



# signposts

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## VIRTUAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:45 AM  
Virtual Sunday School

Sunday at 11:00 AM  
Virtual Morning Worship

Friday @ Noon  
Virtual Prayer Gathering



## SARDIS UNIVERSITY GRADUATES



Sardis Baptist celebrates seven graduates this spring! One has earned a masters degree, four others received baccalaureates, and two will be handed their high school diplomas at graduations this month.

Allie Eidson graduated from Meredith College with a Master of Arts in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. She has accepted a job with Greene Resources as a Recruiting Administrator.

Douglass Kennedy graduated from North Carolina State University, cum laude, with a degree in statistics.



Abby Shepard Moore graduated from American University with a degree in International Studies with a focus in International Development and a French minor, a Business minor and a French Translation Certificate. She is going to live in France late July to early October followed by either Peace Corps in Guinea or a job in Senegal. Eventually she'll return to Paris to pursue a Master of Development degree.

Hannah Shepard Moore graduated from Emory University with a BA in International Studies and Spanish and Portuguese. She'll be working in Washington DC at the Department of Justice in the summer and fall and will pursue a Master of Public Policy at Georgetown in a year.



Michael Shepard Moore graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He'll be heading back to Charlotte for the Bank of America Finance Management Analyst Rotational Program.



Learn more about our high school graduates and their future plans in the Sardis People section of signposts. Alcie Kreutzer was featured in May, and Jackson Mosley-Mair is featured this month (page 2). Congratulations to the class of 2021! We can't imagine a more decorated group of graduates. I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

## I LIFT UP MINE EYES...

Rev. Bob Stillerman



Since school's almost out, I thought it might be nice to practice our ABCs over the summer. So...here are the ABCs of Sardis Baptist.

- A Azaleas in the first week of April, especially the big white one near the garage
- B Baptismal, but you'll have to look closely to find it
- C Chocolate-covered praying hands and crosses, a real badge of honor
- D Diaconate, our awesome lay-leaders
- E Everybody, matters, is welcome, is encouraged to share their gifts
- F Free-Church-Liturgical, a fancy way of saying our worship is intentional
- G Greeters who know your name
- H Halle, Halle, Halle, come and shake your tambourine!
- I Intinction, a form of sharing Communion
- J Joy, in community, in worship, in the natural world around us
- K Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and Keurig Coffee
- L Labyrinth, the most unique worship space in all of Charlotte
- M Miller Property, you never know what kind of natural or man-made wonders you'll find
- N No Ties and No Robes in the Summer
- O Ordination, gospel, particular, lay, all celebrating spiritual gifts
- P Price's Fried Chicken, it puts the academy in Sardis Academy
- Q Quilts made by June for the special occasions
- R Red, it's a cool color; let's use it more than once a year on Pentecost!
- S Spiritually Progressive, an openness to how the Spirit moves and forms us through time
- T Taize, a style of meditative worship
- U Unscripted, you just never know what's gonna happen here!
- V Vegan too, the food on our table must be an expression of our welcome
- W Wildlife Habitat since 2020
- X This is a silly letter, and my inability to name a metaphorical word starting with X is in no way a reflection of my sincerity toward this exercise; I'm using W twice: Worship Window of Creation
- Y Y'all, y'all eat; y'all stick around; y'all come back; sure are glad y'all are here
- Z Zacchaeus, Zechariah, etc., yeah, we know Biblical names

## JACKSON MOSLEY MAIR

SARDIS GRADUATES



Maintaining relationships with classmates has been one of the special challenges of remote learning for Jackson Mair. To ameliorate the limitations of spending his senior year online, Jackson determined to meet with friends outside school hours on a weekly basis. An activity they enjoyed was playing board games. Taboo is a favorite of Jackson's. Trying to describe a specific word without using any of the taboo words encourages greater communication skills. Playing Taboo "forces you to be quick -- to talk in a way that you might not do otherwise," explains Jackson.

Jackson graduates from East Mecklenburg High School and has been accepted into the Honors College at Appalachian State University where he will be a communications major.

Math presented more problems for Jackson online than he feels there would have been with in-person learning. However, he recognizes that there were benefits from studying from home. Having this experience makes one more adaptable to the changing work place. It also offers schools a way to continue learning during snow days and provides an alternative to students who may have an injury or an illness that prevents their physical presence in a school building.

In addition to meeting with friends, Jackson has spent time playing Ping-Pong with his dad, taking family walks, and playing the cello. Reading fantasy, mysteries, and realistic fiction has occupied some of his down time. This summer, as he prepares for college, he will also spend time with brother Matthew and looks forward to a road trip with Matthew and with his parents, Elizabeth Mosley and Chris Mair.



# Celebrating our graduates



**You're Invited to an  
Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday, June 13th  
3:00 PM  
Sardis Picnic Shelter**

**In honor of  
the Class of 2021**

## PRAYER GARDEN UPDATE

Many of you donate funds and volunteer valuable time to keep our books and buildings in good working order. Thank you all! This month we would like to specifically share some gratitude with Jean Lawrence. Last month we put a plea in signposts asking those with a love of gardening to share some TLC with our prayer garden. Jean spent multiple days and numerous hours working and weeding in and around the labyrinth. We are grateful!

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **Irena Hramenkova** and her students for their success in the North Carolina Federation of Music competition! Four of her students won first and second places in their divisions:

- Anthony Yang, 1st Place, Musically Advanced
- Jonathan Wang, 2nd Place, Musically Advanced
- Serena Cai, 2nd Place, Moderately Difficult
- Clark Fan, 1st Place, Difficult



# Hear My Voice

## JUNE PRAYER PROMPTS

**CONDOLENCES** • We send our deepest condolences and our love to Sardis friends who have lost loved ones: Melissa Bowlin upon the death of her father, Jim Bowlin • Doris & Eddie Waiters upon the passing of Eddie's brother • Amanda & Bennett upon the passing of Curtiz Stiltz

**CELEBRATIONS** • We celebrate with our graduates: Allie Eidson • Douglas Kennedy • Alcie Kreutzer • Jackson Mosley-Mair • Abby Shepard-Moore • Hannah Shepard-Moore • Michael Shepard-Moore • We share in the joyful anticipation of those expecting babies: Annie, Amanda Lewis' sister expecting in October • Robert & Catherine, expecting a great-granddaughter for Janette Grassi • John & Barbara, expecting grandson for John Simpson in October • Rob & Brittany, expecting a granddaughter for John Simpson in August • We honor the accomplishments of Sardis friends: Jim McAlhaney received the award for teaching excellence at South Piedmont Community College • Magay Shepard has been named as one of Forbes' 2021 Top Women Wealth Advisors

**REQUESTS** • Our country, our citizens, and our leaders • Migrants and their advocates, including Eastside Advocacy Group and Migrant Assistance Project • Students, teachers and school staff Holly Almond, aunt of Jacqueline Stillerman • The Askins Family - Rebecca, Jourdan, Joey, Brady, Samuel, Reese, and Keely • Melissa Bowlin • Maria Byrd • Pat Chowning, friend of Marge Henderson • Sonny Cole, Marge Fowler's brother • Elzene Corbett, Janet Beltzhoover's mother • Crisco Family, friends of Marge Henderson • Nancy Darnell • Dukar Family, friends of Marge Henderson • Larry and Amelia Eidson, Jonathan's parents • Joe Gragg, Billie Hutchison's brother • Gennelle Hall, Jessica Wallace's mother (Bullies 2 the Rescue) • Larry & Donna Harrill • Sharin, niece of Janie Harris • Eugene Hill, son of Don Hill • Kathie & Marvin Jean • Karen, CBF Field Personnel and friend of Amanda Lewis • Charlie King, friend of Mark Wiebke • John McKinney, friend of Donna Barger • Rachael Phipps, friend of Betty Gunz • Cheryl Raugh, friend of Kristin Parker • Mala Reynolds • Gary Rowe, neighbor of Susan & Danny Phillips • Rolando, father of Tamara Prieyemski • Bob Rowland, Robin's father • Linda & Cameron Thomas • Deannie Tiddy, Jo's mother-in-law • Heather Robinson Weir, friend of Susan and Danny Phillips • Linda Robinson, friend of Susan and Danny Phillips • Katie Wiebke, daughter of Mark & Amy Wiebke • Kelly Wise, friend of Melissa Bowlin





## Together Again

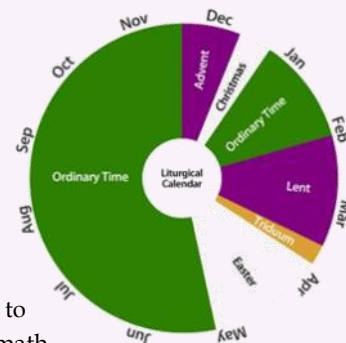
More than 35 Sardis folks gathered for a picnic supper in the shelter last month. Our agenda for the evening was straightforward: enjoy a simple meal and savor some time with Sardis friends. To say it was wonderful for some of us to be back together would be an understatement. It was awesome!

OneBlood brought a "Big Red Bus" to our campus during the event, and the blood drive was a success! Many lives will be impacted by your donations. Thank you for supporting this effort.

Our next in-person gathering will be an ice cream social at 3 PM on the afternoon of June 13th. Look for details coming soon about returning to worship in the Sardis Meetinghouse following Independence Day.

## ORDINARY TIME

Pentecost Sunday was the final day in the liturgical season of Easter. We have now entered into the season of "Ordinary Time". The name of the season does not mean that we've entered into a prosaic period of the church year, rather it is derived from the Latin word "ordinalis" which refers to numbers in a series. As Marge (our favorite math teacher) may remind us, cardinal numbers describe 'how many' whereas ordinal numbers describe 'what order'. If you look closely at the Sardis weekly worship guides, you'll notice that the designation for each Sunday is always listed on the front page. From now until the season of Advent begins in November, each Sunday will be numbered from Pentecost. The first Sunday in June will be the "Second Sunday after Pentecost".



Ordinary Time simply means that we are not in the midst of the other major seasons of the church calendar, i.e. Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. Our liturgy during this season does not focus on the anticipation of Jesus' arrival, on the grief of his death, or on the resurrection. Instead we focus on the lessons of his ministry and how his ministry continued on once he was no longer physically present. Traditionally, the color of church vestments displayed during Ordinary Time is green, representing growth. This season encompasses the historical period of growth for the Christian church.