

sardis signposts baptist church

a spiritually progressive community of faith

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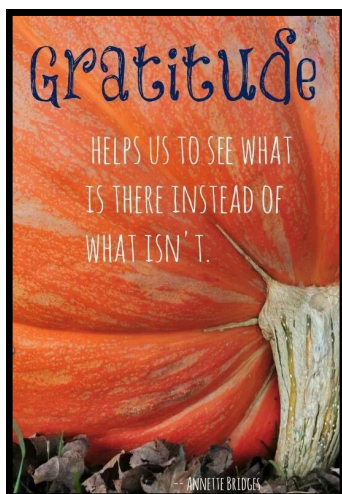
SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45 AM –
Sunday School

11:00 AM –
Morning Worship

SARDIS ACADEMY

Sardis Academy resumes in November. This month's theme will focus on Thanksgiving. On Wednesday, November 9th, we'll think about Thanksgiving in a tangible way – who are the people that help us thrive both personally and collectively? We'll name these good folks, and then we'll set about showing our gratitude in several creative ways. On Wednesday, November 16th, we'll have our own Sardis Thanksgiving meal. The church will provide the meat and drinks, you bring your favorite side-dish. We'll share stories about our own family traditions, and we'll explore the theological significance of practicing intentional gratitude. On Tuesday, November 22nd, we'll join the greater Charlotte community at the MeckMin Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The service will be hosted by Providence Baptist Church at 7:00 PM. We'll gather at Sardis at 5:45 for a pizza supper and then carpool to the event. Please join us for three exciting and fruitful ways to offer gratitude for all that God has given us!



Hanging of the Greens

Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year, or the church calendar. This year it begins on Sunday, November 27th, and we will begin the season with a Hanging of the Greens breakfast and celebration. All are invited to gather at the meetinghouse at 9:00 AM. We will enjoy food and fellowship as we decorate the sanctuary and trim the Chrismon tree together. At 11:00 we'll gather for the first worship service of Advent, when we will light the candle of HOPE.



I LIFT UP MINE EYES...

Rev. Bob Stillerman

SHARING SACRED TEXTS

Do you ever wonder how we select our weekly texts in worship?

On most Sundays, we follow the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) to select our preaching texts. For every Sunday of the year, the RCL contains a Gospel passage and a Psalm, and two additional passages (one from the Hebrew Bible and one from the New Testament). The RCL is divided into three cycles: Years A, B, and C. Theoretically, a preacher could cover most of the Bible in twelve years by preaching the cycle four times. This makes the RCL a wonderful planning document – if used properly, it can expose congregations to texts they might not otherwise read. And for that matter preachers. 'Cause let's be honest, even if you went to seminary, you probably don't spend a whole bunch of time with obscure books like Obadiah or Nahum!

There's another cool thing about the RCL. It's used by thousands of churches around the world. That means that at any given time, when we choose a text the RCL suggests, we'll be reading it in a global community, in much the same way as we share a global communion table. You can find the RCL online here: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

But what about the second text?

Traditionally, we've chosen the RCL Psalm as our second text. But this fall, we're trying something different. We're introducing a new worship element called *Readings That Inform Our Faith*. These readings can be favorite scripture passages, or theological or secular writings that have helped us to understand the nature and character of God. In October, individuals read excerpts from II Timothy, Isaiah 40, Clarence Jordan's *Cotton Patch Gospel* (Matthew 25), and theologians Richard Rohr and Frederick Buechner. In addition, each person shared their personal connection to the text they read.

We encourage you to participate. If you have a favorite scripture passage or other reading you'd like to share, please let the staff know so we can work you into the rotation. When we hear how texts affect our neighbors, we increase our own understanding of sacred texts, and we learn SO MUCH about one another.

We also plan to add each week's reading to an archive on the church website. We can't wait to hear what's sacred for you!

The Word of
God is living
and active.

Hebrews 4:12

Sardis People ~ BELTZHOOVER'S

Midwesterner Alex and southern girl Janet met each other at a wedding. The marriage of Janet's Anderson College roommate and Alex's NC State roommate provided their first connection. Their connection to Sardis goes back to the time daughter Elizabeth was a toddler. Since then they have contributed time to worship care as well as serving on the building and grounds committee (Alex) and the Board on Committees and fellowship committee (Janet).

The Beltzhoovers are avid Panther fans. Baseball is an attraction as well as football. When they're not watching sports, they're watching TV or a movie (Janet loves going to the movies.) or enjoying the outdoors as they feast on a dinner from the grill.

The outdoors calls to all the Beltzhoovers. Seventh grader Elizabeth runs cross country at Charlotte Christian as well as plays basketball. Outside of school she likes spending lots of time with friends on her bike or her rip stick. Alex is a golfer, and Janet was a member of the tennis team at Anderson College. Mako and Sparky, the dog members of the family, contribute to their outdoor life.

Alex grew up in Joliet, Illinois. He came east to attend NC State College, where he received his mechanical engineering degree. He is owner of southeastern Heat Processing Systems, a manufacturing representative company and is a consulting engineer.

Sally, South Carolina (near Aiken), was home to Janet. After two years at Anderson College, she attended College of Charleston, earning a degree in business. She has worked as an outside sales representative in the electronics industry and as an on-site real estate agent.



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AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

The work of the church requires the efforts of many people! Sardis is a place for you to feel the love of God and also for you to offer God's love to others. We have to many people to thank for their participation in our October efforts!

Worship Care: Janet Beltzhoover, Joey Byrd, Maria Byrd, Maria Elena Floren, Betty Gunz, Lisa Kennedy, Kathryn Kreutzer, Chris Mair, Elizabeth Mosley, Valerie Rutherford

Worship Leaders: Melissa Bowlin, Tillie Duncan, Jonathan Eidson, Marge Fowler, Janette Grassi, Larry Harrill, Jeff Jackson, Kristin Jackson, Hilary Kearns, Kathryn Kreutzer, Madison Kreutzer, William Kruger, Howell Peterson, Becky Proctor, Abby Shepard-Moore, Hannah Shepard-Moore, Michael Shepard-Moore, John Simpson, Bob Stillerman

Youth Retreat: Tim Moore & Magay Shepard, hosts of our hurricane alternative retreat at Lake Wylie; Jonathan Eidson & Hilary Kearns, coordinators and chaperones

Fellowship: Janet Beltzhoover, Melissa Bowlin, Tillie Duncan, Hilary Kearns, Kathryn Kreutzer, Jim Owen, Howell Peterson, Danny Phillips, Susan Phillips, Magay Shepard

October Sardis Academy: Elizabeth Mosley, facilitator

CROP Walk: Elizabeth Mosley, coordinator. Many thanks to all of you who participated, prayed and sponsored!

Building & Grounds Upkeep: Jonathan Eidson, Betty Gunz, Jim Owen, Howell Peterson, Danny Phillips, Susan Phillips, Magay Shepard, John Simpson, Bob Stillerman

BPFNA Dinner Hosts: Tillie Duncan, Kathryn Kreutzer, Susan Phillips, Bob Stillerman

Picnic & Pumpkin Carving Helpers: Too many to list!

Financial Duties: Linda Cook & Jim Owen

There are many others who keep our day-to-day operations running. We are thankful for all of you!



October 31st—November 5th: Don & Betsy DePaul

November 6th—November 12th: Olivia Dumez

November 13th—November 19th: Tillie & Shannon Duncan

November 20th—November 26th: Jonathan & Anne Eidson

November 27th—December 3rd: Luis & Olinda Floren

WINTERPLACE SKI RESORT

Any day now, you'll be receiving information about the Ski Trip to Winterplace. There will be a sign-up form and the Sardis Medical Release form. Fill out the sign up form and return it as soon as possible to reserve your spot on the upcoming trip. This year's retreat is January 20 – 22 and it will be here before we know it. By the way, the trip makes a great Christmas gift!

YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday afternoon, November 6th, our youth will meet at the meeting-house at 4:30 and head out on the youth bowling event. Our snack supper will be at Melissa Bowlin's. I guess that makes this event Bowling and Bowlin! Make plans to attend! Let J Swizz know you are coming. Attend. Tell everyone how much fun it was!



DAVIDSON

Belk Scholars are some of the most talented students you will encounter at Davidson College, with experiences that reflect a varied and sometimes surprising range of interests, talents, and achievements. Abby Shepard-Moore has been nominated! Congratulations Abby! Keep up the good work!

HURRICANE RETREAT

Hurricane season booted our youth from their fall beach retreat two years in a row, but that did not stop our teens from getting together for a water-logged retreat! They convened at Lake Wylie for swimming and kayaking in the rain. There was also fried chicken, lots of other food and plenty of friendly competition playing cards and Jenga! Many thanks to the Shepard-Moore's for opening up their lake home, and to J Swizz and Hilary for chaperoning.



Sardis Baptist Church — Worship

Our thoughts and prayers are with

Irena Hramenkova

*for the loss of
her friend,*

Arseny Pavlov.

*with
Sympathy*



Taizé Worship at Sardis Baptist
Sunday, November 13th—6:00 PM

✧ meaningful ✧ quiet ✧ contemplative ✧
✧ scripture ✧ song ✧ silence ✧



WORSHIP LEADERS

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Worship Care: Betty Gunz, Valerie Rutherford

Greeter/Vestibule Volunteer: John Simpson

Ushers: John Simpson, Janette Grassi, Ron Demme

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Worship Care: Janet Beltzhoover, Krista Sigmon

Greeter/Vestibule Volunteer: Jo Tiddy

Ushers: Magay Shepard, Michael Shepard-Moore,
Jeff Jackson

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Worship Care: Elizabeth Mosley, Chris Mair

Greeter/Vestibule Volunteer: Howell Peterson

Ushers: Howell Peterson, Gray Sigmon, Reid Sigmon

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Worship Care: Lisa Kennedy, Maria Elena Floren

Greeter/Vestibule Volunteer: Linda Cook

Ushers: Linda Cook, Betty Gunz, Joe Wall

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All Saint's Sunday

All Saint's Day is when the church honors every saint, known and unknown. It is based on the belief that all of God's people, living and deceased, are spiritually connected and united. November 6th is All Saint's Sunday. During worship, we will honor loved ones who have died during the past year by sharing their names and lighting a candle in their honor. Please contact the church office to have a loved one added to our All Saint's order of worship.

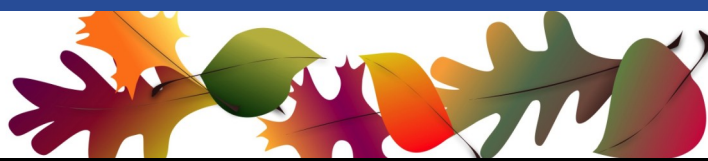


PIANO CONCERT

Irena Hramenkova, our accomplished pianist and instructor will be hosting a recital for her piano students at Sardis Baptist Church on Sunday, November 6th at 5:00 PM. Many of her students have won awards for their talents. We've been honored to welcome some of her students into worship to share their gifts. Plan to attend if you would like to hear more!

Sardis Baptist Church – Calendar

NOVEMBER 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 All Saint's Day Adult Bible Study-1:00 PM	2 Choir-7:45 PM	3 	4 	5 Daylight Savings Time Ends- 2:00 AM 11/6
6 All Saint's Sunday Sunday School-9:45 AM Worship-11:00 AM Youth Bowling-4:30 PM Irena Hramenkova's Piano Recital-5:00 PM	7 	8 Election Day  Adult Bible Study-1:00 PM	9 Fellowship Meal-5:45 PM Sardis Academy Gratitude- 6:30 PM Choir-7:45 PM	10 	11  Veterans' Day	12 Saturday of Service- 9:00 AM 
13 Trustees Meeting- 8:00 AM @ Phil's Deli Sunday School-9:45 AM Worship-11:00 AM Deacon Meeting-12:15 PM Taize Worship-6:00 PM	14 	15 Adult Bible Study-1:00 PM	16  Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal-5:45 PM Sardis Academy- 6:30 PM Choir-7:45 PM	17 	18 	19
20 Sunday School-9:45 AM Worship-11:00 AM	22 Fellowship Meal-5:30 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	22 Adult Bible Study-1:00 PM	23 No Choir Practice	24 Thanksgiving 	25 	26
27 Advent Begins! Breakfast and Hanging of the Greens-9:30 AM Worship-11:00 AM	 	29 Adult Bible Study-1:00 PM	30 			

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

12/04 – Sunday Evening Labyrinth Worship
 12/10 – Sardis Christmas Party & Room In The Inn
 12/14 – Sardis Christmas Caroling

12/18 – Stillerman Christmas Drop-In
 12/24 – Christmas Eve Service
 12/25 – Christmas Morning Worship 11:00 AM (no Sunday School)

Sardis Baptist Church — Business

Charitable Giving

• REPORT •

We offer gratitude for your generosity, and ask that you continue to give thoughtful consideration to how much members of your household can give time, talents, and financial contributions to sustain the ministries of Sardis Baptist Church.

September Budgeted Offerings: \$ 13,750.00

September Actual Offerings: \$ 10,031.31

October Budgeted Offerings: \$ 13,750.00

October Actual: \$ 11,128.09

Budgeted Offerings

(January—October 2016): \$137,500.00

Actual Offerings (October incomplete)

(January—October): \$129,269.60

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."

~ John Wesley~

IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Let's join our hands together in working for Sardis Baptist! Our next Saturday of Service begins at 9:00 AM on November 9th. Take a good look around our building and grounds. We've accomplished a lot in recent months—cleaning and weeding around the prayer garden and picnic shelter, purging and reorganizing some storage areas, sanding picnic tables and the youth café tables, and much more! But we still have work to do. We hope you'll join our efforts on November 9th!



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Irena Hramenkova, Pianist



DR. ANNA S. BEAL

Congratulations to the entire Beal Family! Matt & Emilia have supported Anna through her studies and she has earned her PhD in Biblical Studies.

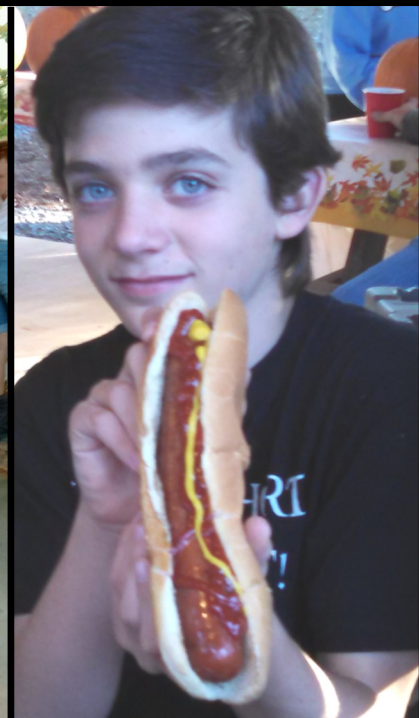


We Have Moved!

Congratulations to Katey & Jose Mata on the purchase of a condo! Please update your directory with their address and Katey's change of email:

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SARDIS CROP WALK



We are so proud of the Sardis CROP Team!

Elizabeth Mosley was our leader, and she rallied the Sardis troops. We had 19 people on our team of walkers, and many other supporters through prayer and financial offerings. Our goal was to raise \$2,500 and we surpassed that with a total of \$2,816. Thanks to all of you who helped this effort.



LOAVES & FISHES

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

We are down to the final week of the Sardis Baptist Fall food drive to support Loaves & Fishes. Our goal is to collect a minimum of 500 items, and a recent rough count puts our total at about 300. A generous member of Sardis has agreed to match our donations, pound for pound. If we collect 500 items, we'll likely be able to contribute 1,000 to local efforts to feed the hungry! The last day to accept donations is November 6th, the first Sunday of the month. Please pick up a few of the following items while completing your grocery shopping this week: canned meats, fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, canned or dry beans, soups, cereals, paper products, cleaning supplies, and hygiene items.