

# 10:45 am Worship Service

## August 17, 2025

**SERMON** "Can Faith Make Life Worse?"  
Luke 12:49-56

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**Fifth Avenue  
Baptist Church**  
LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

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Change Service Requested

## "In God's Household" - Eph. 2:19

Several of Jesus' healing miracles in the gospel stories involve maladies that to us sound a lot like mental illness or epilepsy. You don't read stories about Jesus healing a broken leg or closing a wound. The blind and the lame are healed, but those were persistent ailments. Maybe Jesus didn't do triage?

The gospels also tell us Jesus did many other miracles that were not recorded. You couldn't write every story, list every event. The included stories usually surround an illness that was beyond understanding. A broken leg from falling down a hill, or a gash from a knife blade, was easily understood. Primitive doctoring could tackle those. But what causes someone to fall to the ground in seizures? What causes someone to seemingly lose their mind? Demons? Forces of evil? This is where Jesus showed he had power from God by handling things people couldn't understand.

Today, we know so much more about mental illness, its causes and treatments. And yet, though the medical profession handles these conditions as well as any other human ailment, we are more like our ancient ancestors than we'd care to admit.

Mental illness confounds us. We sympathize with folks in recovery from heart attacks and back surgery. We take meals to persons recovering from hip replacement or from the first rounds of chemo. But we're not always sure what to say or do with folks battling mental illness, or chemical addiction or dementia.

Our grasp at understanding the soul, the "me" that is me, is so closely tied to our mind that when the mind doesn't seem to be working right, we wonder what has happened to the person. She may wonder that too.

Maybe the most meaningful part of Jesus' miracle stories isn't that he healed folks who were thought to be "demon-possessed," but that before the miracle, he claimed them and treated them with dignity. Except for those of us in the medical profession, we are not given the task of healing, but we can still claim those who struggle with mental illness as one of our own and treat them with dignity. Just doing the latter will chase many "demons" away.

Beginning next Wednesday, Ben Flannery will start a 3-week series on mental health. Do yourself and your family, and our ministry at FAB a favor and join us.

~ Dr. Tim Moore



# Fifth Avenue Baptist Church

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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.

## Opening Fall Wednesday Evening Series Lead by Ben Flannery

Substance abuse and mental health issues affect Huntington's community and our personal lives. Ben Flannery will begin a 3-week series on Wednesday, August 20, providing education on how our brain works and to learn how to spot depression and mental illness as well as help us serve those who struggle in our community.

**August 20th** – Lizard vs. Wizard, Battle for the mind and soul. This includes psychoeducation on the Pre-frontal Cortex and Limbic system and how this affects mental health and substance abuse. A discussion on local services and procedures of voluntary and involuntary commitment will be held.

**August 27th** – Brain development, going from ME to WE. A psychoeducation on brain development and how selfishness turns to selflessness. Using mental health theorists and Bible teachings lead us to become focused on service to others over focus on self.

**September 3rd** – Mental Health 101. A beginner's guide to navigating the world of mental health and substance abuse. This discussion will involve identifying mental health diagnosis, symptoms and treatments to better understand what our community members and family members experience.

## Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

Sept. 14: Rev. Dr. Jim Abernathy

Sept. 21: Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes

Sept. 28: Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner

## *Prayer Time*

Join us Sunday morning from 8:30 am until 9:30 am for a guided prayer time while we pray for the Pastoral Search Committee, our church and our new, upcoming pastor. All are welcome to attend.

Join us as we seek God's guidance for our church's future.

AUG. 17 | 8:30 AM  
IN THE CHAPEL

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT**  
Dinner & Bible Study  
Resumes August 20



FAB'S Annual

## CHURCH PICNIC

August 17, 2025 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Camp Ona

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST

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**Come Join Us!**

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

FAB YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL

**COOKOUT**

**AUG. 24**



**m&m's**

**A sweet time learning about God!**

music masterpieces movement  
missions memorization

**Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**  
**Beginning August 20**

# LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

## CALENDAR | Aug 17-23

### Sunday, August 17

- 8:30 AMC Meeting (CR)
- 9:30 Sunday Morning Bible Studies
- 10:45 Worship & Live Stream
- 12:00 Youth & Parent Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 Church Picnic (Camp Ona)

### Monday, August 18

- 9:00 Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, August 20

- 5:30 Dinner  
**salisbury steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, gr. beans, salad, dessert**
- 6:15 Group Studies
- Cornerstone Rehearsal
- 7:15 Choir Rehearsal

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Christy Bird                                    | Mary Lee Leslie  |
| Judy Booth                                      | Julie Lively, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively                 |
| Nell Brumfield                                  | Kim Lively-Smith, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively             |
| Felix Daniels                                   | Suzanne Nieman, friend of Jerrie Hussell                       |
| Bill Denman                                     | Cindy Perry, niece of Mary Madsen                              |
| Carolyn Dickens                                 | Steve Perry, nephew of Mary Madsen                             |
| Natalie Swann Dodge, great niece of Jack Lively | Jeanine Price  |
| Beverly Gaskin, friend of Gerry Smith           | Bill Ransbottom  |
| Martha Hagan                                    | Jean Read, sister of Mary Margaret King                        |
| Cathy Hutchinson, friend of Jim & Brenda Isaac  | Allen Reasons  |
| Anne Jameson, niece of Mary Madsen              | Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell                       |
| Janet Jarrell                                   | Ryan Sharp, nephew of Jackie Ballard & cousin of Scott Ballard |
| Opal Jones                                      | Patti & Mike Shaver Sr.  |
| David Justice                                   | Barbara Sheils   |
| Linda Lawrence                                  | Toni Shirk, cousin of Susan Dillard                            |
|   | Jack, Becky & Haley Stephenson, friends of Martha Hagan        |

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: August 10, 2025

Envelopes	17,113.73
Online	1,585.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,698.73</b>
Given To Date	506,358.60
MAB Expenses To Date	541,412.05
<b>Overage/(Shortage)</b>	<b>(35,053.45)</b>

### Designated Funds

<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Designated Gifts To Date</b>	<b>5,530.20</b>

## Our Christian Love & Sympathy

To the family of Doris Andrews, whose sister died earlier this week.

## Combined Sunday School in August Leadership at Church & Beyond

Dr. Moore will lead the combined Adult & Youth Sunday School classes August 10-31 in the Fellowship Hall. The sessions will begin with a short lesson from the Bible. Then, Sunday School classes will be invited to have a guided discussion around the lesson. The youth will have their own table. Folks who don't usually attend Sunday School are invited to join any table group. The session will end with prayers around each table group.

**August 17** - Choosing leaders in church - I Timothy 3:1-13

**August 24** - Jesus, the cross, & leadership - Mark 8:31-37

**August 31** - Jesus, the cross, & leadership - John 12:23-33

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

### Aug

- 19** Lauren Turner
- 20** Donna Whitley, Kelley Altizer, Mark Brooks
- 21** Geoff Sheils
- 22** Judy Wright, Mark Tarter
- 23** Sallie Daniels, Jack Lively, Piper Nelson



## AUGUST ALM

- SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS
- MARKERS
- MECHANICAL PENCILS/LEAD
- FOLDERS
- ZIP-UP BINDERS
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- COLORED PENCILS & CRAYONS
- COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS
- 5-SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS
- EARBUDS FOR COMPUTERS
- ERASERS
- BINDER DIVIDERS
- PENCIL POUCHES FOR BINDERS
- BOOK BAGS
- GRAPHING PAPER



## missions SUMMER 2025

**Recovery Point:** All Hygiene items (toothbrushes, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)

**Cridlin August Food item:** Diced tomatoes

**Street Ministry:** Socks (all sizes, men's & women's)