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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:45 AM
Sunday School

Sunday at 11:00 AM
Morning Worship



Leon Fisher,
Butler High School

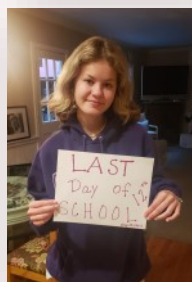
SARDIS GRADUATES ~ 2022

Sardis Baptist Church celebrates alongside our graduates of the class of 2022. We will recognize their accomplishments during worship on Graduation Sunday, June 12th.

Congratulations High School Graduates:

Leon Fisher

Leon is graduating from Butler High School and plans to spend the next year in Japan. She will visit with cousins while she is there and plans to attend a language immersion school. Her parents are Luther and Natalie Fisher; her brother, Nathan.



Summer Rutherford,
East Mecklenburg HS

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Summer will be a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School. She is looking forward to attending Caldwell Community College in Boone this fall. She is the daughter of Valerie Rutherford and the late Charles Rutherford. Brothers Brandon and Brantley complete the family.

Elizabeth Beltzhoover

Elizabeth is a graduate of Charlotte Christian High School. She is headed to the University of North Carolina, Wilmington for her higher education. Her parents are Alex and Janet Beltzhoover.



Elizabeth Beltzhoover,
Charlotte Christian

Ethan Cole

Ethan as the son of Mark and Rev. Mandy England Cole, who served with us some years ago. He is graduating from Atlee High School in Mechanicsville, Virginia. Reynolds Community College is the next stop on his education journey with plans to continue at George Mason University.

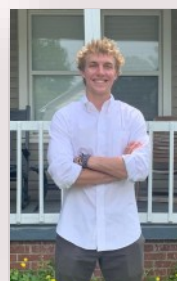


Ethan Cole,
Atlee High School

Congrats College Graduate:

Grey Sigmon

Grey is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Columbia. His job plans take him to the Asheville area where he will give instruction in mountain biking and will work as a performance training coach. He is the son of David and Krista Sigmon; the brother of Reid.



Grey Sigmon,
University of South Carolina



Participating in the Stranger to Neighbor Ministry™ with Dr. Daynette was awesome and eye opening for participants. We learned the importance of expanding our ministry by inviting strangers into our sacred communities and creating intercultural relationships. Continued success of Sardis Baptist Church requires us to reach people outside of our congregation, in the greater Charlotte community—and those people may be different from us. In her book, Church: What to Do When Everyone Is Like You, Daynette says “Jesus calls us to cross over to the other side of cultural sameness for oneness with others.”

Participants are encouraged to return for a final discussion about how to take responsibility for growing intercultural relationships, and to receive certificates of course completion for the Stranger to Neighbor Ministry™. We'll gather in the meetinghouse at 6:00 on Wednesday, June 15th for a time of fellowship. Dessert and coffee will be served. Dr. Daynette's course conclusion will begin at 6:30 PM.

I LIFT UP MINE EYES...

Rev. Bob Stillerman

Santa Maria del Mar is a famous church in Barcelona. Perhaps its most distinctive feature is that it was built in the 14th Century by the labor and resources of common men and women. Netflix is currently streaming a mini-series entitled Cathedral of the Sea, based on a novel of the same name, that tells the story of the cathedral's construction.



One of the most intriguing parts of the show are the scenes that feature dockworkers, fishermen, and stone masons lugging boulders on their backs. They would carry these heavy stones more than a mile from the seashore to the construction site. Over the course of many decades their humble offerings literally built the foundation of a sacred place.

That church must be composed of a hundred-thousand stones. Each weighing a hundred or more pounds. And each traveling at least a mile, not to mention being hoisted high in the air. It's quite possible that those who carried stones every day for thirty years may never have seen the completion of their efforts. And yet each stone, each walk, each offering mattered inherently.

What kind of stones are we carrying?
What piece of ourselves are we giving regularly to build something bigger than ourselves?
Do we have any cathedrals built of I love you statements?
Do we have any cathedrals built of voicemails to lawmakers?
Do we have any cathedrals built of pocket change?
Do we have any cathedrals built of principled conversations?
Do we have any cathedrals built of heartfelt thoughts and prayers?
(I know there's a rush on social media to say those don't matter, but I think there's also a significant gap in understanding what prayer really is - if it's empty, and without action, it's not prayer.)

I believe that acts of love, repeated with consistency, generate impact, and ultimately change our world.

This past month has been a hard one - it feels as if we need seismic change to protect our world from all those selfish-isms that keep emerging. I hope that one day, we will have systems that can respond more quickly to the world's great needs.

But I do know that even the most stubborn and powerful systems are no match for consistent love. Love persists like the steady drip, drip, drip of water that carved out the earth's vast canyons. To carry our stones with consistency is to increase the pressure of love's flow. Love changes hearts. Love changes minds. Love changes the world. And more times than not, love takes as much work as lugging a boulder from the sea.

But the work of love lasts. May God call us to such work, and may the healing of that work be felt now and forever more.

SPECIAL PROCLAIMERS

Sardis Baptist Church will feature two proclaimers in the month of June that have never before preached from our pulpit.

On Graduation Sunday, June 12th, the Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley will share a message with Sardis friends. Prior to accepting the call to serve as Executive Coordinator for CBF in 2019, Rev. Baxley served as senior minister of First Baptist Church in Athens, Georgia. He is a native of Winston-Salem, NC and has held various pastorates and ministry positions in North Carolina and Virginia.



The message on Sunday, June 26th will be proclaimed by our own Pastor Hilary Kearns McIntyre who serves as our Minister of Music. For six years she has shared the spiritual gift of exhortation with us through music and song. We are excited to hear her voice in a new capacity as she preaches her inaugural sermon.



YOUTH BEACH RETREAT

Save the date! The CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat has been scheduled for October 7-9th. Sardis youth and friends are invited to join pastors Jonathan and Hilary at the NC Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell for a weekend of fun and fellowship. The theme for this year's retreat is "Embrace". Attendees will reflect on how to embrace their pasts, embrace the present, and embrace hope for the future.



Baby smiles and giggles galore, the Stillerman family will welcome one more! The baby shower in honor of Stillerman girl #3 has been rescheduled for Sunday June 5th at 10:00 AM in the Sardis Education Building.

Worship Care

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

Thank you to our Worship Care volunteers for reinforcing the bonds our youngest church buddies have to Sardis Baptist. Serving in Worship Care is worship too! Your service is a celebration of their potential as children of God and members of our community. The summer schedule is listed here. Please contact Pastor Jonathan if you have questions or would like to join this rotation.

June 5th.....Rachel Faulk
June 12th.....Kristin Parker
June 19th.....Susan Phillips
June 26th.....Tammy Taylor
July 3rd.....Intergenerational
Worship
July 10th.....Kate Mata
July 17th.....Luther Fisher
July 24th.....Amanda Lewis
July 31st.....Rachel Faulk
August 7th....TBD
August 14th...Tammy Taylor



GOD OF HOPE

Give comfort to those who suffer because of violence.
Assuage the grief of those who mourn their dead.
Provide resources to countries who welcome refugees.
Protect those who work to promote peace.
Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms.
Inspire leaders to peace and reconciliation with enemies.
Inspire compassion for all people impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. Give us hope for a future of peace based on justice for all.

CONDOLENCES

Rev. Dr. Ruth Gouldbourne (Grove Lane Baptist Church) and her family grieve the loss of her father, Derek Murray • Patti Lingafelt and her family grieve the loss of her mother, Nancy Hodges Bennett • The Sigmon family is grieving the loss of David's mother, Janet Anderson Sigmon.

CELEBRATIONS

Elizabeth Beltzhoover, graduate of Charlotte Christian High School
• Ethan Cole, graduate of Atlee High School (Mechanicsville, Virginia)
• Rachel Faulk, celebrating new job with Wells Fargo • Leon Fisher, graduate of Butler High School • Lindsay Jackson (daughter of Kristin Parker) & Connor Stewart, preparing for their upcoming wedding • Kaleb Kreutzer, celebrating new job as full-time firefighter with Matthews FD • Summer Rutherford, graduate of East Mecklenburg High School • Grey Sigmon, graduate of the University of South Carolina • Jacqueline, Bob, Mary Allen & Lucy Stillerman, expecting an addition this month • Amanda Lewis & Bennet Henkel, expecting an addition in August

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Roger & Janet Albiston, friend of Jean Lawrence • Holly Almond, aunt of Jacqueline Stillerman • Melissa Bowlin • Sarah Bowlin Criss • Maria Byrd • Pat Chowning, friend of Marge Henderson • Sonny Cole, brother of Marge Henderson • Elzene Corbett, Janet Beltzhoover's mother • Pat Crippen, friend of Ellen Dillard • Becky Crisco, friend of Marge Henderson • Nancy Darnell • Ron Demme • Larry & Amelia Eidson, parents of Jonathan • David Faircloth, extended family of Phillips • Mother-in-law of Luther Fisher • Mildred Gragg, mother of Billie Hutchison • Mary Moon Guerrant, mother of Kathryn Kreutzer • Janie Harris • Shareen, niece of Janie Harris • Kathie & Marvin Jean • Ted Lillie, friend of Ellen Dillard • Ann Macguire, sister of Rev. Ruth Gouldbourne (Grove Lane) • Maria Marshall, daughter of Janette Grassi • Sylvia Misenheimer, friend of Susan Phillips • Daniel Owen, son of Jim & Becky • Kristin Parker • Ryan Parks, former student of Jean Lawrence • Frank Phillips, brother of Danny Phillips • Rachel, Kendarius, & Mekhi Phipps, friends of Betty Gunz • Becky Proctor • Mala Reynolds • Bob Rowland, Robin's father • Pamela Schwartz, former staff of St. Stephen UMC • Tanya Stevensen, daughter of June Ross • Deannie Tiddy, Jo's mother-in-law • Dana Tudor, daughter of Mala Reynolds • Doris Waiters • Julie White, friend of Marge Henderson • Wayne & Debbie Wike • Kelly Wise, friend of Melissa Bowlin • April Wolfe, minister to Doris Waiters

TRAVELING MERCIES

Askins Family (Rebecca, Jourdan, Joey, Brady, Samuel, Reece, Keely)
• Irena Hramenkova • Karen, friend of Amanda Lewis
• Katie Wiebke, daughter of Mark & Amy

MUSIC NOTES FROM HILARY

During the months of June and July, the Sardis Baptist Church Choir takes a hiatus and we get to experience some guest musicians during Worship.

In June, we look forward to hearing from two more students from the Sardis Piano Academy,

Henry Hui and Clark Fan, who will be sharing pieces by Rachmaninoff and Grieg respectively. We

will also play host to some guest accompanists: Mark Catoe, a pianist and flutist, will join us for worship on June 5th and June 19th; Debbie Kidd will lead us on guitar on June 12th and will join Mark on the 19th as well; and Becky Proctor will join us one more time on June 26th on the piano.

We are extremely lucky to have so much musical talent in and around Sardis Baptist Church! We hope you will join us in welcoming our guest musicians throughout the month!

~ Hilary Kearns McIntyre, Minister of Music



Hallelujah! A celebratory photo upon completion of the fourth session of Stranger to Neighbor Ministry™ with Dr. Daynette.



Forest friends have gathered to say
a sweet baby boy is on his way!

Please join the deacons of Sardis Baptist Church
for a baby shower in honor of

Amanda & Bennett

Sunday, July 17th at 10:00 AM
Sardis Baptist Education Building

Registered at
babylist.com/jkuxfwvds

