



# The Trumpeter

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## H.O.P.E.

*I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.*

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me. —PHILIPPIANS 4: 12B–13, ESV*

I'll never forget it: H.O.P.E.

When I was serving at First Baptist Church of Oregon City many years ago, “Helping Other People Eat” (H.O.P.E.) was the name of the church’s food pantry ministry. Every Friday, all sorts of people would come to the church from the community to shop for much needed provisions. Not only did H.O.P.E. provide food, but Bibles were also made readily available to anyone who wanted one. It was really quite amazing how many cases of Bibles we went through because of H.O.P.E.

The quantity of food that went out those doors, along with the number of Bibles, was a powerful reminder of the words of Jesus when he himself was hungry in Matthew 4:4, quoting Deuteronomy 8:3 and saying, “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every*

*word that comes from the mouth of God.*” As human beings, we not only need food to sustain us, but the *hope* that we find in Scripture.

It seems all we hear about these days is how things are different because of the pandemic. But one thing that has not changed is that people still need *hope*. From its very beginning, the Church has provided *hope* to the communities in which it has found itself. Our church is no exception to that. If we have found hope in Christ ourselves, if we have learned how to face times of abundance and times of need, like the Apostle Paul did, we can join with him in boldly and joyfully proclaiming, “*I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me.*”

Our scriptural theme lately has been *hope*. Sure, there’s a lot of difficult stuff going on in our world these

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# Member Birthdays

Gina Murillo.....	5/3	Robert Glenn .....	5/14
Kim Yin .....	5/5	Dave Bolton .....	5/16
Rom King .....	5/5	Bruce Montgomery .....	5/17
Kimberly Ault .....	5/6	Carol Bolton .....	5/22
Mao Leng.....	5/6	Saveth Anderson .....	5/23
Shane Jones .....	5/7	Vicki Bridges .....	5/25
Bill Wetmore.....	5/10	Leslie Cody .....	5/26
Cynthia Benfield .....	5/10	Anthony Im.....	5/28
Dawn Deland.....	5/11		
Wilson Lee .....	5/12		
Anne Dong .....	5/14		
Chris Beard.....	5/14		

*Please let the office know if there are names missing from this list. We strive for accuracy in our member database.*

## Digital Ministry Fundraiser Update

Mission Accomplished! We are thanking the Lord for the generosity of our church family and friends, who have helped us to achieve (and exceed) our goal of raising \$3,000 to purchase the equipment necessary to continue improving our live-streaming ministry. It's a powerful reminder that even though we can't all be together physically, we can and must continue to work together to share the Gospel message of hope with our community. Please pray for this ministry as we continuously work to improve it and add new technology to enhance the audio and video components.

**THANK YOU ALL  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Stewardship Note

We continue to be grateful to our wonderful church family for supporting the mission of First Baptist even though we are unable to gather in person. As a reminder, you are still able to send your tithes and offerings by sending a check in the mail, or by using the online giving feature on our website ([fbc-portland.org](http://fbc-portland.org)).

Thank you all for giving of your time, talents, and treasure to support God's work through our church and bring hope to the community.

—*FBC Executive  
Personnel Committee*

## Easter Offering



This year at First Baptist Church, our Easter Offering went to the Cambodian Children's Ministry (CCM). Already, many have given to this worthy cause that is near and dear to the heart of First Baptist Church. However, since we were not able to be together in person on Easter Sunday, I wanted to extend the invitation to support this important mission even now that Easter has passed. Let's also join in prayer for Pastor Peter and for the leaders of CCM as they navigate through this challenging time and continue to provide the hope of Jesus to children in Cambodia.

—*Pastor Matt*

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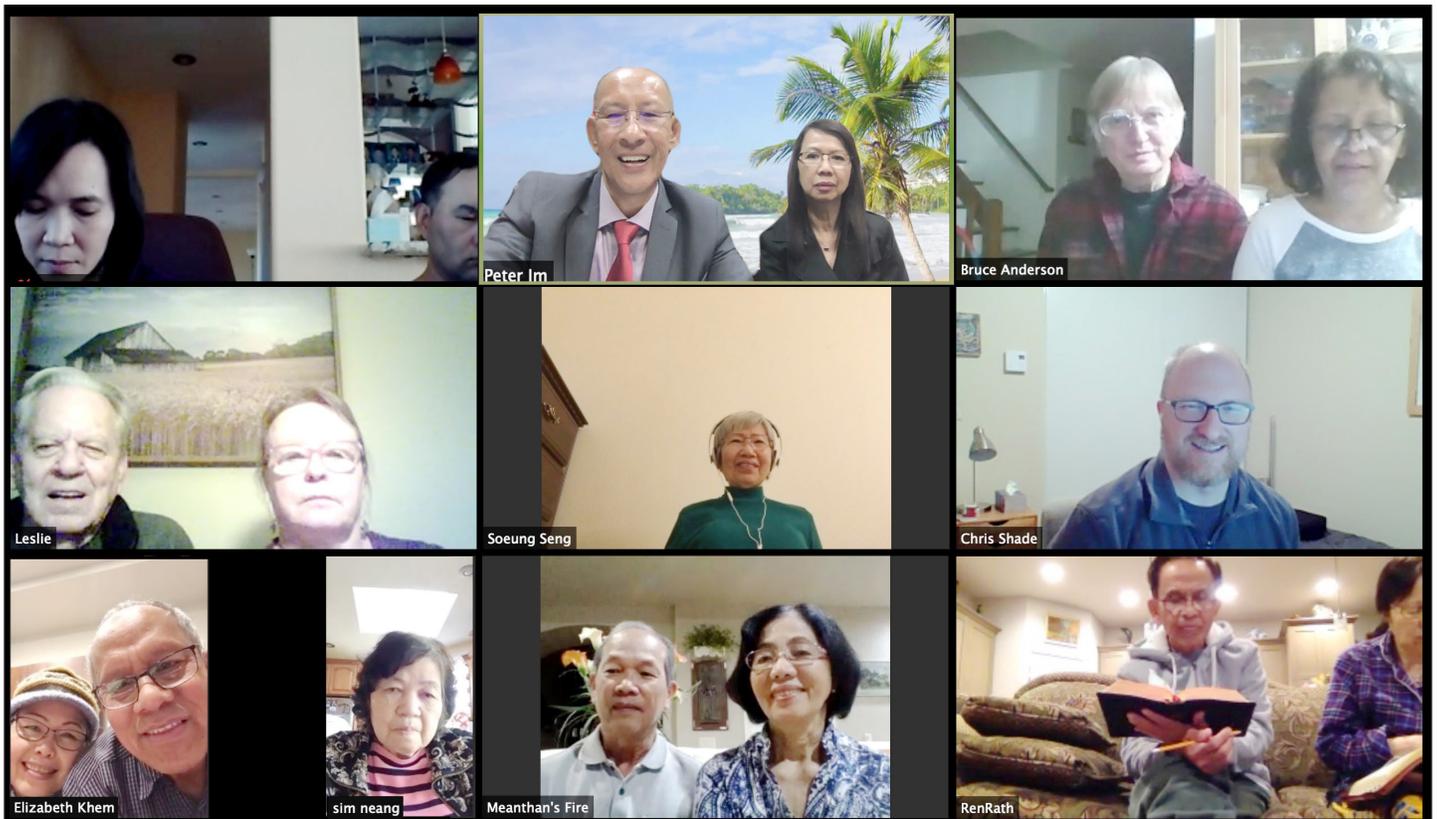
The next Trumpeter deadline is **May 18, 2020**. Please send submissions to [jchastain@fbc-portland.org](mailto:jchastain@fbc-portland.org)

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Jason Chastain — Assistant Business Administrator  
Kathleen Chastain, Kari Scheie — Receptionists

# Conducting business under COVID-19



*Weekly staff meetings, via Zoom.*



*Wednesday Evening Bible Study. Please contact [firstbaptistpdx@gmail.com](mailto:firstbaptistpdx@gmail.com) for instructions on how to join the call.*

# Cambodian Ministry News



*Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord,  
“You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.” —PSALM 16: 1–2*

In any time of our Christian life, our living God is the center of our heart, mind, and soul, for there is no other safe home without Him. In a time like this COVID-19 pandemic, staying home with His presence of the Holy Spirit and His words allow us to remain both comfortable and calm. We thank Him for His faithfulness toward His children!

We are praying for those who do not know Him, that they may be safe in many ways from this deadly virus. During the Killing Fields in Cambodia, the genocidal event was so quiet over the three-year period that it seemed only our living God heard the cries of His people everywhere. God mercifully answered our prayers. How much more fortunate we would be that He would hear the prayers around the globe during this time when we all humble ourselves to pray earnestly.

Even for me, throughout the three weeks of sickness with a bad cold last month, I saw the mercy and

compassion of God through this congregation, church staff, leaders and family. They called and offered prayers for Shirley and me and dropped off medicine and food for us, as well. How amazing it is to see how God’s people show genuine love during a time like this. Thank you all for your care and love!

In-person church services remain closed due to quarantine regulations, but the church ministries remain open for the congregation. I thank our church support and pastoral staff, who continue to work hard as they seek different ways to bring care and support to the congregation through live-stream worship services, Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and leadership Zoom meetings. We also launched our Wednesday night Bible study and Sunday school through Zoom meetings in Khmer. We are so glad that His people are with us to lift one another by joining those online activities for their spiritual growth

during this time. Visiting one another on the phone brings our ministry relationships closer to each other and to our God, as well. The monthly Trumpeter and weekly Trumpeter Blast help us to pray and engage with the church ministries. Amen!

On behalf of the Cambodian Children Ministry’s board members and those children in need in Cambodia, I deeply thank you all for your sacrificial Easter love offerings supporting the ministry budget for 2020. Any amount you gave will be supporting them through the educational, nutritional, and evangelical programs needed during this year. We have been doing a great job supporting the Drop-In ministry meals twice a week, and we are doing the same at the children’s center. Until we meet again, may the Lord bless you and keep you under His mighty wings!

*—Pastor Peter Im*

# In Memoriam

We are sad to report that one of our honored members, Sarah Scott Gordon, passed away on April 3, 2020. As we are all still urged to stay home, there will not be any further services at this time. If you would like to send condolences, please make them to the following address:

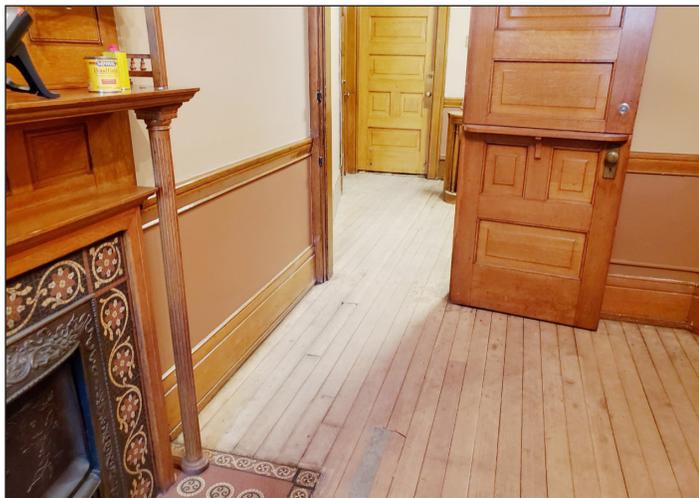
The Family of Sarah Scott Gordon  
821 NW 11th Ave. Apt. 311  
Portland, OR 97209



Dear FBC members and friends,  
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers, cards, calls and gifts sent to me. Such an outpouring of love gives me gratitude and a renewed strength to keep going strong in these days. Love to all. FBC is the best I know because I have experienced this love from the other side now. What a joy!  
*Love, Bev Simmons*

Dear FBC family,  
Thank you so very much for the wonderful reception on Sunday (March 1). Thank you, too, for the very generous Timberline Lodge giftcard. We'll enjoy using it! We have so enjoyed our time with you and will always treasure your friendship.  
*Love always, Pastor Sam and Marie*

## The Music office remodel is complete!



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days—people are physically ill and even dying, folks are struggling economically, individuals are feeling isolated in their homes, government authorities are grappling with making the right decisions for the sake of society. But let's not forget the good things that are going on in this world these days—and some of that is happening at and through First Baptist Church.

Let's pause and celebrate the ways in which First Baptist is consistently providing *hope*. Using new safety protocols, every Monday and Thursday our Drop-In Center Team continues to prepare and serve a delicious, hot meal to those in need. Week-in and week-out, our FBC staff works innovatively to provide

a live-stream worship experience to our congregation in two different languages. Literally all around the world, our International Ministries Global Servants are still sharing the love of God using virtual meeting and other technology, through their various ministries. And none of it would be possible without the Lord and without you, our church family, who faithfully support the mission of First Baptist Church with your giving, who encourage our staff through positive and uplifting comments, and who continuously surround the entire endeavor with your prayers. Church family, we truly can *do all things through Christ who strengthens us!*

Holding on to hope with you,

—*Pastor Matt*

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## **An Exciting New Approach to Music Ministry**

Despite the challenge presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Music Director Search Committee has continued its work, using virtual meeting technology. Through that process, and in partnership with the Executive Personnel Committee, we have discerned the need to approach our task from a different angle. On the one hand, we believe it is very important to continue the rich legacy of excellence in traditional forms of music in order to help us share the message of Jesus. On the other hand, we believe it is essential for our church to also develop more modern approaches to worship to help us connect with a new generation. We view music not just as music, but as an invaluable tool for evangelism, supporting the message of hope that comes from the pulpit, regardless of style or genre.

In order to effectively reach different types of people who need the same Jesus and yet who resonate

with different styles of music, it is extremely important that our church be able to offer modern worship experiences that are just as high-caliber as the traditional worship experiences we also offer. That is why we have chosen to split the job of Music Director into two new positions: "Worship/Music Coordinator" and "Choir Director." It is our belief that doing this will help First Baptist to continue its rich heritage in classic forms of worship while also helping us to branch out into something new that is so vitally important as we grow into the future. The Worship/Music Coordinator will work with pastoral staff to organize all aspects of all our services, lead the more modern components of our 8:45am service, and work evangelistically to use music to connect with the younger generation. The Choir Director will work collaboratively with the Worship/Music Coordinator and pastoral staff to develop our choral ministry and

oversee the more traditional elements of our 11:00am worship service.

Please continue to pray for our Search Committee as we seek the right persons to fill these important roles. To be honest, this approach will cost our church a bit more financially, and so we also ask that you would join us in prayer as we identify the resources needed to support both positions and structure them in such a way as to be sustainable financially. However, in order for us to grow as a church family, we believe this is an absolutely essential investment in the mission to which God has called us at this unique point in our history. Most importantly, we ask that you pray for us as we seek to fill these positions with the individuals whom God has uniquely gifted to use the powerful tool of music to equip our current saints for the work of ministry while also reaching out with the Gospel to those who will join us in the future.

—*Pastor Matt*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Trumpeter content due	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	MEMORIAL DAY					

**WE WILL RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE WHEN REGULATIONS PERMIT US TO DO SO.**

## Weekly Events

### SUNDAY

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Service
- 10:00 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Worship Service, online at [fbc-portland.org](http://fbc-portland.org)  
Cambodian language, Rose Chapel  
Children's Church  
for ages 3 through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### MONDAY–SUNDAY

6:00 – 8:00 am: Eye Opener (AA meeting)

### MONDAY & THURSDAY

2:00 – 4:00 pm: Drop-In Center

### TUESDAY

5:30 pm: Dinner + A Movie

### WEDNESDAY

- 12:00 pm: ONE PDX City-Wide Prayer Online Gathering
- 5:45 pm: Wednesday Night Dinner
- 7:00 pm: Sermon-based Bible Study online via Zoom.
- 7:30 pm: Choir rehearsal (September – June)
- 8:00 pm: Cambodian Bible Study online via Zoom.

### THURSDAY

7:00 - 8:00 pm: Downtowners (AA meeting)

### FRIDAY

- Office closed
- 6:00 pm: FOCUS

*Events in grey are postponed until further notice.*

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