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 OPEN

To Love To Serve To Explore For You

May 13, 2018
11:00 a.m.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Ascension Sunday

Weekly Calendar

Creative Brooding

*Like a mother with her children, You will comfort us each day,
Giving guidance on our journey, as we seek to find our way,
When we walk through fiery trials, You will help us take a stand.
When we pass through trouble waters, You hold out your tender hand.*

*With Your vision, You inspire us, giving each a holy call;
We will open doors of freedom by Your power in us all.
Life abundant spreads before us as with eagle's wings we soar;
Joining in Your new creation, we rejoice forevermore.*

-Jann Aldrege-Clanton

Service is a thought that comes to mind when I think of my mother. Paul admonished Timothy to "continue (to serve) in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it...from childhood." There was a glad spirit in my mother's life as she cast forth her faith in words of witness and deeds of service.

-Jon Appleton

*First Baptist Church is a thriving community in Christ
where we all participate in worship
and are transformed by mission.*

Sunday, May 13

9:15 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship — 3rd Floor Gathering Area
9:30 a.m. High School Graduate Breakfast and Recognition — Fellowship Hall
9:45—10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages— throughout the building
11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary

Monday, May 14

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — Farrall Conference Rm.

Tuesday, May 15

6:00 p.m. Virginia Appleton Circle — Members' Homes
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #22 — Rm. 337/339

Wednesday, May 16

5:15 p.m. Finance Committee — Farrall Conference Rm.
5:30 p.m. VBS Volunteer Training — Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 17

9:30 a.m. Community Bible Study — Church Library

Friday, May 18

10:30 a.m. Action Ministries Prayer Time —3rd Floor Gathering Area

Sunday, May 20

8:30 a.m. Mission Team Mtg. — 3rd Floor Gathering Area
8:30 a.m. Reach Out Team — Farrall Conference Rm.
9:15 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship — 3rd Floor Gathering Area
9:45—10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages— throughout the building
11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Pentecost — Sanctuary

Summer Small Group Bible Conversation

During the months of June and July church members will host Small Group Bible Conversations on week nights in their homes from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Led by facilitators, these conversations, will engage scripture with current topics. The format will include time for light refreshment and fellowship along with focused conversation. The small groups provide space to explore the topics biblically within a Christian community that offers mutual respect of one another's views.

Topics and Scriptures:

- *Environmental Justice:* Genesis 1 & 2, Two creation accounts
- *LBGTQ Inclusion:* Acts 8:26-40, Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch
- *Racial Reconciliation:* Luke 10:25-37, Parable of the Good Samaritan
- *Ethnic Justice:* Jonah, Biblical story of the Prophet

The Sunday Messenger

Community Notes

VOLUNTEER TRAINING for Vacation Bible School will be held this Wednesday, May 16. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and childcare is available by contacting Heather Swank in the church office.

Ladies of FBC are invited to a **LADIES NIGHT OUT** at White Tiger on May 31 at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal, we will walk to Mary Conley's home for dessert.

Mark your calendars for **THE WORD ALIVE**, a community women's event on Friday and Saturday, October 12 & 13. Tickets will go on sale July 1. Watch FBC publications for more information.

On Friday, May 25, the **SEEKERS** are invited to a day at the Lake Sinclair home of the Horton's. Bring a hat, sunscreen and a lawn chair or two. The day begins at 10:00 a.m. RSVP by May 23 to the church office!

Register online for the **2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** "Lights, Camera, Action!" on June 11-14 from 9 am to noon. VBS is open to children who are rising Kindergarten through 7th grade.

Register online for our **FINE ARTS CAMP** on July 16-19 from 8:00 am to noon. This camp is open to Rising 1st-7th graders. The cost of the camp is \$25/child or \$20/sibling if more than one sibling attends together.

Our Church on Mission

Emergency Food Bank Needs:

Saltines, Macaroni & Cheese, Hamburger Helper
Volunteers are needed to serve at the Foodbank on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday/Wednesday of each month. Sign up on the FBC website.

Help throw a block party at the 1st Presbyterian parking deck this Tuesday, May 22 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for **BETHEL READING FOR SUCCESS**. The organization supports a monthly reading and literacy group at Bethel Homes, serving about 35 students and families. FBC will be providing some game stations during the event, the Virginia Appleton Circle is providing a Hot Dog Supper, and all are invited. Sign up online (<https://bit.ly/2Iswcuo>) if you can attend (whether as a volunteer or participant).

FBC will be sending an Adult Mission Team to spend June 26 - July 1 to serve at **CAMP HAWKINS**, a residential camp serving children with developmental disabilities. Our team will teach Bible Study, Music, Arts and Crafts, Sports and Games and provide meals to 25 campers, counselors, and staff. This camp not only serves the children, but also provides a much needed respite for their parents. Support the Camp Hawkins Team by donating funds, baking a pound cake, 2 dozen cookies or cupcakes. (NO NUTS, PLEASE.) Please bring freshly baked items labeled for Camp Hawkins to the kitchen at FBC on Sunday, June 24. Questions? Contact Carol Reddish (706-255-7337).

The Worship of God

Invocation

Emily Harbin

Prelude

Across the Lands

Getty and Townsend
arr. Douglas Wagner

*A Call to Worship (from Psalm 150)

Paul Baxley

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **Praise our God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Leader: Praise God for His mighty deeds! Praise the Lord according to His surpassing greatness!

People: **Praise God with trumpet sound! Praise the Lord with lute and harp!**

Leader: Praise our God with tambourine and dance! Praise the Lord with strings and pipe!

People: **Praise our God with clanging cymbals! Praise the Lord with loud clashing cymbals!**

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

People: **Praise the Lord!**

*Hymn of Praise 313

All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

LINSTEAD

The Pastoral Prayer

Frank Granger

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn 687

Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

NETTLETON

During the hymn, children in Pre-K 4, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-2 are invited to depart for Children's Worship and Extended Session in E-117.

>>Please pick up your children immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service.<<

A Scripture Lesson: Acts 16:11-15 Janet Cleland
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

Anthem *God Has Work for Us to Do* Mark Miller
Till all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled;
Till no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled;

God has work for us to do, God has work for us to do
'Til God's will is done and all things are made new,
God has work for us, work for us to do.

Till age and race and gender no longer separate;
Till pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate:

In tenement and mansion, in factory, farm, and mill
In board room and in billiard hall, in wards where time stands still,
In classroom, church, and office, in shops or on the street;
In every place where people thrive, or starve, or hide, or meet:

By sitting at a bedside to hold pale, trembling hands,
By speaking for the powerless against unjust demands,
By praying through our doing and singing though we fear,
By trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near.

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Sermon *Open to Serve* Paul Baxley

***Hymn of Response 510** *Lord, Here Am I* BECK

***Prayer of Stewardship** Ray Noblet, Deacon

Offertory *There is a Balm in Gilead* Spiritual/arr. Sallee

***Response of the People** *Doxology* OLD 100TH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

High School Graduate Recognition Brandon Pendry
Presentation of Harvey L. Hammond Memorial Scholarship
Presentation of Gift from First Baptist Church

***Recognition of Commitments** Paul Baxley

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr, John Purifoy

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the morning worship service are given in loving memory of Joan Cannady by her husband Dallas. They are given in recognition of their May 18 wedding anniversary and in fond remembrance of the many wonderful years they shared together.

Recent Prayer Concerns

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:

- Charlotte Crowe and family in the May 6 death of her husband, Ted Crowe
- Edna Johnson and family in the May 2 death of her husband William Johnson
- Carol Haynsworth — The Oaks, Rm. 503
- Abby Hayes — Anna Randa's sister, cancer
- Zuzanna Kotchuchova and newborn daughter Tereza
- H.D. Lambeth — John Lambeth's father
- Jack Ramsay — home

Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

May 13—19: *Amy & Fred Young*

May 20-26: *Andy Ullrich, Mark Sanders*

Fellowship Team

May: *Tony Dillard, Jim Ebert, Leslie Gordon, David Graves*

Welcome Center Team—May 13

Branyon Foyer: *Margaret Earnest, John Marshall*
Fanning Foyer: *Sherri Divers, Joan Beckham*

Welcome Center Team—May 20

Branyon Foyer: *Debbie & Tom Brown*
Fanning Foyer: *Judy & Jim Ebert*

Usher Team

May: *Annette Barfield, Larry Divers, Wilson Denney, Julie Jenkins, Bert Hill, Joanna Hill*

Counting Committee

May 13: *Dallas Cannady, Michael Jenkins*
May 20: *Al Lee, Steve Barton*