

# 10:45 am Worship Service

## May 3, 2026

### SERMON

"Gone Fishin"

Rev. Zachary L. Bay

First Lesson– Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Lesson– John 21:1-14

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Change Service Requested

## From the Pastor...

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work...For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it."

-Exodus 20:8-11, NRSVue

"Then [Jesus] said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.'"

-Mark 2:27-28, NRSVue

I recall my mentor, Rev. James Lamkin, saying to me ahead of my first pastoral sabbatical: "Sabbath is not a suggestion, it's a commandment." He wasn't talking about Sunday mornings. He was talking about what Jesus was talking about: That God made the Sabbath for us, made it a commandment for us, so that we wouldn't forget that God is God and we are not.

Fundamentalists will reliably clamp their teeth around part of any whole and growl and gnaw.

"The Sabbath means worship at church!" "The Sabbath means you can't drive a car, turn on a stove, or push an elevator button!" "The Sabbath is Saturday, and you're failing God by having church on Sunday!"

Having grown up in Kentucky when the Southern Baptist Convention began insisting on "fundamentals," adding and adding to their lists of what was "fundamental," and then using the "fundamentals" to harass and fire faithful and accomplished Baptist professors and pastors and churches—well, I'm no fundamentalist. I grew up 139 miles from Louisville, KY. I went to college 71 miles from Southern Seminary. I went to seminary three states away in Georgia. I wasn't interested in raising my hand and swearing fealty to some list of "fundamentals." I wanted to learn about the living, breathing, risen Christ whom I professed as Lord in the waters of baptism when I was 17.

I wrote my seminary capstone paper on Sabbath. I used Abraham Joshua Heschel's classic book. Heschel says that while some religious traditions (Christians) build cathedrals in space, his religious tradition (Judaism) builds cathedrals in time—in the hours, days, and years of our lives.

Rev. James Lamkin reminded once, "Sabbath is not a suggestion, it's a commandment." For we pastor and minister types who serve Christ's church on nights, weekends, and holidays, this is an important word. Our "work" is "the Lord's work." Pastoring/ministering in the church may make Sabbath more difficult to figure out, but it does not exempt anyone from the commandment.

As Pastor of FAB, I'm taking Fridays as Sabbath. Sunday through Thursday, I'm checking email and making phone calls, reading and writing and visiting, teaching and preaching, etc., etc. On Friday, I'm pondering God's commandment on Sinai and Jesus's commentary on it in Judea. Fridays are when I attend to what a Christian pastor and a Jewish rabbi taught me about "commandments" and "cathedrals."

Whatever else Sabbath is, it's a cathedral built on my calendar. It's a weekly, day-long invitation to practice stopping, letting go, and trusting that God is up to something even when I'm not. In that way, Sabbath is exactly what Jesus says it is: "made for humankind" as a gift from God.

~ 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.

### A Message from Circle 1

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday, May 12, 1:30 pm at Woodlands. Mary Beth Elmore will host and Jane Fotos will present the program. For additional info or to RSVP please contact Jane Fotos 304-360-5037, janecfotos52@gmail.com.

Meals for Gerry & Ivan Smith



take them a **meal**®



### A Thank You for the Columns!

We would like to express our love and gratitude for all the prayers, thoughts, and condolences from so many of you. We also would like to thank those of you who planned, prepared, and cared for us and our family at the luncheon after the funeral. We are so grateful.

~ The Family of Shirley Dudley

**GUYANDOTTE BAPTIST**

**CHURCH CAMP**

**AUCTION FUNDRAISER!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 9th • 11AM**

Held at: Guyandotte Baptist Camp

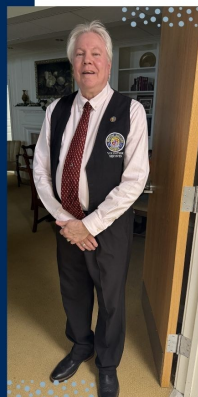
**LIVE AUCTION • MUSIC • FOOD • GAMES**

*All Proceeds Benefit the Camp Ministry!*

**BID!**

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!**

Item donations are needed. Contact Helen Freeman at 304-412-3393 to arrange drop-off or pickup.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

Donald Smith

Fifth Avenue Baptist Church

FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST  
**youth**

**Come Join Us!**

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

# YOUTH COFFEE SHOP

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



## WBS 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.

### DR. & MRS. LEE'S MUSIC STUDIO RECITAL



FIFTH AVENUE  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
1135 FIFTH AVENUE  
HUNTINGTON, WV 25701



## MAY 22

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
MUSIC RECITAL!  
**THIS EVENT IS FREE  
AND OPEN TO  
EVERYONE! COME  
SUPPORT DR. & MRS.  
LEE'S STUDENTS AS  
THEY PERFORM!**



**6:30PM**  
CHAPEL



PIANO  
VOICE

# LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

## CALENDAR | May 3-9

### Sunday, May 3

- 8:30 Properties Meeting (CR)
- 9:00 Coffee & Doughnuts (FAB Lab)
- 9:30 Sunday Morning Bible Studies
- 10:45 Worship & Live Stream
- 12:00 Blood Pressure Check (Friendship)

### Monday, May 4

- 9:00 Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, May 6

- 5:30 Dinner: **cold cut sandwiches, potato salad, chips, fruit, dessert**
- 6:15 Business Meeting
- 7:15 Choir Rehearsal
- Church Council Meeting (CR)

### Saturday, May 9

- 11:00 Guyandotte Baptist Camp Auction Fundraiser (Camp Ona)

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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|--|---|
| Mary Barnett                                       | John Pelfrey  |
| Judy Booth   | Cindy & Steve Perry, niece & nephew of Mary Madsen      |
| George Branch, friend of Emma Dix                  | Bill Ransbottom   |
| Bill Call  | Allen Reasons   |
| David Cantrell, stepbrother of Jim Isaac           | Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell                |
| David Crowe  | Ginger Sergent, daughter of Roger & Rickie Sizemore     |
| Bill Denman  | Larry Shannon, friend of Janet Jarrell                  |
| Carolyn Dickens                                    | Patti & Mike Shaver Sr.                                 |
| Natalie Swann Dodge, great niece of Jack Lively    | Barbara Sheils  |
| Martha Hagan                                       | Doug Sheils   |
| Anne Jameson, niece of Mary Madsen                 | Gerry Smith   |
| Janet Jarrell                                      | Kay Smith   |
| Linda Lawrence                                     | Jack, Becky & Haley Stephenson, friends of Martha Hagan |
| Kim Lively-Smith, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively | David Stone, friend of Martha Hagan                     |
| Harry Main   | Bob Turner  |
| Pat Mann   | Lance Tyo Family, family of Cathy McGuire               |
| Suzanne Nieman, friend of Jerrie Hussell           | Sherry Waggoner   |
|  | Terri Waldeck   |
|  | Debbie Wilson   |

## Ministry Action Budget: April 26, 2026

Envelopes	13,696.18
Online	1,615.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,311.18</b>
Given To Date	257,885.26
MAB Expenses To Date	331,040.99
<b>Overage/(Shortage)</b>	<b>(73,155.73)</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Love Gift	200.00
Special Designated	2,200.00
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>
<b>Designated Gifts To Date</b>	<b>5,225.00</b>

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

## Our Christian Love & Sympathy

To the family of Cheryl Brunetti, whose mother, Mary Belle Minton, died Tuesday, April 28. Services are Saturday, May 2 at 3:00 pm at Highlawn Baptist Church in St. Albans. Visitation will precede at 2:00 pm.

# BUSINESS MEETING

May 6, 2026 | 6:15pm

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

### May

- 6 George White
- 7 Debby Drum
- 8 Neeley Jarrell
- 9 Thomas Smith, Will McFann



## May ALM

Huntington Addiction Wellness Center

- Laundry detergent
- Bath towels
- Wash cloths
- Shower shoes (both men and women, all sizes)
- Body wash (both men and women)
- Notebooks
- Pens



## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

MAY 3, 12PM  
FRIENDSHIP CLASSROOM

COME BACK FOR YOUR SCREENING EVERY MONTH ON THE FIRST SUNDAY!