -  
Associate Pastor/Christian Education

**Carly Marino** - Director of Children's Ministry

### Music Ministries

**Stephanie Price** - Director of Music

**Betty Meyers** - Associate Director of Music

**Brian Kozak** - Director of Contemporary Music

### The Children's Center

**Jane Pernicone** - Director

### Office

**Star Knuckles** - Executive Assistant/Office Admin.

**Greg Beckner** - Web Design/Publicity/Marketing

Content deadline for next Tower Tidings: **Jan. 15th**  
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