

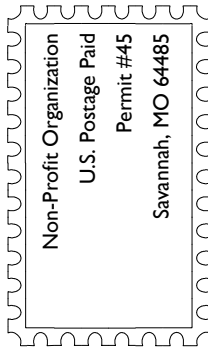


Maybe you have wondered about the process I use to evaluate and choose the music and/or the videos for every Sunday Worship Service. As your Worship Pastor, I have a responsibility

to guide the worshiper primarily by theological considerations. To do this, I ask myself a series of questions each week.

1. Does the music or video enhance the theology of the message brought by the Pastor? Does the music or video eventually lead us to Christ?
2. Is there sufficient pastoral breadth in our music ministry? Do we sing songs that are appropriate to the many and variable life situations in which believers find themselves? Does our congregational singing include the many moods of the songwriter and the message given to that writer by the Holy Spirit ... including praise, thanksgiving, confession, lament, intercession, and dedication?
3. Does the congregational singing include songs and hymns appropriate for the season?
4. Is the language of our hymns inclusive? Do our hymns make use of the full range of biblical imagery for God? Can all believers, male and female, young and old, feel included by the language of our congregational songs?
5. Are we providing our congregation with a sufficient vocabulary of praise? Marva Dawn suggests that a hymn text "is great in proportion to what we can learn from it." (1) What do we learn about God and the Christian faith from what we sing? Can the text stand on its own? (1) Marva Dawn, *Reaching Out without Dumbing Down: A Theology of Worship for the Turn-of-the-Century Culture* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995) p. 201
6. Does the music serve the text? "A hymn tune is excellent only as it is subservient to the words, undergirds the thought, and captures the dominant mood." (2) does the tune help us to recall the words by bringing forward appropriate features of the text, or does the tune call attention to itself and contradict or stand in the way of the words? (2) Harold M. Best, *Music Through the Eyes of Faint* (San Francisco: Harper, 1993) p. 200.
7. Does our music encourage corporate worship? Does the music encourage congregational singing or is it designed for the solo artist or does it come across as entertainment? Are soloists and choir effectively leading and supporting the congregation in its worship or are they merely displaying their virtuosity? Do the hymns and choruses we sing express the faith of the gathered community or do they tend toward individual and private expressions of faith?
8. Is the music appropriate to the ability of the congregation? Do our musical selections respect the past practice of congregation? Do we include enough familiar hymns?
9. Do the hymns and choruses we sing assume and encourage growth in discipleship? Is continuing congregational education in music and worship a part of our ministry? Do we take the time and effort to learn new hymns and challenging hymns? Worship is a "living sacrifice," and therefore our gifts to God should represent some cost to us. Learning more difficult music and coming to understand and appreciate richer theology may be difficult work, but it can also be a source of spiritual renewal and growth.

I can assure you that your entire church staff has a similar checklist they use each week to align their calling within the organization to Yahweh's Will for His church ... FBCS Pastor Greg



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The Enlightener

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened...." Ephesians 1:18

Connecting Building Sharing

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OUR MISSION:

**TO CONNECT
PEOPLE TO
GOD AND
CONNECT
PEOPLE TO
EACH
OTHER
TO PRODUCE
POWERFUL,
POSITIVE
LIFE
CHANGE**

Serving May 14, 2017	Serving May 21, 2017	Serving May 28, 2017
<u>Ushers</u> Vernie Shat Rodney Cole Terrel Clark Wes Morgan <u>Invocation</u> Tim Kelley <u>Greeter(s)</u> Earl & Mary Hammer <u>Welcome Center</u> Shirley Steiner <u>Security Team</u> 1st - Aaron Jones Phil Gould 2nd - Courtney Ray <u>Nursery</u> Jamie & John Voss <u>Van Driver</u> Harold Morgan <u>Intercessory Prayer</u> Pastor Mark	<u>Ushers</u> Ted Coats Gary Cole Kelly Speer Wilburn Moran Charles Morgan Mark Vincent Keagon Vincent <u>Invocation</u> Juston Davidson <u>Greeter(s)</u> Billy Kretzer Steve Brosi <u>Welcome Center</u> Amanda Davidson <u>Security Team</u> 1st - Kelly Speer 2nd - Rick Phillips <u>Nursery</u> Erin Wilkinson <u>Van Driver</u> Kelly speer <u>Intercessory Prayer</u> Pastor Greg	<u>Ushers</u> Corky Cundiff Gary Lowrance Don Lawrence Steve Cole Ron Leeson <u>Invocation</u> Judy Gibson <u>Greeter(s)</u> Gary Lowrance Don Lawrence <u>Welcome Center</u> Charlette Cantrell <u>Security Team</u> 1st - John Voss, Diane Gould 2nd - Nick Nigh <u>Nursery</u> Doug & Jamie Nigh <u>Van Driver</u> Keith Toalson <u>Intercessory Prayer</u> Steve Lewis

BUDGET OFFERING		
<u>April 2, 2017</u>	<u>April 9, 2017</u>	<u>April 16, 2017</u>
WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS		
\$7,608.00		
BUDGET RECEIPTS		
\$ 10,909.50	\$ 7,117.60	\$ 7,036.00
BFT RECEIPTS		
\$ 250.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 0.00
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS		
\$ 427.00	\$ 352.00	\$ 228.00
Annie Armstrong		
\$ 370.00	\$ 347.38	\$ 225.00

DEACONS OF THE WEEK Weekly Hall Guides		
<u>May 14, 2017</u>	<u>May 21, 2017</u>	<u>May 28, 2017</u>
Tim Kelley 816-324-3681	Ron Leeson 816-324-4384	David McDonald 816-261-4086
Don Lawrence 596-0783	Steve Lewis 324-3468	Harold Morgan 324-4520

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-THURSDAY
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
FRIDAY
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
 Office #: (816) 324-3314

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY please call Pastor Mark at (816)977-4208 or Pastor Dan @ (816)261-7271. **If no answer in the office on a work day,** please leave a message on voice mail and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Fax #816-324-7634
 E-Mail: fbcsav@stjoelive.com
 www.fbcsavannah.org

VISITATION TEAM		
<u>May 14, 2017</u>	<u>May 21, 2017</u>	<u>May 28, 2017</u>
Tim & Donna Kelley	Donna Morris Valinda Robertson	Carole Paxton Fonda Gabriel

PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS		
<u>May 14, 2017</u>	<u>May 21, 2017</u>	<u>May 28, 2017</u>
Corky Cundiff	Gary Lowrance	Vernie Shat

ATTENDANCE		
<u>April 23, 2017</u>	<u>April 30, 2017</u>	<u>May 7, 2017</u>
SUNDAY WORSHIP		
205	187	170
2nd WORSHIP		
52	59	54
SUNDAY SCHOOL		
185	193	170

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14 - May 20, 2017

May 14: SUNDAY

Mothers Day & Graduation Day

8:15am Prayer Time
8:30am Worship
9:50am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

May 15: MONDAY

May 16: TUESDAY

May 17 : WEDNESDAY

BOOK of REPORTS Due

6:30pm Bible Study/Men's Group
7:00pm Choir

May 18: THURSDAY

6:00pm Youth Ministry
Archery

May 19: FRIDAY

May 20: SATURDAY

Paxton 50th Wedding Anniversary

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 21 - May 27, 2017

WV Mission Trip Week

May 21: SUNDAY

8:15am Prayer Time
8:30am Worship
9:50am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:00pm Church Business Meeting

May 22: MONDAY

6:30pm Youth Leaders Meeting
Davis' House

May 23: TUESDAY

6:30pm Youth Leaders Meeting

May 24: WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Bible Study/Men's Study
7:00pm Choir

May 25: THURSDAY

6:00pm Youth Ministry
Archery

May 26: FRIDAY

May 27: SATURDAY

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 28 - June 3, 2017

May 28: SUNDAY

8:15am Prayer Time
8:30am Worship
9:50am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

May 29: MONDAY - Memorial Day

Church Office CLOSED

May 30: TUESDAY

May 31 : WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Bible Study/Men's Study

June 1: THURSDAY

6:00pm Youth Ministry
Archery

June 2: FRIDAY

June 3: SATURDAY

The next Enlightener date will be:

May 24, 2017

Submission deadline - 5/22 by 9am



Please stop by the Church Office and offer a warm welcome to **Theresa McKnight** - your new Church Secretary!

Save the Dates:

May 14 - Mothers Day, Baby Dedication
Savannah Graduation
May 21 - Church Business Meeting
May 21 - 27 - WV Mission Trip
June 12-16 - YOUTH Super Summer
June 19-23 - Youth Camp
July 7-14 - YOUTH St. Louis Project
July 17-21 - Childrens Camp
July 24 -28 - VBS



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THANK YOU First Baptist Savannah - I've been here for 7 years and made so many Friendships that I will cherish forever. Thank you for always making me feel

welcome, for stopping in just to visit, allowing me to help when I was able and to share in your ministry and lives. I'm not planning to "go" anywhere, so I'll see you around. With much love! Sue



Our condolences go out to Trish Hinton on the death of her mother, Suzanne Ward, April 29th in Albany, MO

Our condolences to the Family of Linda McMillen who passed away Thursday, May 4th.



Racing 2 Salvation is once again upon us. The date for the "show" is June 17th from 10am to 2pm. Registration starts at 9am. We are having Pre-Registration this year! The first 25 cars registered will get a free t-shirt! To get registered, send an email to: racing2salvation@gmail.com.

Any questions, please contact Doug Watson @ 261-4760 or Roberta Watson @ 344-6205.

Due to scheduling conflicts, we will **NOT** be able to have a **Garage Sale** at the church this year. The Second Time Around Shop can still take larger items for donations, but the church will not be able to take clothing or knick knock items. See you next year!

GRADUATIONS Class of 2017

Adam Lowrance
Austin Brown

Savannah
Savannah

Juston Davidson
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

May 14th the church will be offering a time of **parent-baby dedication** in first service.



If you want to learn the sport of archery or if you already know how to shoot a bow; we would like to invite you to join us at the Church. We will meet on Thursday evenings beginning May 11, 2017, activities will end June 29, 2017. Shooting time is from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. For more information, you can contact: Steve Lewis (816)244-0837 or Harold Morgan (816) 344-1329 or Mark Vincent at (816)261-1390.



We're going back! A team from FBC will be going back to **West Virginia** the week of **May 21-27** To Living River Chapel. They are in need of a team who can work with electrical, plumbing, dry-wall, tile masonry, outside trim work, painting and other projects. If you are interested in being a part of this team to Sutton, WV, please see Karen Lawrence.

CAMPS:

Super Summer - June 12-16
Youth Camp - June 19 - 23
St Louis Project - July 7-14
Children's Camp - July 17-21



My last Enlightener - I will be joining the ranks of not the "unemployed", but the "chose unemployment" (retired). I've been here for 7 years, learned a lot, but most of all, met some AMAZING fellow believers and for that I am eternally grateful! I look forward to hearing how you are still walking faithfully in the Lord. Thank You All, Sue

Calling all Galactic Starveyors!
VBS is coming this summer!
July 24 - 28th for 3yr olds to 5th Grade

*****VBS Helpers are needed!*****

Come join the fun with our wonderful Kids as we learn about our marvelous Creator and His Galactic Love for us! See Jaime or Melody for info!



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MARK CONYERS, SENIOR PASTOR

Pastor of Admin & Technology
Dan Mefford
Pastor of Discipleship & Education
Juston Davidson
Youth Pastor
Jeff Davis
Senior Adults/ Children's Minister
Stephanie Mefford

Minister of Music
Greg Smith
Musician(s)
Meredith McDonald
Debbie Conyers
Custodian
Terry Toalson
Part-Time Custodian
Ruthie VanSchoiack
Secretary
Sue Matlack