

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 6

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 7

6:00 pm Faith in Fitness - *Gym*

Tuesday, May 8

2:00 pm Lottie Moon/Poovey Group - *Parlor*
6:30 pm Board of Trustees - *Room 309*

Wednesday, May 9

3:30 pm Mission Crafters - *Craft Room*
5:30 pm Family Fellowship Meal - *Family Life Center*
Menu: stew beef, rice, lima beans, greens, bread, dessert
6:15 pm Youth Study/Fellowship - *Multipurpose Room*
6:20 pm Prayer Meeting - *Family Life Center*
May Birthday/Anniversary Celebration - *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 10

6:30 pm Nominating Committee - *Parlor*

Announcements

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting this week 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.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the youth ministry's Bingo Night Fundraiser last Sunday. Just over \$600 was raised to help offset cost for youth summer mission and education activities.

Community Breakfast

The Community Breakfast that was scheduled for this coming Saturday has been postponed. Hopefully, it will be rescheduled for the Fall.

Trip to the NC Zoo

Youth, children, and church families are invited on a trip to the NC Zoo in Asheboro on 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 Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Join them as they review Kristin Hannah's book, ***The Great Alone***.

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.

The Worship of God



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

6 May 2018 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

God's love creates a generous dwelling place. Jesus' love is a reality in which we abide, and we, in turn, are admonished to provide this abode for others. This abode of love is a place of joy as well as of obedience given willingly – not out of the fear that separates servant from master, but out of the understanding that grows between friends: Jesus and his disciples. In Scripture, First John describes an even closer relationship: believers are born to God.

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

Ginger Wyrick, guest organist

"O Lord, You are My God and King"

by Charles Callahan

Reading of the Psalms – Psalm 98

Rev. Owens

† **Call to Worship** Rev. Owens

† **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 5
"Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

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

Gospel Reading – John 15: 9-17 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. 623
"Sweet Hour of Prayer" SWEET HOUR

Solo at the Offering Holly Shropshire, *soloist*

† **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: 7-11 Dr. Dawson

Sermon Dr. Dawson
"A New Judge: Othniel"

Prayer Dr. Dawson

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

† **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 593
"The Gift of Love" GIFT OF LOVE

† **Benediction** Dr. Dawson

† **Closing Voluntary** Ginger Wyrick, *organ*
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. by Paul Wright

† Those who are able may stand

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



Philippians 4:8-9

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: Tom Coffey. Narthex: Don Haver
Parking Area Greeter: Larry Tuggle

Nursery: Jennifer Hissam

Greeters: Barbara Austin, Diane Simpson

Worship & Wonder: Ruby Coffey

Ushers: Gerry Casner, Joel Myers, Jon Mackay

Offertory: Barbara Austin, Diane Simpson, Carolyn and Lorey White



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Please see and request one from an usher.

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Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Associate Minister*

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Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*

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