



Fifth Avenue Baptist Church

LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

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Fifth Avenue Baptist Church is a family of faith striving to love God and love others through inreach, outreach, spiritual growth, and missions.

Save The Date!

Spring Spiritual Growth Retreat
Parchment Valley
Friday evening, April 27-Saturday mid-day, April 28

Columns Prayer List

If you or someone that you have added to the Columns prayer list can come off, please call the church office or email Donna at donnaa@fifthavenuebaptist.org.

Wednesday Nights February-March Discipleship Classes, 6:00pm

Throughout Lent, Wednesday nights will offer four class options to deepen our discipleship during this holy season:

· **Practicing Prayer** (Chapel): Guided by Richard Foster's classic *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*, we will explore the rich connection between prayer, everyday life, and scripture. Led by Marla Tolley and Alicia Porterfield.

· **Women's Bible Study** (Parlor) This homework-driven study of I Timothy will engage participants in a close reading of this pastoral epistle. Facilitated by Christy Bird.

· **Current Christianity: The Call to Relational Ministry** (Cornerstone Class, 3rd Floor): Using Tom Mercer's book, *8 to 15: The World is Smaller Than You Think*, this group will examine our call to minister to the people God has strategically placed in our lives. Facilitated by Cyndy Hardwick and Todd Dudley.

· **Bible Study: Journey to the Cross** (Fellowship Hall): Led by Eric Porterfield, participants will explore the themes of Lent found throughout scripture as we prepare for Holy Week.

Youth Opportunities

- Any member with musical abilities (Guitar, Drums, Keyboard/ Piano, etc.) interested in helping with 412 (Youth Jam Band) on a regular basis, please contact Dylan at dylanb@fifthavenuebaptist.org.
- Youth: Super-Duper Bowl Party @ The Bird's House. 6pm February 4th.

Lent at FAB: Journey to the Cross

February 14 // Ash Wednesday // 6:00 pm // Sanctuary
First day of Lent

March 25 // Palm Sunday // 10:45 am // Sanctuary
Beginning of Holy Week

March 26, 27 and 28 // Morning Devotion & Breakfast // 7-7:45 am // Fellowship Hall

March 28 // No Wednesday Night Activities

March 29 // Maundy Thursday Observance // 7:00 pm // Fellowship Hall

March 30 // Good Friday Community Service // Noon // First Presbyterian Church
Good Friday Evening Service // 7:00 pm // FAB Sanctuary

April 1 // Easter Worship // 10:45 am // Sanctuary

Lost and Found

We all forget items at the church from time to time, or drop items in the parking lot. Check the lost and found basket in Fellowship Hall for lost items. We currently have two baskets filled with books, glasses, gloves, mugs and more. If someone leaves an item of significant value such as a wallet or purse, it will be secured in the church office.

LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

CALENDAR | Feb 4-11

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 8:45 Worship Shuttle Bus
- 9:00 Sunday Morning Fellowship Time (FH)
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Sanctuary Worship
- 12:00 Blood Pressure Check (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 Lifesong Rehearsal (FAB Lab)
- 5:00 Stephen Ministry (Stephen Ministry Room)
- 6:00 Youth Super-Duper Bowl Party (Away)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 5:30 Refit (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 1:30 Circle #1 (Woodlands)
- 6:00 Circle #7 (Away)
- 7:30 Twenty Somethings Small Group (Hardwick home)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 9:30 Women's Bible Study (Council Room)
- 5:00 Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45 FAB Nursery Available
- 5:45 Youth Large Group (FAB Lab)
- 6:00 Adult Discipleship Classes (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 K-5 Discipleship
- 6:00 Preschool Choir & Discipleship (Preschool Room)
- 7:10 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Rehearsal Room)
- 8:00 AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 1:30 Circle #11 (Parlor)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 11:00 Lifesong Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 8:45 Worship Shuttle Bus
- 9:00 Lifesong Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 Sunday Morning Fellowship Time (FH)
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Sanctuary Worship
- 4:00 412 Rehearsal (FAB Lab)
- 4:00 Instrumental Ensemble (FH Stage)
- 4:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 4:30 Family Celebration (Nancy Brannon Room)
- 6:00 Youth Small Groups (Away)

PRAYER CONCERNS

OTHER:

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| Donna Adkins, sister of
Bud Harbour | Dutch Heiner
Jay Jarrell |
| Howard Adkins
Nell Bailey | Patricia Jewell, sister of
Marsha Harvey |
| Maxine Baur
Bill Bell | Sheri Johnson, sister of Susan Dillard
Perry Jones, father of Marisa Main |
| Mary Bobick, sister of
Mike Fotos | Barbara Korstanje
Harry Looney, father of Becky Myers |
| Cara Dingus Brook
Brittany Crockett, friend of
Connie Mastrangelo | Glenda Morgan, sister of Connie Breece
Carter Pancake, FAB Care
Sandra Cline Ramsey, daughter of
Ruth & Phil Cline |
| Margaret Drum, mother of
Gus Drum | Allen Reasons
John Robertson, step-father of Emma Dix |
| Frances Elkins
Betty Elliott | Bud & Becky Ross
Guy Sayles |
| Mike Fotos
Lois Foxworthy, sister of
Mike Fotos | Ivan Smith, husband of Gerry Smith
Freda Sommerville
Don Tarter |
| Susan Gatewood
Tessa Clark Gossett, friend of
Diana Bunn | Megan Thacker
Nancy Tomblin
Braxton Vaughn |
| Alice Hargis
Lynn Hanna, friend of
Hubert Harvey | Cathy & Jim Wagner
Vivian Wilson, friend of Brenda Isaac |
| Angie Hayes | |

FAB SNOW POLICY

SUNDAY MORNINGS | When snow comes on a Sunday, members can learn whether there will be services by going to the church website or facebook page. Normally, when snow does not qualify as a storm and accumulation is small, we do have Sunday School and morning worship. The severity of road conditions, the safety of persons traveling, and the observations and recommendations of the media are taken into consideration. If services are held, each member is urged to exercise caution in evaluating the risk involved in traveling to the church.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | If Cabell County schools are closed, Wednesday evening activities are canceled. The same policy governs activities on other weeknights.

Thank You

I want to say a deeply sincere Thank You for the outpouring of love and support you have shown to me and my family over the last few months following the sudden passing of my husband, Louis Hagan. Your thoughtfulness and generosity, expressed in notes, messages, phone calls, and countless other ways, has both comforted and sustained me through this time. Mere words come nowhere close to expressing the abiding heartfelt appreciation I have for each of you.

With love,
Martha Frampton Hagan

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Feb 24 Melinda Sheils, Kennon Clarkson
- Feb 25 William Blatt, Owen Kays, Lydia Owens
- Feb 26 Pam Robinson, Isaac Ratcliff
- Feb 27 Hannah Adkins
- Feb 28 Garner Callaway, Karen Keck, Shannon Gibson, Trey Mandt
- Feb 29 Debbie Underwood
- Mar 1 Jennings Copley, Jacquelyn McClellan

FAB MISSIONS

Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry

February Food Item of the Month:

Beef Stew— \$54.96 / Case

Desperate need of girls' clothing sizes 4T-16 and men's clothing.

February ALMS | Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry/ Baby Room

Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry/Baby Room is our ALMS (Aid to Local Ministries) organization for February.

We will be collecting diapers (mainly sizes 4, 5, & 6,) wipes, baby shampoo, lotion and diaper ointment. Please place donations in the marked box on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

The Coram Deo Sunday School class is responsible for delivery this month.

Ministry Action Budget: January 28, 2018

Envelopes	11,052.50
Loose	112.00
Total	\$11,164.50
Given To Date	62,685.92
MAB Expenses To Date	89,621.17
Overage/(Shortage)	(26,935.25)
Designated Funds	
Remar	88.00
Total Designated Funds	88.00
Designated Gifts to Date	\$1,100.00

FAB CHILDREN

Children and families will meet in the Nancy Brannon Room on February 11 at 4:30 for a family outreach and mission. We will make pizzas together, a craft, goodies to deliver to someone special, and watch a family movie. You are welcome to invite grandparents, too! Let's show our families how much we love them!

SECOND HOUR WORKERS

February 4, 2017

NURSERY | Lisa Dudley, Beth Wilmink

TODDLERS | Rachel Kemper

TWOS & THREES | Kate Justice, Katie Bentley

FOURS | Kelli & Blaine Crabtree

FAB YOUTH

**2018 YOUTH
SUPER-DUPER
BOWL PARTY
FEB. 4 // 6 PM
BIRD'S HOME**

**SENIOR HIGH CONVENTION
FEBRUARY 23-25TH
REGISTER BY FEB. 11 @
www.fifthavenuebaptist.org**

THE HALL
"FROM HERE TO ETERNITY"

**2018 YOUTH
MISSION TRIP
SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 10-16TH**

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10:45 Worship Services

Sunday, February 4

SERMON	“Love One Another: Clothed in Love”	Rev. Eric Porterfield
SCRIPTURE	Colossians 3:12-14	
PRELUDE	Improvisation on “My Song is Love,” Unknown, arr. Brannon	Jon Brannon, organ
OFFERTORY	“Reflections on LAND OF REST,” American folk tune, arr. Brannon	Jon Brannon, organ
SONG OF FAITH	“Called to Service,” Jan McGuire/Lloyd Larson	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE	Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, BuxWV 137, Dietrich Buxtehude	Jon Brannon, organ

along the journey...

When I was in college my teenaged cousin arrived late for our Thanksgiving meal at our grandparent’s house. Seeing as this was the pinnacle of good eating for the entire year, I was surprised by his tardiness. We were already eating when he arrived, accompanied by his girlfriend. The explanation he voiced to the entire family as to why he was late? “I’ve been bit . . . by the love bug!”

When it comes to romantic love, I guess it’s possible that love is something that bites us, a force that takes hold of us and over which we have no control and can only give in to its power. But even as powerful as such a biting romantic love might feel, it has very little staying power. The bite doesn’t last, so we either deepen a relationship through acts of kindness and support or end the relationship and wait for the next “bite” to occur.

One of the clearest messages I’m hearing from Bill Wilson as he guides us in Phase Two of our visioning journey is the call to “Love Huntington!” In Bill’s work with churches across the country and in our own understanding of Scripture, it’s clear that God calls every church to love its community in Jesus’ name. Loving Huntington is not simply one component of our life together; everything we do is part of our love for our city, from worship to evangelism, missions to discipleship, and even our times of fellowship. Over the next several months we’ll be discerning the specific forms our love for Huntington needs to take in the coming years.

Love for Huntington will not be an outside force that takes hold of us and to which we can only give in to its power. To love Huntington will take discipline, creativity, a long-term commitment, and reliance on the Holy Spirit. This kind of love will need the staying power that only God can give.

The good news is loving our city is not new; we’ve been doing it for 146 years! Our opportunity and privilege, our challenge and our call, is to deepen our love now, at this moment in our community’s history. And I’m not waiting for this kind of love to jump up and bite us; it’s already present, and it’s growing!

Grace and Peace,
Eric Porterfield