10:45 am Worship Service August 24, 2025

SERMON

"Raining on Someone Else's Parade" Luke 13:10-17

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

I once did a sermon series on Mahatmas Gandhi's list of seven deadly sins. "Wealth without work" was probably my favorite, in part, because I think it plagues our economy, society, and faith.

In the last 75 years our economy has moved from a predominantly manufacturing economy to a service economy and now finally to a financial economy. It has changed the way to make lots of money. Kevin Phillips, who once worked in Nixon's administration, noted in his book, Wealth and Democracy, that the movement of a great economy from manufacturing to service to financial sector dominance has been a 500-year pattern in western democracies.

The work of manufacturing produces something of value. A car, a house, a television set, and when those are completed, they are worth something for some time to come. This changes with the service sector. After I've eaten a great meal at a restaurant, I'm not left with anything of material value. An HVAC company might maintain the value of my furnace with their service, but they haven't produced new value. With the financial sector this takes another turn. Here, money is supposed to make money. However, lending money isn't "work." Nothing has been produced or serviced. It provides necessary capital for someone else to "work."

Because we rely on the financial sector to make big money for wealthy people, we constantly see smaller firms, local firms, get bought out by holding companies or hedge funds, which often means local money is removed from its community and sent to an urban

Our income tax policy structures were created when manufacturing was the backbone of our economy. In our financial sector economy, the wealthy often make more or all of their money by financial investments rather than by wages. Yet, wages of working people are taxed higher than the investments of the wealthy. Warren Buffet has often said that his tax rate is lower than his secretary's tax rate because of this structure.

Financial services provide a necessary task in a capitalist economy-my wife's career and most of our savings have been made with that. But when our great ideas for making money turn out to be financial schemes rather than manufacturing inventions or service innovations, our economy is weakened. Gandhi was right. "Wealth without work" is a deadly sin.



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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 this Wednesday, August 27 (pushed back a week because of our A/C installation), 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 27th – 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.

September 3rd – **B**rain 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 10th – 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.

Highlights from the Pastor Search Q & A

Sunday, August 10th, Spencer Murphy and the Pastor Search Committee shared an update on the search process. Spencer informed the church that the search team is now focusing on 3 candidates and will be having in-person interviews with them over the next month. Once they have settled on a single candidate final preparations will be made to bring that candidate to the congregation.

The congregation will be notified two weeks prior to the Pastor Call Weekend. The Sunday following the announcement we will have a brief worship service and then the search team will hand out detailed information about the candidate and have an open Q & A. During the Call Weekend there will be numerous group meetings to enable the church to meet the candidate and family, beginning either Friday evening or Saturday morning with a final gathering during the Sunday school hour. The candidate will lead worship that morning and afterwards the congregation will vote.

Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

Sept. 14: Rev. Dr. Jim Abernathy

Sept. 21: Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes

Sept. 28: Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner

Farewell Reception for Dr. Moore

Mark your calendars for a Farewell Reception for Dr. Tim Moore immediately following worship on Sunday, Sept. 7 in the Fellowship Hall.



Come Join Us!

For sign-ups & more info, please visit fifthavenuebaptist.org/ministries/youth

FAB YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL

COOKOUT

AUG. 24, 5:00PM

OUT ON THE PLAYGROUND

m&m's

A sweet time learning about God!

music masterpieces movement missions memorization

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

CALENDAR | Aug 24-30

Sunday, August 24

9:30 Sunday Morning Bible Studies (FH)

Worship & Live Stream 10:45

12:00 W&E Meeting (CR)

Fourth Sunday Watercolors 3:00

(Bev Sauvageot's Home)

Youth Cookout (Grassy) 5:00

Recovery Point Game Night 6:00

Monday, August 25

9:00 Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 26

6:15 Yoga Canceled

Wednesday, August 27

5:30 Dinner

Tacos, salad, dessert

6:15 **Group Studies**

Cornerstone Rehearsal

7:15 Choir Rehearsal

PRAYER CONCERNS

Christy Bird Judy Booth Nell Brumfield Felix Daniels

Bill Denman Carolyn Dickens

Natalie Swann Dodge, great niece of Jack Lively

Beverly Gaskin, friend of Gerry

Smith

Martha Hagan

& Brenda Isaac

Anne Jameson, niece of Marv

Madsen

Janet Jarrell **Opal Jones**

David Justice Linda Lawrence Mary Lee Leslie

Julie Lively, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively Kim Lively-Smith, daughter of Jack & Jackie

Suzanne Nieman, friend of Jerrie Hussell Cindy Perry, niece of Mary Madsen Steve Perry, nephew of Mary Madsen

Jeanine Price Bill Ransbottom

Jean Read, sister of Mary Margaret King

Allen Reasons

Cathy Hutchinson, friend of Jim Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell Ryan Sharp, nephew of Jackie Ballard &

cousin of Scott Ballard Patti & Mike Shaver Sr.

Barbara Sheils

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.

MAB financials for August 17 will be included in the August 28 edition of the newsletter.

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday, September 2 at 1:30 pm in the friendship classroom. Mary Beth Elmore will host & Yvonne Johnson will lead the program. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Jane Fotos 304-360-5037.

A Message from Circle 1

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

<u>Aug</u>

- 24 Autumn Morris, Alexandra Spradlin
- 25 Hal McMahon, Angela Craddock, Tucker Bird
- 26 Joy McIlvain, Brenda Isaac, Harlan Myers, Rachel Kemper
- Steve Waggoner, Susan Porter, 27 Michael Whitley, Pipa Cox
- 28 Will Finley
- 29 Tommy Warf
- 30 Jennifer Curry



Combined Adult & Youth Sunday School Two Lessons on the Cross & Leadership AUGUST ALM

Dr. Moore will lead the final two combined Sunday School classes August 24 & 31 in the Fellowship Hall. Tim will begin the sessions with a short lesson from the Bible. Then, Sunday School classes will be invited to have table discussions around the lesson with some provided questions. The youth will have their own table. Folks who do not usually attend Sunday School are invited to join any table group. The session will end with prayers around each table group.

August 24 - Jesus, the cross, & leadership - Mark 8:31-37 August 31 - Jesus, the cross, & leadership - John 12:23-33

