

10:45 am Worship Service

October 26, 2025

SERMON "Walking with Christ: Strength for the Journey"
I Corinthians 11:1; Psalm 1:1-3

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

1135 Fifth Ave.
Huntington, WV 25701
Change Service Requested

Along the Journey...

I grew up on 10th Avenue in Southside, a neighborhood with small front yards and big front porches. Neighbors waved to the kids riding their bikes and waited for the paperboys who threw the afternoon news onto their porches from the sidewalk. Huntington High students picked the low-hanging apples from our Red Delicious tree. You might be waved up to a porch swing for a bit if you went out for an evening walk.

Now, I live in a house with a front "stoop." There is no sidewalk in the front yard. But we have a big, brick patio in our private backyard. If we sit outside in the evening, it is almost always in the backyard.

There is an important verse in the 23rd Psalm that escapes many of us. "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." [Ps 23:5] It is a verse on hospitality. In Middle Eastern culture, hospitality is a duty even to this day. Even your enemy is to be treated as an honorable guest if she comes to your home. Your home was to be a sanctuary for your guests. To turn a guest away was and is a terrible dishonor. The 23rd Psalm speaks of God as the host who brings together enemies through the honor of hospitality.

For the first thousand years of the Christian Church, hospitality was an important spiritual practice. There were no hotels around. Travelers had to sleep out in the open, or among friends and extended family, or through the kindness of strangers. But today we can do everything on our own. We can stay in a nice, quiet hotel room, follow the directions of the latest GPS, eat at a quality restaurant, and speak no more than a couple of complete sentences to any strangers that day.

In the drive for freedom and independence, we have often found isolation. We lack a strong sense of community. Hospitality invites us back into community. It is not about providing a big spread. "Pull up a chair" can simply be an invitation to feast on some tall tales, which will probably fill your spirit. Hospitality encourages us to be front porch people in a backyard world.

~ Dr. Tim Moore



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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.

Wednesday Programming

October 29: MAB Presentation
Group studies w/ Abigail Duffield (Jonah)

November 5 & 12: Group Studies w/ Abigail Duffield

Please contact the office by noon on Monday to make or cancel a reservation for that week.

Dinner: 5:30 | Group Studies: 6:15 | Choir Rehearsal: 7:15

Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

October 26

Rev. Dr. Rob Ely

November 2 & 9

Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner

November 16 & 23

Rev. Dr. Guy Sayles

November 30

Rev. Ron Stoner



W&E

monthly meeting

Sunday, October 26 | 8:30 am

COUNCIL ROOM

4th Sunday Watercolors
with Bev Sauvageot



Supplies are provided
Next meeting: October 26, 3:00pm
Location: Fellowship Hall

VASE DONATIONS



We are looking for vase donations to transport flowers to homebound members. If you have any to donate, please drop them off in the Smith Hall kitchen.

NESH Fund Inc's

13th Annual Dr. Skip Turner
Memorial Run for Los Niños

NOV 1 | 9:00 AM
BARBOURSVILLE PARK

REGISTER NOW!

tristateracer.com

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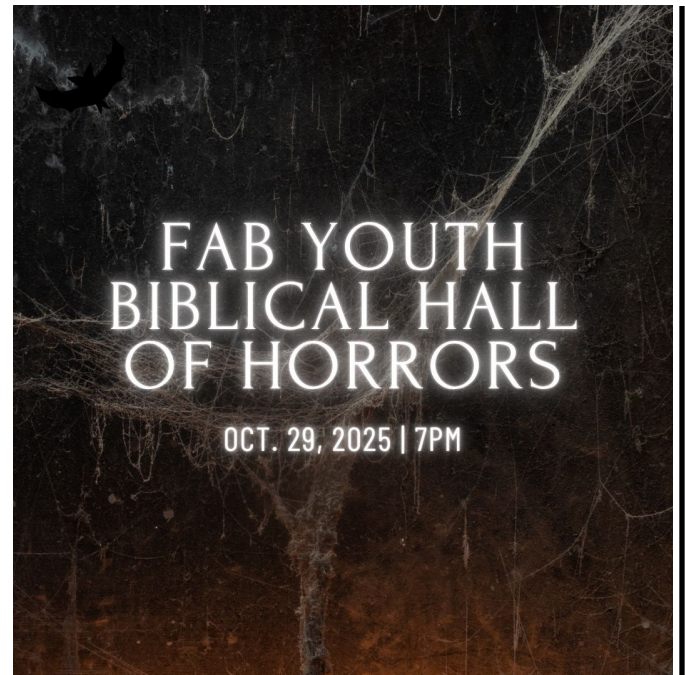


The race will begin and end at the lake. Proceeds will help school children with uniforms and tuition, provide medical care, build homes, and provide Christmas parties for children in the Vera Cruz community of Nicaragua.



FAB Youth Apple Butter Fundraiser

More info to come
Nov. 15



FAB YOUTH BIBLICAL HALL OF HORRORS

OCT. 29, 2025 | 7PM



KINGS ISLAND TRIP

NOVEMBER 1, 2025
6300 Kings Island Drive,
Mason, OH 45034

FAB Youth is going to Kings Island!

To register to attend, go to our website.



Scan the
QR code to
register on
our website



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO
MAKE SAUCE!

RECIPE & PANS PROVIDED.

CONTACT MYCAH
PEMBERTON OR A MEMBER
OF THE YOUTH & YOUNG
ADULT COMMISSION IF
YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER.



FABKIDS UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 12
GRITT'S
FARM
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP

OCT 22
TRUNK-OR-
TREAT
5:30-7:00

OCT 26
REVERSE
TRICK-OR-
TREAT
WOODLANDS
5:00

NOV 16
PREPARE
DINNER AT
RONALD
MCDONALD
HOUSE
TIME TBA

NOV 24
MISSION AT
THE FACING
HUNGER
FOOD BANK
TIME TBA

DEC
10-GINGERBREAD
BASH
21-BREAKFAST AT
THE MANGER
24-FAMILY
CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE

FOR MORE INFO VISIT FIFTHAVENUEBAPTIST.ORG
(DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



FAB Kids will be going to Ronald
McDonald House on Nov. 16 to make
dinner for the residents.



THE WOODLANDS
**REVERSE
TRICK OR
TREAT**

Join us on Oct. 26 at 4:30pm

LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

CALENDAR | Oct 26–Nov 1

Sunday, October 26

- 8:30 W&E Meeting (CR)
- 9:30 Sunday Morning Bible Studies (FH)
- 10:45 Worship & Live Stream
- 3:00 Fourth Sunday Watercolors (FH)
- 4:15 Reverse Trick-or-Treat (Woodlands)
- 6:00 Recovery Point Game Night

Monday, October 27

- 9:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 29

- 9:30 Women's Bible Study (CR)
- 5:30 Dinner
Chicken parm, salad, dessert
- 6:15 MAB Presentation/ Group Studies
Cornerstone Rehearsal
- 7:00 FAB Youth Biblical Hall of Horrors (FabLab)
- 7:15 Choir Rehearsal

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Doris Andrews | Opal Jones |
| Gay Bird | David Justice |
| Christy Bird | Linda Lawrence |
| Judy Booth | Mary Lee Leslie |
| Nell Brumfield | Julie Lively, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively |
| Juanita Call | Kim Lively-Smith, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively |
| John Chapman | |
| Sandy Collins, sister of Bud Harbour | Suzanne Nieman, friend of Jerrie Hussell |
| Felix Daniels | Cindy Perry, niece of Mary Madsen |
| Penny Daniels | Steve Perry, nephew of Mary Madsen |
| Bill Denman | Jeanine Price |
| Carolyn Dickens | Bill Ransbottom |
| Natalie Swann Dodge, great niece of Jack Lively | Allen Reasons |
| David Elmore | Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell |
| Beverly Gaskin, friend of Gerry Smith | Larry Shannon, friend of Janet Jarrell |
| Anne Jameson, niece of Mary Madsen | Ryan Sharp, nephew of Jackie Ballard & cousin of Scott Ballard |
| Janet Jarrell | Patti & Mike Shaver Sr. |
| | Barbara Sheils |
| | Jack, Becky & Haley Stephenson, friends of Martha Hagan |

Ministry Action Budget: October 19, 2025

Envelopes	14,603.19
Online	185.00
Total	14,788.19
Given To Date	662,062.52
MAB Expenses To Date	728,594.53
Overage/(Shortage)	(66,532.01)

Designated Funds

WMO	145.00
Total Designated Funds	145.00
Designated Gifts To Date	7,800.20

If you or someone you have added to the Columns Prayer list can be removed, please call or email the church office.

Trunks for CCES

Central City Elementary is looking for volunteers to provide trunks for their Trunk-or-Treat on October 28 from 5-6:30 pm. If you are willing to provide a trunk please contact Susan Dillard.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Oct

- 26** Marisa Main
- 27** James Johnson
- 28** Marc Hettlinger
- 29** Elizabeth Bird, Joseph Rogers, Jim Nash, Sophia Bryant
- 30** Jerri Gainer, Madeleine Sheils
- 31** Lisa Dudley, Jim Mitchell

Nov

- 1** Jacquelyn Goodenough



Don't forget, FAB is enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Simply link your current Kroger Rewards account at [kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com). Search **Fifth Avenue Baptist Church** or **Non-Profit Organization #TU434**, then click Enroll.

Christmas FOOD BASKETS

Dec. 11-13



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSEMBLE FOOD BASKETS IN DECEMBER! PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.

project
HOPE

October ALMs

Needs:

- Women's underwear (all sizes)
- Women's socks (all sizes)
- Tide pods
- Body wash
- Shampoo

