

sardis signposts baptist church

a spiritually progressive community of faith

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:45 AM
Study Group

Sunday at 11:00 AM
Morning Worship

COMMUNION BRUNCH August 6th @ 11:00 AM



The Communion Table at Sardis is open. Our table is not reserved for members only—or even Christians only. At God's table, all are welcome. This sacrament represents God's unconditional love for all of us, regardless of whether we share religious or political beliefs, no matter what we look like or where we live, and irrespective of what values we hold dear.

We'll celebrate God's open table at a Communion Bruch on Sunday, August 6th at 11:00 AM. We'll transform the sanctuary into a banquet hall. As we eat we will worship around a common table, remembering that worship is conversation and community.

Breakfast casseroles, fresh fruit, sweet breads, juice and coffee will be served. Vegan and gluten-free options will be available. Contact the church office if you would like to assist with setup, cleanup or food preparation: 704.362.0811 or info@sardisbaptistcharlotte.org.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING August 27th, 2023



The countdown is on to the first day of school. Classes begin for students in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools on Monday, August 28th. In anticipation of this important date for students, teachers, administrators, and parents, we will include a blessing of the backpacks (lunch boxes and laptop totes too) during our worship service on Sunday, August 27th.

We will pray that minds and pencils are sharp, that backpacks are never forgotten, that the burdens they carry are light and the bodies that carry them are strong. We'll give thanks for glue sticks, notebooks, pencils, and especially erasers that remind us it's not only okay to make mistakes, it's an important part of the process! These things we will pray in the spirit of our greatest teacher.

See the back page for a list of supplies needed for Sardis Baptist's annual school supply drive.



Visioning Proposal Approved

The vote was unanimous! Sardis Baptist Church voted on Sunday, July 23rd to approve the visioning proposal that was developed by the Discovery & Design Team in conjunction with David Brown of Pinnacle Leadership. Phase One of the six phase process is underway. [Visit our website to review details of the process.](#) Sardis staff will be happy to answer questions as we move through this formative journey.

I LIFT UP MINE EYES...

Rev. Bob Stillerman



On Sunday, July 16th, twenty Sardis congregants traveled to the Elizabeth neighborhood to worship with friends at Caldwell Presbyterian Church. The “field trip” evolved out of feedback from the Design and Discovery team’s work this spring. There was a deep desire to learn how other faith communities are worshipping and expressing their shared vision of God’s Spirit moving among them. And what better way to do that than seeing for ourselves?

In the coming weeks, we hope to make space to share our impressions of the experience. What might we glean from our time in a new space, and are there any new practices, phrases, feelings, or actions that could influence and embolden our own worship style?

I want to share three initial impressions, as well as the follow-up correspondence I’ve had with Rev. John Cleghorn.

- It was helpful to be a guest in a new place. It’s got me imagining what it might be like to worship at Sardis for the first time.
- It was really fun to be the recipient of another congregation’s joy. For a small window of time, they offered us a spiritual gift: their sincere presence.
- It was beautiful to see a baptism. No, their congregation is not a replica of ours. But how wonderful to know that other communities are committing to the care of their own villages, with the same sense of purpose and intentionality we seek to commit to our own. We are connected!

John,

What a pleasure to be with you all on Sunday! You all are absolutely cloaked in joy, and it is evident that the Spirit is rooted firmly in your work. Sardis is grateful for your generosity and welcome, and we left Caldwell feeling inspired and encouraged to keep discerning and pursuing both where and to whom God is calling us in a post pandemic world. What a gospel you are writing and HOW lucky we have been to hear a few verses.

Know that you remain in our prayers, and that you’ve got a sister congregation giving thanks for all the ways you are bringing us a little closer to God’s kin-dom.

*With every good wish,
Bob*

Bob,

What an honor, encouragement and joy it was for all of us. It takes some guts and courage and openness to the Spirit for a congregation to pull up and visit another church. Everyone I spoke with was so kind and positive. One of your members even wrote a love note to our kids saying she would keep fighting for women’s reproductive rights! You have rich soil and I am excited to anticipate what will shoot forth!

*Onward in Christ,
John*

Sardis People: JO CRUMPTIDDY

Jo and Mike Tiddy sold their house; they are scheduled to move out of it by August 1st. Their new beach house will not be ready until the end of September, which means they will have alternative housing for a couple of months. As this is closer to their new home in south Myrtle Beach, Sardis will be saying “Good luck in this new phase of your life. We will miss you, but hope you will return often for visits!”

Jo has been a member of Sardis for about 23 years, having joined a year or so before the birth of oldest grandson Joey. She has been an active participant, having served on the Board of Committees, the Fellowship Committee, and Child Care Committee among others. When she came to Sardis, Jo was a nurse at CMC and worked there for 23 years. Consequently, she taught at Sharon Academy (preschool) for eight years, and has also been a nanny.

Chris Jones introduced Jo to Sardis, a fact for which Jo will always be grateful. “I could just kiss her on the face for inviting me!” A warm welcome by Steve Carpenter and Terri Nease when she first visited confirmed that Sardis was the place for her and kept being confirmed by others as she continued to attend. “I have loved it, loved it, loved it,” she exclaims. “I like how everybody is accepted.”

Mike is a certified financial planner. He retired from the insurance industry recently, where he helped clients find the right insurance plan. Helping retirees find good supplemental insurance has given him a good working knowledge of Medicare.

Mike and Jo’s extended family includes two adult children, two in-laws, and five grandchildren.



Mike, Jourdan, Joey, Jo, Rebecca, MacGregor, Steph
Keely, Reece, Sa, and Reece

Choir and Invitation

The Sardis Baptist Church Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday evening, August 9th, 2023, at 7:30 PM. Their first Sunday back in the choir loft for worship will be August 20th. Anyone and everyone is invited to join the choir! They sing most Sunday mornings between September and June. Rehearsal attendance is not mandatory, so even if you can't always be present for church or rehearsal, you are welcome. They are more than a music group—they're a fellowship group too!

If you want to contribute to the choir without having to sing, you can email Hilary McIntyre at SardisHilary@yahoo.com with any song requests or suggestions. We love learning new music and especially interpreting your favorites!



COMMUNITY
CULINARY SCHOOL
OF CHARLOTTE

G3 will gather for lunch this month on August 14th at 12:30 PM. We'll return to the Community Culinary School of Charlotte, located in Greyllyn Park on Monroe Road. This non-profit organization teaches culinary arts, job-readiness, life skills, and goal setting to help marginalized students obtain self-sufficiency and economic mobility.

Please let Ellen Dillard know if you will be joining the group on the 14th: (704) 301-4330 or ejdcharlotte@gmail.com.



G3 July gathering at Enat Ethiopian Restaurant



Our condolences are with Jo & Mike Tiddy, and their extended family, as they grieve the loss of Deanie Tiddy, Mike's mother.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

• Rita Akers, friend of the Phillips • Charles Almond, grandfather of Jacqueline Stillerman • Holly Almond, aunt of Jacqueline Stillerman • Anderson Family, relatives of the Proctors • Melissa Bowlin • Mark & Cheryl Bradbury, friends of Jonathan Eidson • Maria Byrd • Elzene Corbett, Janet Beltzhoover's mother • Nancy Darnell • Rae Deicke, friend of Jean Lawrence • Ron Demme • Betsy Cadle DePaul • Dusty Detterman, daughter of June Ross • Jan Dougherty, friend of Kreutzer family • Luke Duncan, son of Tillie • Amelia Eidson, Jonathan's mother • Ed Gash • Mildred Gragg, mother of Billie Hutchison • Mary Moon Guerrant, Kathryn Kreutzer's mother • Janie Harris • Kathie & Marvin Jean • Jen Kaminska, friend of the Kreutzer family • Ann Macguire, sister of Rev. Ruth Gouldbourne (Grove Lane) • Maria Marshall, daughter of Janette Grassi • Robert Marshall, grandson of Janette Grassi • Greenlea Odom, daughter of Josh Odom • Rex Nordeen, cousin of Tillie Duncan • Frank Phillips, brother of Danny Phillips • Vicki Phillips, niece of Shannon Duncan • Rachel, Kendarius, and Mekhi Phipps, friends of Betty Gunz • Pam Poston • Mala Reynolds • Bob Rowland, Robin's father • Pamela Schwartz, former staff of St. Stephen UMC • Tanya Stevensen, daughter of June Ross • Stillerman Family • Kelly Wise, friend of Melissa Bowlin •

TRAVELING MERCIES

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



SARDIS WOMEN GATHER AT THE HOME OF DAYNETTE SNEAD PEREZ

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Sardis Baptist Church is hosting a school supply drive through August. Supplies collected will be donated to economically disadvantaged students of Charlotte Secondary School, with whom we have partnered for the Goodness Groceries campaign. A list of supplies needed is listed below. Donations may be dropped off in the church vestibule.

- Backpacks
- Lunch Bags
- Pencils
- Sharpeners
- Erasers
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Pocket Folders
- Dividers
- Index Cards
- 3-Ring Binders
- Graph Paper
- Composition Notebooks
- Loose Leaf Notebook Paper

If you would prefer to make a financial contribution to this effort, please notate "school supplies" with your payment. Sardis will use funds collected to supplement items dropped off at the church.