

**Sunday Morning
Worship**

**October 1, 2017
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *“Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”* arr. G. M. Martin

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”* Words on Screen

*Invocation

*Response: *“The Lord’s Prayer”* Words on Screen

Children’s Message: Renee Griffith

Registration of Attendance

Giving of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory: *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer of Dedication

Reading of the Word: Philippians 4:10-14 (p. 955)

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation: *“Shout to the Lord”* Words on Screen

Sermon: *“Structuring for Growth – Part 1”* Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen

Ministry of Music: *“Come Share the Lord”* arr. Roland Tabbell
Sanctuary Choir

The Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table
Breaking of the Bread
Sharing the Cup

Closing Hymn: *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”* Words on Screen

Benediction

Postlude: *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”* arr. Kristina Langlois
*Congregation stands, as able.

Budget Receipts thru September 24, 2017 - \$221,883.96

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

Received 9/24 - \$3,207.00 9/24 Worship Attendance: 131

Betty Creech Memorial Scholarship given to date - \$4,084.00

One Great Hour of Sharing total to date - \$2,467.00

(\$1,125 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.*

Check your calendars and clear a time to volunteer for SHALOM. We host this program that serves the homeless in our community December 10 - 17. There will be volunteer spots for driving for pick-up in the evening and drop-off in the morning, hosting in the evening or overnight, and meals. There will also be opportunity to supply snacks and other necessary items. This is your chance to put our faith to work!

Tom’s Maze – Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. Meet at Tom’s Maze in Germantown. Following the Maze we will have hot dogs, chips & s’mores by the campfire. Come enjoy this time of fun and fellowship! **Sign up today** in the narthex or call the church office, 513-423-5721.

This Week at First

Today, October 1

8:45 a.m. Prayer .

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. GriefShare

Monday, October 2

2 p.m. Health Ministry

7 p.m. Yoga

7:30 p.m. FB Ringers

8 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, October 3

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

7 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday, October 4

10 a.m. Yoga

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

7:00 p.m. ABY

6:45 p.m. Bible Study “The Call”

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 5

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi

11:30 a.m. Home Safety Lunch

6:30 p.m. Friendship Circle

7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

Saturday, October 7

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: Renee Griffith
Greeters: Mary Loesche, Marilyn Mulligan
Deacons Greeting: Tina Breitenbach, Bob Baird
Audio Technician: Ron Cobb, Mike Hauck
Visual Technicians: Mark Dunaway, Annie Cobb
Head Ushers: Ken Standafer, Dave Adams

Coats for Christ - The Mission Board will be collecting used coats in October and November for Hope House and Center of Hope. As the days grow colder, please remember those who are less fortunate and in need of a warm coat. Place used coats that are in good condition in the marked container in the narthex.

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!

Singers Wanted!

Have you wanted to sing with the Sanctuary Choir, but can't commit to every Wednesday night? Singing in this year's Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 10, might be just the thing for you! Those wishing to be a part of this festive event should plan to attend the following rehearsals: Saturday, October 14, 10:00-12:00 noon; Wednesday, November 15, 7:45-9:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 29, 7:45-9:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 6, 7:45-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 9, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Those who are interested are also invited to sing for the remainder of the Advent and Christmas season. For more information, contact Brian Shepard at brianshepard@gmail.com or [513-479-1219](tel:513-479-1219).

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.

STEWARDSHIP DINNER

October 21, 2017

6 p.m.

We will join together for a Stewardship Dinner on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 6 p.m. A nice meal will be provided and following the meal we will hear what each of our boards plan for the ministry of First Baptist Church for 2018.

Come and join us as we plan the ministry of FBC for 2018.

RSVP by using the section below and leaving in the offering plate or in the church office ASAP. Deadline is Wednesday, October 18.

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Stewardship Dinner – 10/21/17

Name _____

Number attending _____

Coming Soon

October 8

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

October 9

Yoga
FB Ringers
Basketball

October 10

Rev It Up aerobics
Board Chairs meet
Scouts

October 11

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

October 12

Rev It Up aerobics
Tai Chi
RAK
AA mtg.

October 14

Small Group Study –9 a.m.
"When God's People Pray"
Ethel Naudin Circle
Christmas Cantata Read
Through