

10:45 am Worship Service

September 20, 2026

SERMON

"The Generosity of God"

Rev. Zachary L. Bay

First Lesson– Exodus 16:2-15

Gospel Lesson– Matthew 20:1-16

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

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Change Service Requested

From the Pastor...

I enjoy football. I love the game. The odd little ball that is so commonplace in American culture that we don't even think about how odd it is. That we call it football, but most of the game, we hold the ball in our hands. I love the mythology, too. The sum is greater than its parts. All tackles get recorded the same way on paper, but no two tackles are the same. The stat sheet doesn't capture the QB's gaze, scramble, throw. The receiver who split the safeties. The ball hitting a pair of human hands sprinting diagonally 30 yards away. The receiver who hauled it in through the hands of the safety who got there.

Life is like that, too. So is church. I read and write in my study. I teach and preach. You go to meetings with ideas and decisions. The minutes capture that. But your attempts to "trust not our own wisdom" and ask, "What would Christ have us do here?" are hard to write down. We can tally money toward MAB, but where do we make note the church member who said to me, "I take something from the sermon each week and use it at work." How do we account for passing a flame, singing Silent Night, and God brushing against your left arm at 9:37 PM on December 24?

Fourth quarter football mythology is thick. On paper, the fourth quarter is no different than the other three. Same length. Same rules. Same game. But anyone who's sat in the Joan or Paul Brown knows different.

October, November, December. The fourth quarter of 2026 for FAB. We have ministries going on all over town, for all ages. We have public preaching and teaching and music twice a week. Children and youth are growing in God's light and love. Administrative staff handle countless unseen things any given day, any given week. We can log all that. But what about the letter to Jesus my daughter wrote with Rachael Gibson? She asked Jesus for a good Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas for the sick, poor, homeless, and everyone else, too. The fourth quarter. No different than the others, and yet.

There's still time on the clock. A full quarter of the game. Beloved of God, let's get out there. Let's pour our time, our talents, and our treasures into it. Let's leave it all on the field. I've seen that fourth quarter before. When all the players get caught up in that mysterious energy, I've seen things happen around that odd little ball that you wouldn't believe.

Or maybe you would because you've seen them, too.

~ 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.



**INAUGURAL
CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER
GOLF SCRAMBLE**

CREEKSIDE GOLF COURSE

September 25
8:00 am Shotgun Start
7:00 am Registration

Buffet Lunch Provided

Contact
Kay Hensley
for more Info
304-696-2444
office@Campuschristiancenter.org



**HOME COMMUNION
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Oct. 4



Meet following worship for lunch, then visit our homebound church family. Leaders are asked to read the guide & be present! Please RSVP to Bev Sauvageot 304-544-0860.

GUYANDOTTE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting



SEPTEMBER 24 | 5:30P
Camp Ona

**THE GUYANDOTTE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS**

The Man Who Sold Christmas

OPEN AUDITIONS
OCTOBER 12 & 13 | 6:30 PM
GBA CAMP ONA

CONTACT HELEN FREEMAN: 304-412-3393

CCES Trunk-or-Treat

Thursday, Oct. 22 | 5:00-6:30 pm

Join us for this great outreach opportunity to pass out candy to over 300 kids!!!!

If you're interested in participating please contact Susan Dillard 304-638-2854.

Welcome back to

COLLECTIVE

at

Fifth Avenue Baptist Church

OUR CLASSROOM A304 IS ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF SMITH HALL IN THE CORNER.

WE MEET AT 9:30, STARTING WITH SOME FELLOWSHIP BEFORE ENTERING OUR LESSON.

WWW.FIFTHAVENUEBAPTIST.ORG

What if Sunday School felt less like class and more like a conversation with friends?

Collective was created with one simple goal: to create a place where anyone can come and belong.

We use The Wired Word to talk about what's happening in our world today and have honest, meaningful conversations about how our faith and the Bible speak into these things.

You don't have to know all the answers. You don't have to have it all together. Just come as you are.

Families, we've got you covered! Children and youth programming is available at the same time as our class, so your kids have a place to learn, grow, connect, and have fun while you enjoy the class.

Come for the conversation. Stay for the community. Grow in faith with us.

Come as you are. Everyone is welcome.

FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST
youth

Come Join Us!

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

**YOUTH
COFFEE
SHOP**

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



YOUTH WORSHIP
SERVICE
Wednesdays | 6:00pm



**FAB
kids**

PIZZA & POPSICLES

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

**HOMECOMING
HOSPITALITY**

THE M&M & PROPERTIES COMMISSIONS
ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO
WELCOME VISITORS THAT COME TO FAB TO
TAKE HOMECOMING PHOTOS. WE'LL PROVIDE
BOTTLED WATER AND ASSIST THEM HOWEVER WE CAN.

EVENT DATES: SEPT 19 & 26, OCT 17 | 3-5PM

CONTACT GINA FINLEY OR JENNIFER FARRAR IF YOU
CAN HELP WITH THIS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY.



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
for more information



Scan the code to
register!

LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

CALENDAR | Sep 20-26

Sunday, September 20

- 9:00 Coffee & Doughnuts (FAB Lab)
- 9:30 Sunday Morning Bible Studies
- 10:45 Worship & Live Stream
- 12:00 AMC Meeting (CR)
- YYAMC Meeting (FAB Lab)
- CMC Meeting (Worship Room)

Monday, September 21

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

Wednesday, September 23

- 9:30 Women's Bible Study (CR)
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Pastor's Bible Study
- Youth Worship (FAB Lab)
- FAB Kids (Nancy Brannon Room)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

- 5:30 GBA Annual Meeting (Camp Ona)

Friday-Sunday, September 25-27

- Youth Fall Rally (Camp Cowen)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Barnett
Ernie Boggs, friend of Marsha & Hubert Harvey
Judy Booth
George Branch, friend of Emma Dix
Joyce Bunch
Bill Call
Carolyn Dickens
Natalie Swann Dodge, great niece of Jack Lively
David Dudley
Juanita Duncan
Marie Fought
Martha Hagan
Bill Hall
Bud Harbour
Dot Hicks
Jim Isaac
Janet Jarrell
Opal Jones

Kim Lively-Smith, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively
Tonia Gray Maggard Family
Pat Mann
Cindy & Steve Perry, niece & nephew of Mary Madsen
Bill Ransbottom
Allen Reasons
Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell
Larry Shannon, friend of Janet Jarrell
Patti Shaver
Barbara Sheils
Doug Sheils
Jack, Becky & Haley Stephenson, friends of Martha Hagan
David Stone, friend of Martha Hagan
Terry Thornburg
Bob Turner
Terry Turner
Debbie Wilson
Kim Winter, friend 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.

Wednesday Dinner Menu

September

23-BBQ chicken, sweet potato, salad, roll

30-Pork chop, mixed veggies, baked potato, salad, roll

Our Christian Love & Sympathy

To the family of Bill Hall, who died Sunday, September 13. Services were completed Wednesday, September 16.

Ministry Action Budget: September 13, 2026

Envelopes	10,593.00
Online	500.00
Total	11,143.00
Given To Date	558,543.15
MAB Expenses To Date	740,367.81
Overage/(Shortage)	(181,824.66)

Designated Funds

Total Designated Funds	0.00
Designated Gifts To Date	8,419.00

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Sep

- 20** Linda Hood, Deanna Tarter, Anna Stone
- 21** Nancy Mitchell, Leslie Freeman, Emily Wallace
- 22** Danielle McCallister, Mitch Farrar, Jennings Sizemore
- 23** Paula Owen, Sam Smith, Jerrie Hussell, Margot Martin
- 24** Paul Prunty, Robert Jones, Bill Ransbottom, Kate Justice
- 25** Melinda Allen, Nickie Adkins, Sarah Adkins

September ALMs

- Cleaning supplies
 - mop solution
 - hard surface cleaner
 - disinfectant spray
- Kitchen pantry items
 - any meats (bulk, if possible)
 - shelf-stable food for weekly food box giveaways)
 - ground coffee



Huntington
City Mission
— WHERE HOPE BEGINS —

The Pastor's Reading List

