

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Even with the coronavirus hindering our normal church services, the Pastor Search Committee (PSC) is continuing to search for our future Pastor. As part of our mission, we have also been searching for an interim Pastor to continue to bring God's Word to us, shepherd the First Baptist Church (FBC) family, and provide spiritual guidance and direction. As you know, we are in uncharted waters as a church and are trying to keep contact with church members.

Brother Stephan Bickel has conducted our last two Sunday morning worship services using live-streaming. Brother Bickel has agreed to conduct live-streaming services each Sunday and do Good Friday and Easter services using live-streaming. He has also agreed to do a Sunday evening Bible study using live-streaming, counsel with church members and prospective members, in-person or by telephone.

For those who have not heard Brother Bickel's sermons, you can go to the FBC website where his sermons will be posted, or please join us each Sunday morning on the FBC Facebook for his live-streaming sermons.

Here is a short bio for Brother Bickel:

Brother Stephen Bickel is a native of Jefferson City and has served the Lord for over 50 years as a Pastor; Associate Pastor; Minister of Music Education; and Minister of Music and Youth.

Brother Bickel earned:

- *A Master's Degree of Divinity from the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City;*
- *A Bachelor's Degree in Music from the University of the state of New York; and*
- *An Associate's Degree of Divinity from the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City.*

Brother Bickel has been involved in local, state, and world missions serving on mission trips to Alaska, Taiwan, Belarus, and Brazil.

He is a committed servant of God in leading others to experience a personal relationship with Christ and discipleship growth in their own life.

He and his wife Carolyn have 5 children and 9 grandchildren.

The PSC has contacted Brother Bickel about being our Interim Pastor. Due to not being able to hold normal church services the PSC is presenting Brother Bickel to First Baptist Church, via this letter, to serve as our Interim Pastor.

The PSC requests each church member submit a vote “YES” or “NO” to the church office on calling Brother Bickel as our Interim Pastor. You can respond by replying to this email or calling the church office. If you have not listened to Brother Bickel’s sermons, you can do so by going to the FBC website or Facebook.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the PSC.

Please keep Brother Bickel in your prayers, along with our church family, the PSC, and the man God is preparing for FBC.

Thank you and God bless.

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