

# sardis signposts baptist church

a spiritually progressive community of faith

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45 AM—  
Sunday School

11:00 AM—  
Morning Worship

On September 9th, Sardis Baptist Church will host its first ever Kid's Music Camp! The camp is for children ages 6 to 11 who have an interest in music and fun!

Camp will open at 8:30 for registration, where parents will check their children in, sign waivers, kids will receive name tags and will be split up into one of four groups: Soprano - Red, Alto - Yellow, Tenor - Green and Bass - Blue.



Camp begins at 9:00 with singing, introductions, and instruction for the morning. At 9:30, each group will go to one of four stations: Crafts, Games, Movement and Instruments. Each of these will last about 15 minutes, and when that is up the group will move to the next station until each child has experienced all of them.

At 10:30 all of the groups will reconvene in the sanctuary where everyone will practice for our final activity: a concert put on for the parents. This concert will begin at 11:00 and once it is finished lunch will be served for everyone!

We will need at least 16 volunteers to help check children in, act as group leaders, lead the activities, and help with lunch. All leaders will receive prior instruction, so it should be very easy and low stress. Also, this can count towards school volunteer hours, so have youth bring any forms for us to sign!

If you know a child in this age range who you think would enjoy a camp like this, please let them and their parents know, and then email either [SardisHilary@yahoo.com](mailto:SardisHilary@yahoo.com) or [info@sardisbaptistcharlotte.org](mailto:info@sardisbaptistcharlotte.org) so we can begin to get a head count!

This should be a fun and enriching experience for the children in our community, so if you can we would love to have your help in making it a possibility!

## COMMUNION BRUNCH

Sunday, August 6th, 11:00 AM

*We invite you to join us for  
brunch in the sanctuary.  
As we eat, we'll worship around  
a common table, remembering  
that worship is a conversation,  
and a community, and a gathering.*



## POTLUCK LUNCH



SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

NOON

PLEASE PLAN TO STAY AFTER  
WORSHIP FOR GOOD FOOD AND  
FELLOWSHIP. BRING A MAIN DISH,  
SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

## I LIFT UP MINE EYES...

Rev. Bob Stillerman

This month, we'll celebrate the one-year anniversary of our picnic shelter. And it's been a busy location: it's already hosted celebrations, potluck suppers, Sardis Academy picnics, even sermon-writing! But the picnic shelter is not the only thing that's been transformed on our campus. If you look closely, there are lots of improvements.

Last fall, a work team removed debris and overgrowth along Livingstone Drive. In the Spring, several work teams cleared debris and overgrowth on the backside of the labyrinth (did you know we have a chimney that's over one hundred years old?). Church volunteers spread one hundred bales of pine straw and more than four tons of mulch around the sidewalks, sacred garden, and picnic area. (And we've got plans to spread a few more mulch piles!). New flowers were planted around the edge of our street sign, and two beautiful potted plants adorn the front walk (thanks Betty and Magay!!!).

On the Miller property, we were able to remove four gigantic debris piles, as well extend the perimeter of cleared brush. The playground equipment and labyrinth stones have been pressure-washed, and the gutters cleaned (thank you Jim!). New memorial benches have been added in the labyrinth, and new memorial stones have been engraved.

And there's more to come: playground chips will be installed this month on the playground, and in future work days we'll concentrate on removing brush, and pruning trees and bushes to make the church more visible from the road. We also hope to work on the walking trail entrances to make them more inviting to visitors.

We have a beautiful property, made more beautiful everyday by your hard work. As we toil, it can be difficult to realize the progress we're making. But look at the pictures on the last page – your labor is transforming our campus. Thanks be to God for YOU and for THIS PLACE!!!

## ERIN KENNEDY

SARDIS GRADUATES:



"I have had incredible people by my side" during my high school years, says Erin Kennedy. She recently graduated from East Mecklenburg High School. She felt that she had the support she needed to help her succeed. Teachers and guidance counselors were always willing to help. There has also been encouragement from her parents, Lisa and Tom, and brother Douglas.

Support also came from the Sardis youth group, with whom she attended UniDiversity in July. In looking back, Erin is amazed at the growth experienced by her and church friends as they have matured in faith and in life.

Playing for Others, an arts organization for secondary students, helped her develop immensely. Through PFO she honed her writing and performance skills through activities such as reading her original poetry to a live audience. The Sardis congregation has experienced her talent for acting in dramatic readings and in sermon-enhancing skits.

Other than the week at UniDiversity, Erin has spent her summer working at Wayback Burgers in Matthews. "I couldn't ask for a better first job," she says enthusiastically. She appreciates the camaraderie she experiences with her co-workers.

Erin plans to enter CPCC next spring. During the fall semester she will be learning more life lessons as she hikes the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Her planned departure date is in October. Bon voyage, Erin. Enjoy Spain!

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### SARDIS PRAYERS



Charles Almond, Jacqueline Stillerman's grandfather ♥ Mark Almond, Jacqueline Stillerman's cousin ♥ Suzette Buchan, Danny Phillips' sister ♥ Ben Cooley, Ruthye Cooley's husband ♥ Elzene Corbett, Janet Beltzhoover's mother ♥ Friends and Family of Jack Crump, Jo Tiddy's uncle ♥ Nancy Darnell, St. Andrews Living Center ♥ Betty Deason, Carrington Place ♥ Ed DePasquale, friend of William Kruger's ♥ Betsy & Don DePaul ♥ Don Hill, Stewart Health Center ♥ Irena Hramenkova ♥ Doris Hunter, Anne Eidson's mother ♥ William Kruger ♥ Mala Reynolds ♥ Violet Ross, June Ross' mother-in-law ♥ Brantley Rutherford, NC Boy's Academy ♥ Valerie Rutherford ♥ Bill Sease, Becky Owen's brother ♥ Carson Sholin, The Dorchester ♥ John Simpson ♥ Friends and Family of Emily Washburn, Tillie Duncan's aunt ♥ All the people of Venezuela, including friends and family of the Byrds and Florens

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# FOCUS

July 30-Aug 5: Sadler Family; August 6-12: Shepard-Moore Family; August 13-19: Carson Sholin; August 20-26: Bill Sholin; August 27-Sept 2: Sigmon Family



Worship Care: Thanks to Sarah Bowlin, Tillie Duncan, Kristin Jackson, Jane Journey, Tim Moore, Jim Owen, Danny & Susan Phillips, and Becky & Rick Proctor for loving and caring for the youngest Sardis Peeps during Worship Care.

Worship Leaders: We are grateful to those who preach, teach, pray, read, serve as greeters and ushers – Ron Demme, Tillie Duncan, Jonathan Eidson, Marge Fowler, Janette Grassi, Hilary Kearns, Lisa Kennedy, Kathryn Kreutzer, Abby Shepard-Moore, Hannah Shepard-Moore, Howell Peterson, Brandon Rutherford, Valerie Rutherford, John Simpson, Bob Stillerman and Joe Wall.

Youth: Thank you to Jonathan Eidson and Hilary Kearns for safely transporting and chaperoning our youth to UniDiversity Camp at the University of Tennessee.

Special Music: Thank you to Ruthye Cooley, Kristin Jackson, Tatiana Karpova and Hilary Kearns for sharing your talents with our congregation for special music in July.

Flower & Decorating: We are grateful for our beautiful worship displays created by Susan Phillips. We thank Betty Gunz and Magay Shepard for caring for our flowerpots.

Building & Grounds: Thank you Tim Moore, Jim Owen, Howell Peterson, Danny Phillips and Bob Stillerman for their efforts to keep our building up and running and our grounds beautiful. This group hosted a workday in July, and we appreciate the help of Tillie Duncan, Jonathan Eidson, Susan Phillips, Abby, Hannah and Michael Shepard-Moore.



## BEACH RETREAT TO CASWELL

Free Beach Trip! That's right, you heard correctly: "Free Beach Trip!" This year, Jonathan and Hilary will be taking our youth to a weekend retreat at Caswell. And this once-a-year-trip comes with a once-in-a-lifetime offer: the church will pay camp expenses for ALL of our current youth and one friend.

Here's how it works: 1) Clear your calendar for 9/15-9/17. 2) Invite a friend. 3) Contact Pastor Jonathan (SardisJonathan@yahoo.com or 704.622.9984) before 8/15 to let him know you want to go. 4) Get your permission slips to the church office no later than 8/15. The church will cover camp costs and transportation. You cover your meals on the way down and back, as well as any spending money.

There is, however one disclaimer: All youth must reserve their space by 8/15 (no exceptions), and participants who commit but are unable to attend will be expected to pay their camp fees.

The staff will be reaching out to both youth and parents throughout the next few weeks to recruit campers. Please contact Pastor Jonathan with any questions.



## 2017/18 YOUTH KICK OFF FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 @ 6:30 PM YOUTH & PARENTS INVITED

All parents and youth are invited to a kick-off meeting for the Sardis Youth Group on Friday August 18th at 6:30 PM. We'll enjoy a meal together at the home of the Kreutzers', and the staff will provide families with a fall calendar, as well as an overview of the big events in the 2017/2018 school year. We also see this as a chance for both youth and parents to provide feedback about our youth ministry. Please contact Kathryn at the church office if your family can attend, 704.362.0811 [info@SardisBaptistCharlotte.org](mailto:info@SardisBaptistCharlotte.org).



## Food Truck Friday

Calling all youth and youthful Sardis members. We'll gather at Stumptown Park in Matthews for Food Truck Friday on 8/11. Bring money for the truck of your choice -- most meals are between \$8-\$12. There will also be live music. Camping chairs and picnic blankets are allowed, as are coolers with bottled water and soft drinks. We'll meet up at 6:00 pm at the PDA (Public Display of Affection) Statue. You can't miss it—it's a gigantic metallic heart. Hope to see everyone there!

**AUGUST 11 @ 6 PM**



## Sardis Baptist Church — Worship



### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### AUGUST 6TH

**Worship Care** — Valerie & Brandon Rutherford

**Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer** — Linda Cook

**Ushers** — N/A (Communion Brunch)

#### AUGUST 13TH

**Worship Care** — Janet Beltzhoover & TBD

**Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer** — Ron Demme

**Ushers** — Ron Demme, Abby Shepard-Moore,  
Hannah Shepard-Moore

#### AUGUST 20TH

**Worship Care** — Elizabeth Mosley & Chris Mair

**Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer** — William Kruger

**Ushers** — William Kruger, Maria Elena Floren,  
Howell Peterson

#### AUGUST 27TH

**Worship Care** — Janette Grassi and  
Jacqueline Stillerman

**Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer** —  
Valerie Rutherford

**Ushers** — Valerie, Brandon and  
Summer Rutherford



#### **SECOND SUNDAY — EXPLORING THE PSALMS**

**AUGUST 13, 2017, 9:45 AM**

JOIN US FOR SECOND SUNDAY ON AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>. THIS MONTH, BOB STILLERMAN WILL LEAD A DISCUSSION ON OUR FAVORITE PSALMS. WE'LL LEARN ABOUT THEIR HISTORY, THEIR COMPOSITION AND STYLE, AND WE MAY EVEN WRITE ONE FOR OURSELVES. NO PREPARATION REQUIRED. JUST COME READY TO LISTEN, AND WITH A WILLING, JOYFUL SPIRIT. IF YOU CAN DO THOSE TWO THINGS, YOU ARE HALF-WAY TO BEING A PSALMIST. SEE YOU THERE!

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

As of Wednesday, August 2nd, choir is now back in session! We have certainly enjoyed spending time in Worship Care this summer, but we look forward to sharing our musical gifts with the church again.

This year, we are planning to put on a Christmas Cantata, so if anyone is interested in joining us in this exciting endeavor, or knows of someone who is, please contact our Minister of Music: [SardisHilary@yahoo.com](mailto:SardisHilary@yahoo.com).



## Sardis Baptist Church — Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2  Choir Practice Resumes	3	4	5
6 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion Brunch 	7	8	9 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	10 	11 6:00 PM Stumptown Food Truck Friday	12
13 9:45 AM Second Sunday Bob Stillerman 11:00 AM Worship	14 <b>Second SUNDAYS @ SARDIS</b>	15	16 7:30 PM Choir Practice	17	18 <b>kick off event</b> 6:30 PM Youth Kickoff Dinner	19
20 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	21	22	23 4:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	24	25	26
27 9:00 Worship Develop- ment Meeting 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Blessing of the Back- packs 12:00 PM Church Potluck 	28 <b>BACK to SCHOOL</b>  CMS Schools Begin	29	30 7:30 PM Choir Practice	31	<b>COMING IN SEPTEMBER:</b> 9/9—Kid's Music Camp 9/10—Second Sunday 9/10—Youth Event 9/13—Fellowship Dinner / Sardis Academy 9/15-17—Youth Beach Retreat 9/27—Fellowship Dinner / Sardis Academy	

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### CHARLOTTE CROP WALK

The 2017 Charlotte CROP Walk will be held on Saturday, October 14th. The walk will begin at 9:00 AM at Independence Park. Sardis Baptist is building a team of walkers to participate in the annual event. The length of the walk is 3.6 miles, which symbolizes the average round trip people in developing nations make daily to get water.

Elizabeth Mosley has graciously agreed to captain our team again 2017. Her leadership last year led to our greatest success yet in fundraising, and we expect to finish ahead of projections this year as well.

You can register to join our team or to sponsor Sardis walkers with donations at [crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc](http://crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc); enter Sardis Baptist Church in the "Find a Walker or Team" field. We encourage you to begin seeking out sponsors immediately!



The countdown to the first day of school is on, and stores already have sale prices on school supplies lining their shelves. Sardis Baptist is again holding a Back-to-School Supply Drive. This year we are partnering with University Park Creative Arts Academy (K-5th grade). Average income levels of families attending make it difficult for parents to purchase the long list of supplies requested by teachers to facilitate successful learning.

Join our efforts to help the students of University Park. "Everyday" school supplies are needed for students; teachers also have a list of needs for their classrooms: Ziplock Bags (all sizes), Dry-Erase Markers, Clorox Wipes, Bandages, Cardstock, Tissues and Headphones.

Please leave supplies in the vestibule by August 13th.



### SARDIS OFFERINGS

Our Operating Fund (sometimes called General Fund) is used to do the daily work of the church, and to keep Sardis up and running!

Donations not otherwise designated are put into this fund. A portion of this fund is donated to our ministry and missions partners to support the work of the church outside of our building walls.

June 2017 Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 12,916.67
June 2017 Actual Offerings:	\$ 8,285.36
July 2017 Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 12,916.67
July 2017 Actual Offerings:	\$ 10,439.00
YTD Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 77,500.02
YTD Actual Offerings:	\$ 66,915.17

Designated Funds (sometimes called Special Funds) have been set up to support specific ministry efforts of Sardis Baptist Church that are not covered by our Operating Fund. We encourage you to consider whether you can support the efforts of Sardis through a designated donation. Following are some funds and how they are used:

**25th Anniversary Fund:** Campus Development

**Benevolence Fund:** Individual & Family Needs

**Duncan Endowment:** Guest Speakers; Budget

**Hill Endowment:** Music Ministry

**Odom Endowment:** Children & Youth; Outreach

**Maintenance Escrow:** Maintenance & Repairs

Dear Sardis,

*Thank you all for your help, prayers and support during a great time of need. I am not sure what I would have done without you.*

*I am now on a long road to recovery and I can already feel your prayers.*

Thank you,  
William Kruger

*Thank You*



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