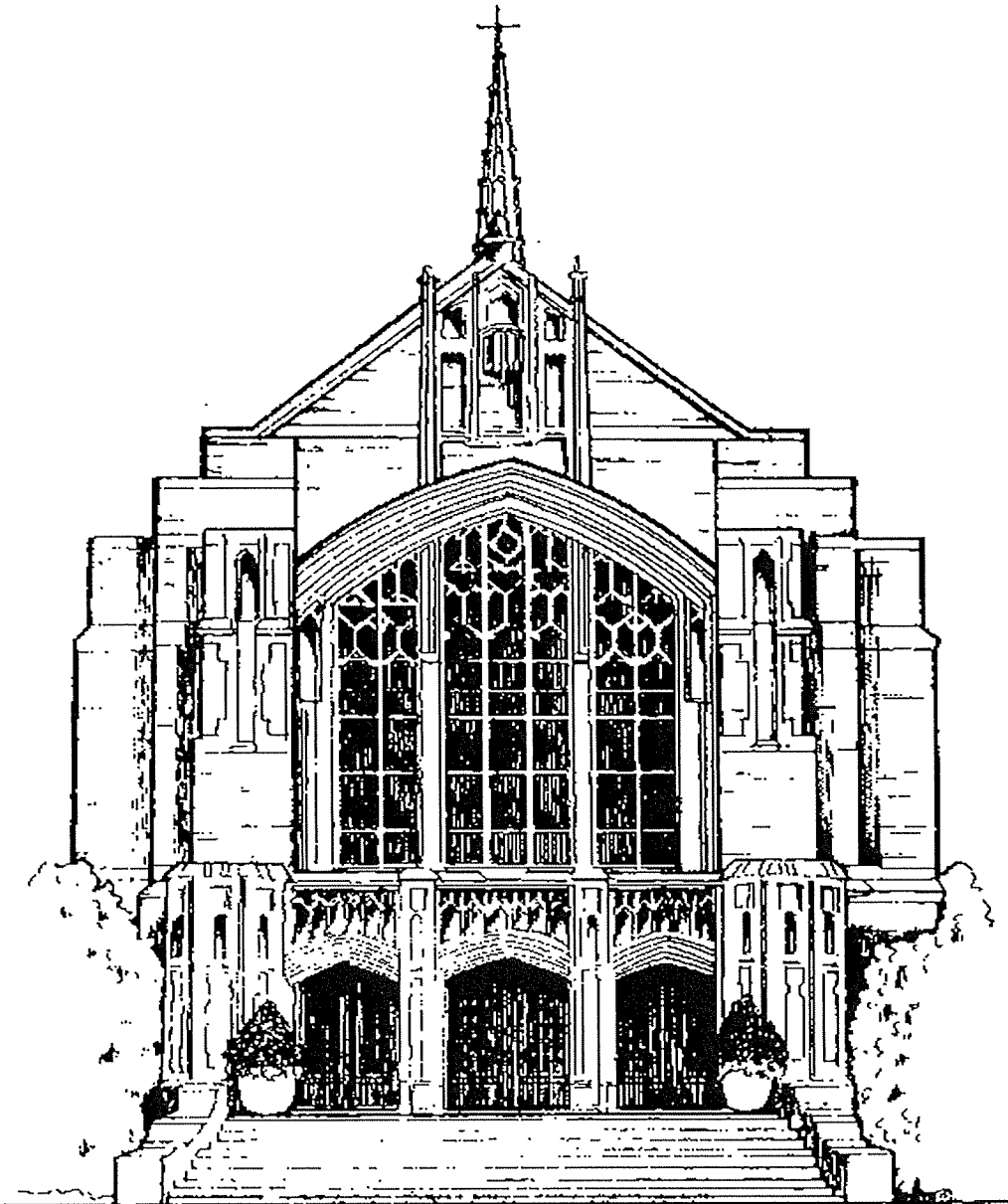


First Baptist Church of Dayton
*Seventh Sunday of Easter • Ascension of the Lord
Mother's Day • Dedication of Historical Marker*
May 12, 2024



Celebrating 200 Years 1824-2024

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The First Baptist Church at Worship
 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 ASCENSION OF THE LORD
 May 12, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Alan Kimbrough, Organist

- Prelude and Fugue in G Major J. S. Bach
- Prelude on "Jesus, My Joy" J. S. Bach
- Prelude on "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring" J. S. Bach

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir
 Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Conductor

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
 well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother—all who live in love are Thine;
 teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

*WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 93)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#352 *All Praise to Thee*
 SINE NOMINE

Most of us are familiar with this powerful hymn as *For All the Saints*. This text by Bland Tucker has been adapted for this powerful musical setting arranged for organ by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. As we celebrate today the dedication of our historical marker outside of the church, allow these words to resonate in your hearts and minds as we continue to push forward in our celebration of our historic First Baptist Church.

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 5:9-13

Jerome Stueart

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:6-11

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#612 *Jesus Is All the World to Me*
ELIZABETH

Will Thompson was inspired to write this hymn after hearing the tune hummed by a complete stranger in passing. Many times we fail to observe the people and many wonderful things God has placed directly in front of us and throughout our lives, for example, the changing of the seasons or a complete stranger earnestly offering assistance or just saying hello or good morning. We become so occupied with technology and lost in ourselves that we often miss our blessings. Angels are often among us, and we are often too focused on the wrong things. Will Thompson was aware of his surroundings when he composed this hymn. Are you alert and aware of your surroundings in God's kingdom?

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Coggins

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#399 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*
Taize Community

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. Coggins

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Conductor

Let Thy Holy Spirit Come Upon Us Paul Tschesnokoff

*Let thy Holy Spirit come upon us on earth.
Thy Holy Spirit come upon us. Alleluia.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Timeless Gift"

The Response of God's People

**(Please follow the choir outside to the historical marker during
the singing of the hymn.)**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN (See pg. 8)

Shall We Gather at the River
HANSON PLACE

Today as we dedicate the historical marker in front of the church, we will also remember and celebrate Lydia Huffman who was baptized in the river 200 years ago today, which was the first official service of the church. Robert Lowry wrote this hymn after meditating on a picture of heaven in Revelation 22:1-2a, "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city." After contemplating the question "Shall we gather at the river?" the answer came to him in faith, "Yes, we'll gather at the river."

DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKER

Mr. Bill Kennedy

Today we welcome Bill Kennedy to participate in our Ohio Historical Marker dedication. Bill is the site manager and archaeologist at Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve as well as Serpent Mound. He has been a regional coordinator with Ohio History Connections, the organization that worked with us to receive our marker.

PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be With You
GOD BE WITH YOU

(* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please place your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.
Thank you!*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Mother's Day!

Welcome to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcdayton.org/>).

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

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| Jason Alspaugh | Debbie Harshman | Judy Smith |
| Glen Babb | Lanie Henry | Anita Suro |
| Clara Black | Lavanda Ferguson | Kaye Suryk |
| Jessica Blair | Jett Family | Anne Veghte |
| Gail Bowman | Ron Kalbfleisch | Harold West |
| Don Brown | Ray Landis | Dorothy Williams |
| Linda Ginter-Brown | Gene Lee | Sharon Wingham |
| Gerald Busch | Vincent Liss | Military Duty: |
| June Collier | Tom McKenzie | Sebastian Ewald |
| Pamela Cress | Arthur Merkle | Sunny Ewald |
| Lynn Domesick | Mary Ann Paloncy | Brittany Kalbfleisch |
| David Donovan | Susan Parent | Kyle Kline |
| Bill Harrell | Judy See | Andy Wilson |

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of May 12 – 19

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| Sun. 12 | 10:00a | Worship Service (Mother's Day) and Historical Marker Dedication |
| | 11:15a | Coffee Fellowship |
| | 11:30a | Sunday School Classes/Activities |
| Wed. 15 | 6:30p | Executive Council Meeting |
| Thu. 16 | 7:00p | Choir Rehearsal |
| Fri. 17 | | RSVPs due for the lunch on May 26 |
| Sat. 18 | 10:00a | Celebration of Life for Rev. Jim Earnest |
| Sun. 19 | 10:00a | Worship Service (Education/Youth Sunday) |
| | 11:15a | Coffee Fellowship |
| | 11:30a | Sunday School Classes/Activities |
| | 12:15p | BYF Gathering |

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 15 @ 6:30pm

Historical Marker Dedication

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Today will mark a special day in our ongoing 200th Anniversary Celebration. This morning as part of our worship service we will dedicate an Ohio Historical Marker. It will stand on our property near our front steps at the intersection of Monument and Ludlow. The marker tells some of our history and will commemorate our congregation's bicentennial. We plan to conclude our service outdoors at the location of the marker where a representative from Ohio History Connections will help us unveil the new sign. The sign will be similar to others you can find in our area, like the ones at the Dayton Woman's Club, Dayton Art Institute, Masonic Center, and more. For more information, visit www.remarkableohio.org. The marker was mostly paid for through a grant, with the sign's text and the installation provided by us.

MAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

First Baptist Through the Years

Led by Pastor Kent Berghuis & Angie Berghuis

May 5 - 19 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1st Floor – Chapel

During May Pastor Kent and Angie Berghuis will be presenting stories from our church's history during the adult Sunday School time. The class will meet for three Sundays from May 5-19. Pastor Kent will share an overview of the congregation from its beginnings to the present time. Angie has prepared a review of 1924, our centennial year, as told through articles that appeared in our local newspaper. She will share historical insights from the heyday of the church half-way between its founding and today. Come get a sense of who we are through where we've been, and think together of what it means for who we shall be in the future as well.

CWU's May Friendship Day

Save the date! May Friendship Day, Saturday, May 18, 1:00pm at United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd. Clayton, OH 45315. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Marva Hughes. Remember to bring your offerings for the "Fellowship of the Least Coin."

Celebration of Life

The Rev. James W. Earnest

Saturday, May 18, 2024 @ 10:00am

First Baptist Church of Dayton



Education/Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Teacher/Graduate Recognition



Each year we take time in worship to recognize those who have served in the education ministry of our church—Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School volunteers, Children's Messengers, and others. And we celebrate those who are graduating from high schools or universities.

CALL FOR GRADUATES! If you or someone in your family will be graduating this spring, we would be happy to include you/them in our list of graduates. Contact the church office (fbc@fbcd Dayton.org) with the graduate's name, institution of learning, and degree if applicable. Also it would be helpful to know if you/they will be present in worship on that Sunday.

BYF Gathering

Sunday, May 19 @ 12:15-2:30pm

First Baptist Church of Dayton

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join our Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) gatherings, where we share in food, fellowship, reflection and fun times. With Mother's Day and Founders Day/Bicentennial celebrations taking place on the second and fourth Sunday of May, respectively (our usual gathering times), we will have just one formally scheduled gathering in the month of May. Also, we would like to be sure to have updated information for our youth participants, and ask that parents turn in a new completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form for 2024 for each youth to Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org / 937-631-3579). Print copies are available on the table near the church office. Friends are always welcome, but we ask that they also turn in a BYF Form.

Bicentennial Keepsake

On Sale Now thru May 26

The First Baptist Church of Dayton's Bicentennial is on our minds and hearts this year. We have a special keepsake to commemorate this historic event! It is a beautiful wooden replica of our church (5"3/8" high x 7 1/2" wide). A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall where you may sign up for how many keepsakes you would like to purchase. The price is \$10 each and may be picked up after payment. We are blessed and honored to follow those who have led the way in the Dayton community for 200 years. May we be a blessing to those in the future of First Baptist Church of Dayton.

Notes from the Heritage Committee

Things are really shaping up for the celebration of our 200th anniversary. We have special banners made, keepsakes for sale, historical displays in the fellowship hall, a historical marker to be dedicated on Mother's Day and many special activities Memorial Day weekend when we celebrate Founders Day!

Volunteers are wanted to help with the banquet for Founders Day Bicentennial Celebration on Sunday, May 26. We are having the banquet catered. It will be a buffet but could use at least 4 volunteers to help serve the food, some to help set the tables and room the day before, some to help clear and wash dishes/clean up. Please RSVP to Donna Curry if you can help (donna.curry@wright.edu or 937-470-5643).

Celebration of Life

Mary K. Lee

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Noon – 3:00 PM

Englewood MetroPark: East Park
4361 W National Rd, Vandalia OH 45377
Shelter Name: Patty



*Bicentennial Celebration on Founders Sunday, May 26
10:00am Worship Service and 11:30am Catered Lunch*

The deadline for RSVPs is fast-approaching!
If you plan to attend the catered lunch on May 26,
we need your RSVP by May 17.

Part-Time Custodian

First Baptist Church of Dayton is looking for a part-time custodian, beginning at 10-15 hours per week with possibility of more hours in future. Duties and work schedule are flexible, to be trained and begin work in coordination with current custodian. Interested persons should contact Pastor Kent Berghuis or Jonathon Wolfe, chair of the Trustees.

FBC & Dayton Pride 2024 *The Strength of the Gem*

We are once again making plans to participate in Dayton Pride 2024, especially the Parade & Festival that will take place on Saturday, June 1st (11am-4pm). There are lots of ways to help with walking in the parade, gathering/creating materials to share during the parade & festival, spending time at our festival booth to engage with folks from the community, and more. **If you would like to help with our planning, please contact Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org / 937-631-3579).**

Here are some of the Pride events that might be of interest:

Thursday, May 30th @ 7pm – Interfaith Service at St. John's United Church of Christ (515 E. 3rd Street)

Friday, May 31st @ 6-10pm – Affair on Saint Clair: Rock this Block & the Faces of Pride Exhibit (6-9pm) a photography exhibit celebrating the divert with our LGBTQ+ community (136 N. Saint Clair Street)

Saturday, June 1st @ 11am – Dayton Pride Parade – Come walk in the parade with FBC Dayton or cheer everyone on from the sidelines! (line-up starts at 10:30am on Jefferson Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets. Parade kicks off at 11am, and travels west on 2nd Street to Main Street, one block north to 1st Street, and then east on 1st Street to the Main Stage on Saint Clair.) And stay after the **Parade for the Dayton Pride Festival (12-4pm)** on N. Saint Clair Street between 1st and 3rd Street, where FBC Dayton will have our booth.

MUSIC NOTES

from Dr. William Henry Caldwell



On Sunday, May 26, internationally acclaimed **operatic tenor Cameo Humes** will join the Chancel Choir of First Baptist Church of Dayton in observance of the church's 200th anniversary as an American Baptist congregation. During the morning worship service at 10:00 a.m., Mr. Humes will sing Sanctus, the solo in the Mass of Saint Cecilia by Charles Gounod. Mr. Humes has performed on operatic stages throughout the world but considers the Lyric Opera of Chicago to be his home. He will present a selection during the postlude.

Cameo is a graduate of the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music and for years was an adjunct professor in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at Central State University where he worked with Dr. William Henry Caldwell.

On June 2, 2024 at 5 p.m., the Music Department at historic First Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio will present its annual **First Baptist Sings featuring the Chancel Choir in "The Best of the Season."** The choir will perform works by Mozart, Cousins, Forrest, Powell, Parker, Hailstork, and Vivaldi. The choir under the direction of Dr. William Henry Caldwell will be accompanied by Mr. Gregory Land and Dr. Alan Kimbrough. There will be a reception following the program in the Fellowship Hall. Free parking is available in the church parking lot and assistance provided for the handicapped.

Summer music begins June 9, 2024. If you would like to do a special musical presentation at worship during the summer at First Baptist, please contact the church office (fbc@fbccdayton.org or 937-222-4691). The Chancel Choir will resume with rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 5, at 7 p.m.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

561 Shall We Gather at the River

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1864 (Rev. 22:1)
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

HANSON PLACE
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