

# 10:45 am Worship Service

## March 29, 2026

### SERMON

**"A Tale of Two Cities"**  
First Lesson—Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Gospel Lesson—Matthew 21:1-11

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## From the Pastor...

Pastors like me read in the productivity genre. Not long before COVID-19 hobbled the world and mine and everyone else's rhythms, I stumbled backward into my productivity guru. I picked up *Digital Minimalism* by Cal Newport because I had just read Pulitzer Prize Finalist *The Shallows: What The Internet is Doing to Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr, relished it, and was clicking every "More Like This" link I saw. Carr's book is a philosophical and social study. I didn't know when I grabbed *Digital Minimalism* I was jumping from the philosophy section to the productivity genre.

Cal Newport is associate professor of computer science at Georgetown University, where he is also the founder of the Center for Digital Ethics. He writes well. He's clear and thoughtful, and what he's up to fits well with me. I usually have a stack of books I'm reading through at any given time. Somewhere between 6 and 12 of them. Newport's newest book, *Slow Productivity: The Lost Art of Accomplishment without Burnout* is among them. This week I read in that book of the Slow Food movement. After telling the story of its genesis in Italy when a McDonalds tried to horn in on Rome, he distills the movement's two foundational principles: 1.) focus not on "problems" but on appealing alternatives, and 2.) draw solutions from time-tested traditions. "Slow Food doesn't just support longer meals...It doesn't just support fresher ingredients, it [recommends] dishes that your great-grandmother might have served. Traditions that survived the gauntlet of cultural evolution...They can apply to any setting in which a haphazard modernism is conflicting with the human experience."

See why I like Cal? Those few lines were worth the price I paid for the whole book. In the margin of my copy, I wrote: "Pastoring FAB." Cal's words made me think of another book. In *The Agile Church*, Dwight Zscheile argues for "traditioned innovation," a productive tension that mines the depths of Christian tradition to find ideas whose time have come back around again. Qoheleth insists, "There is nothing new under the sun...and for everything there is a season." The thing about seasons: they are cyclical. They come back around just like those giant blue jeans I wore in high school that are now around the waists of Gen Zers.

"Pastoring FAB." I'm old enough now to know I don't have all the answers. I've been at this pastoring thing long enough now that I am pretty sure that for churches like FAB, haphazard modernism always lose to traditioned innovation. There's just something about great-grandma's recipe. The way it tastes like home decades later. Maybe it just needs a little of this, a touch of that. Like those jeans. Like suit jacket lapels. Like *Famiglia*, the "Southern Italian Trattoria" on 6th Avenue in Huntington, West Virginia. They're almost the same.

~ Rev. Zach Bay



# Fifth Avenue Baptist Church

LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

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Worship God wholeheartedly. Love one another unconditionally. Help people meet Jesus. Help each other become more like Jesus. Love our hurting world.

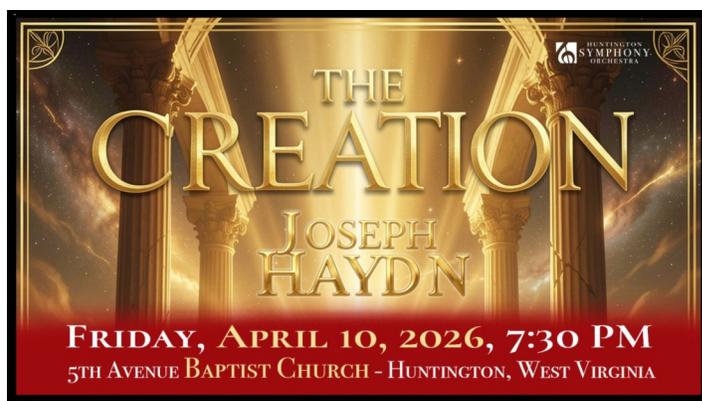


*Easter Tulips* \$15

NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR EASTER TULIPS!

ORDER FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE NARTHEX OR AT THE UPPER 12<sup>TH</sup> ST. & FELLOWSHIP HALL ENTRANCES.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MARCH 29.



HUNTINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

THE CREATION

JOSEPH HAYDN

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026, 7:30 PM

5TH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH - HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA



Can you play an instrument?  
Want to play during our worship service?

*Easter Sunday Service*

If you can play a string, woodwind, or brass instrument, and would like to participate during Easter Sunday service, please reach out to Dr. Alex Lee, Jon Brannon, or the church office!

Practice: TBA

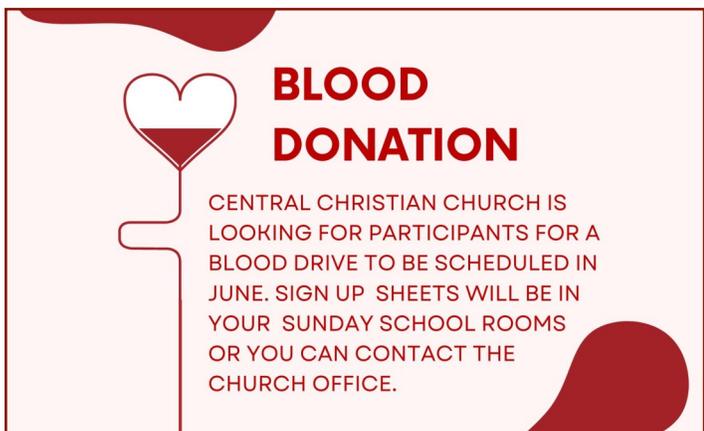
Two hymns and the Hallelujah chorus



Happy Birthday!

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE JUANITA DUNCAN'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!

12 April 2026 • 2-5 PM  
Huntington Elks  
2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.



**BLOOD DONATION**

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR A BLOOD DRIVE TO BE SCHEDULED IN JUNE. SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE IN YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS OR YOU CAN CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.



**WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO BE PART OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICES!**

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PRAYING, READING THE CALL TO WORSHIP/SCRIPTURE, OR SERVING IN ANOTHER WAY, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR SIGN UP IN YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM.

FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST  
**youth**

**Come Join Us!**

For sign-ups & info, please visit  
[fifthavenuebaptist.org/ministries/youth](http://fifthavenuebaptist.org/ministries/youth)



**YOUTH** WORSHIP  
**SERVICE**

Sunday, Mar. 29    Snack supper | 5:30  
Service | 6:00



**YOUTH**  
**COFFEE**  
**SHOP**

JOIN US IN THE FAB LAB FOR A CUP OF COFFEE PREPARED BY OUR YOUTH!



**VBS 2026**

We're Going on a trip!



But we need volunteers to help get us there!

If you're available to volunteer to help out June 22-25 please contact Rachael Gibson or a member of the Children's Commission.

COME FOR THE  
**PIZZA. STAY**  
FOR THE **FUN.**



**FAB KIDS**  
**DOUGH DADDY'S**



April  
**26**

Sunday, 5:00 pm  
ENTRY FEE: Lotion, Soap  
or Shaving Cream to support  
Golden Girls (April ALM)



# LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

## CALENDAR | Mar 29–Apr 4

### Sunday, March 29

- 9:00 Coffee & Doughnuts (FAB Lab)
- 9:30 Sunday Morning Bible Studies
- 10:45 Worship & Live Stream
- 5:30 Youth Worship Night & Snack Supper (FL)

### Monday, March 30

- 9:00 Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 1 \* No Evening Activities \*

- 7:15 Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 2

- 7:00a BCM Sunrise Service Led by Rev. Bay
- 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service (FH/Sanctuary)

### Friday, April 3

- 7:00 Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Barnett	Harry Main
Ed Blankenship, friend of Gerry Smith & Kyle Hughes	Pat Mann
Judy Booth	Marc Miller, brother of Jess Hughes
George Branch, friend of Emma Dix	Suzanne Nieman, friend of Jerrie Hussell
Bill Call	John Pelfrey
David Cantrell, stepbrother of Jim Isaac	Cindy Perry, niece of Mary Madsen
David Crowe	Steve Perry, nephew of Mary Madsen
Felix Daniels	Bill Ransbottom
Bill Denman	Allen Reasons
Carolyn Dickens	Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell
Natalie Swann Dodge, great niece of Jack Lively	Ginger Sergent, daughter of Roger & Rickie Sizemore
Braxton Ernst, friend of Jackie Ballard	Larry Shannon, friend of Janet Jarrell
Martha Hagan	Patti & Mike Shaver Sr.
Anne Jameson, niece of Mary Madsen	Barbara Sheils
Janet Jarrell	Doug Sheils
Linda Lawrence	Kay Smith
Julie Lively, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively	Jack, Becky & Haley Stephenson, friends of Martha Hagan
Kim Lively-Smith, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively	David Stone, friend of Martha Hagan
	Bob Turner
	Sherry Waggoner
	Terri Waldeck
	Kathleen Whitley, daughter of Mike & Donna Whitley
	Debbie Wilson
	Cathy Wright, friend of Scott & Leigh Ballard

If you or someone you have added to the Columns Prayer list can be removed, please call or email the church office.

## Ministry Action Budget: March 22, 2026

Envelopes	14,044.00
Online	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,069.00</b>
Given To Date	189,652.17
MAB Expenses To Date	219,504.34
<b>Overage/(Shortage)</b>	<b>(29,852.17)</b>

### Designated Funds

AFC	725.00
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>725.00</b>
<b>Designated Gifts To Date</b>	<b>2,255.00</b>

## A Message from Circle 1

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday, April 7 at 1:30 pm in the friendship classroom. Mary Beth Elmore will host and Ruth Prater will present the program. For additional info or to RSVP please contact Jane Fotos 304-360-5037, janecfotos52@gmail.com.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

### Mar

- 29 Brooklyn Leach
- 30 Bethany Bentley, Michael Whited
- 31 Jake Steele, Martha Hagan

### Apr

- 1 Barbara Ruble
- 2 Chase Harrison, Seth Adkins, Dylan Bentley
- 3 John Pelfrey
- 4 Morris Veazey, Gus Drum

## March ALM

### Needs:

- \*CRAYOLA WASHABLE MARKERS
- \*CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS
- SINGLE-SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS
- \*CRAYOLA CRAYONS 8-PACK
- PUZZLE BOOKS
- NON-HOLIDAY/ FAITH-BASED COLORING BOOKS
- GENTLY USED MAGAZINES



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\*MUST BE CRAYOLA BRAND



### CIRCLE 7

## MONTHLY MEETING



March 10  
6:30 PM

Friendship Classroom

### CIRCLE 4

## MEETING

APRIL 7 → 6:30 PM

Parlor