

A WORD ABOUT FBC

First Baptist Memphis is a Midtown congregation that seeks to follow Christ by practicing hospitality, community, dialogue, and service.

- We value diversity in our membership and believe it enriches our journey and ministry.
- We strive to be a family of faith where all can belong.
- We value the voice of every child of God and strive to hear the voice of God in one another.
- What we do inside our walls prepares us to share God's love across the street and around the world.

The Radio Bible Class (10:30 am) and this service (11:00 am) are broadcast live on radio stations ESPN 680 AM, and ESPN 92.9 FM. Sermons are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org.

Announcements

Children's Missions, Nov. 11, 4-5 pm

Children's Missions groups will meet in the children's area on the second Sunday of the month from 4-5 pm. Contact April Blankenship to help.

Together Deadline, Wed., Nov. 14

Wednesday, November 14 is the deadline for articles and pictures for the December edition of Together. Please submit all items to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org).

Chew On It, Nov. 17, 11:30 am, Caritas

Our Meetup for November is "Chew On It" which will meet Saturday, November 17 at 11:30 am at Caritas. The topic for this session is Missions.

Youth Random Acts of Kindness, Nov. 17, 2-4 pm

Youth will meet at the church for a Random Acts of Kindness Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, November 17.

Caritas Harvest Gala, November 17, 6-9 pm

Caritas is hosting a Harvest Gala fundraiser on Saturday, November 17 from 6-9 pm. Help them celebrate and support a place for all people. Tickets can be purchased at Caritas Village or via their website.

Thanksgiving Holidays

The church office will be closed November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving.

Help us Decorate the Sanctuary, Nov. 29, 6-8 pm

It's that time again! It's time to prepare our space for Advent and Christmas. Join us Nov. 29, from 6-8 pm, to help decorate the Sanctuary and Welcome Center. Pizza will be provided. We can't do it without you!

Churchwide Advent-ure, Dec. 2, 4-6 pm

All ages are invited to join us in the Family Life Center as we explore the meaning of Advent together. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Brittany via email (bstillwell@fbcmemphis.org) by November 25.

Stay Connected to First Baptist through Social Media
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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, November 4

- 9:00 a.m. First Cup Gathering, Welcome Center & Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, November 5

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Tuesday, November 6

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Wednesday, November 7

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper, Caritas Village
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 8

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Game Day, Parlor

Friday, November 9

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Volunteers

Extended Care

Next Sunday, November 11

- Threes/Fours: Craig Locke, Jenny Pendley
- Floater: Tiffany Wright

Welcome Desk at Worship

- November 4: Tom & Renee Marchand

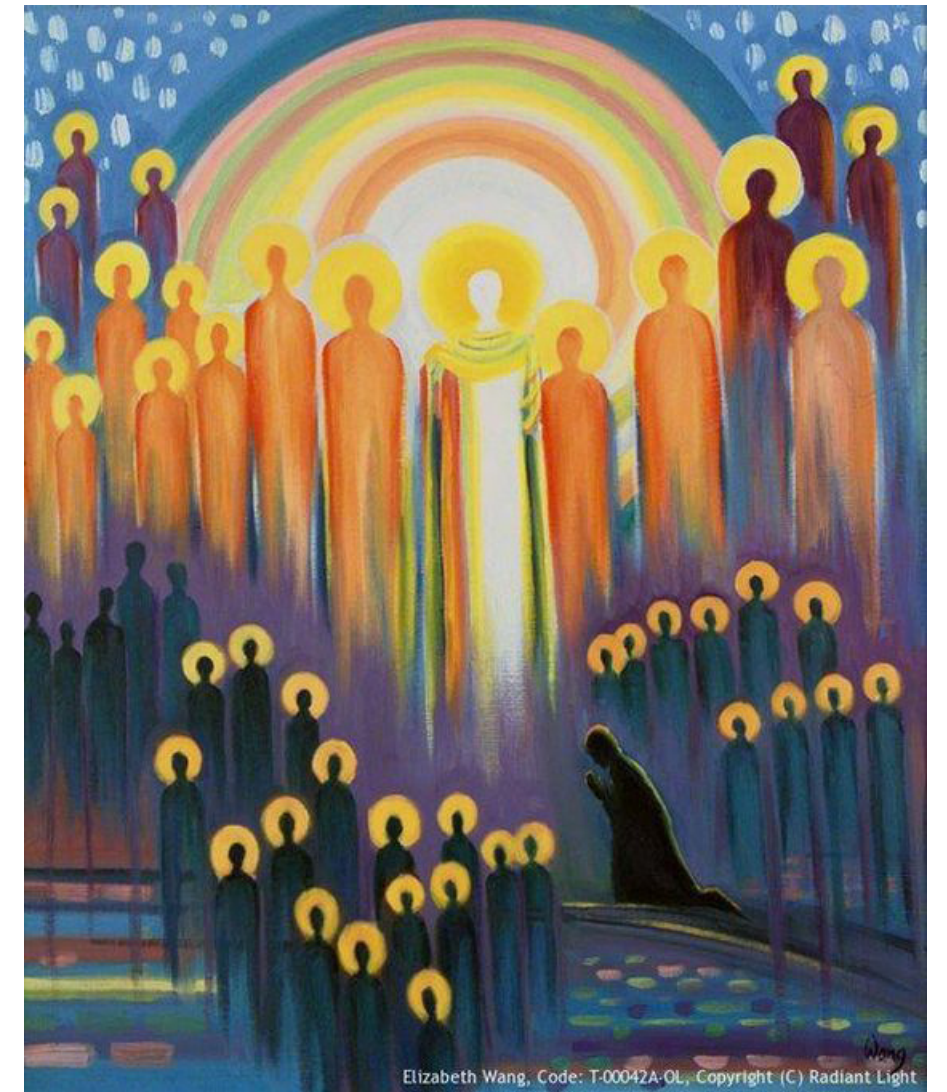
Receptionists

- Mon, Nov. 5: Trudy Hatton/
Volunteer Needed
- Tues, Nov. 6: Lora Leonard/
Jim Donnell
- Wed, Nov. 7: Betty Wilson/
Sammy Rich
- Thurs, Nov. 8: Bill Wilson/
Patsy Donnell

FBC in Prayer

New Concerns

- Lora Jobe Burke
- Anson Purdy
- Jean Rose Raney
- Milton & Frances Ray
- Carol Weiss



Radiant Light, by Elizabeth Wang

All Saints' Day

November 4, 2018

The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by tremendous yearning.

—Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

All Saints' Day

GATHERING

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. David Baroni
Julia Aguayo, *pianist*

Call to Worship Rev. Brittany Stillwell
What the Light Shines Through

Invocation Rev. Brittany Stillwell

Greeting
One: The Lord be with you!
Many: **And also with you!**

* Hymn of Praise 355 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE
(As we sing the last verse, the children are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

Children's Sermon Julie Richardson

LISTENING

Epistle Reading *Hebrews 12:1-2* Milton Ray
One: This is God's Word for us today.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Offertory *Stained Glass* Martin & Sorenson
Sanctuary Choir

I prayed to be strong. I longed to be bold, to stand against the wrong like the heroes of old. But my faith was too fragile my heart frail and sad, and pieces of dreams were all that I had.

Broken, shattered, stained and scattered, gathered together in the Artist's hand; a life left in pieces, brought into place; a window of light, a portrait of grace.

Who could have known that God would make art from glass stained and broken, from lives torn apart? Flooded with light, new colors reveal that in weakness He shines and His beauty is made clear.

So here are my scars, my wounds old and new, this life filled with failure, I give it to You. Lord, gather my pieces with your tender hand and put them together, as only You can.

* Congregational Response 253 OLD 100TH
Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

* Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge and Congregation
Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge
Cloud of Witnessess
Hebrews 12:1-2
(page 1043 in the pew Bible)

Hymn of Prayer 518 *Shall We Gather At the River* HANSON PLACE

Why's of Worship Rev. Brittany Stillwell

Remembrance of the Saints
Troy Cleaver Ernie Elder Carol Henderson
Amanda Petrowski Celeste Reese Ruth Sawyer

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate communion. The practice of receiving communion by intinction is an ancient one. When taking communion by intinction, the body of the church acts together, moving as a community toward the table. When you approach the table take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and then eat it. A deacon will bring communion to those who cannot come forward.

After you take communion, you are invited to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones who have died in the last year, if you wish.

Music for Meditation *Broken Vessels* Houston & Myrin
Rev. Brittany Stillwell, *soloist*

RESPONDING

* Hymn of Response 269 BALM IN GILEAD
There Is a Balm in Gilead

* Benediction Rev. Brittany Stillwell
What the Light Shines Through

Postlude *With the Saints in Glory Shining* Edward Broughton
Aaron Foster, *organist*
An offering will be received at the doors for our Benevolence Fund.

Today's worship participants are Julie Richardson, a member of the Connect 4 Sunday School Class and the Personnel Committee, Milton Ray, a member of the Adult 6 Sunday School Class and a deacon. Our offering bearers are assisted by Lockard Richardson and Wyatt Haywood.

A special thanks to Glenna Ward for letting us use the glass church she made and other glass pieces.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Though All Saints' Day is officially celebrated on November 1, we celebrate together today, as a church family. All Saints' Day offers a time to remember those who have died in the faith of Christ. As we read aloud the names of those in our church family who have died in the last year and light candles in memory of our loved ones who now make up the great cloud of witnesses, we are reminded of the precious gift of life we have been given and are inspired by the saints who have gone on before us to live a life dedicated to following Christ and serving God's people.

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST

We are so glad you decided to worship with us today. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor's Card in the pew rack in front of you. You can place these in the offering plate during the offertory. Consider lingering after worship so that our members might have a chance to greet you. Our ministers will be in the Welcome Center after worship and would love to meet you.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Church. They are valuable members of our faith family and we welcome them into this house of worship. Our nursery is open during worship for infants and toddlers. The nursery is located out the doors to the left of the pulpit and down the hall. Our nursery workers will be happy to assist you. Extended Care is for children ages 3-4 and for 5-year-olds who have not entered kindergarten. These children will sit as a group with our Extended Care leaders on the first pew in the right section. All children through 5th grade are invited to the front of the Sanctuary to participate in our Children's Sermon. Our preschoolers will leave for Extended Care after this.



MISSIONS WEEK 2018 SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 11—*Around the World*

World Orphans Day Emphasis in worship, 11 am

Millions of children around the world have become orphaned for a variety of reasons. This year as part of our Missions Week, we will honor World Orphans Day by considering the call issued over and over again in scripture to care for the orphan. All three of our ministry partners in South Africa work to care for orphans and to care for families so that children are not left abandoned and orphaned. We will explore the work that is being done there and consider what that means for us here in Memphis as we look to turn our attention “Across the Street” for the latter part of Missions Week.

ONE Letter Writing Campaign, 12:15 pm

Across the world, more than 13 million children today are living without one or both parents due to AIDS, and 80 percent of those orphans live in sub-Saharan Africa. Through First Baptist’s work with our ministry partners in South Africa, we have seen some of the effects of this crisis first-hand, and we understand how important it is to alleviate the suffering of these children.

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Materials, as well as a letter template, will be provided, and we only ask for a few minutes of your time. All ages are welcome! If you cannot attend, we ask that you offer your prayers for those doing the work of serving our neighbors who are impacted by HIV/AIDS.

Wednesday, November 14—

Baptist Women Meeting, 10:30 am

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Rachel Greer, founder of Rachel’s Kids, a missions allocations recipient, will give an update on the program. An offering will be collected for Rachel’s Kids.

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Meal Prep & Delivery for Homeless Neighbors, 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall

Join us as we gather in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour to prepare meals to be delivered to our homeless neighbors. We will begin our time together with a presentation about the homeless crisis in Memphis and a time of prayer for our homeless neighbors. We will then pack food bags that will be delivered to those in need in our neighborhood.

The Missions Committee is asking the following Sunday School classes to provide the following:

- Women of Faith: bread, peanut butter, & jelly
- Connect 4: protein snacks (beef jerky, individually wrapped hummus & crackers, protein/cereal bars, nuts, etc.)
- First Friends: bottled water
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- Senior Adults: apples, oranges, grapes
- Youth: socks, gum
- Children: small hand sanitizers, small tissue packs

Worship with Lifeline & Greater Lewis Street, 11am in Sanctuary
Rev. DeAndre Brown will be our guest preacher in worship. Pastor Brown is the founder and Executive Director of Lifeline to Success, a re-entry program for ex-offenders that equips them with the necessary tools to reenter society. Pastor Brown founded Lifeline to success because he found his own re-entry, after 25 months in state and federal prison, to be very difficult and cluttered with obstacles. Instead of complaining about the problem, he and his wife, Vinessa decided to begin an organization dedicated solely to streamlining the re-entry process and advocating for justice. He is the pastor of Lifeline to a Dying World Ministries, a place that teaches the Word.

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