From the Pastor

Drew Phillips was unanimously approved to serve as Minister to Families.

It is natural to be excited about gifts Drew and Dani will bring to our household of faith.

However, healthy relationships involve both parties. Let’s do all we can to make Third their church home.

How can we do this?

Grace and Patience- It will take awhile to remember names, navigate our culture and longer to navigate construction on 64 and 44. At the present time, Drew and Dani will arrive around early to mid-August.

Affirmation and Partnership- Drew will arrive at Third with new eyes and suggestions for ministry—which will enhance our spiritual and relational vitality. May we partner with Drew and lean into a culture of “swinging away”, “giving it a try”—and if it’s successful—we celebrate together—if falls short of goal—we’ll learn from experience and move on to next chapter.

Prayer and Thanksgiving- Pray for Drew and Dani as they begin transitions to Saint Louis. Upon arrival, intentionally take a few moments to introduce yourself and tell part of your story.

And a final word of thanksgiving for Youth Search Committee. Kia Moore, chair, has guided our team (Demetrius Bryant, Natalie Thiems, Rachael Barnes, Deborah Watson and Alexandria Hamilton) with wisdom, patience and grace.

I am thankful God has written Drew and Dani into the story of our beloved community.

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And we are overjoyed to welcome Tammy, Rob and Olivia Lamb into our church family! Welcome to Third.

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Finally, you will see a new face around Third this summer—Mr. Andrew Tonks will serve as CBF Summer Intern. Andrew will assist with all capacities of summer youth and children’s ministries.

Andrew will be lodging at Eden Seminary and arrives June 6 and departs last week in July. Please invite over for lunch or dinner—during the summer season. Andrew is recent graduate of University of Kentucky and displays heart and experience for missions. I have informed Andrew of Third’s hospitality— and assured he will not lose weight this summer.

This issue of *Third Base* reviews many on-ramps for discipleship, worship and fellowship.

May this summer of 2019—be one of joy, restoration and celebration with family and friends.

Grace and Peace,

Tommy
Upcoming Sermons

June 9: Pentecost
“Pentecost: Storming the Gates of Hell?”

June 16: Trinity Sunday
“The Divine Dance”

Sunday, June 16
Juneteenth Invitation and Celebration

Third Baptist has been invited to lunch and service at
Southern Union Missionary Baptist
2701 Cole Street, Saint Louis, MO 63106

Lunch following Morning Worship at Southern Union*
Joint Worship Service, 2:00 PM at Southern Union

*Reservations required for lunch,
please email Tommy tsimons@third-baptist.org
by Wednesday June 12
Life rarely turns out as we expect. It’s unpredictable and seldom unfolds as we anticipate. Sometimes what is known is lost, changes or stops and we find ourselves facing what is unknown and unfamiliar.

As we go through these unexpected life phases we can find ourselves in an in-between space which author and theologian Richard Rohr describes as 'when we are betwixt and between, have left one room but not yet entered the next room, any hiatus between stages of life, stages of faith, jobs, loves or relationships'.

This space is the liminal space. Liminal comes from the latin 'limen' which means 'on the threshold'. A liminal space is a transitional space, where we are leaving something behind that feels comfortable and safe while not really knowing what lies ahead, a space where we feel as if we are on the threshold between what is behind and what is in front. It can be a place of great tension but also of great grace. It is a place where we can let go of what we’ve been holding and stretch out tentative fingers to explore what’s next.

-Mandy Baton, Christianity Today

Lessons can be learned from artists—who in the midst of “between times” of their Christian experience—have used this chapter in life to create beauty.

We’ll explore a diverse group—from Johnny Cash, Bach to The Blind Boys of Alabama.
## Summer 2019

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Upcoming Organ Events

This summer you can plan on two back-to-back Wednesday night organ events in the Sanctuary. The first is on July 31 when Nicole Keller will be performing an organ recital. Dr. Keller is on faculty at the Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music in Berea, Ohio, and was recently appointed as Associate Organist at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland. Her concert will be one of several public concerts happening around St. Louis that week as part of the American Guild of Organists' Pipe Organ Encounter. This is a week-long immersive event for young students to discover the organ and to study with great organists like Dr. Keller, so we'll be joined by a number of guests from around the country for that event. This will be her third appearance at Third Baptist, having performed on two previous Friday Pipes recitals.

As an aside, Dr. Frederick Hohman will be in St. Louis performing for the Pipe Organ Encounter. Dr. Hohman performed the re-dedication recital of our organ in 2013, and whose family has roots at Third Baptist. His concert that week will be at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.

Then on Wednesday, August 7, we will be screening the 1924 silent comedy *Sherlock, Jr.* starring Buster Keaton. The movie will be accompanied by organist Jackson Borges. Mr. Borges is Organist and Director of Music for the Episcopal Parish of All Saints' Church & St. George's Chapel in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. This will also be his third appearance at Third Baptist, and we welcome him back.

These one-hour events begin at 6:00 pm, so mark your calendar, and be sure to bring family and friends!

News from the Choir

This June we bid a fond farewell to Margaret (Maggie) Boeckman, our soprano section leader. She is moving to North Carolina to join her fiancé Robert, who serves in the military. Maggie has been an exemplary member of our choir, lending her beautiful voice and musical skills to our worship. Though a new singer will succeed her, she can't be replaced! Sunday 23rd June will be her last Sunday with us, when she will enrich our service with music by Robert Schumann.
June & July Birthdays

**June Birthdays**

1  Virginia Kincannon
3  Susan Seewoster
6  Mireille Bradford
8  Christopher Lee
9  Addison Hulett
12 Linda Freiburghaus
16 Howard Roos
20 Pearl Hedrick
21 Betty James
23 Cambrianne Worthem
24 Lydia Thiems
25 Fran Blake
28 Pat Stevens
29 Deanna Davis

**July Birthdays**

4  Linda Roos
6  Tommy Simons
10 Harold Jackson
14 Arris Harris, Alice Worrell
15 Elizabeth Hoffman
16 Lynda Sharpe
18 Marvelle Johnson
19 Andrea Banks
22 Karen Stewart
27 Rosalie Gaither
29 Dea Hoover

**Sunday Schedule**

9:30 AM  Doughnut & Coffee Fellowship
9:45 AM  Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary
Noon    Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

**Wednesday Schedule**

3:15 PM  Third Readers
5:00 PM  Fellowship Dinner
6:00 PM  Adult Bible Study, Children’s Activities, Youth Activities
7:00 PM  Choir Rehearsal
Staff

Dr. Tommy Simons  
PASTOR

Rev. Maria Stinnett  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR CHILDREN & COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Edem Dzunu  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dr. Philip Barnes  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Ella Banks  
RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASSISTANT

Byron Greer  
BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Timothy Harrison  
CUSTODIAN

Karen Stewart & Linda Freiburghaus  
CHURCH HISTORIANS

Brent Johnson  
ORGANIST

Tom Kurtz  
BUSINESS MANAGER

Lansin Lim Kimler  
PIANIST

Christine McCarthy  
FINANCE

Raymond Murphy  
CUSTODIAN

Sally Stevenson  
PARISH NURSE