

**Sunday Morning
Worship**

**September 17, 2017
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Shout to the Lord" arr. Peggy Bettcher

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: "All Authority and Power" Words on Screen

*Invocation and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

*Response: "Christ Is Alive!" Words on Screen

Children's Message: Beth Daly

Ministry of Music: "I Love You, Lord" arr. Jack Schrader
Sanctuary Choir

Registration of Attendance

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
Christine Baird, piano arr. Larry Shackley

Prayer of Dedication

Reading of the Word: Matthew 28: 16-20

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation: "We Are Called to Be God's People"
Words on Screen

Sermon: "Can First Baptist Church Grow Again?"
Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen

*Hymn of Invitation: "Tell All the World of Jesus" Words on Screen

Benediction

Postlude: "Rise, Oh Children of Salvation" arr. David Cherwien

*Congregation stands, as able.

Budget Receipts thru September 3, 2017 - \$216,266.96

Needed each week to meet 2017 Budget goal: \$5,680.00

Received 9/10 - \$8,321.00 9/10 Worship Attendance: 110

Betty Creech Memorial Scholarship given to date - \$4,044.00

One Great Hour of Sharing total to date - \$2,042.00

(\$875 for Hurricane Harvey/Irma relief) Goal \$1,000.00

A new season of **Wednesday Nights for Kids** has begun on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Any child in 1st - 6th grade is welcomed to join..

Youth Choir (for students in 7th – 12th grades) has started up! Come- lift your voice in praise on Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7 p.m. right before ABY!

Sanctuary choir rehearsals have begun on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the choir room. All invited to be a part of this ensemble. Questions?-email Brian Shepard at brianshepard@gmail.com

A 6 week study of the Apostle Paul using Adam Hamilton's book and video "The Call" will be on Wed. starting Sept 20 and running through Oct. 25 from 6:45 to 7:45 pm. The study is led by Bob Basil. There are 6 books already available in the church library on the right lower shelf. Let Bob know if you would like to attend by calling or texting 513-465-3697.

"When God's People Pray: Six Sessions on the Transforming Power of Prayer" Tom Henry will be presenting the material and it will take place on Saturday's 9/16/17 - 10/21/17 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor in the Celebration Center. Interested? Call Tom – 513-320-2984 ASAP.

Beneath the Cross – Embroidered note cards available after service in the Welcome Center. Sandi Gillum is offering these for a donation to the Thailand Mission project. Need more? - contact Sandi Gillum at 513-471-8311, or dgillum2@cinci.rr.com

POP into a Group this fall. Study the Bible, discuss ideas, and experience fellowship. Find a group on Sunday mornings or during the week. See the bulletin board and/or pick up a list in the Welcome Center.

This Week at First

Today, September 17

8:45 a.m. Prayer .

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. GriefShare

September 18

2 p.m. Yoga

7:30 p.m. FB Ringers

8 p.m. Basketball

September 19

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

7 p.m. Scouts

September 20

10 a.m. Yoga

6:30 p.m. Wed. Nite for Kids

6:30 p.m. Youth Choir

7:00 p.m. ABY

6:45 p.m. Bible Study "The Call"

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

September 21

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi

7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

September 22

1:00 p.m. Game Day

September 23

9 a.m. Small Group Study
"When God's People Pray"

Serving Among Us Today

Interim Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen
Director of Music/Organist:	Christine Baird
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brian Shepard
Children's Church Teacher:	Danita Scoggins
Greeters:	Mary Loesche, Marilyn Mulligan
Deacons Greeting:	Ken Standafer, Ingrid Standafer
Audio Technician:	Mike Hauck
Visual Technicians:	Ron Cobb, Paul Back
Head Ushers:	Ken Standafer, Dave Adams

Christmas 2017 - Advent Devotional Booklet

The Board of Deacons is promoting this daily, advent booklet. We need your help to submit a personal advent devotion. The following is the devotional submittal guidelines:

- * One submittal per person.
- * Devotion format is in four parts: Bible verse (one), personal connection story to said verse, a related prayer, and submitter's name(s).
- * Target date for submittal is September 30, 2017 (or when the first 25 submittals are received).
- * Devotional should be 200 words maximum to fit on a printed page 5.5" x 8.5".
- * Preferred submittal method: Microsoft Word and email to Bob Baird (cardbaird@sbcglobal.net). Alternate submittal method: Write out long hand and put it into Deacon's box by the FBC office. Once completed, the free advent devotional booklet will be printed to fulfill pre-orders for same. Orders to be taken later this Fall. Goal is to have devotional booklet ready for the last week of Nov., 2017. Questions, contact Bob Baird 937-543-6237. Thanks!

Scout Annual Popcorn Sales: Today! Scout Troop 718, (that meets here at FBC) will be in the narthex with popcorn to sell. Please consider supporting the Boy Scouts of America in this way. Thanks!

American Baptist Churches, USA, General Secretary Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, invites all congregations to donate generously to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) in response to the destruction caused by recent hurricanes. You can make a donation by writing a check to First Baptist Church, Middletown, OH with a note in the memo line of "**OGHS – Hurricane Harvey/Irma**". Thank You!

Coming Soon

September 24

Prayer – 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School
Worship
GriefShare 4 p.m.

September 25

Yoga
FB Ringers 7:30
Basketball

September 26

Rev It Up aerobics
Church Boards meet 6:30
Scouts

September 27

Yoga
Wed. Nite for Kids
Youth Choir
ABY
Bible Study "The Call"
Sanctuary Choir

September 28

Rev It Up aerobics
Tai Chi
AA mtg.

September 30

Small Group Study –9 a.m.
"When God's People Pray"

Mark Your Calendars –

The annual adventure to Tom's Maze is October 15