

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 15, 2017

11:00AM

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations."

--Isaiah 42:1

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship

"Awesome God"

TFWS #2040

Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God.

*Opening Hymn

"Fairest Lord Jesus "

UMH #189

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading

"Psalm 29"

UMH#761

*Baptism of the Lord

UMH#253

*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory

*Doxology

UMH#95

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The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Amy Blackwell

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4, 5 and 1st grade go to children's church).

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem

"Baptized In Water"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading

"Matthew 3:13-17"

Pew Bible, p.3 (N.T.)

Sermon

"Here Is My Servant"

Rev. Bryson Williams

Reception of New Members

Remembrance of Baptism

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

"Closing Hymn

"Nothing but the Blood"

UMH #362

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Spirit Song"

(v.1) UMH #347

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Postlude

*The Congregation standing. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand, please remain seated and continue your participation.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed at the altar for the glory of God.

WELCOME: Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth and children worshipping with us today. We are glad that you decided to join us for worship! We hope you will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the Sharon family.

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ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

Ben Brockman Margaret DeYoung
Frank & Ruby Vaughn Dorothy McHugh
Roie Johnson David Snow
Sharon Cole Family of Harold Pearson

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Joann Waldrep Eddie Waldrep's mother
Mike West Joyce Lee's son
Bill Ruppe Suzie Horn's step-father
Eric Childress Megan Childress's husband
Gettis Solesbee Vera Brockman's brother
Christi Edwards Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law
Jonathan Houck, deployed to Iraq, grandson of Chuck & Debi Hembree

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
Vivian Eubanks
June Gossett
Gertrude Smith
Betty Glover
J. B. Waddell
Ruby Coggins

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Cheryl Brown, friend of Jerry & Angie Dalenta
Robbie Strange, friend of Christy Kurtz
Billy Tucker, friend of Leslie Roper
Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson
Doris Khoe, friend of Ruth Snow
Cooper Cheshire, son of Brad & Christy Cheshire, friend of Amy Blackwell
Sharon's Community Cupboard, our food pantry

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand

MEMORIALS: A memorial has been given in memory of Bill Brockman by Scott & Angie Davis, Johnny & Doris Wade, Al & Myra Boland, Dot McHugh, Larry & Pam Parham, Margaret DeYoung, Mike & Jan Esakov and Carroll & Frances Henson.

A memorial has been given in memory of David Smith by Margaret DeYoung

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY FOR OUR CHILDREN: Parents, we are so glad that you are our guest today. We have a nursery for our children. The nursery is for newborn to three years old, and is located on the main floor in the gathering space. If you need help with locating the nursery, please see one of our greeters in the narthex. We are so glad that your family came to worship with us today!

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard – Can fruit, 1Lb. bags of Rice, 1 Lb. bags of dried beans, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup.
Backpack Ministry – Can Tuna or chicken, applesauce, fruit cups and Drinks (Hugs).

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Iran. Iran, the old Persia, was settled over 3000 years ago by the Aryan peoples, from which the country's name is derived. From the 16th century onwards, Iran was ruled by a shah, or king. In 1978, the monarchy was overthrown. An Islamic theocratic republic was established, in which the political authority is vested in religious scholars. Shi'a Islam has been the official religion of Iran since the 16th century, and Shiites form 89 percent of the population; 9 percent are Sunni. Christians form less than 1 percent of the population, the church has a long history in Iran. A small community still exists in Iran. In recent years the conditions Christians have become more and more difficult.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Wednesday night activities for Children and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 and Choir Practice at 7:30. We will resume on January 18. See you there.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, January 18. We will be studying *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the Gathering Space.

YOUTH NEWS: Youth activities are back! Crossfire meets Sunday night at 6:30 in the gym, and dinner is provided! Revolution conference in Columbia will be January 27th-29th and we still have open spots. If your student would like to join or you would like to come along as a chaperone, find Grey for more details. We are expecting an amazing weekend!

THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear Church Family, I would like to thank you for the love and the many kind deeds you have shown me during the loss of my brother. May God bless each of you.

With Love, Vera Brockman

Thank you so much for your contribution to Hospice House of Greenville in memory of mother. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Please keep us all in your prayers.

All the children, Joyce, June, Judy and Julian

Thank you for any kindness shown to us during the death of Bill Brockman. The food, visits, cards and calls were greatly appreciated. Also, thanks to Bryson Williams for being there for us.

Jo Ellen, Julie and family

Thank you for all the prayers and expressions of sympathy during my father's illness and death. You all have made such a difference to us. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

Laura and Bryson Williams and family

TRIP TO HOLY LAND: We have to cancel our 2017 trip to the Holy Land. The trip will be rescheduled for the spring of 2018.

Sharon's Community Cupboard: The Sharon Community Cupboard will continue to distribute food the first and third Monday from 4:00-6:00PM. If you would like to help with distribution come to the Brockman Center at 3:30 to assist. Come join in the fun.

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2017: The 2017 flower calendar is located outside the church office today. Please select your special date(s) for the coming year. The cost for the altar flowers is around \$65.00 depending on flower selection.

Sharon Christian Academy: Registration for 2017-2018 school year for current families and church members will begin on Monday, January 30. Registration opens to the public on Wednesday, Feb 1. Please see Laura for a registration form or more information.

Our Mission Statement – Sharon United Methodist Church glorifies God as a friendly, caring, Christ-centered fellowship with strong family and spiritual values working to grow our church, our community, and our world one disciple at a time.

Sunday, January 15, 2017 Lectionary Texts
Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30AM Prayer Group
10:00AM Sunday School
11:00AM Worship

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30PM Crossfire
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN OR BIBLE STUDY
7:30PM Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Karen Waldrep & Scott Davis
NURSERY WORKERS January 15: Angie Davis & Linette Garrett

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Kelle Waters & Amy Tobin
CHILDREN'S CHURCH January 15: Amy Blackwell & Linette Garrett

HEAD USHER: Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER January 15: Gerald Snow

Sunday, January 1, 2016:

Sunday School	67
Worship	100
Offering	\$4,899.00
Received YTD	\$4,899.00
Needed YTD	\$6,378.98
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	-\$1,479.98
Cemetery Fund (11/30/2016)	\$3,184.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$240.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$93,353.26

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (SCA) STAFF:

Lisa Welch, Bailey Cox and Laura Williams – 2K
Melissa Farmer and Stephanie Wykel – 3K and 4K
Kay Bright – Music



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Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary
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Clara Godfrey, Pianist
Bill Lee, Organist
Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director
Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director
Debra Fowler, Custodian
Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries
Laura Williams, Preschool Director