

sardis signposts

baptist church

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45 AM –
Sunday School

11:00 AM –
Morning Worship



DATES OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

There are several significant celebrations from the liturgical (church) calendar that we will recognize during worship in May.

Ascension Day is the 40th day of Easter, so it occurs 39 days after Easter Sunday. It is a celebration that commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day is always

on a Thursday, and falls on May 5th this year. We will celebrate in worship on Ascension Sunday, May 8th which is also Mother's Day.

Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit and the transformation of the disciples from frightened and confused people to those who would lead the Christian church. Many people consider Pentecost as the birthday of the Christian Church. The name Pentecost was derived from the Greek word, Pentekostas, which means '50'. It is the fiftieth day after the resurrection. This year Pentecost will be celebrated on May 15th. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red which symbolizes power and fire of the spirit. Luke tells of three distinct experiences associated with Pentecost: There was wind, tongues of fire and other languages. Although the (continued on back page)



At our business conference on April 24th, a vote was affirmed to approve the following people as Stewards for the listed Areas of Service:

Building & Grounds: Howell Peterson, Jim Owen, Danny Phillips and Tim Moore

Fellowship: Magay Shepard, Janet Beltzhoover, Melissa Bowlin, Kathryn Kreutzer, Susan Phillips, Howell Peterson and Jim Owen

Worship Development: Janette Grassi, Mary Jane Osborne, Kathryn Kreutzer, Erin Kennedy and Susan Phillips

Missions: Kristin Jackson and Betty Gunz

Outreach: Marge Fowler

Preschool / Children / Youth: Melissa Bowlin and Valerie Rutherford

Mutual Care: Krista Sigmon



MILLER PROPERTY UPDATE

The Miller Property Committee and Board of Trustees have approved moving forward with construction of the picnic shelter. We are in the process of signing the final contract with Pfahl. Once the contract is complete, we will need to get approval from the City of Charlotte (three weeks to a month) before construction can begin. At this point, we expect the shelter to be completed by mid-summer. Please stay tuned for more details, as well as opportunities to help.

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I LIFT UP MINE EYES...

Rev. Bob Stillerman

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another school year. What a year it has been!

Sardis Academy offered a chance to explore a variety of topics: We learned about improvisation, hymnody, St. Francis of Assisi, Epiphany, and the Holy Spirit. In Sunday School, our adult class has explored the weekly gospel selection from the lectionary, and our adult Bible Study has explored images of God in the Old Testament and the creation narratives from *Genesis*.

Our choir continues to make wonderful music. In addition to their weekly anthems, they joined in a community Christmas Cantata with our neighboring churches Sardis Presbyterian and St. Stephen United Methodist. And speaking of community worship, Sardis also participated in joint Lenten Services, as well as MeckMin's annual interfaith Thanksgiving service. Sardis also holds quarterly Taize services.

In October, we participated in the Charlotte CROP Walk. In December we hosted guests for Room in the Inn, and in the spring we participated in six Saturdays of Service with various community partners. Our youth joined in fellowship and service with the Family Tree community in April. And our youth also managed to have a bit of fun: the ski trip in January, a lake day, trips for laser tag and Sky High, meals at several Sardis homes, and Passport Camp in the summer.

And let's not forget worship. A few highlights: an Easter Sunrise service, an Advent sermon series featuring the voices of mothers (and six different Sardis preachers), a Maundy Thursday banquet to hear all four gospel accounts of the Last Supper, an Epiphany celebration and lantern release, World Communion Sunday, Deacon ordination, and my favorite: a Sardis "dab on 'em" photo for Super Bowl spirit.

2015-2016 has been a wonderful year. Please know that your participation in any event, big or small, makes a monumental difference in the life of this community. We look forward to more of the above in the coming year, but we also encourage you to let us know what else you want to see Sardis do. The possibilities are unlimited. Thanks be to God!



SARDIS PEOPLE

Jane Journey has always been one who has made life easier for others, who has made situations better for others. So it is no surprise that after graduating from Wingate Jr. College, she applied to become part of a pilot group. To make dental patient care better, organizers decided that training young women as dental assistants would accomplish that goal. As a part of her training, Jane was assigned to the dental school at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She worked "on the floor" with upper classmen who were getting their "on the job" training, cleaning and repairing teeth of patients who were seeking good care at a good price.

It may have been somewhat of a surprise to Jane that she caught the eye of an older dental student. At his persistence, she finally said she would join him for an ice cream treat on Franklin Street. But no surprise that she was attracted to his beneficent spirit. Jane married Henry Journey and was by his side for 54 years. After the couple completed their degrees, they moved to Mecklenburg County. Henry opened a dental office in Huntersville in the early 1960's. Huntersville was very rural at the time and dental care was sparse. The closest dentist for the population was in Davidson.

Educating his patients in effective dental care was one of Henry's goals; he also was instrumental in the town's adding fluoride to their water supply.

Jane has three sons and four grandchildren. Their daughter Melissa brightened their lives for 2 ½ years. Jane grew up in Hallsville (Columbus County) with one brother and one sister, and, again, no surprise, spent older teenage years as a counselor at North Carolina Baptist's summer GA camp. Sardis has benefited from Jane's presence and her modeling of partnership for several years.

JANE JOURNEY

Sardis Baptist Church



- Susan Phillips for coordinating fellowship meals; Janet Beltzhoover, Kathryn Kreutzer and Magay Shepard for assisting with food preparation, setup and cleanup; Jim Owen and Howell Peterson for arranging the sanctuary for fellowship and worship
- Maria Elena Floren for leading us in Wednesday night improvisation; Krista Sigmon for valuable lesson in nutrition and holistic health
- Linda Cook, Barbara Mosley, Mary Jane Osborne and Becky Proctor have been sorting and organizing 20+ years of anthems and hymns for our music department. Their work continues, and we are grateful!
- Chris Mair for taking care of our recycling
- Maria & Joey Byrd, Maria Elena Floren, Betty Gunz, Lisa Kennedy, Chris Mair, Elizabeth Mosley, Valerie Rutherford and Tamara Priyemskiy for the love and care they share with our children in worship care
- Melissa Bowlin, Kristin Jackson, Kathryn Kreutzer, Madison Kreutzer, Valerie Rutherford and Hannah Shepard-Moore for leading worship in prayer and readings
- Maria Elena Floren, Larry Harrill, Jeff Jackson, Erin Kennedy, Lisa Kennedy, William Kruger, Howell Peterson, and Michael Shepard-Moore for serving as greeters, ushers and vestibule volunteers
- Linda Cook, Chris Mair & Jim Owen for their ongoing efforts to keep bills paid and finances in order
- Betty Gunz and Magay Shepard for their consistent care of the sidewalk planters

PRAYER CHAIN MELISSA BOWLIN



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FOCUS

- **May 1st—May 7th ~ June Ross and daughters, Tonya, Dawn and Dante**
- **May 8th—May 14th ~ The Rutherford Family— Valerie, Brandon, Brantley and Summer**
- **May 15th—21st ~ The Sadler Family— Rodney, Madeline and Ariyah**
- **May 22nd—28th ~ Carson Sholin**
- **May 29th—June 4th ~ Bill Sholin**



Prayers of Celebration and Anticipation

The Byrd Family • Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Katey Mata •
Rev. Dr. Scottie Stamper • Bob & Jacqueline
Stillerman • Lacey Belle Williams & Family

Prayers for Comfort, Healing and Strength

Melissa Bowlin • Elzene Corbett, Janet's mom •
Ben Cooley, Ruthye's husband • Charles Cureton,
Ruthye's brother • Nancy Darnell • Betty Deason •
Dorothy Doolittle, Shannon Duncan's aunt • Nancy
Kate Gordon, Kathryn's aunt • Don Hill • Irena
Hramenkova • Billie Hutchison • Andy Jackie and
Family, Kristin's uncle • William Kruger • Lennox
Manswell, Sandy's father • Jason Matthews & Sabrina
Welly, friends of Kathryn • Pete McSwain, Tillie's
brother-in-law • Becky Proctor • Mala Reynolds •
June Ross • June Ross' daughters - Tonya, Dawn &
Dante • Bill Sease, Becky Owen's brother • Mary,
Clara & Rachael Tinsley, friends of John Simpson

Annual Youth Slumber Party



Youth get ready for some fun in the sun – and in the moonlight too! Our youth slumber party at Lake Wylie is May 13th-14th. Activities will include fishing, swimming, kayaking, playing games, eating junk food and making s'mores. Jonathan Eidson and another volunteer chaperone will keep a watchful eye on the activities while joining in the fun himself. Much fun will be had and many memories will be made. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this event. The party is scheduled for May 13th-May 14th. Many thanks to the Shepard-Moore family for allowing us the use their lake house! Contact Pastor Jonathan for more information.



PASSPORT

Empowering Students • Embracing the World • Extending Grace
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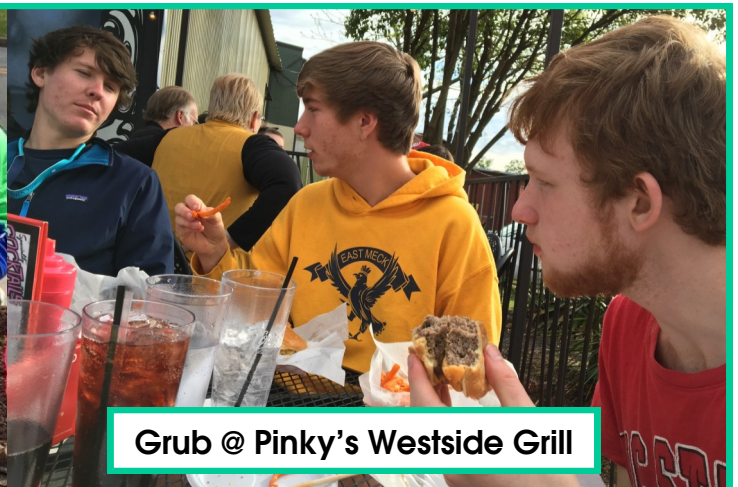
Join us for 6 days, 5 nights of PASSPORTmissions and experience the excitement of summer camp with the adventure of a mission trip. Our youth will grow their faith and discover new friends throughout the week while putting faith into action to make a difference in the world. They'll attend PassportMissions at Averett University in Danville, Virginia from **July 3rd-8th**. Visit passportcamps.org for more information. Let Pastor Jonathan know if you or your kiddo(s) would like to join the fun.

KEEP CALM AND GO TO YOUTH GROUP

Our monthly youth gatherings are on the first Sunday of each month, unless otherwise specified. During May, Youth will meet at 4:30 PM on Sunday, May 1st at the meetinghouse. Pastor "J Swiz" is making plans for an event that you won't want to miss!



Gardening @ Family Tree



Grub @ Pinky's Westside Grill



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

MAY 1st, 2016

Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer—Valerie Rutherford
Ushers—Valerie, Brandon & Summer Rutherford
Worship Care—Elizabeth Mosley & Chris Mair
Deacon—John Simpson, 704.591.0890

MAY 8th, 2016

Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer—John Simpson
Ushers—John Simpson, Janette Grassi,
and Ron Demme
Worship Care—Tamara Priyemskiy and
Valerie Rutherford
Deacon—Kristin Jackson, 704.618.6213

MAY 15th, 2016

Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer—Jo Tiddy
Ushers—Magay Shepard, Gray Sigmon
and Reid Sigmon
Worship Care—Betty Gunz and Janet Beltzhoover
Deacon—Kathryn Kreutzer, 704.241.6927

MAY 22nd, 2016

Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer—Howell Peterson
Ushers—Howell Peterson, Alcie Kreutzer
and Madison Kreutzer
Worship Care—Anna Beal and Krista Sigmon
Deacon—Melissa Bowlin, 704.458.9773

MAY 29th, 2016

Greeter / Vestibule Volunteer—Linda Cook
Ushers—Linda Cook, Betty Gunz and Joe Wall
Worship Care—Lisa Kennedy and Maria Elena Floren
Deacon—Melissa Bowlin, 704.458.9773

With — Sympathy

*Dianne McQueen, Ed Sutton as well as other
family and friends of Mirra Smith*

*Jane Journey as well as other family and friends
of Henry Journey*

Scottie's Extended Service

The diaconate is excited to announce that Rev. Dr. Scottie Stamper has extended her length of service as Interim Minister of Music at Sardis through June. We have postponed our reception to honor the gifts she has shared until closer to her last Sunday with us. Details will be provided in the June edition of signposts.

Meanwhile, the deacons continue the search for Scottie's replacement. Pertinent information will be passed along to you as the search continues.



We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Congratulations!
REV. DOCTOR SCOTTIE STAMPER
has defended her dissertation and
officially earned her PHD!

Phinally
Done!

Sardis Baptist Church – Calendar

MAY 2016

"Never yet was a springtime, when the buds forgot to bloom."

~Margaret Elizabeth Sangster



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sunday School- 9:45 AM Worship-11:00 AM Youth Event- 4:30 PM	2	3 Huddle Meeting 10:00 AM	4	5 Choir- 7:30 PM	6	7
8 ASCENSION SUNDAY Trustees Meeting- 8:00 AM @ Phil's Deli Sunday School- 9:45 AM Worship-11:00 AM Deacon Meeting- 12:15 PM	9	10 Huddle Meeting 10:00 AM	11	12	13 Annual Youth Slumber Party Begins	14 Slumber Party Ends
15 PENTECOST Sunday School- 9:45 AM Worship-11:00 AM	16	17 Huddle Meeting 10:00 AM	18	19	20	21
22 TRINITY SUNDAY Sunday School- 9:45 AM Worship-11:00 AM Stillerman's Drop-In 1:00-4:00	23	24 Huddle Meeting 10:00 AM	25	26	27	28
29 Sunday School- 9:45 AM Worship-11:00 AM	30	31 Huddle Meeting 10:00 AM				



*to Katay and Jose
 on their recent marriage.
 Best Wishes!*



Congratulations to our graduates from The Class of 2016!
 Dylan Kreutzer, May 6th, Haywood County Schools
 Douglas Kennedy, June 10th, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools



APRIL FINANCES

April 3rd, 2016

Ministry Plan Fund	\$ 2,382.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2,383.00

April 10th, 2016

Fellowship Fund	\$ 100.00
Meetinghouse Rental	\$ 350.00
Ministry Plan Fund	\$ 3,347.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3,797.00

April 17th, 2016

Fellowship Fund	\$ 91.00
Meetinghouse Rental	\$ 100.00
Ministry Plan Fund	\$ 3,274.76
TOTAL:	\$ 3,374.76

April 24th, 2016

Fellowship Fund	\$ 88.00
Ministry Plan Fund	\$ 453.00
TOTAL:	\$ 541.00

Your financial contributions play a key role in our success. Thank you for continued support of the ministries of Sardis Baptist Church.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE REVIEW

The Trustees, represented by Linda Cook, shared the financial overview provided by our treasurers, Jim Owen and Chris Mair.

The Deacons, represented by Kathryn Kreutzer, gave a brief report on the search for a Minister of Music and announced that Rev. Dr. Scottie Stamper has agreed to extend her service through June.

The Board on Committees, represented by Susan Phillips, shared a proposal for an "Around the Table" organizational structure and a slate of stewards to fill positions. A motion was offered to call for a vote on the proposal, and it passed. Stewards are listed on the front page of signposts.

SARDIS STAFF

Rev. Bob Stillerman, Pastor
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Rev. Jonathan Eidson, Associate Pastor
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Rev. Scottie Stamper, Interim Minister of Music
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Irena Hramenkova, Pianist



We are in the process of updating the Sardis Baptist Church directory. Please review the draft copy in the vestibule. Notate additions and revisions or place a check mark next to your name so we'll know your entry has been reviewed. Note the following address changes in your current directory:

- Sarah Bowlin / 4235 Melrose Club Drive / Charlotte, NC 28205
- Betty Deason / 3315 Faith Church Road / Indian Trail, NC 28179

Congratulations

Joanie & Jason Williams!

*Joy Kate and Nora have welcomed
a beautiful baby girl to the family!*

Lacey Belle Williams

April 15th, 2:06 AM

8 pounds and 5 ounces

22 inches long

We look forward to meeting her!



(The Christian Calendar, continued from front page) nature of the original event has been widely debated, in Luke's story, the essence is that the barriers between people were broken down by the holy spirit.

Trinity Sunday commemorates the doctrine of the holy trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is always celebrated the Sunday following Pentecost, this year on May 22nd. The trinity is a mystery that is difficult to comprehend, but that we may begin to understand through worship, symbol and faith. The belief is that the God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are distinct from one another, but completely united in essence. How can this be? Well, think of the sight of two eyes. The eyes are distinct, yet one and undivided in their sight. Another illustration to explain the Trinity is the musical chord. Think of a C-chord. The C, E, and G notes are all distinct notes, but joined together as one chord the sound is richer and more dynamic than had the notes been played individually. The chords are all equally important in producing the rich sound, and the sound is lacking and thin if one of the notes is left out.



Bob & Jacqueline Stillerman are hosting a drop-in at their home!
Plan to eat, laugh and share the spirit on a spring day.

Sunday, May 22nd

1:00—4:00 PM

All Are Welcome!

330 River Banks Road / Matthews, NC 28105