

10:45 am Worship Service

August 30, 2026

SERMON "Wisdom to Know the Difference"
First Lesson– Exodus 3:1-15
Gospel Lesson– Matthew 16:21-28

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Change Service Requested

From the Pastor...

The Wednesday evening Pastor's Bible Study is one of my favorite times of the week. Yeah, I know. The pastor is supposed to say that. Yes, I do love a Bible study. Among the various subdisciplines a theology student engages, biblical studies was my first love. It was Dr. Paul Redditt's Old Testament Survey I course that first enchanted me. More than any other course that first semester at Georgetown College, I simply could not get enough of that one. I enjoyed theology, church history, preaching, and teaching courses, but I loved biblical studies. So yes. Of course, the pastor—this pastor—says he relishes the Wednesday evening Pastor's Bible Study. But it's more than that for me.

I love the Pastor's Bible Study because I enjoy so much the time with you. While breaks are necessary (mandated by one of the Commandments, actually), I missed the time I got with you on Wednesdays this summer. The connections. The conversations.

I enjoy what Wednesday evenings affords us, pastor and parish. There isn't another time or space like it most weeks. I prepare by reading some Bible commentaries, but I show up very much in-progress with my own thinking. Lots of loose ends. Some of my own curiosities and questions. I don't show up with all the answers. I don't have all the answers. I have thoughts to share and ideas to float. My favorite part of the Pastor's Bible Study, though, is you.

You are fun! I look forward to what Creda is going to say and to Jane's questions. You know you do, too. I look forward to Steve's clarity about the heart of Christian faith in any passage we pick up, and to the way Gus turns a biblical phrase like a gemstone and peer into its many facets. Early on, Susan offered an angle on a passage that I had never heard before, and it shook up what had settled in my head. I loved that. Tom Sr. will reliably be able to provide an answer to a technical academic question, and Kay will usually have a question informed by those kinds of things. You are fun!

You are what I most enjoy about our Wednesday evening Pastor's Bible Study. We get to talk. We get to laugh. You learn from me and I learn from you. There's no other space in the life of FAB quite like it for me. I get as much as I give. I get good time with my people.

Breaks are good. The Sabbath is a commandment. And: I am glad to be back on Wednesday evenings. It's one of my favorite times each week. I enjoy spending that time each week with you.

~ Rev. Zach Bay

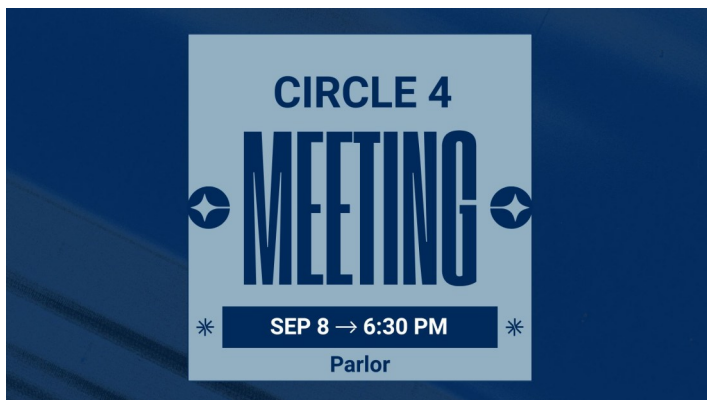


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Worship God wholeheartedly. Love one another unconditionally. Help people meet Jesus.
Help each other become more like Jesus. Love our hurting world.



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YOUTH COFFEE SHOP

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



YOUTH SERVICE

Worship
Wednesdays | 6:00pm



FAB
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Fifth Avenue Baptist Church
Dr. Alexander Lee, Director of Music Ministries, and
Coordinator of Voice Studies at Marshall University

Children's Chorus

Teaching Program



For Huntington-area children grades K-5

Mondays 5:00-5:45 PM

Contact Dr. Lee: leeal@marshall.edu
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PIZZA & POPSICLES

IN THE PARK

SEPTEMBER 20 | 4-30P

RITTER PARK

m&m's

A sweet time learning about God!

music masterpieces movement
missions memorization

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

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CALENDAR | Aug 30–Sep 5

Sunday, August 30

- 8:30 PMC Meeting (CR)
- 9:00 Coffee & Doughnuts (FAB Lab)
- 9:30 Pastor's Combined SS (Chapel)
- 10:45 Worship & Live Stream
- 12:00 AMC Meeting (CR)

Monday, August 31

- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 5:00 Children's Chorus (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 2

- 5:00 Dinner: Italian chicken, rice, carrots, salad, roll, dessert
- 6:00 Pastor's Bible Study
- Youth Worship (FAB Lab)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Ministry Action Budget: August 23, 2026

Envelopes	12,977.00
Online	110.00
Total	13,087.00
Given To Date	527,214.15
MAB Expenses To Date	653,578.29
Overage/(Shortage)	(126,364.14)

Designated Funds

Total Designated Funds	0.00
Designated Gifts To Date	8,419.00

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Aug

- 30 Jennifer Curry
- 31 William Ferguson

Sep

- 1 Caleb Mitchell
- 2 Louise Bays, Kiersten Smith
- 3 J. Roger Smith, Katie Bentley
- 4 Todd Dudley, Judy Blevins
- 5 Suzana Gibson

PASTOR'S COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

THRU SEPTEMBER 6

CHAPEL | 9:30

ALL CLASSES WELCOME!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Barnett	Tonia Gray Maggard Family
Judy Booth	Pat Mann
George Branch, friend of	Suzanne Nieman, friend of Jerrie Hussell
Emma Dix	Cindy & Steve Perry, niece & nephew of
Joyce Bunch	Mary Madsen
Bill Call	Bill Ransbottom
Carolyn Dickens	Allen Reasons
Natalie Swann Dodge, great	Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell
niece of Jack Lively	Larry Shannon, friend of Janet Jarrell
David Dudley	Patti Shaver
Juanita Duncan	Barbara Sheils
Marie Fought	Jack, Becky & Haley Stephenson, friends of
Martha Hagan	Martha Hagan
Bill Hall	David Stone, friend of Martha Hagan
Bud Harbour	Terry Thornburg
Dot Hicks	Bob Turner
Janet Jarrell	Terry Turner
Opal Jones	Debbie Wilson
Kim Lively-Smith, daughter of	Kim & Sheila Winter, friends of
Jack & Jackie Lively	Martha Hagan

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 John Pelfrey, who died Tuesday, August 25. Services are Sunday, August 30 at Reger Funeral Home at 2:00 pm with visitation preceding at 12:00 pm.

The Pastor's Reading List

