

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



July Worship—Remembering the Good Stories

The scriptures are full of good stories. But if we don't revisit them, it's easy to lose sight of their power. During the month of July, the Sardis staff invites you to hear some of our favorite Bible Stories – some you may have heard, some you may have not.

For the first four weeks, we'll hear about the following stories:

The Three Young Men (Daniel); The Daughters of Zelophehad (Numbers); Abigail (II Samuel); Rebekah (Genesis); Zacchaeus (Luke); and Tabitha (Acts). Each week, we'll ask you what you remember, we'll recount the story, we'll give you some historical context, we'll think about the story in popular culture, and we'll give you a chance to talk back – we want to hear how the story affects you.

In addition to story-telling, we'll also have a chance to sing our favorite hymns. We'll begin each week by taking requests, and singing several hymns to get us in the story-telling spirit. Our worship will also feature special music each Sunday by a different musician (our choir is taking a well-deserved break).

July worship will culminate on Sunday, July 30, with our second annual Camp Sardis. We'll review the parable of the Good Samaritan in 90 minutes. It's everything you loved about Vacation Bible School condensed into a Sunday morning.

We hope to see you in worship. There will be stories to be told and stories to remember!

CAMP SARDIS

In tribute to Vacation Bible Schools of years past, and in full acknowledgement of the child-like imagination that dwells in each of us, we offer the second edition of "Camp Sardis". Join us on Sunday, July 30th at 10:30 AM for a morning of worshipful activities for every age. There will be story-telling, singing, crafts, science and snacks. Dress in comfortable clothing and bring your energy and enthusiasm!

GOOD SAMARITAN



JULY 30 @ 10:30 AM



I LIFT UP MINE EYES...

Rev. Bob Stillerman

Praying for People in Places Near and Far—Last Fall, Sardis Baptist Church had its first animal blessing. As part of that service, we asked people to send us pictures of the pets that had special meaning in their lives. For the past year, we've displayed those pictures on a wall in the Meetinghouse, as well as on Instagram. Our hope has been to make a living blessing for the animals that have been a blessing in our lives.

This Summer, we want to make another wall of blessings, but this time with people and places. (Don't worry, there's going to be a second animal blessing in October, and a second blessings wall to follow!).

2017 has been a tumultuous year – it's only June, and we've read about disasters and tragedies (both natural and manmade) across the globe: people are hurting in London and Paris and Syria and in the Southwest U.S., and even here in Charlotte. Sometimes, we can feel helpless – what can we do to offer support for so many people and places?

At Sardis, we believe in the power of prayer – we believe that prayer really does make a difference in our own lives, and in the larger community. When we pray, we acknowledge in both a very public and a very intimate way that the subject matters. And we also voice a confidence and faith (sometimes it's stronger than other times) that God is present, and God is listening. And many times, it's our prayers that compel us to act, and to become invested. There's a real power to naming what we have to celebrate and what gives us concern.

Sometimes pictures say more than words. If there's a place or a person or a thing that gives you joy, or that you think needs prayers of petition, please send us a picture (paper or electronic). We'll add it to our global prayer wall. And we'll ask God's blessing.

Need some suggestions? How about a favorite vacation spot? Or your hometown? Or a former house of worship? Or a friend or relative who's special to you? Or a thing that brings you joy. Or even a picture of yourself!

We've got blessings to offer in abundance. Just tell us who or what.

SARDIS GRADUATES: HANNAH SHEPARD-MOORE

One of the things that Hannah appreciates most about her time at East Mecklenburg High School is that she has friends from many different backgrounds. "Being open-minded and globally aware and sensitive has become a part of who I am because of them," she says.



HANNAH ENJOYING PRAGUE DURING A RECENT EUROPEAN VACATION

That interest and global identification will be enhanced as she enters Emory University later this summer. She will major in International Studies and in Spanish.

At East, Hannah participated in World Quest which challenged her knowledge of international events and was on the Global Team, an organization which encouraged the sharing of global cultures. In addition she played on the school's volleyball team, played viola (first chair) in the orchestra, and participated on the TEDxEast Mecklenburg High School Curation Team.

Just recently Hannah enjoyed a trip to Europe in company with her family (Tim, Magay, Abby and Michael). She especially liked having dinner at a castle in Salzburg followed by a concert. There was a great view of the city and of the setting sun, Prague and Paris were delightful as well. Other summer plans include Unidiversity with Sardis youth and another trip with family to the Outer Banks.

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SARDIS PRAYER REQUESTS

Charles Almond, Jacqueline Stillerman's grandfather
Suzette Buchan, Danny Phillips' sister
Ben Cooley, Ruthye Cooley's husband
Elzene Corbett, Janet Beltzhoover's mother
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
Friends and Family of Matthew Siler, Mahan Siler's son

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT

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Prayerfocus

JULY 2-8:	RICK & BECKY PROCTOR
JULY 9-15:	MALA REYNOLDS
JULY 16-22:	JUNE ROSS
JULY 23-29:	RUTHERFORD FAMILY
JULY 30-AUG 5:	SADLER FAMILY

In
EVERYTHING
give thanks.

Worship Care: Thanks to Melissa Bowlin, Joey and Maria Byrd, Olivia Dumez, Betty Gunz, Barbara Mosley, Mary Jane Osborne, Jim Owen, Valerie Rutherford, Hannah and Michael Shepard-Moore, Krista Sigmon and Jacqueline Stillerman 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 – Melissa Bowlin, Ron Demme, Ruthye Cooley, Tillie Duncan, Jonathan Eidson, Marge Fowler, Janette Grassi, Betty Gunz, Kristin Jackson, Hilary Kearns, Kathryn and Madison Kreutzer, Tim Moore, Mary Jane Osborne, Jim Owen, Howell Peterson, Danny and Susan Phillips, Valerie Rutherford, Abby, Hannah and Michael Shepard-Moore, John Simpson, Bob Stillerman, Jo Tiddy and Joe Wall.

Youth: Thank you to Kathryn and David Kreutzer for hosting a youth cookout before their June adventure to Extreme Ice Center.

Pentecost Cantata: Thank you to the Sardis Baptist Choir for the efforts required to produce our first ever Pentecost Cantata: Melissa Bowlin, Ruthye Cooley, Tillie Duncan, Jonathan Eidson, Irena Hramenkova, Kristin Jackson, Jane Journey, Hilary Kearns, Tim Moore, Jim Owen, Danny and Susan Phillips, Becky and Rick Proctor.

Flower & Decorating: We are grateful for our beautiful worship displays created by Susan Phillips, and thank Rick Proctor for his contributions to the altar table.

Building & Grounds: Thank you Jim Owen, Howell Peterson Danny Phillips for keeping the lights on, the building comfortable and working hard to clean the Sardis campus. Betty Gunz and Magay Shepard keep our flowers watered and beautiful!

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

We have two Food Truck Friday youth events planned for the summer: July 14th and August 11th. We will meet at Stumptown Park in Matthews at 6:00 PM.

All Sardis members are given temporary youth group membership status for Food Truck Fridays because we want you to join us for the fun! See Pastor Jonathan For more information.



BEACH RETREAT TO CASWELL

ENQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW...

Will this be the year our youth are finally able to go to Caswell or will another hurricane roll in and spoil the fun? We are hoping to actually have the retreat this year!

The date for the fall retreat is September 15th though 17th. We need a firm commitment from all those going by July 9th so we can proceed to registration. Please contact Pastor Jonathan (sardisjonathan@gmail.com) or the church office (info@sardisbaptistcharlotte.org or 704.362.0811) to reserve your spot.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

UniDiversity — Time to Go! This summer our youth will head to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville for the UniDiversity Camp. We arrive on campus on Monday, July 17th for a week full of praying and playing. Each day will be packed with Bible study times, seminars, worship and electives.

The camp theme this year is “Christmas Presence” (not presents). It won’t be Christmas in July, but our youth will be celebrating Advent! They’ll have a chance to learn how to find the language to speak about their faith AND understand the incarnation as they look more deeply at Hope, Love, Peace and Joy.



We will leave for home on Saturday, July 22 and coast into the Sardis parking lot totally spent, but we will have many stories to tell about our week at camp. Please remember our youth as well as Jonathan and Hilary who will chaperone camp this year.



SARDIS CHOIR NEWS

The choir is taking a well-deserved break during the months of June and July. Of course, if you miss them you can check Worship Care — they are back there each Sunday spending some quality time with our adorable children! Choir rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, August 2, at 7:30pm. If you have been



thinking about joining our choir, or if you are just curious about what it is that we do every Wednesday night, please come join us. We would love to have you! All experience and skill levels are welcome!



We will not host a "Second Sunday" class on July 9th. The regular Sunday School classes will meet as usual. "Second Sunday" will resume on August 13th. Pastor Bob will lead a discussion open to all.

Wishing you STRENGTH for today
and HOPE for tomorrow.

With Sympathy

to Ruthye Cooley
in the death of her uncle, Frederick Chapman.



SERVANT LEADERS

JULY 2, 2017

Worship Care.....Tillie Duncan and Kristin Jackson

Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer.....William Kruger

Ushers.....Maria Elena Floren, William Kruger, Howell Peterson

JULY 9, 2017

Worship Care.....Danny and Susan Phillips

Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer.....Valerie Rutherford

Ushers.....Brandon, Summer and Valerie Rutherford

JULY 16, 2017

Worship Care.....Jane Jurney and Tim Moore

Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer.....John Simpson

Ushers.....Ron Demme, Janette Grassi, John Simpson

JULY 23, 2017

Worship Care.....Becky and Rick Proctor

Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer.....Jo Tiddy

Ushers.....Jeff Jackson, Magay and Michael Shepard-Moore

JULY 30, 2017

Worship Care.....Jim Owen and Sarah Bowlin

Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer.....Howell Peterson

Ushers.....Howell Peterson, Gray Sigmon, Reid Sigmon

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July



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	3	4 happy 4th JULY!	5	6	7	8 9:00 AM Workday WORK DAY
9 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	10	11	12 2:00 PM Staff Meets	13	14  6:00 PM Food Truck Friday	15
16 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	17 UniDiversity Youth Camp			20 UniDiversity Youth Camp	21 UniDiversity Youth Camp	22 UniDiversity Youth Camp
23 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 Quarterly Conference 	24	25	26 2:00 PM Staff Meets	27	28	29
30 10:30 AM Camp Sardis	31 					



AUGUST 2ND.....CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES
 AUGUST 6TH.....COMMUNION BRUNCH
 AUGUST 13TH.....SECOND SUNDAY WITH BOB STILLERMAN
 AUGUST 27TH.....BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
 AUGUST 27TH.....CHURCH POTLUCK



Sardis Baptist Church — Business



SARDIS GIVING REPORT

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.

May 2017 Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 12,916.67
May 2017 Actual Offerings:	\$ 8,675.79
June 2017 Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 12,916.67
June 2017 Actual Offerings:	\$ 8,285.36
YTD Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 77,500.02
YTD Actual Offerings:	\$ 56,476.17

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 Baptist 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
Odom Endowment:	Children & Youth; Outreach
Maintenance Escrow:	Maintenance & Repairs



Our Building & Grounds

Stewards are hosting a Sardis

Campus Workday beginning at 9:00 in the morning on Saturday, July 8th. We'll work to clean up the side yard between the church and Livingston Drive, the area along the front sidewalk, and the area behind the Education Building. We hope you will be able to provide assistance.



Our 3rd Quarterly Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 23rd following worship. We will hear reports from the Deacons, Trustees and our Board of Stewards.

SARDIS BAPTIST DIRECTORY UPDATES

We are thrilled to welcome Fay Alderman as the newest member of Sardis Baptist Church! Please add her to your Sardis Baptist Church directory: Phone—704.553.1895; Email—fayalderman@yahoo.com; Address—5916 Rose Valley Drive / Charlotte, NC 28210

The DePaul's have moved! Their new address and phone number is: 5128 Stockbridge Drive / Mount Holly, NC 28120; Home Phone—704.931.0169; Cell Phone—704.608.1046

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC) has a new office address: 2640 Reynold Road / Winston-Salem, NC 27106



SARDIS PHOTO FLASHBACK



COMING SOON

It feels as if Summer just begun, but we are already busy planning for Fall! We have many exciting events on the church calendar, and we think some of you will want to help with a couple of them.

- Saturday, September 9th, Hilary will lead a **Music Camp** for elementary-aged children.
- Saturday, October 7th, Sardis Baptist will host our second **Animal Blessing!**
- Sunday, October 8th we will welcome community partners to join us in worship, then we'll feature a gallery of non-profits for us to learn about mission opportunities in our community.

There are opportunities to assist in planning our special events. Contact the church office if you would like to help: 704.362.0811 or info@sardisbaptistcharlotte.org.

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