

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

Next Sunday, August 14 - 9:30 AM

BAPTISM

Isaac Clardy, Jude Hunt, and Kinsley Menees

Would you like to write letters of support or encouragement to Isaac, Kinsley, and Jude on the occasion of their baptisms? Mail them to - or bring them by - the church office this week and we'll make sure they get to their recipient next Sunday!



**CHURCHWIDE
END of SUMMER
CELEBRATION**
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
FBC - PAVILION
5:45 - 7:30 PM
WATER FUN, BINGO, PIZZA and ICE CREAM
(Bring Bingo Prizes!)

August 21st

**PROMOTION
SUNDAY**

AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We ask that all students, teachers, administrators, and staff, bring their backpack/school bag with them to the service and place it on the steps of the front of the Sanctuary before worship begins. We will do a Blessing of the Backpacks as a part of worship, and give you a special tag to keep on your bag throughout the year!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

We are so grateful for your concern, visits, cards and calls following our mom's passing.

She loved her church and her fellow church members. First Baptist so enriched her life – and the lives of her children.

We especially want to thank:

Dr. Hunt, Addrian Wilson and Mary Alice Edmonds for conducting a beautiful, uplifting service. Their participation reminded us of the adage, *"Your talent is your gift from God. What you do with your talent is your gift back to God."*

All those who prepared the *delicious* meal following the funeral: Emmie Hazel, Susan Thornton, Judy Darby, Leslie Walker, Lisa Lingle, Nancy Fowler and Marie Turner.

Alberta Brown and Ellen Thompson for their countless visits to Mother to deliver the order of service, prayer lists and church literature. What a blessing that was!

Gay and Alan Oxendine for their loyal support as family ministers on so many occasions.

Tricia Neal, Jerry Neal and Emmie Hazel for their many cheerful greeting cards which always brought a smile to Mother's face.

Our dear family friend the late David Martin also was a faithful correspondent. We miss David!

Edith Williams and Mrs. Mel Gerrard for their enduring loyal friendship and love.

Mother outlived so many of her treasured friends. We find comfort that they are together again.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

With heartfelt gratitude,
Cliff Smith, Emily S. Dobson, and Fredda S. Lee

Dear Church Family,

My family and I are so grateful for all of the kindness and caring you have shown us in so many ways since Dan's passing. I feel like we have been surrounded by love.

Many thanks to the choir and the beautiful meal they served to our family before the Memorial Service. The food was delicious and the flowers were beautiful. We were, and are still, so blessed by this church.

Grateful for all of you,
Ramona Hallman

MEMBERS IN ACTION

Next Sunday, August 14

Offertory Prayer: Ken Rada

Visitor Outreach: Stacy Hamilton

Children's Worship: Children Remain in the Service

Security: Jimmy Cooley and Jerry Minyard



FIRST BAPTIST
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As children of God, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we believe that we have been called to serve alongside Jesus in the beautiful work of bringing heaven to earth.

Welcome

August 7, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence this morning and invite you to participate in the worship, study, service, and Fellowship life of First Baptist Church. For 200 years, this church has gathered to worship in response to God's presence among us. This is the primary act of our congregation; it defines us and unites us. We joyfully welcome you this morning as we worship God together.

You may note the liturgical color green on our pulpit and communion table this morning. Because the color green is associated with life, the use of it in worship during so much of our year reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us as individuals and into our church. Thank you for sharing in this life with us this morning!

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer: Stacy Hamilton

Visitor Outreach: Pat Vickery

Chiming of the Trinity: Sara Beth Clardy

Children's Worship: Lisa Wallace

Security: Eddie Wentzky and Jeff Neal

Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Minister to Youth
Mr. Mike Darby, Housing Ministry Manager
Mrs. Kele Davenport, Office Manager
Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist
Miss Kendra Hamilton, Musician in Residence
Dr. Josh Hunt, Pastor
Rev. Chris Liles, Associate Pastor
Rev. Cara Morgan, Minister to Children
Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager
Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

The Worship of God

"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it?"

Isaiah 43:18-19a (MSG)

Gathering for Worship Kelly Smith, Pianist

Welcome Cara Morgan

Prelude **Jesus, Still Lead On** arr. Robert Lau
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Invocation Cara Morgan

*Hymn No. 4 **To God Be the Glory** TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Pastoral Prayer Chris Liles

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Passport Camps Update

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Big God - Burroughs

Offertory Prayer Stacy Hamilton

Offertory Music **Gratitude** Brandon Lake
Kelly Smith, Pianist and Sara Kate Smith, Violinist

*Praising God For His Gifts To Us

OLD 100TH

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Anthem

I Stand Amazed

arr. Camp Kirkland

Summer Choir

*I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned unclean.*

*For me it was in the garden He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine;"
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.*

*He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.*

*When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.*

*How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!*

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Scripture:

Isaiah 43:16-21

(Pew Bible page 719)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"We Follow a Big God"

Josh Hunt

Hymn No. 486

Lord, Here Am I

BECK

Benediction

Josh Hunt

Postlude

Fanfare and Processional

Dale G. Rider

Ramona Hallman, Organist

Children's Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children's Worship during the service this morning. Our Children's Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

The Invitation

We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer's baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We'd love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.

Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

Pastoral Prayer

Led by one of our ministers, this prayer is offered for our church and on behalf of our church. Have a prayer request? Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the Prayer Request form on the card in the pew in front of you or contact the church office at 864-224-1622 or sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org

Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting fbcanderson and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.