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REMINDERS

Sunday, June 2, 9 am

Join us in the Welcome Center for our monthly First Cup Gathering.

Sunday, June 2, 12:15 pm

Meet Rev. Laura Stephens-Reed, Transition Facilitator. Learn more on page 2.

June 9-14, Youth Passport Camp

10 of our Youth will head to Danville, VA for camp.

June 24-27, PassportKids Camp

6 of our children will head to Lebanon, TN, for camp.

S. Africa Mission Team will be gone June 25-July 7. Learn more on pages 3 & 5.

A **sermon update** from Dr. Hyde can be found on page 2.

Courtney Pace has published a book about Rev. Dr. Prathia Laura Ann Hall. Learn more on page 5.

Together

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The Formation of the First Baptist Transition Team

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Greetings! During our transition process, the Personnel Committee thought it would be helpful to share additional details regarding the selection of the transition team.

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 will 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 we 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.

The church will be taking these four nominations from May 26 until June 9.

Here are some additional details:

- A person serving on the Transition Team cannot also serve on the Pastor Search Team.
- A nomination letter will be mailed to your home that you can mail back to church, or drop off at church, or return to a designated area at church, on a Sunday.
- There is no age limit in a family concerning who can nominate four names. However, in order to keep with the spirit of what we are attempting to accomplish, we simply ask that parents judge for themselves on whether their children should participate.
- And don’t forget! Rev. Laura Stephens-Reed will be with us on Sunday, June 2!

We look forward to this healthy process for our church!

—The Personnel Committee (Richard Wright, Julie Richardson, Joyce Bruno, Tom Marchand, Laura Locke, Bobby Rogers)

Transition Process

Welcome 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.



SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP

South Africa Team Commissioning

JUNE 23

On Sunday, June 23, please join us as we lift up in prayer the South Africa Team before they leave on their mission trip, June 25.

The prayer shawls, made by church members, the team is taking with them, will be on display.

The team will receive a commissioning prayer.

INTERIM

A Note from Dr. Randy Hyde

INTERIM PASTOR

Janet and I are humbled by your desire for us to stay on with you in the interim role. In the time we have been with you in worship, you have received us with all manner of kindness and welcome, and we are truly grateful.

Life is made meaningful by the significant relationships that come our way, and we have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and sharing life together. In fact, my list of Facebook Friends has grown significantly! We look forward to the months ahead.

This is a list of sermons through the summer, starting with June 2 (which I estimate is about the time you will receive this newsletter).

Some aspects of this may change as we go along, of course, but I encourage you to give thought to these passages of scripture as your personal Bible study continues...

June 2: Seventh Sunday in Eastertide

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“That They May Be One” John 17:20-26

June 16: Trinity Sunday: *“What Jesus Didn’t Say”* John 16:12-15

June 23: *“Pity Party”* 1 Kings 19:1-15a

June 30: *“I Will Not Leave You”* 2 Kings 2:1-14

July 7: *“Large Letters”* Galatians 6:1-11

July 14: *“Life and Death”* Luke 10:25-37

July 21: *“She Had a Sister Named Mary”* Luke 10:38-42

July 28: *“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”* Luke 11:1-13

August 4: *“First Steps”* Hosea 11:1-11

August 11: *“Homeland Security”* Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 18: *“The Setup”* Matthew 16:13-20

August 25: *“On Not Waiting Til Tomorrow”* Luke 13:10-17

SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP

Meet your 2019 South Africa Mission Team

SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP

The South Africa Missions Team is preparing for its trip, June 25-July 7.

We want to introduce to you the last group of this team, and highlight their calls for this upcoming trip.

Jan Vogel

Jan is a substitute teacher at Cordova Elementary, dog foster mom, and parent volunteer at Briarcrest Christian School.

Her favorite pastimes are reading, loving on puppies, and listening to Allyson tell her about some new theatre thing she's discovered.

This is Jan's second trip to South Africa. When Brittany brought up the idea of going to South Africa two years ago, her answer was, "Why not?"

Her goal has always been to show Allyson that service is one of the most important things in life. The best way to show her, is for their family to work together with others for a cause they do not directly benefit from.

Please pray for Jan to stay present and not worry about all the things she has no control over: national events, their dogs back at home, and Allyson going off to college.

Rebecca Courtney

Rebecca works at Looney Ricks Kiss.

Rebecca has been a Youth SS teacher for the last several years.

Rebecca joined the team this year with her daughter, Emmaline, to

serve together before Emmaline enters college this fall. They'll share this experience of God at work in unfamiliar ways and places as Emmaline begins her own journey, which means the world to Rebecca.

Please pray for Rebecca to have a fearless heart, selfless state-of-mind, and a peaceful spirit.

Allyson Vogel

Allyson graduated from Briarcrest Christian School in May, and her passion is theatre.

This is Allyson's second trip to South Africa. She had an amazing and life-changing experience on the first trip, and wanted to volunteer with Door of Hope, an organization that is truly doing God's work.

Pray for Allyson to grow in strength and knowledge to aid her in her responsibilities during this mission trip.

Cherish Mathis

Cherish currently works as an AP Supervisor of Payroll for Owner Operators for a trucking company, but her true passion is finding small ways to change the world every day.

Cherish will be leading the team to South Africa this year. She loved the time she was able to spend there two years ago, and began planning to go a second time as soon as the group returned after the last trip. The experience was wonderful and life-altering. While she would love to move there full-time to work with the

Zulu people, for now her calling is to travel and lead in this ministry with First Baptist.

Cherish is particularly excited to be taking more teenagers on this trip. Her own missions experiences started around age 15, and those experiences changed her outlook and future.

As the team prepares to leave this month, please specifically pray for Cherish specifically as she readies the team, and for her own anxieties about being away from home and her job for such a long period of time.

The South Africa Mission Team cannot thank you enough for all of the ways this church has supported their preparation for this trip. Please pray for the entire group—those who will be traveling and serving, and those who are part of the support group at home.

Mission Team

Rebecca Courtney	Millie Malone
Shannon Malone	Brooke Mathis
Cherish Mathis	Violet Renken
Edens Richardson	Julie Richardson
Emmaline Rogers	Allyson Vogel
Jan Vogel	Jason Vogel
Sarah Weber	

Support Team

Gayla Foscue	Holly Hatton
Greer & Carol Richardson	Robin Miller

VBS

VBS: Yee-Haw

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. If you would like to volunteer, please call Holly.

Register your cowgirls and cowboys on our website: www.fbcmemphis.org/vbs



YOUTH

Friends-days Wednesdays

BEGINNING JUNE 5

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



FAMILIES

Pop-up Play Days

ALL SUMMER

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

Youth & Children Passport Camps

JUNE 9-14 & 24-27

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!

Youth Passport Missions: June 9-14—Danville, VA

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| Emmy Ruth Burton | Gabrielle Cathey |
| Olivia Hankins | Holly Hatton |
| Abigail Kellett | Catherine Kellett |
| John Michael Pfrommer | Edens Richardson |
| Emmaline Rogers | Carson Wright |
| Will Wright | Richard Wright |

Passport Kids: June 24-27—Lebanon, TN

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| Emerson Callahan | Dylan Hatton |
| Holly Hatton | Janie Hatton |
| Ray Hatton | Louisa Howard |
| Lockard Richardson | Anna Wilson |



MEMORIALS

In memory of **Dallas Foscue** by

Coed Sunday School Class
Ms. Regina Benson

HONORARIA

In honor of **Randy Hyde** by

R. K. Hamm

CHURCH

Courtney Pace publishes *Freedom Faith*

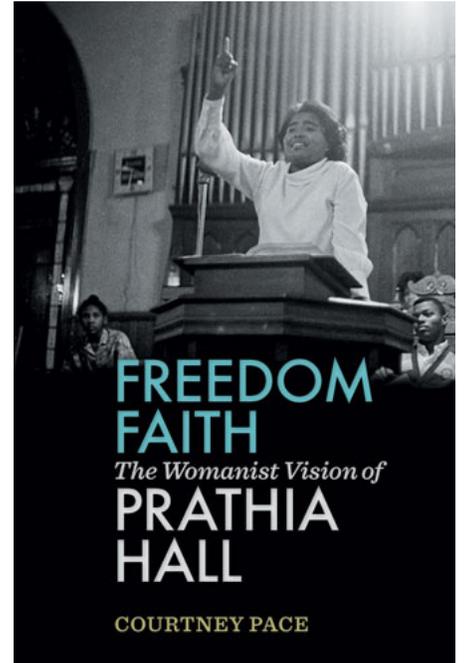
Congratulations to Courtney Pace on the publication of her book. *Freedom Faith* is the first full-length critical study of Rev. Dr. Prathia Laura Ann Hall (1940–2002), an undersung leader in both the civil rights movement and Black theology. “Freedom faith” was the central concept of Hall’s theology: the belief that God created humans to be free, and assists and equips those who work for freedom and liberation. Hall rooted her work simultaneously in social justice, Christian practice, and womanist thought.

Pace examines Hall’s life and philosophy, particularly through the lens of her civil rights activism, her teaching career, and her ministry as a womanist preacher. Moving along the trajectory of Hall’s life and civic service, *Freedom Faith* focuses on her intellectual and theological development, and her radiating influence on such figures as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Marian Wright Edelman, and the early generations of womanist scholars.

Hall was one of the first women ordained in the American Baptist Churches, USA, was the pastor of Mt. Sharon Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and in later life, joined the faculty at the Boston University School of Theology as the Martin Luther King Chair in Social Ethics. In activism and ministry, Hall was a pioneer, fusing womanist thought with Christian ethics and

visions of social justice.

Freedom Faith invites readers to view the civil rights movement and Black church leadership in the twentieth century through the lens of the leadership of Black women and womanist critique of racism, classism, sexism, and any other form of oppression.



For those in the FBC Memphis church family, *Freedom Faith* offers an opportunity to consider Hall’s, “Yes,” to God’s calling throughout her life as we explore what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in our context.

Pace is an associate professor of church history and director of admissions at Memphis Theological Seminary.

GIVING

New Giving Options Available

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Great news! New giving options are now available!

You can now have automatic recurring offering withdrawals set up from either your bank account or credit card.

Do you have trouble remembering your checkbook on Sundays? Don’t write checks anymore, but want to give an offering to FBC? Have you been wanting to charge your offering to your credit card?

Recurring payments can be set up weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.

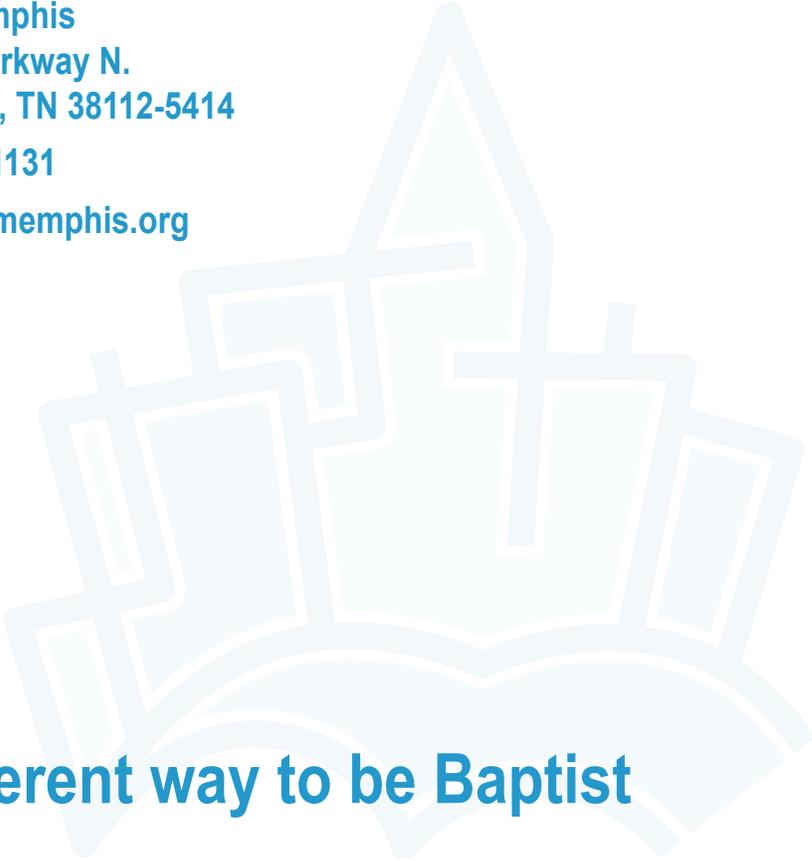
We can help! Contact Lisa in the finance office (454-1131 or lbutts@fbcmemphis.org), and she’ll explain the process and help you get started.

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