

**Sunday Morning  
Worship**

**March 24, 2019  
10:30 a.m.**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

**Gathering**

Welcome / Announcements / Sharing

Prelude: *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”* arr. Lloyd Larson

\*Worship Song: *“Here I Am to Worship”* Words on Screen

**Offerings**

Ministry of Music: *“People Need the Lord”* Phil McHugh, Greg Nelson  
Will Cunningham, baritone

\*Pastoral Prayer 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*

Offertory: *“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”*  
arr. Mark Hayes

**Sharing God’s Word**

Children’s Message: Kadie Henry

\*Hymn: *“The Bond of Love”* 696

Scripture: Revelation 3: 14-22 (p. 996)

Sermon: The State of the American Church –  
*“Decision Time”* Rev. K. Scott Robertson

**Departing to Serve**

\*Song of Invitation: *“Jesus, Messiah”* Words on Screen

Benediction *“God of This City”* (Chorus) Words on Screen

Postlude: *“Tell Out, My Soul”* arr. R. J. Powell

\*Congregation stands as able.

Budgeted monies received: \$61,513.82

Received 3/17 - \$ 4,411.92 3/17 Worship Attendance: 127

The rosebud on the worship table is in celebration of the birth of **Alden Fang Taylor** on Thursday, March 14, to **Stephen and Ming Taylor**. Proud FBC grandparents are **Mike and Leanne Taylor** and proud great grandmother is **Jeannine Taylor**. Congratulations to all!

**Bible Study:** On Wednesday evening, April 3, we will be beginning a study on the life of the Apostle Paul. You do not need the book to participate in the study, but if you are interested, the book the pastor is using is *“Paul – A Biography”* by N.T. Wright (you can find it on Amazon for \$20). Along with this study, on Sunday evening, April 7 at 5 p.m., we will be showing the movie *“Paul, Apostle of Christ”* in the Sanctuary.

**Puerto Rico Mission Team:** We will be having an important meeting following worship on April 7 for all those team members. If you cannot attend, please let the Pastor know on or before the meeting. The Mission Team members are: Pastor Scotty, Jami and Chase Robertson; Michel, Suzanne and Justin DeCamp; Jake Shouse, Matt, Alaina, Mia and Monroe Shoemaker; Jerry and Esther Arnold.

**Governance Structure Update Announcement**

\*The Committee and the Board Chairs presented the new proposed structure to the current members of our four boards this past week.

\*There will be a “test” vote for the current board members to have a say before the Board meetings on Tuesday, March 26.

\*The educational presentations for the congregation will be on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 7 at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, May 30 at 6 p.m.

\*A Special Business Meeting for the congregation to vote will be on Sunday, June 2 after worship.

\*If the proposed structure is adopted it will go into effect January 1, 2020.

**Sub Sandwich Sale – benefitting the Puerto Rico Mission Trip**

– place your order today in the narthex- Subs are \$3 each and have 3 meats and cheese with banana peppers or you may order without the peppers. Deadline for orders is March 31 and all orders should be paid for by March 31. Pickup time is April 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The sandwiches freeze really well.

**This Week at First**

**Today, March 24**

9 a.m. Prayer  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
7 p.m. ABY

**Monday, March 25**

6 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7 p.m. Yoga  
7:30 p.m. FB Ringers  
8 p.m. Basketball

**Tuesday, March 26**

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics  
6:30 p.m. Boards meet  
7 p.m. Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, March 27  
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10 a.m. Yoga  
4:30 p.m. J-Lab After School  
6 p.m. Bible Study  
6:15 p.m. Praise Singers  
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, March 28**

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics  
10:15 a.m. Tai Chi  
7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

**Friday, March 29**

1 p.m. Game Day

## Serving Among Us Today

Senior Pastor: Rev. K. Scott Robertson  
Director of Music/Organist: Christine Baird  
Interim Sanctuary Choir Director: Nina Markle  
Children's Church Teacher: Beth Daly  
Greeters: Judy Beasley, Liz Looney  
Deacons Greeters: Verla Voyles, Dave Adams  
Video Technicians: Paul Back, John Daly  
Audio Technicians: Ron Cobb, Ryan Krause  
Head Usher: Dave Adams

### Announcement concerning Prayer Concerns and Announcements:

Effective March 18, 2019, prayer concerns and special announcements to be read from the pulpit on Sunday morning, will need to be submitted to the pastor in writing by Sunday morning at 8 a.m. This can be done by email/text/Facebook message/written note or you can submit to Kathy and ask her to share with him. Pastor will be printing out what has been sent to the prayer chain during the week so that will be sufficient notice as well. The purpose of this is so that information that needs to be known by the congregation can be known for sure in a timely manner, and for the pastor's record keeping. If you have a concern that you would like to share with him that is private, please indicate that as well.

*Cards by Sandi* won't be available for the next 2 Sundays. I will be back with Easter surprises and cards after that. I can also do special cards anytime, so call me at 513-571-8311 if I can help. Thank you for your support of this project! Sandi Gillum

**Donations Needed:** Gently used books, children's books, puzzles, games, CDs, and DVDs for the **63<sup>rd</sup> Annual AAUW Used Book Sale**. Donations may be dropped off at the AAUW site at 2204 Central Avenue (next door to Stefano's Italian Restaurant). They are accepted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information and to arrange for book pickup call 513-424-1120, 513-424-5168, 513-424-7552 or 513-424-5458. Deadline is Saturday, April 6 for donating. Book sale is April 11-14.

**The Food Pantry** is in need of non-perishable foods, such as: peanut butter, jelly (plastic jars), cans of tuna, chicken, ravioli, spaghetti sauce, soups, etc. The Mission Board thanks everyone for your support throughout the year.

# First Baptist Church



## Mission Middletown 2019

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## **Coming Soon**

### **March 31**

Prayer  
Sunday School  
Worship  
AB Youth

### **April 1**

Cub Scouts  
Yoga  
FB Ringers  
Basketball

### **April 2**

Rev It Up aerobics  
Boards meet  
Cub & Boy Scouts

### **April 3**

Yoga  
J-Lab After School  
Bible Study  
Praise Singers  
Sanctuary Choir

### **April 4**

Rev It Up aerobics  
Tai Chi  
AA mtg.

### **April 6**

Sub sandwich prep  
Sub sandwich pickup  
And Bake Sale