

This Week's Schedule
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 16th

GIDEON SUNDAY
JOHN TERWILLIGER

9:00 a.m. - Early Service
 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 4:30 p.m. - Priscilla Shirer Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. - Evening Service with Wilder Smith

Monday, September 17th

7:00 a.m. - Prayer Group - Church Library

Tuesday, September 18th

6:30 p.m. - Mae Vann Circle - Social Hall

Wednesday, September 19th

5:30 p.m. - Children & Youth Activities & Adult Bible Study Classes
 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper
 Lay Leadership Comm. Meeting to follow
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, September 22nd

8:00 a.m. - Noon - Thrift Shop
 Vicki Rogers Circle

September / October edition of the Upper Room is now available.

NOTICE: DATE CHANGE

Sunday, September 23, the fourth Sunday, will be our joint evening worship service at First Baptist Church. We had to change the date due to our Charge Conference which is scheduled for the fifth Sunday of September. Please note the change.

Access the church calendar from your mobile device.



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“Commission on a Way Forward”

With the called General Conference of our United Methodist Church coming up in February 2019, it is vital that we as a congregation be as informed as possible. Below are some sources of information that will be helpful as we navigate these uncertain waters with faith and integrity.

umc.org

sgaumc.org

wesleyan covenant.org

goodnewsmag.org



We will not be meeting temporarily
 Send a text to 810-10 with the Message @fumcs to subscribe to the Youth News & Events



The Children's

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.—Children's Church

Kids for Christ Clubs

Send a text to 810-10 with the message @swains to subscribe to the Kids for Christ News and Events.

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Sunday.....

Priscilla Shirer Bible Study entitled “Gideon” begins 4:30 p.m. in the New Beginnings Classroom.

We invite all Ladies and encourage you to bring a friend. It will be a time of fellowship and study.

Monday.....

7:00 a.m. we meet for Prayer Group in the Church Library for 30 to 40 minutes to place our prayer concerns in the presence of the one who answers them. We would love to have you join us.

Last Sunday's Attendance

Sunday School	78
9:00 a.m. Worship	26
11:00 a.m. Worship	143
Evening Service	13
Total Worship	182

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget	\$ 9022.00
Received for Budget	\$ 15565.00
Amount (Under)	\$ 6543.00
YTD Budget	\$ 324792.00
YTD Rec'd for Budget	\$ 350736.00
Amount over (Under)	\$ 25944.00
Received for Budget	\$ 15565.00
Designated Giving	\$ 1189.18
This Week's Giving	\$ 16754.18
Stained Glass Window Fund to Date :	\$ 6950.00

Rev. David Unkles, Senior Pastor
 Melinda Hall, Children's Ministry Coordinator
 Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Ennis Bragg, Choir Director
 Connie Terwilliger, Music Director

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Introit Lead Me Lord UMH 473

Prelude He Was There All The Time Gary S. Paxton

Welcome and Greetings

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God

We are the Lord's;

**we are the people of God,
the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures for ever;
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Invocation

Opening Hymn Are Ye Able UMH 530

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

***Gloria Patri** UMH 70

Passing of the Peace

*Gathering Chorus

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain,
Cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod.
For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God.

Children's Moment

Morning Hymn Jesus Calls Us Melinda Hall UMH 398

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Chorus

Seek Ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia

Offertory I Believe in Miracles John W. Peterson

***Doxology** UMH 62 Stanza 7

Let all things their Creator bless,

and worship Him in humbleness,

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, Praise the Father, Praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Anthem

Scripture

Message "Gideon Presentation" John Terwilliger

Invitation Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*

***Our chancel rail is open for prayer.*

*Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Renae McNeely, 10:00 a.m. Melinda Hall, 11:00 a.m. Tammy Gray
Ushers: Richard McNeely, Captain, Chesley Flanders, Evans Hooks, Sidney Lanier, Mike Lisenby,
Henry Terwilliger.*

***The beautiful flowers today are given to honor the Anniversary of
Henry and Paulette Terwilliger***

***We wish to thank Ms. Kaye Stephens for sharing her talent with us
this morning in Connie's absence.***

This Week's Scripture Verses

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19 (UMH 750)

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

Mary Rose Brown, Patty Cowart, Myra Downer, Charles & Jackie Drake, Mary & Ralph Foskey, Vernon Hardy, Tanya Lamb, Sybil Lamb, Bonnie Lanier, Catherine Mattox, David Price, Ted & Sue Stockholm, Danny Tapley, Annette Thompson

Extended Church Family:

Wayne Carter, Kyle Carter, Lynne Drake (Jackie & Charles daughter-in-law), Frances & Louie Dryden, Bill Edenfield (Smith Edenfield's brother), Hope Fagler, Teah Fennell, Dr. Hal Hall, Jerry L. Hooks, Charles Lanier, Buddy Lockhart, Leah H. Maile (Jean Hunnicutt's daughter), Shirley McNeely, Joan Neil (Bob Neil's Mother), Charlotte Parrish, Mary Ann Pearce, Roger Pearce, Joe Peebles (Connie's brother), Faye & John Rountree, Michelle Scott, Gene & Gretta Simmons, Charlotte Sowell (Jackie Drake's sister), Don Spier, Herb "Benjii" Taylor, Kal Thompson, Ned Waller, Margaret White (Janie Glenn's sister), Andy Worthington.

Military Family: Major Kristy Cohen (Nancy & Mike Lisenby's niece), CMDR. Michael D. Heltzel, (the Drake's Grandson)

We are very excited to announce that beginning September 2nd, the First Sunday of each month will be designated as Family Worship Sunday. There will be no Children's Worship on these days. Toddler and preschool children will go to their usual class after the Children's Moment while children Kindergarten age and up will remain in the Sanctuary for the entire service. This gives older children the experience of "Big Church" worship and the Sacrament of Communion with their family as well as (to those who are ready) the opportunity to serve as Acolytes and to assist with the offering. May God bless us as we train up the next generation to be the church.