

Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*
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Prayer Concerns

Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble - Nancy Walters
Bob Thompson - Frances Knight - Ann Wild
Harold Funderburk - Tex O'Neill - Franklin Akers - Jessie Purnell
Grayland Purcell in the death of his father, Gregory Purcell
Robin Guest, daughter of Janis Misenheimer
Kay Stegall, sister of Max Penegar
Bradford Hearn, grandson of Dr. John Hearn
Terry Chappell, cousin of Minnie Hyde
Ben Nash, former member
Martin Burkes, brother of Aileen Sowder
Amanda Thomas, Weekday Preschool teacher
Jane McNeely-Sowell, friend of Carolyn White
Wayne Barnhill, brother of Diane Whitley
Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Letha Turner



Church Calendar

Sunday, June 10

8:30 am Prayer Ministry Team - *Parlor*
9:20 am Coffee Fellowship - *Gathering Area*
9:40 am Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Child Care - *Nursery*
10:45 am Service of Worship - *Sanctuary*
12:00 pm Lunch for Graduates - *Family Life Center*

Monday, June 11

7:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club - *Parlor*

Tuesday, June 12

6:30 pm Board of Trustees - *Room 309*

Announcements

Wall-O-Money Youth Fundraiser

The Wall-O-Money is located in the Gathering Area. You are invited to take an envelope, labeled with a dollar amount, from the Wall, place the dollar amount in the envelope, seal it, and then drop it in the black box. If you include your name in the envelope, you will be given contribution credit for your donation. Part of the contributions to this fundraiser will be used for the youth mission trip to New York City June 17-22.

Book Club

The Faith in Fiction Book Club members will review Charles Lovett's book, *The Lost Book of the Grail*, at their meeting tomorrow at 7:00 pm in the Church Parlor. You are invited to join them!

Save the Date!

There will be a drop-in baby shower for Lindsay and Josh Owens on Saturday, July 21 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Mark this date on your calendar. Josh and Lindsay are registered at Target.

Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The congregation will vote on the 2018-19 church budget as well as new officers. Reports will be given from Boards and Committees.

Camp Rea

Camp Rea is a Summer Camp for children who have just completed Kindergarten-Grade 5. It will be held at our church July 16-20 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. It is designed to be a mission-oriented camp for kids in the Monroe community to give them the opportunity to explore God's word in an age appropriate setting along with a combined focus of leading campers to see the importance of giving back to their community. The camp capacity is 50 children. The children in Monroe cluster schools are given first right at camp spots. Cost is \$5.00 per student for the entire week. Parents can register on the church web-site or in the church office. Many volunteers will be needed to help. Sign ups will be available soon.

The Worship of God



Baccalaureate Sunday

10 June 2018 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

"If youth ministry is ministry, it is so because it has joined God's own Ministry in the world. This means that all ministry (youth ministry or otherwise) is only ministry when it adheres to God's continued activity (of revelation, reconciliation and redemption) in the world; for our doing to be faithful, in other words, it must follow God's own doing. And this means that youth ministry ... it's not about doing so much as discerning; discerning God's will for individuals, communities, and creation."

– Andrew Root,
The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

If you are our guest today, we welcome you and ask that you complete a Visitor's Card available from a Greeter in the narthex, or in the pew racks. Please include your address, phone number and email. If you are interested in learning more about our church, we invite you to note this on the card. Thank you and welcome to First Baptist Church.

Opening Voluntary/Processional

Dr. Belflowers, organ

† Call to Worship

Carter Hissam, Graduate, Class of 2018

† **Hymn of Preparation** Hymn No. 532
"Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

– Children Age 3-Grade 2 are invited to leave for Worship & Wonder –

Prayer for the People Julia Coalson, Graduate, Class of 2018

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; 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 of Assurance** Hymn No. 534
"Draw Me Nearer" I AM THINE

Word of Assurance – Psalm 138 Sydney Dawson, Graduate, Class of 2018

Anthem at the Offering The Summer Choir
"I Was Glad, So Glad!" by John Carter

† **The Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The congregation is asked to stand at the moment the Offertory Ushers pass their pew. This act of presentation to God enacts our self-offering and gratitude to God.

† **Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Owens

Recognition of Class of 2018 Rev. Owens

Congregation Commissioning and Affirmation

Leader: *We are gathered together to worship, but also acknowledge the accomplishments of members of our community.*

People: **We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved and many more achievements yet to come.**

Leader: *Graduates, one part of your life's journey is complete. You will prepare to begin another phase that will take you to unimaginable places. As you prepare for your next journey, we hope that you remember the ones you leave behind, who have loved and supported you throughout the years.*

People: **We give you blessings of good will and love as you journey forth into the world. We thank you for the laughter and fellowship that you have shared with us and pray that as you begin your next journey, you remember the times that we all have shared with you.**

Leader: *Use those memories as a beacon to guide you on your path. Don't look back; continue only forward, while using those memories to create a new path.*

People: **We pray that God will give you strength and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.**

Leader: *Because we are made in the image of God we have been blessed with free will to make choices and decisions.*

People: **We pray that you make wise and rational decisions, always turning to God for help. God hears, God listens, God is always with you. Do not forget that. Always keep in mind that God is around you if you turn to him, he will guide you.**

Leader: *Just as Jesus sent the disciples to go and demonstrate God's love to the world, we now commission you to do the same through the way you live your life. Never forget the power of God's spirit within, and always keep Christ in your heart.*

People: **We send you forth with all our love, all our reverence, all of our perseverance, and all of our support. Strive for only the best rewards that life has to offer you and may the love of Christ shine through you.**

Leader: *Christ is the light of all people. Let him shine in you during tough times and always keep that light alive.*

People: **Let Christ's light shine always. Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Blessing Dr. Dawson

The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard

Reading of the Gospel – Mark 3: 20-35 Rev. Owens

Sermon Dr. C. Lynn Brinkley

Prayer Rev. Owens

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

† **Hymn of Commitment** Hymn No. 568
"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" HENDON

† **Benediction** Rev. Owens

† **Closing Voluntary** Dr. Belflowers, organ

† Those who are able may stand

Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Nathan and Denise Hopper, Chris Smith and Tommy Smith to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Ellen Hopper

The Rose is placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in loving honor of the birth of Alyson Claire Dinkins, daughter of Matt and Lisa Dinkins

Loose Change Offering

The Loose Change Offering for June will benefit Camp Rea to be held at our church July 16-20

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: Nathan Hopper. Narthex: Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle. Parking Area Greeter: Jim Griffin

Nursery: TBA

Greeter: Kathy Cole

Worship & Wonder: Eleanor O'Neill

Ushers: Tim McBride, Kathy Cole, Mary Nash, Ken Hendy

Offertory: Youth



Personal listening devices are available for worship.
Please see and request one from an usher.

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