

sardis signposts

baptist church

a spiritually progressive community of faith

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:45 AM
Sunday School

11:00 AM
Morning Worship



Lay leadership is vital to the success of any Baptist church. By definition, Baptists are congregationalists, which simply means that we are independent and self-governing. Members of our congregation elect the members of three governing boards as well as members of stewardship teams. Generally speaking, the **Board of Deacons** is responsible for overseeing the spiritual affairs of the church, the **Board of Trustees** for overseeing the administrative, business and legal affairs of the church, and the **Board on Stewards** for overseeing the recruitment of church leaders and volunteers.

It is time for Sardis friends to consider church leadership roles for service beginning February 16th, 2020. Nomination forms for open positions on our [Board of Deacons](#) and [Board on Stewards](#) have been distributed electronically through church email; paper copies are available in the church vestibule. (There are currently no open positions on our Board of Trustees.) Please give careful consideration to these leadership positions. The Nominating Team (made up of current members from each Board) will base recruitment of candidates on the results tallied from your nominations. Nominations close at midnight on Sunday, January 5th, so please do not delay your submissions. Only current members of Sardis Baptist may be considered for positions on our leadership boards.

The Board on Stewards is currently reaching out to Sardis friends regarding available stewardship roles. Prayerfully consider your gifts and how you may serve at Sardis. Following are areas of service:

- **Building & Grounds** — maintenance of Sardis buildings and property
- **Fellowship** — planning, preparation, setup and cleanup for fellowship meals and events
- **Missions** — activities serving those beyond our building walls
- **Mutual Care** — providing love and care to Sardis friends during times of great need
- **Outreach** — building relationships with those outside the Sardis community
- **Preschool/Children/Youth** — programming for our youngest friends at Sardis
- **Worship Development** — collaboration with staff to plan worship

Contact a member of our current Board on Stewards if you wish to add your name to the roster of volunteers for the areas listed above: [Betty Gunz](#), [Becky Proctor](#), [Jo Tiddy](#).

Our first quarterly conference of 2020 is scheduled for Sunday, February 2nd. Ballots for board members and stewardship positions will be presented to the congregation for a vote. We hope you will plan to stay after worship to participate.

COMMUNION SUPPER EPIPHANY

Wednesday, January 8th
6:00 PM

*Join Sardis for a sacred meal
together as we celebrate Epiphany:
the end of the Christmas Season,
and the beginning of the season
when wise people of the land
were divinely inspired to
recognize Jesus as the Christ.
May we all be divinely inspired
to recognize Jesus and our call
to follow his ways of love with
open hearts and open minds.*

*We will gather in the sanctuary of
Sardis Baptist Church at 6:00 PM
on the evening of January 8th for a
time of worship, fellowship and
breaking bread together.*



SERVANT

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

JANUARY 5, 2020

Worship Care.....Preschool/Youth/Children Team
Greeter/Vestibule.....Joe Wall
Ushers.....Sarah Bowlin-Criss, Betty Gunz
.....and Joe Wall

JANUARY 12, 2020

Worship Care.....Preschool/Youth/Children Team
Greeter/Vestibule.....Mark Wiebke
Ushers.....Lisa Kennedy, Amy Wiebke
.....and Mark Wiebke

JANUARY 19, 2020

Worship Care.....Preschool/Youth/Children Team
Greeter/Vestibule.....John Simpson
Ushers.....Janette Grassi, June Ross, John Simpson

JANUARY 26, 2020

Worship Care.....Preschool/Youth/Children Team
Greeter/Vestibule.....Marge Fowler
Ushers.....Janie Harris, Kathryn Kreutzer
.....and Jean Lawrence

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Worship Care.....Preschool/Youth/Children Team
Greeter/Vestibule.....Greg Clark
Ushers.....Greg Clark, Sarah Bowlin-Criss
.....and Bennett Henkel

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Worship Care.....Preschool/Youth/Children Team
Greeter/Vestibule.....Ron Demme
Ushers.....Ron Demme, Magay Shepard
.....and Valerie Rutherford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Fay Alderman • Judy Blevins, friend of Kristin Parker •
Gaye Booth, friend of Ellen Dillard and Marge Fowler •
Jim Bowlin, Melissa's father • Melissa Bowlin • Margaret
Branton, Amanda Lewis' grandmother • Don Brunton,
Mark's father • Sonny Cole, Marge Fowler's brother •
Ben Cooley, Ruthye's husband • Elzene Corbett, Janet
Beltzhoover's mother • Nancy Darnell • Mollie Gilmore,
granddaughter of Jim & Becky Owen • Gennelle Hall,
Mother of Jessica Wallace (Bullies 2 the Rescue) • Donna &
Larry Harrill • Joanne Henkel, Bennett's grandmother •
Don Hill • Eugene Hill, Don's son • Harvie Hill, Kathryn
Kreutzer's father • Billie Hutchison • Karen — CBF North
Africa Field Personnel • Mark Kearns, Hilary's uncle •
Vicki Lewis, Amanda's aunt • Bobbie, Katie Mata's
grandmother • Rosa Moore, friend of Kristin Parker •
Mary Jane Osborne • Rachael Phipps, friend of Betty Gunz •
Gene Rector, Hilary Kearns' great-uncle • Mala Reynolds •
Bob Rowland, Robin's father • Susan Tuttle, friend of
Phillips • Katie Wiebke, daughter of Mark & Amy

An excerpt from

Prayer XXIII

by Khalil Gibran

I cannot teach you how to pray in words.

*God listens not to your words save
when He Himself utters them through your lips.*

*And I cannot teach you the prayer of the seas
and the forests and the mountains.*

*But you who are born of the mountains and the forests
and the seas can find their prayer in your heart,*

*And if you but listen in the stillness of the night
you shall hear them saying in silence,*

*"Our God, who art our winged self,
it is thy will in us that willeth.*

It is thy desire in us that desireth.


*It is thy urge in us that would turn our nights,
which are thine, into days which are thine also.*

*We cannot ask thee for aught, for thou knowest
our needs before they are born in us:*

*Thou art our need; and in giving us more
of thyself thou givest us all."*

Sardis Baptist Church – Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Epiphany Sunday 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Rev. Tillie Duncan Board Nominations Close	6 	7	8 4:45 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Epiphany Communion Supper	9 	10	11
12 Baptism of the Lord 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Nomination Meeting 12:00 PM Deacon Meeting 12:30 PM Guided Labyrinth Walk	13 	14	15 4:45 PM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	16	17 Staff Planning Retreat 	
19 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Toddler Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Development	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 	21	22 4:45 PM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	23	24 Winterplace Ski Retreat 	
26 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Return from Winterplace	27	28	29 4:45 PM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	30	31	SAVE THE DATE: 10:00 AM Movie Morning @ SBC 



COMING SOON



February 1st – Movie Morning at Sardis Baptist Church – We will screen and discuss a documentary film that aims to help us be the hands and feet of Christ for ALL of God's creation. Afterwards, those able will go for a Dutch treat lunch at an Earth-friendly venue. Watch your email inbox for more information soon.

February 2nd – 1st Quarterly Conference of 2020 – This may be our most important conference of the year! The Board of Trustees will present a 2020 budget to the congregation and ask for your vote of approval. The Nominating Team and Board on Stewards will present election ballots for church leaders beginning service on February 16th.

February 8th – Sardis Game Day – We had so much fun last year that we've scheduled a replay! Amanda Lewis and Bennett Henkel have offered to host us for an afternoon of cackling fun and fierce competition. Details forthcoming.

February 25th – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – The tradition of a pancake feast before the beginning of the Lenten season began more than 400 years ago, and we will continue that tradition at Sardis. We'll have pancakes and all the fixin's. We'll provide more information in next month's edition of signposts.

February 26th – Ash Wednesday Worship – Sardis Presbyterian and Sardis Baptist will partner in worship on Ash Wednesday. Sardis Presbyterian invites us to their sanctuary, our choir and staff will help to lead worship.