

10:45 am Worship Service

February 15, 2026

SERMON "Get Up & Do Not Be Afraid"
Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9

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

1135 Fifth Ave.
Huntington, WV 25701
Change Service Requested

Along the Journey...

My family was supposed to move to Huntington the last week of January, following a big celebration of mine and Kristy's 12.5-year pastoral ministry at First Baptist Church of Middlesboro, KY. It snowed. We pushed the party back a week. My family was then supposed to move to Huntington the first week of February. It snowed again. The movers couldn't get to us, so Kristy and I loaded up a big UHaul and made a partial move February 3. We arrived in Huntington in a snow storm. Thanks be to God for the many church folks who unloaded us in the snow. Three days later—just two days before my first Sunday—it snowed. My mother, Jill, has said for decades, "Give or take a week, it always snows on your birthday." Behold this prophetess in the city of Maysville. In the same way Mom can tell the story of bouncing the old Pontiac through the snow the day I was born, I can tell of bringing Elliot and Chester down McCullough and Miller Roads in front of half our house on white roads. I'll tell the stories forever. You may, too.

What an adventure we've had getting here. Not just logistically, but also physically and emotionally, it's been a lot. Nearly all change is, even good change. A new job or a new school makes your brain dream but your stomach squeeze. A new home inspires both "Yay!" and "Oh dear..." Yesterday, I took Eleanor and Elliot to meet and greet at St. Joseph School. They were excited and they were afraid in equal measure, and as is often so in moments like that, the fear won out for quite a while. I knelt and looked into Eleanor's teary eyes and said, "I know, sweetie. How you're feeling right now is how I feel at church right now, too. It's different. There are lots of strangers in a place in our lives that's been so familiar for so long. It's a lot." Then I said the only thing I knew to say: "I'm here, buddy. I'm here."

Maybe you know what I mean. To the extent that you do, we're alike. We're both human. And in all the distortion and disorientation of change in our lives, there is one constant. It's God, kneeling and saying, "I know... and I'm here. I'm here."

~ 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.

YYAC MEETING



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15
12:00PM, FAB LAB

AMC

monthly meeting

Sunday, February 15 | 12:00 pm
COUNCIL ROOM

National Annual MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

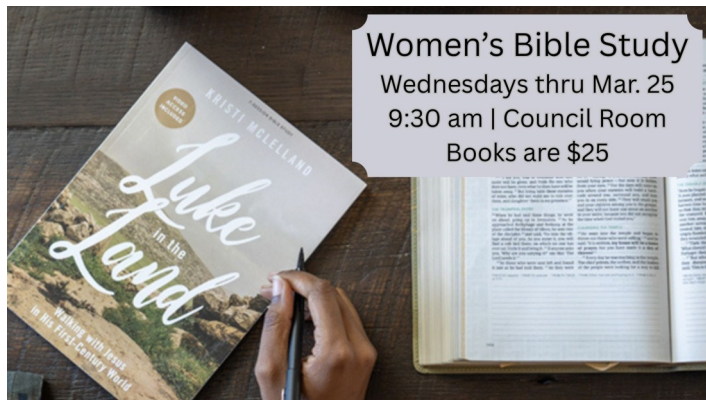
Feb. 28, 2026 | 8:30 AM
Guyandotte Baptist Association Camp
Camp Ona, Ona, WV
Contact: Jim Mitchell, 304-690-3100

*Rev. Justin Berry,
Baptist Temple to
speak*



Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays thru Mar. 25
9:30 am | Council Room
Books are \$25



SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS NEEDED

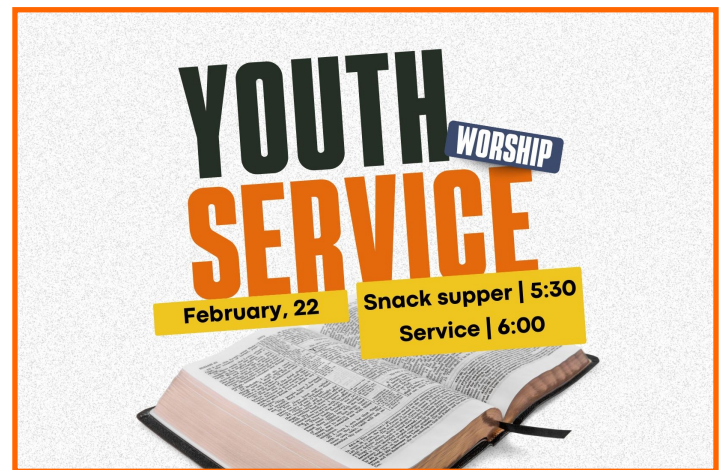
Door greeters needed!
If you're able to
volunteer, please
contact Emma Dix @
304-544-6181.



FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST youth

Come Join Us!

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



SKATING PARTY

Skateland

4430 Altizer Ave
Huntington, WV

February 22
5:30-7:30



LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

CALENDAR | Feb 15-21

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16

- 9:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 18

- 9:30 Women's Bible Study (CR)
- 5:30 Dinner: taco bar, corn, salad, dessert
- 6:15 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Ministry Action Budget: February 8, 2026

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| Envelopes | 17,274.85 |
| Online | 125.00 |
| Total | 17,399.85 |
| Given To Date | 70,047.26 |
| MAB Expenses To Date | 90,048.54 |
| Overage/(Shortage) | (20,001.28) |

Designated Funds

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| Total Designated Funds | 0.00 |
| Designated Gifts To Date | 865.00 |

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Gay Bird | Pat Mann |
| Christy Bird | Suzanne Nieman, friend of Jerrie Hussell |
| Ed Blankenship, friend of Gerry Smith & Kyle Hughes | Cindy Perry, niece of Mary Madsen |
| Judy Booth | Steve Perry, nephew of Mary Madsen |
| Bill Call | Paul Prunty |
| Felix Daniels | Bill Ransbottom |
| Bill Denman | Allen Reasons |
| Carolyn Dickens | Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell |
| Natalie Swann Dodge, great niece of Jack Lively | Larry Shannon, friend of Janet Jarrell |
| Martha Hagan | Patti & Mike Shaver Sr. |
| Anne Jameson, niece of Mary Madsen | Barbara Sheils |
| Janet Jarrell | Jack, Becky & Haley Stephenson, friends of Martha Hagan |
| Linda Lawrence | David Stone, friend of Martha Hagan |
| Mary Lee Leslie | Lenora Sutphin |
| Julie Lively, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively | Sherry Waggoner |
| Kim Lively-Smith, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively | Kathleen Whitley, daughter of Mike & Donna Whitley |
| | Peggy Wilmink |
| | Debbie Wilson |

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



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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Feb

- 15** Steve Lambros, John Veazey, Jim Leach
- 16** David Justice, Ann Justice
- 17** Patricia Keeling, Tyler Pelfrey, Clara Crabtree
- 18** Peter Burberry
- 19** Morgan Ferguson, Emily Merritt, Jeremy McKelvey, Marsha Navy
- 20** Jess Hughes
- 21** Thomas Wilmink, Bob Plymale, Chris Miller, Kaitlyn Wallace, Josie Chapman



Street Ministry

FEBRUARY ALMS

Needs:

- Socks
- Women's Underwear
- Men's Underwear, boxers preferred
- Women's sports bras
- Men's jeans (especially waist size 30, 31, 32)
- Slim Jim's
- Flip top Beanie Weinies

Inclement Weather Policy

SUNDAY MORNING: Members can learn if there will be services by going to the church website or Facebook page.

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