

## Announcements

### FBC Meet-Up at Levitt Shell

Mark your calendars for the first Levitt Shell meet-up of the season!

We'll gather at 6:30 pm on Friday, May 31 for some fun, fellowship, and Memphis music.

The event is free. Pack a picnic or enjoy the on-site food trucks, and bring your dancin' shoes!

### Meet Rev. Laura Stephens-Reed, June 2

We are excited to have our Transition Facilitator, Rev. Laura Stephens-Reed, visit us for the first time on Sunday June 2!

Rev. Laura will be introduced in worship. Following worship, Rev. Laura will be available for a meet and greet session in the Welcome Center.

Please make every effort to be present on this Sunday.

### VBS: July 13, 10 am-3 pm

Saddle up, because VBS is just around the bend!

Join us for the stampede on Saturday, July 13 from 10 am-3 pm as we celebrate God's Greatest Gift with a Wild West theme.

Contact Holly to volunteer. Register your cowgirls and cowboys on our website: [www.fbcmemphis.org/vbs](http://www.fbcmemphis.org/vbs).

### Youth Friend-days Wednesdays

Beginning June 5, our FBC Youth will be meeting at 6 pm on Wednesday nights for summer fun in the city.

### Pop-up Play Days

Families, keep an eye on the church's Facebook page and your email for Pop-up Play Days this Summer.

Holly will alert you to special events taking place around town where we can meet up for some fun and fellowship in the 901!

### Passport Camps in June

Please pray for our kids and youth as they journey to Passport Camps this month. Our camp theme this year is *Fearless*, and we are excited about living boldly in Christ!

Ten of our youth and two chaperones head to Youth Passport Missions: June 9-14—Danville, VA featuring. Six kids and two chaperones travel to Passport Kids: June 24-27—Lebanon, TN.

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## This Week at First Baptist

### Sunday, May 26

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### Monday, May 27

Memorial Day—church  
office closed

### Wednesday, May 29

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper, Caritas  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir  
Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 30

10:30 a.m. Adult Game Day, Parlor

## Volunteers

### Extended Care

Next Sunday, June 2

Threes/Fours: Natalie Cathey,  
Courtney Pace

Floater: Susan Weaver

### Welcome Desk at Worship

May 26: Jack Taylor

### Receptionists (8:30 am - 12:30 pm)

Mon, May 27: Holiday—office  
closed

Tues, May 28: Kathleene Sims

Wed, May 29: Volunteer Needed

Thurs, May 30: Bill Wilson

## FBC in Prayer

### Current Concerns

Nancy Burch  
Brant Butler  
Vinson Cobb  
Linda Haywood  
Anson Purdy  
Jean Rose Raney  
Jim Rogers  
Mary Rugraff

### Sympathy

To Sharon McCall in the death of her  
mother, Pat Little.



Church Picnic Quilt, Faith Ringgold

## Sixth Sunday in Eastertide

May 26, 2019

*They met Him again after  
they had seen Him killed.  
And then after they had been formed into  
a little society or community,  
they found God somehow  
inside them as well,  
directing them,  
making them able to do things  
they could not do before.*

— C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixth Sunday in Eastertide

## PREPARATION

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

Welcome Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: **And also with you!**

Prelude *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Jenifer Cook  
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

## ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Many: **For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

All: **For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.**

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

\* Hymn of Praise 42 ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God*** FOREST GREEN  
(Stanzas 1-2)

## CONFESSION

Call to Confession Mike Ward

One: If anyone sins, we have an advocate before God who pleads on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one.

And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of everyone.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession Mike Ward

All: ***Great God over us all, you made us in your own image—yet at times we are like strangers on this earth***

***Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; destroy prejudice that turns us against each other.***

***Teach us that we are all children of your love.***

***Show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of you is made perfect in our love for all your children; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

One: Wonder of wonders—it is Christ who shall judge for the world's poor, for the meek, the lowly, and the little of the earth.

All: ***The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the sea. This is how you shall know Christ— by a spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and love of God. Wonder of wonders, grace upon grace, joy at the heart of joy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.***

\* Congregational Response 42 FOREST GREEN  
***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

***There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in thy care,  
And ev'ry where that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.***

(As we sing, the children are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

## PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading *John 21:1-19* Teresa Bullock  
(pages 941-942 in the pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

\* Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde 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. Randy L. Hyde

*The Simon Peter In All of Us*

## RESPONSE

\* Hymn of Prayer 217 ***Oh, How I Love Jesus*** OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS

Offertory Prayer Paula McPeak

Offertory ***Feed My Lambs*** Ray Hatton

\* Congregational Response 253 ***Doxology*** OLD 100TH

***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. Amen.***

Prayers of the People Shawn Hawkins

The Lord's Prayer  
***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 trespass 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.***

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

\* Hymn of Prayer 211 ***I Love Thee*** I LOVE THEE

\* Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

\* Postlude *Postlude in D Major* J. K. F. Fischer  
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Today's worship participants are Mike Ward, a deacon and a Preschool SS teacher; Teresa Bullock, a member of the Women of Faith SS class; Paula McPeak a member of the Endowment Trustees and a member of the Women of Faith SS class; and Shawn Hawkins a deacon and a member of the Care and Share committee.

Today's offering bearers are assisted by Peter Locke.

## THE FORMATION OF THE FIRST BAPTIST TRANSITION TEAM

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Of course, you may be asking yourself, “What is the transition team and what exactly will they be doing?” The transition team is a group of church members that assist in leading the congregation through a process of naming who we have been, who we are now, who God is calling us to be, and what will it take to live toward that future story. This team will also help create the Pastor Search Team.

We know that sounds like a huge responsibility. But remember, this is a 9-10 month process and you will walk this path with Rev. Laura Stephens-Reed, our Congregational Consultant and Transition Facilitator, through meetings, webinars, conference calls, emails, and group discussions.

This transition team will be a very small team of 6-8 people so we need each of you to begin thinking of four people in the church that you think would be great on such a team.

By the end of the day on June 9, these nominations will be compiled by the Committee on Committees and the team will be created. The team will reflect the congregation’s wishes and be representative of our church in age, gender, voices, and gifts.

Please note that Rev. Laura Stephens-Reed believes it will be unwise for staff or family members of staff to be on the transition team.

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