From the Pastor

Welcome to Portia Nartey, Karen Hoshino and David Martins to our household of faith. We are so thankful God has written you into the story of Third.

Third continues to be blessed with guests from various backgrounds and life experience.

Thank you for intentionally reaching out to those who are searching for a church home—from those arriving from Ghana, Brazil, across the river in Illinois or from our city and county.

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The change of seasons is most welcome! Fall is arriving and for the first time in several years—possibly Cardinals baseball in October.

Fall also is a time of stewardship planning at Third. I encourage you to return commitment cards September 22 and September 29 during worship. You may also use our web site:

- To pledge online, go to: https://third-baptist.org/give/.
- Select sign in. If you have an account, use your email address and password to sign in. If you don't have an account, select register to set up an account.
- When you set up your pledge, select "Make this gift recurring." Select the frequency of your gift (weekly, monthly, bi-weekly.) Then select a start date after January 1, 2020.
- Lastly, you will set up the checking account or credit card from which the gift will be withdrawn. Click "Submit."

Or mail to church office in care of Christine McCarthy, 620 North Grand Blvd., Saint Louis, MO 63103.
September 22nd is a day of celebration and thanksgiving. All are invited to lunch following worship—catered by Pappy’s Bar B Q. *Drew and Dani Phillips will be recognized and officially welcomed to our community. Please bring gift card or house warming gift to Johnson Hall.* *I’m In Stewardship focus will be celebrated, as we join together and pledge our resources to Third.*

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We have much to be thankful for at the corner of Grand and Washington.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
Ephesians 2:2,3

Blessings,
Tommy

Wednesday Night Adult Discipleship
Dinner is served at 5:00 PM
6:00 PM- Scripture in Archaeology and History

Ancient Israel is illuminated by archaeological research.

The most significant of these discoveries will enhance your knowledge and appreciation of Scripture and heritage.

You will discover, through word and text, an insightful perspective on “who we are” and “where we are from”.

WHAT DOES THE PENTATEUCH TEACH US?
THIRD BAPTIST WORSHIP
SUNDAYS AT 11:00 AM
OCTOBER 6 TO NOVEMBER 3
**Operation Christmas Child**

Shoeboxes will be available on October 6.

As always, there is a great need for a child to receive a box filled with toys, school supplies and fun things.

Volunteers are needed.

If you have any questions, please contact LaVerne Graham.

**Quarterly Business Meeting**

Sunday, September 29
Following worship

**Layette Sets for the Congo**

Each month, our Women’s Missionary Society gathers to sew baby blankets, gowns and caps which are assembled into layettes and sent to the Congo to be distributed by ABC missionaries Tim and Kathy Rice.

Pictured is one of the mothers in the Congo receiving a layette for her newborn.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Donna McDill or LaVerne Graham.
Music in Worship

We are pleased to welcome Heather Fehl to our choir, to succeed Maggie Boeckman as our soprano section leader. Heather graduated from Millikin University in 2011, and works in the insurance industry. She has experience in a wide variety of vocal styles, from musical theater to early music, and has sung in several leading ensembles in our area, including the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus, of which she is a full member.

What a variety of musical styles we will hear this month at TBC! From Gospel and spirituals (FOUR versions of "Go Down, Moses," would you believe?) to numerous French classics by Debussy, Ravel, Fauré, Tailleferre and Tournemire. Indeed, French repertoire will be prominent throughout, especially on October 20, when most of our selections will be written by Gabriel Fauré, including his beloved "Sicilienne" for trombone and piano, and "Après un Rêve" (After a dream) played on the organ by Brent Johnson.

Friday Pipes Schedule

October

4 – Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries, First Presbyterian Church, Kirkwood, Missouri
11 – Joerg Abbing, Professor of Music, Hochschule für Musik Saar, Saarbrücken, Germany
18 – Joby Bell, Professor of Organ and Church Music, Appalachian State University
25 – Susan Powell, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

November

1 – Kirsten Santos Rutschman, Organist, First Presbyterian Church, St. Louis
8 – Brent Johnson, Organist, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis
From Third Families

I’m continuing to enjoy meeting Third’s families! We are blessed with children and I’m thankful for you parents who bring them and our many volunteers who make spending time with them and training them a priority. As a wise soul once said, “There’s no such thing as ‘just hanging out with kids.’” The interactions with which we are gifted matter. Thank you for investing in and making a difference.

In Sunday School the youth have been using the ancient Christian practices of Lectio Divina and labyrinths. Through Lectio Divina we have been reading meditatively together from the text used in worship for the sermon always asking, “What is God’s word for us, today?”

Through labyrinths (there are three in the youth room: one to walk, one in sand, and one on paper) we have been following the ancient form of embodied praying. One “walks” or traces the labyrinth by praying with her eyes open. There are only two rules, enter and leave the same place, and rest in the middle in God’s embrace. You are welcome to visit these in the youth room and walk or trace them, too.

My hope is that as we practice these our students not only learn sustaining disciplines but that together, we discover how we might see and join God at work in our world.

Beginning September 25th, I’ll be asking youth to help me as we lead Bible study after dinner with The Third Readers who come on Wednesdays.

For the Third Readers and Children’s Church we are using “Godly Play.” Godly Play is an experiential Bible study that “invites children to wonder about themselves, God and the world in a way that is playful and meaningful to them. Godly Play respects the innate spirituality of children and encourages them to use their curiosity and imagination to experience the mystery and joy of God.”

We had our first Children’s Church this past Sunday and our next Children’s Church will be September 22.

Pray for me as I pray for you!
Drew
October Events

1 WMS Meeting, Staff Meeting
2 Third Readers
   Regular Wednesday Schedule
4 Friday Pipes
6 Regular Sunday Schedule
8 WMS Meeting, Staff Meeting
9 Third Readers
   Regular Wednesday Schedule
11 Friday Pipes
13 Regular Sunday Schedule
15 Staff Meeting
16 Third Readers
   Regular Wednesday Schedule
18 Friday Pipes
19 Food Pantry
20 Regular Sunday Schedule
22 Staff Meeting
23 Third Readers
   Regular Wednesday Schedule
25 Friday Pipes
27 Regular Sunday Schedule
29 Staff Meeting
30 Third Readers
   Regular Wednesday Schedule

Sunday Schedule

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

Wednesday Schedule

3:30 PM Third Readers
5:00 PM Fellowship Dinner
6:00 PM Adult Bible Study,
   Children's Activities,
   Youth Activities
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

October Birthdays

1 Bonnie McDaniel
3 Robert Donnelly, Luther Jackson
7 Paul Schmidt
9 Mona Harrison
12 Eliot Barnes
17 Jerry Bryan
19 Sondra Novell-Lay
22 Alexandria Hamilton, Judy Parham
25 Mary Lynom
27 Ruby Whiteside
31 Jacquelyn Madey