

**Sunday Morning  
Worship**

**October 8, 2017  
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Joel Raney

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" 43

\*Invocation and 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 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: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Words on Screen

\*Ministry of Music: "Anytime, Anywhere" Cindy Berry  
WNK Singers

Children's Message: Renee Griffith

Registration of Attendance

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory: "Be Still" Hank Beebe  
Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of Dedication

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

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation: "Forever" Words on Screen

Sermon: "Structuring for Growth – Part 2" Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen

\*Hymn of Invitation: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" Words on Screen

Benediction

Postlude: "Recessional March" George F. Handel

\*Congregation stands, as able.

**Budget Receipts** thru October 1, 2017 - \$233,228.96

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

Received 10/1 - \$11,345.00 10/1Worship Attendance: 141

**Betty Creech Memorial Scholarship** given to date - \$4,189.00

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

(\$1,125 for Hurricane Harvey/Irma relief)

**World Mission Offering** total to date: \$65.00

**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 Masters 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 TODAY.**

**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, 4881 Germantown – Liberty Road, Germantown, 45327).

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 8**

8:45 a.m. Prayer .

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

After Worship – Special

Congregational meeting

4:00 p.m. GriefShare

**Monday, October 9**

6 p.m. Day Care Comm.

7 p.m. Yoga

6:45 p.m. FB Ringers

8 p.m. Basketball

**Tuesday, October 10**

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

6:30 p.m. Board chairs meet

7 p.m. Scouts

**Wednesday, October 11**

10 a.m. Yoga

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

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

7 p.m. ABY

7 p.m. Nominating Comm.

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, October 12**

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi

7 p.m. RAK

7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

**Saturday, October 14**

9 a.m. Small Group Study

"When God's People Pray"

10 a.m. Choir Christmas

Cantata Read Through

10:30 a.m. E. Naudin Circle

## 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:	Charles and Vickie Selby
Deacons Greeting:	Jeannine Taylor, Tina Breitenbach
Audio Technician:	Ron Cobb, Mike Hauck
Visual Technicians:	Mark Dunaway, Travis Adkins
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.

**Keep Middletown Beautiful is a participant in the "CLEAN SWEEP OF THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER WATERSHED"** on October 28, 2017. We are asking churches, schools, and other groups to help us bring in volunteers for this great project. If you have questions, please call: Jeff Michel, 425- 7750 (office) or 465-2675 (cell) or Sally Williamson 423-7832 (home) or 465-7832 (cell). Last Year's results: Middletown to the Ohio River: Volunteers: 443. Tons: 9.77 tons of garbage which included 262 tires. TVs apparently were the thing to dispose of illegally in 2016. We found several including some huge ones.

**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](mailto: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.

## Coming Soon

### October 15

Prayer – 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School  
Worship  
Tom's Maze  
GriefShare

### October 16

Yoga  
FB Ringers  
Basketball

### October 17

Rev It Up aerobics  
Scouts

### October 18

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

### October 19

Rev It Up aerobics  
Tai Chi  
AA mtg.

### October 21

Small Group Study  
"When God's People Pray"  
Stewardship Dinner