

Backpack and School Supplies

Once again, we are providing twenty backpacks for the children and youth serviced by Community Action Network. The tags will not be available until July 21 but feel free to start picking up supplies now as the school sales begin! Financial donations are also appreciated. We can fill a middle school or high school backpack for \$65 and an elementary one for \$40 (checks made out to Sue Ellen Glover).

Readings for Next Sunday, July 21

Amos 8:1-12 * Psalm 52 * Colossians 1:15-28 * Luke 10:38-42

Quarter-End Personal Contribution Statements Are Ready

Giving statements for the first half of 2019 are ready and can be picked up at the Information Counter on Sundays in July or in the office during the week.

Adult Learning

Second Hour classes, Wednesday Bible Study and The Gathering (college and university students) take a break in the summer and resume in September. See you then!

Worship Service Recordings

All of our worship services and sermons, including today's, are available on our church website as podcasts. Please consider sharing them with friends.



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Announcements

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Sunday, July 14

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. - Kids4Kids Lemonade Stand
(Washington St. sidewalk)

11:30 a.m. - Informal Sunday Group: Art & Life
(Lounge)

11:30 a.m. - Board of Care & Community
(Conference Room)

Tuesday, July 16

5:30 p.m. - Vespers - *Northside Comm. Church*
(Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)

Sunday, July 21

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:30 a.m. - Informal Sunday Group: Art & Life
(Lounge)

Worship Next Sunday: We WILL be having worship as usual on Sunday, July 21. But since the artists are renting our church parking lot, you will need to use the Liberty Square parking garage across Washington Street. Although the parking garage will be charging on the Sunday of Art Fair, the parking is free *for those attending worship*. You will need to present an Art Fairs parking voucher – these are now available at the Information Counter today and will have volunteers at the parking lot entrance next Sunday to pass out these vouchers to those who don't have one. The Republic Parking attendant will collect the vouchers inside the parking structure. After worship, if you would like to visit the Art Fair (which opens at noon on Sunday), you can leave your car in the garage for free. We will have a few spaces in the church lot for those who need to park close to the church entrance. Please let Sue Ellen know before the 21st if you need one of those spaces.

Learn about Air Garage

We continue rolling out the new arrangement with AirGarage for our parking lot. Have questions or need help getting your car registered? Call or email the church office.

Art Fair Parking Lot Supervision

The Art Fairs are coming this week! (July 18-21) Once again we are renting out the church parking lot to raise funds (over \$2000) for Youth mission trips and our Vespers meals. Thank you to the volunteers who have already signed up to supervise the lot. But we are still in need of a few more. It is not difficult work and you are able to spend it sitting down (in the shade). In addition to our gratitude, volunteers "earn" a free half-day parking spot to be used any time during the Fairs! The two-hour shifts begin at 9 AM and extend until 9PM. Please sign up at the Information Counter.

Using the Church Parking Lot During Art Fair Week:

The artists with their motorhomes, vans, trucks and trailers begin arriving on Tuesday, July 16, and starting on that date the whole church parking lot will be needed for their vehicles and our staff until Sunday night (July 21). Please do not use the lot unless you are on church business (free) or coming to the Art Fairs (for a donation). If you come to church, please ask the volunteer on duty where you should park. We will always find a parking space for people in our congregation, but we will probably need to double-park your car and will keep your keys so we can move it if necessary. Please remember that the lot closes at 9PM on Thursday – Saturday and 4:00PM on Sunday, and you will need to move your car at that time.

Let's Do Lunch in July!

All July we will be collecting lunch foods for Hope Clinic serving families who struggle to put food on the table, especially those with children. The food pantry needs: Canned meat - tuna and chicken, peanut butter and other nut and seed butters, jelly and jam, spices and spice blends (low sodium), mustard, ketchup, mayo, salad dressings, and dried fruits (prunes, raisins, apricots). As usual, you may leave donations at the table near the Washington Street entrance on Sunday or during the week in the church office. Thank you!

Habitat for Humanity – Good News Houses 2019

Dates have been set for our Saturday workday with Habitat for Humanity. The congregational work date is set for Saturday August 3, starting at 8:30 AM and ending at 3:00PM. Those members with flexible weekday schedules check with Good News House website or the Huron Valley H4H website to schedule a time to volunteer. The Good News House for 2019 is to be a renovation of a 1950's ranch house in Ypsilanti. The house is at 2716 Woodruff Lane. We will also need lunches on this date.

First Baptist supports H4H through Mission Action contributions and you can personally support with financial contributions made to FBC with Good News House

on the memo line. Please contact Scott Diels at 734-649-2787 (Cell) or hscottdiels@att.net if you are able to participate.

Good News House www.goodnewshouse.org

Huron Valley Habitat for Humanity www.huronvalley@h4h.org

Hot Weather Worship

On a hot summer Sunday, our Sanctuary can sometimes become uncomfortably warm. After discussing options, staff and volunteers have agreed that we may move worship to the cooler Fellowship Hall if temperatures warrant. We don't expect to use this alternative often, if at all, but we also want to create as welcoming a sanctuary for worship as possible. We will send an e-connection notice if a decision to move the service is made and will look forward to a creative way of worshipping God.

Informal Summer Sunday Group: Art and Life

You are welcome to join a small group Sunday mornings to talk about a book on our pastors' sabbatical reading list: *Artist's Rule: Nurturing Your Creative Soul with Monastic Wisdom*. After Fellowship Time, we are gathering in the lounge across the hall. Bring your coffee, the book, and interest in exploring how creativity and spirituality lead toward abundant life! (And because this group is relaxed and informal, books are optional.) There will also be space for talk about the morning's sermon and other subjects of deep interest.

Summer Sabbatical

This summer, co-pastors, Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke, are on sabbatical exploring the theme: *Seeing the Word: The Gospel through the Visual Arts*. They will return to First Baptist on September 3. You may follow their experience at seeingthesacred.com. During their absence, the Rev. Heather Entrekin (heatherentrekin@me.com) and Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) will serve as sabbatical interim minister and staff.

Children & Youth Christian Education and Music

Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship. If you are visiting and would like more information about our ministry with kids and youth, please connect with our Director of Children's Ministry, Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org). Children (four-year-olds through 2nd graders) will leave for a Godly Play story following Time as Children and will return sometime after the sermon.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Cesar Alaniz

PRELUDE

Fantasia in F Major

- Johann Krebs
(1713-1780, German)

*INVOCATION

(* If you are able, please stand)

Maryann Bowen

*HYMN 157 (vv. 1, 3-5)

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 72

One: Give the gift of wise rule to the king, O God,
the gift of just rule to the crown prince.

Many: May the rulers judge your people rightly,
be honorable to your meek and lowly.

One: Let the mountains give exuberant witness;
shape the hills with the contours of right living.

Many: Please stand up for the poor, help the children of the needy,
come down hard on the cruel tyrants.

One: Be rainfall on cut grass, earth-refreshing rain showers.

Many: Let righteousness bloom into blossom and peace abound
until the moon fades to nothing.

One: Blessed always God's blazing glory! All earth brims with God's glory.

All: Yes and Yes and Yes.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

At the River

- arr. Aaron Copland

Shin-Ae Chun, *piano* and Chris Grapentine, *baritone*

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Xan Morgan

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-19

Heather Entrekin

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert)

The Kingdom of God

TAIZE COMMUNITY

Children 5th grade and younger come forward while we sing

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

*HYMN (see insert, sung twice)

We Are Singing

SIYAHAMBA

(Four-year olds through 2nd graders leave for a Godly Play story and will remain with Xan until the end of the service.)

SERMON

Holy Imagination

Heather Entrekin

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

*For behold, darkness shall cover the earth
and The people that walked in darkness
from Messiah*

- G.F. Handel

Chris Grapentine, baritone

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people.
But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen up thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to thy sight and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.
And they that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shineth.

