



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 to Saturday mid-day,
April 28

Youth Opportunity

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.

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.

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.

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.

Lent at FAB: Journey to the Cross

February 14 // Community Ash Wednesday Service // noon // First Presbyterian

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 Baptist
Good Friday Evening Service // 7:00 pm // FAB Sanctuary

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

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PRAYER CONCERNS

CALENDAR | Feb 11-18

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)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 5:30 Refit (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 9:00 Faith United Group Meeting (FH)
- 6:00 Moms Connect (Away)
- 7:30 Twenty Somethings Small Group (Hardwick home)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 9:30 Women's Bible Study (Council Room)
- 5:00 Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
(Cranberry chicken, mac & cheese, cape cod veggies, rolls, salad bar, dessert)
- 5:45 FAB Nursery Available
- 5:45 Youth Large Group (FAB Lab)
- 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- 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 15

- 12:00 MUsic Alive (Smith Hall)
- 1:00 MUsic Alive Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 8:45 Worship Shuttle Bus
- 9:00 Stephen Ministry (Stephen Ministry Room)
- 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)
- 6:00 Youth Small Groups (Away)

OTHER:

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Taryn Elise Wilson born on February 5

Parents: Caitlin and Trevor Wilson

Grandparents: Debbie and Troy Wilson

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY

To the family of Maxine Baur,

who passed away on February 2.

To Bob Leslie and family in the death of his brother,

Ray Leslie, who passed away on February 4.

ATTENTION FAB YOUTH PARENTS

PARENT MEETING

FEBRUARY 18TH

FAB LAB

AFTER WORSHIP

LUNCH PROVIDED

Parents of Middle schoolers
and High schoolers

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Mar 2 Bill McIlvain, Scout Ashworth, Roman Hill
- Mar 3 Brooke Dudley
- Mar 4 Russ Williams, Kristina Peyton, James Chappell
- Mar 5 Linda Harrison, Chris Sizemore
- Mar 6 Michael Rigney, Isabel Brown, Cameron Prater,
Blair Arnold
- Mar 7 Jeff Hood, Beth Wilmink, Zackery Deering
- Mar 8 Bart Davis

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 near the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Ministry Action Budget: February 4, 2018

Envelopes	66,426.38
Loose	97.00
Total	\$66,523.38
Given To Date	129,209.30
MAB Expenses To Date	100,970.96
Overage/(Shortage)	23,238.34
Designated Funds	
Remar	240.00
RMMO	10.00
Total Designated Funds	250.00
Designated Gifts to Date	\$1,350.00

FAB CHILDREN

Join us Sunday, February 11th for an evening filled with love! The children and their families will meet in the Nancy Brannon room at 4:30 for a lesson and family craft about loving God first, then we will make some goodies to give to those we love (love others second), then we will make mini heart pizzas for ourselves and watch a short movie! This will be a fun family evening surrounded by love!

SECOND HOUR WORKERS

February 11, 2018

NURSERY | Gerry Smith, Lauren Turner

TODDLERS | Susan Dillard

TWOS & THREES | Susan Porter, Katie Bentley

FOURS | Sarah Crouse-Dick, Laura Byrd

WORSHIP K-2 | Jess & Kyle Hughes

WORSHIP 3-5 | Renee Ratcliff, Cindy Taylor

FAB YOUTH



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10:45 Worship Services

Sunday, February 11

SERMON	“Love One Another: Known, Or Not, By Love”	Rev. Eric Porterfield
SCRIPTURE	John 13:31-35	
PRELUDE	“Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness,” BWV 654, J. S. Bach	Jon Brannon, organ
OFFERTORY	Offertory on ST. BRENDAN’S, Peter Scholtes, arr. Brannon	Jon Brannon, organ
SONG OF FAITH	“Jesus, Friend of Sinners,” Mark Hall & Matthew West/arr. Crumpton	Lifesong
POSTLUDE	Postlude in D, Henry Smart	Jon Brannon, organ

along the journey...

Confession: what Bill Wilson is asking us to do for our March 7 congregational meeting is hard for me! He’s asking us to take a 40,000 foot, big picture view of our role in God’s work in Huntington, *without articulating specific ideas for ministry yet.*

But first some background to catch us all up on what’s been going on: Bill Wilson leads The Center for Healthy Churches, based in Winston-Salem, NC, and Nashville, Tennessee. After 30 years as a local church pastor, Bill now guides churches like ours to discern God’s dream for their future. Guy Sayles, our interim pastor, and former FAB member Mike Queen, are two of the many other people who do work for the center.

In his presentation to us on Wednesday evening, January 31, Bill went through the life cycle of a typical church, listed the challenges facing churches in our day, and urged us to make Mary’s prayer and Jesus’ prayer our own as we seek to discern God’s will for our congregation (“Let it be according to your word,” Mary in Luke 1:38, and “Not my will but thy will be done,” Jesus in Luke 22:42).

Our second conversation with Bill will be on Wednesday evening, March 7, from 5:45 – 7:15. In this conversation he will ask us to develop “provocative proposals” to use the institutional language of Appreciative Inquiry. In our mother tongue though, he will call us to dream “God-sized dreams,” dreams that will not be possible if God does not do a mighty work in and through us.

And here’s where I struggle: I have several different ideas of specific projects I’d love to see us do, both in our church and in our community, and I’m excited about those ideas! I suspect you may have some specific ideas for projects in your mind too. But these ideas are not yet part of a larger specific vision of God’s work among us. It’s easy to come up with ideas; it’s harder to discern a larger sense of where ideas fit into a bigger picture. It’s harder still to put on hold that energy in us that produces ideas and instead wait to discern God’s big picture vision for us.

What we’re seeking to discern first is a “clear, compelling vision,” rooted in our praying the prayers of Mary and Jesus. Once a vision is discerned, then we trust the Holy Spirit to guide us to the right ideas, programs, and structures that will help us live out the dream God has given us.

As March 7 approaches I’ll be sharing more of my thoughts on this journey each week in “The Columns.” I hope you’ll join me in praying for the meeting, praying for Bill and the Vision Team, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us discern and understand God’s dreams for our future.

Grace and Peace,
Eric Porterfield