

Prayer Concerns

Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble - Nancy Walters
Bob Thompson - Frances Knight - Ann Wild
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
Don and Janet Pittman and the situation in Turkey

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 13

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*

Monday, May 14

6:00 pm Faith in Fitness - *Gym*
7:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club - *Parlor*

Wednesday, May 16

3:30 pm Mission Crafters - *Craft Room*
5:30 pm Family Fellowship Meal - *Family Life Center*
Menu: baked chicken, broccoli casserole, corn, sweet potatoes, bread, dessert
6:15 pm Youth Study/Fellowship - *Multipurpose Room*
6:20 pm Prayer Meeting - *Family Life Center*
Children's Missions/Study - *Room 302*
6:30 pm Adult Study - *Family Life Center*
Young Adult Bible Study - *Parlor*
7:15 pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, May 17

6:30 pm Nominating Committee - *Parlor*

Saturday, May 19

8:00 am Trip to the NC Zoo in Asheboro

Announcements

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has begun meeting to prepare a slate of officers for 2018-2019 for church approval at the Annual Church Meeting in June. If there is someone you would like to recommend (including yourself) for a position, contact one of the Committee members (Joey Forbes, Barbara Austin, Faye Varney), one of the Board chairs (Carolyn or Lorey White, Lisa Dinkins, Debby McBride), or Dr. Dawson or Rev. Owens.

Youth Fundraiser.

Wall-O-Money – 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.

Trip to the NC Zoo

Youth, children, and church families are invited on a trip to the NC Zoo in Asheboro this Saturday, May 19, leaving on the church bus at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children age 2-12, and free for those under age 2. For reservations, sign up on the bulletin board beside Josh Owens' office.

Book Club

The Faith in Fiction Book Club will meet tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Join them as they review Kristin Hannah's book, ***The Great Alone***.

Thank You for Children's Ministries Workers

All those who worked in Children's Ministries this church year are invited to an appreciation dinner and fellowship on Monday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Tex and Eleanor O'Neill.

Service Opportunity

Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle School needs 70-80 proctors daily on May 29 & 30, and June 1 & 4 for end of grade testing. Hours will be from around 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Proctors receive training and classroom assignments the morning they serve. Though helpful, it is not necessary to be registered as a UCPS volunteer. If you can help one or more days, contact Josh Owens ASAP.

Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. If you like, wear something red to worship as we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and followers of Christ.

Graduates

Parents, if you have a son or daughter graduating from either high school or college this spring, call the church office. A list of graduates will be published in the newsletter within the next few weeks.

The Worship of God



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

13 May 2018 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

Those who are rooted in God's wisdom cannot be swayed or blown about, and those who have the Son have eternal life. The testimony of Christ is in their hearts, that God gave us that eternal life through Him. As Jesus asked God to protect the disciples, for they belonged to Him, we, too can ask for and have that same protection. For we belong to God and not to the world, but we have been sent into the world as Jesus was sent into the world, and we can be one with Christ, just as He and God are one.

Words of Welcome

Dr. Dawson

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

Dr. Belflowers, organ

Reading of the Psalms – Psalm 1

Rev. Owens

† **Call to Worship** Rev. Owens

† **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 62
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

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

Gospel Reading – John 17: 6-19 Rev. Owens

Prayer for the People Rev. Owens

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. 45
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

Anthem at the Offering The Chancel Choir

† **The Doxology** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Christ is risen, alleluia! Alleluia!

(Text: Timothy D. Belflowers, © 2018)

*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

The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard

The Sermon Text – Judges 3: 12-31 Dr. Dawson

Sermon Dr. Dawson
"A New Judge: Ehud and Shamgar"

Prayer Dr. Dawson

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

† **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 72
"To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

† **Benediction** Dr. Dawson

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

† Those who are able may stand

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
by Dot Taylor, Sonja Loper, and Scott Taylor
in loving honor of Dr. Jimmy Taylor for his birthday

Loose Change Offering

The Loose Change Offering for May will benefit
Union County's Literacy Council

SALT
SERVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: Carolyn White. Narthex: Don Haver
Parking Area Greeter: Lorey White
Nursery: Sydney Dawson, Bayley Dawson
Greeters: Ruby and Tom Coffey
Worship & Wonder: Libby Totty
Ushers: Tim McBride, Mary Nash, Ken Handy
Offertory: Youth



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

Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.

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Audio CDs of our worship services are available
through the church office.



Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*
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