

Announcements

Ordination Council Meeting, 12:15 pm, Conference Room

The Ordination Council will meet with Holly Hatton following worship in the Conference Room.

In-Person Sunday School Returns

When your Sunday School class is ready to return to church on Sunday mornings, the teacher should send an e-mail to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org) letting us know the date you would like to return. We'll provide you with any necessary information to ensure the return of your Sunday School class will be as safe as possible. Thank you for your patience and your dedication and prayers for our church.

Giving Options

FBC has several ways for you to keep up with your giving schedule. For more information about any of the available giving options, contact Lisa via her email lbutts@fbcmemphis.org. She'll explain the options and process and help you get started.

Ordination Service for Holly Hatton, May 23, 6 pm, Sanctuary

The Deacons of First Baptist Church established an Ordination Council to explore and affirm the ordination of Holly Hatton into the ministry. Ordination is the setting aside or apart of an individual who has received the call to the ministry. It is a rite for the dedication and commissioning of one called by God into the gospel ministry. The process of ordination will affirm the calling and gifts. The ordination will bring the church together for the purpose of blessing the calling. The essential ceremony consists of the laying of hands by the church upon the head of the one being ordained, with prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and of grace required for the carrying out of the ministry. It is a joyous yet solemn occasion.

The ordination service is scheduled for Sunday, May 23, 2021, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. This is a tremendous time in the life of our church. Please be in prayer for our Ordination Council and for Holly Hatton as she travels this journey.

On the Move—Together for Hope, May 15-August 15, 2021

Together for Hope is a CBF Ministry founded 20 years ago to minister to the 20 poorest counties in the U.S. Today the ministry has expanded to include the 301 American counties that face the most persistent poverty.

Individual signup is \$30 and includes a really cool t-shirt as well as an opportunity to designate a Together for Hope Mission you would like to support. The sign up link is <http://cbfky.org/tfh-virtual-walk-run-swim-ride>. Donations will be gladly accepted. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church and designate "On the Move-Together for Hope".

Questions? Contact Gayla Foscue (gayla.foscue@gmail.com).

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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.

The service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page, and is available in recorded form on Facebook and our YouTube channel, as well as the church's website (www.fbcmemphis.org/online-worship).

Sermons and worship services are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons.

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Valerie Brenner
Nancy Burch
Chatham Family
Sara Cunningham
Ken Haywood
Willena Highsmith
Ken Miller
Robin Miller

Sympathy

Friends of Brant Butler



Rev. Randy Hyde, D.Min.
Interim Pastor

Rev. Ray Hatton
Music Ministry Interim

Holly Hatton
Children & Youth
Ministry Coordinator

Stacey Graves
Director, First Baptist Day School

Aaron Foster
Organist

David Córdoba Hernandez
Pianist

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Awake My Soul by Mike Moyers

Seventh Sunday in Eastertide

May 16, 2021

"Beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."
—Acts 1:22



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventh Sunday in Eastertide

PREPARATION

Welcome Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

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

Prelude *Morning Prayer* Tchaikaovsky
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff, but who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

They yield fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither.

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Worship in Song *Ready* arr. Michael Smith
Trudy Hatton, *soprano*

Parent/Child Dedications Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde and Holly Hatton
(See Insert)

Call to Confession Shannon Malone

The Lord watches over our ways.

Let us put our trust in God's grace and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt.

Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you.

Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Shannon Malone

In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other.

With joy, let us share that peace with one another as we worship the God of peace and love.

PROCLAMATION

Hymn of Prayer *Jesus and the Children* Austin Lovelace
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Epistle Reading *Acts 1:15-17; 21-26* April Blankenship

Choral Worship *Use Me, Lord* Sheldon Curry
Ensemble

Lord, hear through my ears. Lord, see through my gaze. Lord, open my mouth to sing your praises all my days. Lord, move through my feet. Lord, touch through my hand. Lord, let every part of me be used as you command. Use me, Lord.

Use me, Holy Father. Make my life a tool for you. Lord, know through my prayer. Lord, heal through my smile. Lord, help me to bear my brother's load an extra mile. Lord, live through my life, and guide all my ways. Lord, give me the strength to be your servant come what may. See me, Lord. . . Lord, sing through my song. Lord, speak through my words, Lord, fill me with power to spread your love throughout my world. Lord, fill all my thoughts, that I never stray. Lord, use my life as yours until my final day.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

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 *One-Hit Wonder* Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation *More Love to Thee* William Doane
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH

Aaron Foster, *organist*

*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 Holly Hatton

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.

A Word of Encouragement Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde
(If you are called to make a Decision of Faith or have questions about church membership, please speak with Rev. Hyde following worship.)

Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Postlude *Rigaudon* Campra
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Per the Shelby County Health directive, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times in the building. Please do not linger to chat, but exit the building at the conclusion of worship. Thank you.

Today's worship participants are Trudy Hatton, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Youth committee; Shannon Malone, a member of the Connect 4 SS class and a member of the Pastor Search committee; and April Blankenship, a member of the Preschool/Children committee and the Connect 4 SS class.

Our music ensemble consists of choir members, Trudy Hatton, Paul Martin, Marc Pendley, and Cathy Wilhelm.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

The resurrection of Jesus is, for Christians, the heart of history; the flash point from which everything is reordered. It is the beginning of the new thing that God is up to, defeating death and initiating the new Creation, which God will bring to full fruition in God's own time. The season of Eastertide lasts 50 days, because importance of the resurrection is too vast to be contained within one day.

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

FOR

LUCAS GARDINER & ISAAC HENRY CHATHAM

Introducing the Family Holly Hatton
Life Scriptures Romans 12:2 & Romans 15:13 Holly Hatton
Words of Dedication Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Pastor: All children are special, but the excitement of bringing twins into the world goes beyond words.
People: Courtney and Carl, we know that Lucas' and Isaac's births brought their share of concerns and apprehension. Yet, you have come to this point in faith, and with the full knowledge that God has blessed you in the life of these little ones.
Parents: Through much prayer, and with your support, we have found hope in God's divine guidance. We continue to celebrate the joy that comes in sharing life with Lucas and Isaac, along with Remi, their big brother.
Pastor: We welcome them into the world and into our church family. Isaac and Lucas, this is where we worship and fellowship and serve Christ. It is a good place for you to be.
People: We will find joy in watching your sons develop and share their unique personalities with their family at home, and their extended family here in our church.
Parents: We covet your prayers. Please know that you will always be in our hearts as we ask you to hold us in yours.
Pastor: As Isaac and Lucas grow and mature physically, it is our hope that their spiritual growth will be nurtured by the Christ who loves them beyond all measure. We are confident you will take seriously your part in sharing your faith with them.
Parents: We promise this day to raise Lucas and Isaac in the saving knowledge of Jesus. Thank you for your love and concern, and please pray for us as we seek to model true faith in our Lord Christ.
All: May we all covenant this day to follow Jesus!

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Pastor: Jonah’s parents, Brooke and Cherish, stand here with their son to affirm their desire to offer him to the Lord. They have revealed, through word and deed, their commitment to Christ and our church. No deeper commitment could they make than to offer their son to Christ and to us for his spiritual nurture.

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