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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45 AM -Sunday School

11:00 AM-Morning Worship

Holy Week with Sardis Baptist Church



At end of March, Lent transitions into Easter. Holy Week events prepare us to experience the joy of resurrection. Please make plans to join us for several special remembrances:



Palm Sunday, March 25th @ 11:00 AM

We remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as the Sardis choir performs their inaugural Easter Cantata.



Maundy Thursday Communion Supper, March 29th @ 5:45 PM

Join us for a light supper of soups, grapes, cheese and bread followed by communion. We will remember Jesus' last meal with the disciples.



Good Friday, March 30th @ Noon

Join us at Sardis Presbyterian (6100 Sardis Road) for a shared service with neighbor churches, Sardis Presbyterian and St. Stephen UMC.



Easter Sunday, April 1st @ 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Sunrise Service: Join us in the labyrinth and prayer garden at 7 AM for a short sunrise service. Dress casually and warmly. Afterwards, we'll head to IHOP for breakfast.

Easter Morning Worship: Our traditional Easter worship will be in our sanctuary 11 AM.

During the season of Lent, we like to focus not just on sacrifices we can make to strengthen our relationship with God, but on actions we can take. We have coordinated several opportunities this season for you to share labors of love. We hope you'll join our efforts.

Saturday, March 10th Sardis Cleanup Day

Join the crew anytime after 9:00 AM. Projects include brush clearing, spreading pine straw, cleaning windows, and more.

Sunday, March 18th Hymn Caroling to Sardis Friends

Following worship we will spread some Sardis cheer to friends unable to join us at church. Pack a bagged lunch, and we'll picnic together before loading vehicles for a caravan ride to share the joy of Easter beyond our building walls.

Monday, March 26th **Food for Habitat Friends**

Every Spring, college students volunteer their Spring Breaks to work on teams building houses for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat Charlotte has 25 such students volunteering during Holy Week. We will provide them with a meal on Monday, March 26th. We will need volunteers for setup, food preparation and cleanup.

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I LIFT UP MINE EYES...

Rev. Bob Stillerman



A SARDIS CONVERSATION

Everyone is a child of God. And God gives each of us value. Therefore, everyone matters. Everyone has purpose. This is a truth that's not only central to Sardis, but indeed any organization that seeks to emulate the Church of the Second Testament.

One of the best ways we can honor the inherent value of all peoples is through conversation. Jesus changed the world one encounter, one meal, one really good conversation at a time. When we converse, there is dialogue, an active listening and an active sharing; and there is openness, a freedom to be moved, transformed even, by the collection of ideas.

During this Lenten season, we want to invite you to be part of a conversation. You'll hear from five different proclaimers, six if you count the choir. But our proclaimers are not the only voices – we'll hear prayers written by our lay leaders, or offered in our weekly time of petition; we'll see quotes on our worship guide; we'll sing lyrics in hymns new and old, and familiar and unfamiliar; we'll hear words of peace (Christ's peace) spoken in person, or even virtually; we'll share thoughts about scriptures, theology books, and current events in Sunday School, Sardis Academy and Bible Study; we'll hear laughter and an *Amen* or two, and the drip-drip-dripping of the coffee pot, and the flickering of candlesticks, and maybe a giggle from the nursery. And odds are, we'll even hear from someone we least expect.

And I've got a feeling, each voice will say something constructive about where he/she finds value, and feels the presence of God. And each voice will seek to reveal the truth God is speaking in and through him/her.

A table calls. And if you bring an ear to listen, and a mouth to speak, it promises to offer a heaping helping of God's truth. Seconds even.



Board Members

Our 2018 Board Members have shared one thing they love about Sardis Baptist.

Do you see a common theme?

BOARD OF DEACONS

Upbeat music from the choir and Bob's weekly benediction. -Marge Fowler

I love that Sardis is a place where diversity is celebrated and ALL are truly welcomed. Sardis is a judgment free zone, a place where one's personal faith journey is accepted and we are challenged to grow in that faith in whatever way God speaks to our hearts. I love the staff and the thought they put into creative Sunday services. I love that we are a happy congregation that truly cares for each other! -Kristin Jackson

What I like about Sardis is that men, women and children are considered, and treated as, equal. -Tillie Duncan

I love the Sardis makes a concerted effort to reach out to groups in the Charlotte community to make a positive impact. Sardis's altruism, especially to those different than us, is what always draws me in. -Kate Mata

I love that Sardis truly "respects each other's faith journey."
We all have different backgrounds and different ideas, but
everyone is accepted and valued. It's a place where anyone
can make a difference and sharing your ideas is encouraged.
Sardis is open minded and not fixed to a specific way of doing
ANYTHING (except for always having the greatest feasts in
Charlotte). It's an experience like no other. -Jose Mata

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Singing in the choir under Hilary's direction and sitting between 2 very good basses -Danny Phillips

I like the fact that we at Sardis represent a wide range of political and theological views and yet we love and respect one another. -Howell Peterson

Our church is more "out of the box" than just subscribing to the typical conservative beliefs of most Baptist churches in the South. I believe it's the people that make a church and that's what I enjoy the most. I also enjoy the fact that Sardis Baptist is a group of great people trying to make a difference in the lives of people in and outside of our church. I'm pretty sure I've never met a more kind and caring group of people that share the same vision for our future. -David Sigmon

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Sardis Baptist Church



It takes many volunteers to keep up with the day-to-day and week-toweek work that keeps Sardis running smoothly. We are grateful to all of you who show up for duty!

Thank you to the following Worship Leaders for their service in February: Jonathan Eidson, Marge Fowler, Janie Harris, Kristin Jackson, Jane Jurney, Hilary Kearns, William Kruger, Howell Peterson, Danny & Susan Phillips, June Ross, Valerie Rutherford, John Simpson, Joe Wall,

Mary Allen (as well as Bob and Jacqueline) is especially thankful to the following people who came to play with and care for her during worship: Sarah Bowlin, Betty Gunz, Lisa Kennedy, Madison Kreutzer, Chris Mair, Elizabeth Mosley and Mary Jane Osborne.

Fellowship Volunteers provided fabulous meals for *Shrove Tuesday* and *Moms Demand Action* programming in Februay. Thank you to Janet Belzhoover, Tillie Duncan, Jonathan Eidson, Janette Grassi, Kristin Jackson, Jane Jurney, Kathryn Kreutzer, Jim Owen, Howell Peterson, Danny Phillips, Susan Phillips (chair) and Magay Shepard.

Our Worship Development Team designed meaningful worship for the season of Lent through valuable group discussion "around the table." Janette Grassi and Susan Phillips created our visual displays to engage our senses during worship. Other team members are Tillie Duncan, Jonathan Eidson, Amanda Lewis, Hilary Kearns, Kathryn Kreutzer, Mary Jane Osborne and Bob Stillerman.

Kristin Jackson spearheaded Room in the Inn in February, and it's an event that requires too many volunteers to list! Great success is indeed thanks to our drivers, meal preppers (dinner and breakfast), those who setup, cleaned up and did laundry as well as those who purchased snacks and sweatshirts to send with our guests.

We are grateful for the year-round, ongoing work of our Board Members. A new year brings extra work for them—a budget for trustees to prepare, positions for the Board of Stewards to full, and nominations and voting for the Nominating Committee. We thank all of them for their efforts: 2017 Board of Deacons—Melissa Bowlin, Kristin Jackson, Marge Fowler and John Simpson; 2017 Board of Trustees—Linda Cook, Lisa Kennedy and David Sigmon; 2017 Board of Stewards—Howell Peterson, Susan Phillips and Becky Proctor.

More than a simple thank-you is owed to Chris Mair and Jim Owen for their efforts to keep our bills paid and our books straight.

We are grateful for the community efforts that make Sardis special!



Fay Alderman • Mark Almond, Jacqueline Stillerman's uncle • Jourdan and the Askins family • Margaret Branton, grandmother of Amanda Lewis • Suzette Buchan, Danny Phillips' sister • Melissa Bowlin • Jim & Yvonne Cheroke, friends of Kristin Jackson • Betty Combs, relative of June Ross • Ben Cooley, Ruthye Cooley's husband Ruthye Cooley's mother • Elzene Corbett, Janet Beltzhoover's mother • Nancy Darnell, St. Andrews Living Center • Ed DePasquale, friend of William Kruger • Howard Etheredge, friend of David Kreutzer • Dennis Espenschied, Jonathan's brother-in-law • Brittany Gates, friend of Tammy Taylor • Don Hill , Stewart Health Center • Doris Hunter, Anne Hunter Eidson's mother • William Kruger • Tammy Moore, Tim's sister-in-law • Odell Peterson, Howell's brother • Rachael Phipps, Sean Bracey's wife ● Teena Proctor, Rick's mother ● June Promnitz, friend of Marge Fowler • Kitty Tate, Becky Proctor's sister • Tammy & Adam Taylor, and their twins Mala Reynolds ● Bill Sease, Becky Owen's brother ● Carson Sholin, Carmel Square Senior Living . Lynn Stole, friend of the Phillips • Eddie Waiters, husband of Doris Waiters who cleans at Sardis •

Board Members

BOARD OF STEWARDS

Passing the peace and then singing the Halle! -Betty Gunz

I love our hospitality, humor, hugs & happy hearts. I love the comradery when working hard together. I love sermons and creative worship elements that send me home with food for thought and personal action. I love our staff collaboration and our crazy choir.

I love that Sardis moves "out of the box"of ages old, often stifling, organized religion. -Susan Phillips

Everyone has a chance to share their ideas and beliefs and know that they will be met with respect and consideration. -Becky Proctor

Sardis Baptist Church - Youth & Children



Last summer, Abby, Brandon, Erin, Hannah, Michael, Hilary and I (J Swiz) went to the University of Tennessee for the UniDiversity Camp. I can't think of any part of it that wasn't a homerun!

The camp was started 20 or so years ago when traditional summer camps at places like the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell were suddenly being planned by fundamentalist personnel. The quality of the leadership as well as the theology went downhill faster than Lindsey Vonn. Something had to be done and something was done.

Youth ministers and youth volunteers came together to plan a new camp that would meet the needs of churches like Sardis. Creative programming of unprecedented quality was put together. College campuses were picked and asked to host since so many of our youth will one day find themselves on campuses as students.

As we attended last year, I thought the quality had improved and I wouldn't have thought that possible. I am hoping that once again this year, we'll take a group to the University of Tennessee. The dates for this year's camp are Monday, July 23 – Saturday, July 28th. The only drawback I could find last year was just how much orange was there! Let any member of our church staff know if you're interested in joining our group.

Worship Care

in just one hour, you can make a difference..



What is Worship Care?

- A. The committee that takes care of all things used in worship
- B. Babysitting
- C. Anyone who cares about worship
- D. An important ministry to the youngest members of the Sardis family giving them one of their first impressions of the love of Christ.

If you chose 'A', 'B' or 'C', you were not even close! If you chose 'D', you are probably currently a worship care volunteer or have been at one time or another. That means you understand it is a ministry. I actually consider it a calling and one of the most important ministries of Sardis Baptist Church!

We close out our worship services with a call to commitment and we all consider to what God is calling us.

Could it be the important life enriching ministry of

Worship Care? It wouldn't surprise me if it is!! Contact
any member of our staff or one of our worship stewards

(Valerie Rutherford or Melissa Bowlin) if you would like
to add your name to our volunteer list.



Sardis Baptist Church — Worship



MARCH 4, 2018

Worship Care

Valerie & Brandon Rutherford

Greeter / Vestibule

William Kruger

Ushers

Larry Harrill, Lisa Kennedy, William Kruger

MARCH 11, 2018

Worship Care

Janet Beltzhoover & Jeff Jackson

Greeter/Vestibule

Howell Peterson

Ushers

Jeff Jackson, Howell Peterson, Magay Shepard

MARCH 18, 2018

Worship Care

Elizabeth Mosley & Chris Mair

Greeter / Vestibule

Joe Wall

Ushers

Betty Gunz, Joe Wall and TBD

MARCH 25, 2018

Worship Care

Janette Grassi & Jacqueline Stillerman

Greeter / Vestibule

Ron Demme

Ushers

Fay Alderman, Ron Demme, Madison Kreutzer



Care Ring is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing preventive health services for the uninsured, underinsured or those lacking access to affordable, high-quality preventive health care. The Organization annualy serves more than 7.000 people in Mecklenburg County and is a leader in collaborative efforts to improve community health.

Join us on Wednesday, March 21st for a fellowship meal and presentation from a Care Ring representative. Dinner will be served at 5:45, followed by programming at 6:30 PM.



On Palm Sunday, March 25, your Sardis
Choir will sing loud Hosannas as

we present our first Easter

Cantata. Unlike most cantatas, this one has been put

together by the Staff of Sardis,

with music compiled by Hilary

Kearns, and original message by Bob Stillerman. Come enjoy beautiful music by a number of composers, including Sardis favorite Pepper Choplin, as we wrap up the Lenten season in song.











ship service in the manner of the Taizé community. Hilary Kearns will lead this worship as her churchwide "Second Sunday" lesson. Taizé services emphasize music, silence and meditation to create an atmosphere of mindfulness in worship. We hope you will join us for this sacred experience.

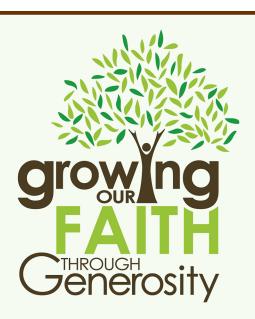
Join us at 9:00 AM on Sunday, March 11th for a wor-

Sardis Baptist Church — Calendar



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	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER: April 1st—Sunrise Service @ 7 AM, Traditional Worship @ 11 AM April 8th—Second Sunday Class @ 9:45 AM April 11th—Fellowship Meal @ 5:45 PM, Sardis Academy @ 6:30 PM April 15th—Communion Sunday April 22nd—Earth Day Picnic Following Worship April 25th—Fellowship Meal @ 5:45 PM, Sardis Academy @ 6:30 PM							
	3rd Sunday of Lent 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	5	6	7 4:45 PM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	8	9	9:00 AM Sardis Cleanup Day Daylight Saving Begins Tomorrow Spring clocks ahead before bed!	
	4th Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Taize Worship 11:00 AM Worship	Taizé	13	4:45 PM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	15	16	17 St. Patrick`s Pay	
	5 th Sunday of Lent 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Noon Hymn Caroling	19	20	4:45 PM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM CareRing 7:45 PM Choir Practice) CARE R		24	
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Sardis Baptist Church – Business



The Sardis Baptist Operating Fund (sometimes called the 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 beyond our building walls. The numbers below show only general (undesignated) offerings.

January Budgeted Offerings	\$12,916.67
January Actual Offerings	\$10.539.27
February Budgeted Offerings	\$12,916.67
February Actual Offerings	\$8,553.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Offerings	\$25,833.34
Year-to-Date Actual Offerings	\$19.092.27

Designated offerings are often given to support specific ministries of Sardis Baptist Church that are not funded through our Operating Fund. We encourage you to consider whether you'd like to support these efforts through a designated donation. Following are some of our most frequently used designated funds. Any member of our staff or Board of Trustees can provide you with details about additional funds.

25th Anniversary Fund	Campus Development
Benevolence Fund	Individual & Family Needs
Duncan Endowment,,,,,,Gue	est Speakers; Budget Support
Hill Endowment	Music Ministry; Outreach
Odom Endowment	Children & Youth
Maintenance Escrow	Maintenance & Renairs



2018 STEWARDSHIP TEAMS

<u>Building & Grounds</u> — Alex Beltzhoover, Tim Moore, Jim Owen, Howell Peterson, Danny Phillips, Staff Representative TBD

<u>Fellowship</u> — Janet Beltzhoover, Melissa Bowlin, Kathryn Kreutzer (Staff Representative), Jim Owen, Howell Peterson, Susan Phillips, Magay Shepard

<u>Missions</u> — Melissa Bowlin, Betty Gunz, Kristin Jackson, Staff Representative TBD

> <u>Mutual Care</u> — Krista Sigmon, Staff Representative TBD

<u>Outreach</u> — Marge Fowler, Susan Phillips, Bob Stillerman (Staff Representative)

<u>Preschool, Children & Youth</u> — Melissa Bowlin, Jonathan Eidson (Staff Representative), Valerie Rutherford

Worship Development — Jonathan Eidson (Staff), Janette Grassi, Hilary Kearns (Staff), Kathryn Kreutzer (Staff), Mary Jane Osborne, Susan Phillips, Becky Proctor, Bob Stillerman (Staff)

Our Board of Stewards has three leaders: Betty Gunz, Susan Phillips (Chair) and Becky Proctor. Please contact one of them if you'd like to add your name to one of these rosters.

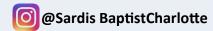


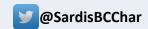
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