



Fifth Avenue Baptist Church

LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

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Fifth Avenue Baptist Church is a family of faith striving to love God and love others through inreach, outreach, spiritual growth, and missions.



**Please be in prayer for our Youth Mission Team
June 9-16**

Notes from Blessings in a Backpack

Begun as a dream and desire of Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner several years ago, the Central City Elementary backpack program is finishing yet another year (either the 5th or 6th) of being obedient to our Lord's command to "feed His sheep". Truly a labor of love, 280 children were fed weekly this school year, numbers (as well as cost) which have increased over the past couple of years. Every week that we have delivered food, either students or teachers have expressed gratitude for what the backpack program is doing. Those of us who participate in our program have been blessed many times over.

This past year, the program transitioned to new leadership under the direction of the Rev. Skip Seibel at First Presbyterian Church, who has graciously allowed his church to become a "food stockpile location", purchasing/collecting food when available at reduced cost from the Facing Hunger Food Bank and storing this food at FPC in anticipation of later pickup by participating churches. This plan has allowed our program to remain financially viable (at least at present) and optimistic for what the future holds. Many thanks to Rev. Seibel, as well as the parishioners at all of our participating churches.

I am grateful to our church for providing generous financial assistance to the backpack program. These funds enable us to purchase food at a significant cost reduction through the Food Bank. In the past year, we have created a way for those interested to make a tax deductible donation specifically to our account. For those who would like to do so, a check made to the Facing Hunger Food Bank and "account 200634" on the memo line will get the job done. More than financial assistance, your physical presence when we pick up/deliver food would be greatly appreciated.

Again, I am very grateful to FAB, and specifically to Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner for visioning and enabling the backpack program to become a reality, and am looking forward to what the future holds.

Bill Sheils

We are needing VBS Decorating Volunteers, Saturday, June 23. If you can't help that Saturday, join us as we decorate and organize the Thursday and Friday prior, June 21 and 22. Please contact Cindy Taylor if you can help. Thank you.

Congregational Conversation

June 13, 2018, 6:00

Fellowship Hall

Explaining the Completed Vision Statements and Objectives.

Called Business Meeting

Sunday, June 24

Invitation to commit to the Vision Statements and Objectives through congregational vote.

FAB MISSIONS

Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry

June Food Item of the Month:

Beef Stew— \$35.76 / Case

We need towels, hand towels, washcloths & sheets (please have sizes of sheets marked.)

June ALMS | Camp Ona

Camp Ona is our ALMS (Aid to Local Ministries) organization for June.

We will be collecting: kitchen utensils and dish towels. Please place donations in the marked box near the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

The Cornerstone Sunday School class is responsible for delivery this month.

Ministry Action Budget: June 3, 2018

Envelopes	25,230.55
Loose	77.00
Total	\$25,307.55
Given To Date	512,386.81
MAB Expenses To Date	512,218.53
Overage/(Shortage)	168.28
Designated Funds	
REMAR	780.00
OGHS	3,155.00
Total Designated Funds	3,155.00
Designated Gifts to Date	\$35,708.00

FAB CHILDREN

Vacation Bible School volunteers still needed!
Sign up at www.fifthavenuebaptist.org.



SECOND HOUR WORKERS

June 10, 2018

NURSERY | Gerry Smith, Lauren Turner

TODDLERS | Susan Dillard

TWOS & THREES | Susan Porter, Katie Bentley

FOURS | Sarah Crouse-Dick, Laura Byrd

WORSHIP K-2 | Jess & Kyle Hughes

FAB YOUTH



Love. Grow. Serve.

Please pray for the
Youth Mission Team
June 9 - 16

Youth Ministry Schedule

NO 412

or

Small Groups

for the month of June

2018 FAB CAMP



JULY

27-29

Camp Ona

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PRAYER CONCERNS

CALENDAR | June 10-17

Sunday, June 10

- 8:15 Chapel Worship
- 8:45 Worship Shuttle Bus
- 9:00 Sunday Morning Fellowship Time (FH)
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Sanctuary Worship
- 5:00 Stephen Ministry (Stephen Ministry Room)

Monday, June 11

- 5:30 Refit (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, June 12

- 7:30 Twenty Something Small Group (Hardwick home)

Wednesday, June 13

- 6:00 Vision Team/Congregational Conversation (FH)
- 8:00 AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, June 17

- 8:15 Chapel Worship
- 8:45 Worship Shuttle Bus
- 9:00 Sunday Morning Fellowship Time (FH)
- 9:15 Stephen Ministry (Stephen Ministry Room)
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Sanctuary Worship

OTHER:

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| Art Adkins, brother of Karen Harmic | Perry Jones, father of Marisa Main |
| Nell Bailey | Barbara Korstanje |
| Doris Bates, mother of Paula Dudley | Harry Looney, father of Becky Myers |
| Cara Dingus Brook | Charles Mann |
| Ann Coltrane, grandmother of Sabrina Thomas | Pete Mastrangelo |
| Frances Elkins | Rick Maxey |
| Betty Elliott | Tere Perry |
| Alice Hargis | Sandra Cline Ramsey, daughter of Ruth & Phil Cline |
| Lynn Hanna, friend of Hubert Harvey | Allen Reasons |
| Dick Hensley | Bud & Becky Ross |
| Gary Hensley, son-in-law of Creda Billups | Guy Sayles |
| Jay Jarrell | Ivan Smith, husband of Gerry Smith |
| Patricia Jewell, sister of Marsha Harvey | Steven Carson Smith |
| Sheri Johnson, sister of Susan Dillard | Don Tarter |
| | Alice Tipton, mother of Emma Dix |
| | Nancy Tomblin |
| | Cathy & Jim Wagner |
| | Vivian Wilson, friend of Brenda Isaac |

Would You Be Willing to Pray or Read Scripture?

In the chapel foyer (for the 8:15 service), and in the narthex and upper 12th Street lobby (for the 10:45 service), there are sign-up sheets. If you would be willing to pray or read scripture this summer in the service that you normally attend, please add your name.

Pray4Me Ministry

The Pray 4 Me Ministry's year end Popcorn and Prayer Movie Night drew 35 prayer partners and family members to the Fellowship Hall/Movie Theater Friday evening. Children and youth and their adult prayer partners reconnected and shared prayer requests for the summer, ranging from planned trips to family concerns to preparation for the new school year. The refreshment table offered movie candy and popcorn galore. We watched the story of Moses come to life on screen in "The Prince of Egypt" and heard once more how God is our Savior and Deliverer. What good news!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our first year of this intergenerational prayer ministry! From children/youth and their families to adult prayer partners, we are so grateful for your commitment to praying for one another and deepening our relationships as a true church family. We look forward to more opportunities to pray for one another in the days to come! Adult prayer partners, if you were unable to join us, please contact your student and arrange a time to touch base (lunch, ice cream, etc.) to talk about summer prayer requests, like upcoming trips or concerns about family or friends, or whatever is on their mind. Thank you!

Our Christian Love and Sympathy

To Kelli Crabtree and family in the death of her grandmother, Jo Alva Shanklin, who passed away June 5.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found in Fellowship Hall. The basket is full. There are valuable items, glasses, coats, scarves, glass cases, books, bibles and travel mugs. Some items have been in the basket over 6 months. Please take the time to stop by and see if any of the items are yours. We plan to donate the items to the Cridlin Clothes pantry at the end of July.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- June 15 William Downs
- June 16 Christina Highberger, Anastasia Jones-Burdick
- June 17 John Sheils, Nancy Heiner, Tere Perry, Brooks Arnold
- June 18 Judy Cliff, Caleigh Morris
- June 19 Carl Johnson, Charlotte Allman, Jay Barnett, Alicia Porterfield
- June 20 Nancy Tomblin, Bob Pruett, Paula Dudley, Amy Burdick, Topher Stoner
- June 21 Mike Owens

8:15 & 10:45 Worship Services

Sunday, June 10

SERMON	“Helping Each Other Hear the Lord’s Voice”	Rev. Eric Porterfield
SCRIPTURE	I Samuel 3:1-10	
PRELUDE	Prelude on “The Call,” Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Brannon	Jon Brannon, organ
OFFERTORY	Offertory on CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, arr. Brannon	Jon Brannon, organ
SONG OF FAITH	“Speak, O Lord,” Keith Getty, Stuart Townend	Chris Sizemore, tenor
POSTLUDE	Three Chorale Fantasias: I. “O God, Our Help in Ages Past,” C. H. H. Parry	Jon Brannon, organ

along the journey...

The Church Council and the Vision Team were busy in the Council’s June 6th meeting! The council received and approved two recommendations from the Vision Team, and began the conversation on a third. Here’s a recap:

First, the council approved the team’s recommendation that FAB invite Doug Haney to facilitate conversations on worship. Doug is Minister of Music at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, and a consultant with the Center for Healthy Churches. Throughout this visioning journey I’ve felt we needed to talk and listen, talk and listen to each other’s longings for worship. But it’s a difficult conversation because our longings are not all alike. We need someone from outside our church to help us talk and listen and move forward. Doug will first visit with the pastoral staff in early July and guide a staff worship conversation. Then in his second visit, in August or September, he will have conversations with as many church groups and members as can be arranged. After these conversations he will produce a report with observations and recommendations. Doug is not going to tell us what to do; he’s going to help us articulate our thoughts on worship and help us better “worship God wholeheartedly.”

Second, the council approved the Vision Statements and Objectives that we’ve been working on and discussing for several months. In council meetings and congregational gatherings the Vision Team has received great feedback; the final document is much stronger as a result. I believe these statements and objectives will give us the focus we need as we love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Third, the council began the conversation on how to turn the vision statements and objectives into action steps. It’s a big conversation, and not an easy one, but I’m thankful that we’ve got the conversation started.

This Wednesday evening, June 13, at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall, the Vision Team will present the completed version of the Vision Statements and Objectives, not only inviting feedback but also challenging each of us to help one another become more like Jesus, love one another unconditionally, worship God wholeheartedly, help people meet Jesus, and love our hurting world. Then on Sunday morning, June 24, the church will be invited to commit to this vision by endorsing the Vision Statements and Objectives at a called business meeting.

The Spirit is moving us forward! I am grateful.

Grace and Peace,

Eric Porterfield