

**Sunday Morning
Worship**

**September 24, 2017
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Lord, I Need You" Matt Maher
Lexiana Krause, Soprano

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: "God of Creation, All-Powerful" 48

*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: "God of the Ages" Words on Screen

Children's Message: Beth Daly

Ministry of Music: "Shall We Gather at the River?" arr. John Carter
Sanctuary Choir

Registration of Attendance

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory: "People Need the Lord" arr. Lloyd Larson
First Baptist Ringers

Prayer of Dedication

Reading of the Word: John 17: 13-21 (p. 880)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: "A Growing First Baptist Church Comes When We Are
Faithful to God's Purpose" Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen

Hymn during sermon: "So Send I You - By Grace Made Strong" 732

*Hymn of Invitation: "Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle"
Words on Screen

Benediction

Postlude: "The God of Abraham Praise" arr. Kristina Langlois
*Congregation stands, as able.

Budget Receipts thru September 17, 2017 - \$218,676.96

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

Received 9/17 - \$2,409.00 9/10 Worship Attendance: 134

Betty Creech Memorial Scholarship given to date - \$4,064.00

One Great Hour of Sharing total to date - \$2,277.00

(\$975 for Hurricane Harvey/Irma relief) Goal \$1,000.00

NOTICE: The Pastoral Search Committee feels God is leading us to continue interaction with a candidate who is an ordained American Baptist minister. The candidate has recently completed his Master's of Divinity work and is beginning the process to be ABC/USA ordained, which is currently a requirement of our constitution. To proceed with sincere interaction, the PSC is asking members of First Baptist to grant a waiver. Should God lead for a call to be extended to this candidate, this waiver would allow completion of the ABC/USA recognition to take place within the next calendar year. **The vote** on the waiver **will occur after worship on October 8th.** Any member can request information with more detail through the church office.

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!

A 6 week study of the Apostle Paul using Adam Hamilton's book and video "The Call" began last week and will continue through Oct. 25 from 6:45 to 7:45 pm. The study is led by Bob Basil. There are 6 books 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.

Thank you for your sincere welcome and support of our Boy Scout troop's fundraiser this past Sunday. We're truly blessed to be sponsored by such a supportive organization! BSA Troop 718

This Week at First

Today, September 24

8:45 a.m. Prayer .
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. GriefShare

Monday, September 25

2 p.m. Yoga
7 p.m. Stewardship Comm.
7:30 p.m. FB Ringers
8 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, September 26

NO. Rev It Up aerobics
6:30 p.m. Boards meet
7 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

NO. Rev It Up aerobics
NO Tai Chi
7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

Saturday, September 30

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:	Dave Adams, Kathy Dunaway
Audio Technician:	Ron Cobb, Mike Hauck
Visual Technicians:	Mark Dunaway, Ron Cobb
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!

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!

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.



Home Safety Luncheon

October 5, 2017 @ 11:30 a.m.

Come join the Health Ministry team for a light lunch and an in-depth guide to Home Safety on Thursday, October 5 at 11:30 a.m. Each year thousands of Americans fall at home. In 2011, nearly 23,000 people over age 65 died and 2.4 million were treated in emergency departments because of falls.

Please join us while Ron Wilger, manager of Physical Therapy at Atrium Medical Center, shares how to make our homes safer.

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. – the program will follow. Please sign up today in the narthex; call the church office, 513.423.5721; or place the RSVP slip in the offering plate today.

Home Safety Luncheon –
October 5, 2017
11:30 a.m.

Name _____

Number attending _____

Coming Soon

October 1

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

October 2

Yoga
FB Ringers
Basketball

October 3

Rev It Up aerobics
Scouts

October 4

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ABY
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October 5

Rev It Up aerobics
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AA mtg.

October 7

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

Mark Your Calendars –

The annual adventure to
Tom's Maze is October 15