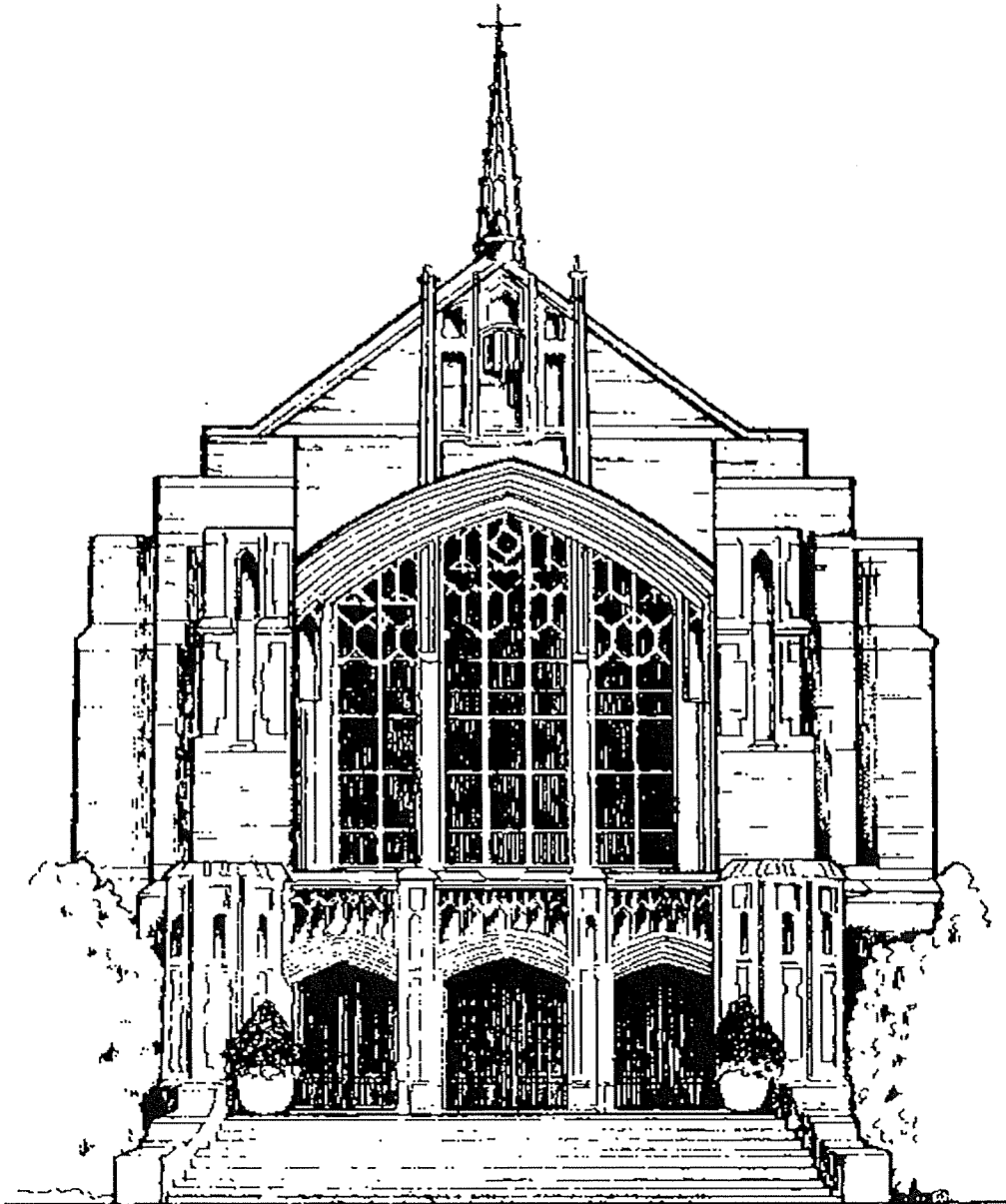




First Baptist Church of Dayton  
A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost / Father's Day  
June 16, 2024



*Celebrating 200 Years 1824-2024*

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The First Baptist Church at Worship  
 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 FATHER'S DAY  
 June 16, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Aurelian Oprea, Violinist  
 Gregory Land, Pianist

Concerto "La Primavera" ..... Antonio Vivaldi  
 II. Il Capraro Che Dorme  
 III. Danza Pastorale  
 from the "Four Seasons" Op. 8 No. 1  
 Czardas ..... Vittorio Monti

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.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

\*OPENING HYMN

#340 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
 DIADEM

This hymn is a declaration of praise, but it's also much more than that. The words both declare the majesty of Christ and task us with making that majesty known to all. Like many hymns describing the glory of God and the hope that one day all people will see that glory, this hymn alludes to Philippians 2:9-11: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." We long for this day, and declare our hope in its arrival in the text of this hymn. But are we willing to declare that hope to those who have not heard it? The phrase, "Easier said than done" comes to mind here. After we have sung these words of victory and longing, what do we do? Do we act on those words and turn our expectancy into realities? Or do we wait for someone else to do it for us? The fourth stanza of this great hymn declares, "We'll join the everlasting song...." Everlasting means that we are a part of that song right now – are we willing to lift our voices together to sing more than a hymn, and truly crown our God Lord of all?

Listening for the Word of God

RESPONSIVE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 20

Rev. Jason Alspaugh, Leader

The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

**May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.**

May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

**May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.**

May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners.  
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

**Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.**

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

**They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright. Give victory to the king,  
O LORD; answer us when we call.**

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:26-34

Rev. Mark Craig

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

#545 *In the Bulb*  
PROMISE

One of the great jewels of choral composition in the United Methodist Church was Natalie Sleeth, who was from Evanston, Illinois. She was a very prolific composer of popular sacred compositions for the church with many of them becoming favorites, like the *Joy In The Morning* and *Jazz Gloria*. She was associated with Southern Methodist University and Highland Park United Methodist Church in Texas. Inspired by a T. S. Eliot line, the germ of our hymn this morning grew from the idea "in our end is our beginning," the phrase that begins the third stanza of the hymn. While it carries the promise of spring and the hope of Easter in its beautiful metaphors, it is a very appropriate hymn for funeral and memorial services. Shortly after its composition, the composer's husband was diagnosed with what turned out to be a terminal malignancy. Ronald Sleeth requested that "Hymn of Promise" be sung at his funeral service.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(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

#385 *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*  
WHELPTON

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.**

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

Rev. David 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Aurelian Oprea, Violin

Salut D'Amour ..... Edward Elgar Op. 12  
Piano accompaniment by Gregory Land

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*"Seeds of God's Kingdom"*

The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE (SEE PG. 7)

*Called As Partners in Christ's Service*  
BEECHER

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity, as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20<sup>th</sup>-century text is set to a 19<sup>th</sup>-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#518 *May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus*  
GALILEE

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God,  
the communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.**

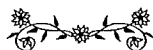
POSTLUDE

Aurelian Oprea, Violin

Valse Lente ..... Léo Delibes  
From the ballet "Coppelia" (1870)  
Piano accompaniment by Gregory Land

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

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



***Happy Father's Day!***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.fbcd Dayton.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.)*

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

### Week of June 16 – 23

Sun. 16	10:00a	.....	Worship Service (Father's Day)
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
Wed. 19	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting
Fri. 21	6:00p	.....	Firepit Fellowship (DLABC)
Sun. 23	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship

### Welcome to Our Guest Musician!

Let us welcome to First Baptist this morning **Aurelian Oprea**, principal violinist and concertmaster with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. He is no stranger to us here as he provided special music during our past summers and our Christmas Eve services. Concertmaster Aurelian Oprea was born in Cluj-Napoca, the cultural capital of Romania's Transylvania region. His parents and grandfather were string players in the Romanian National Opera House Orchestra, and his grandmother was the prima ballerina of the Opera's ballet corps. Aurelian began playing the violin in the first grade, and he graduated in 1995 from the city's music school

with a Baccalaureate Degree in Violin Performance. He served as the music school's concertmaster and frequently performed as a guest soloist with several Romanian orchestras. He earned a bachelor's degree in music performance from Bowling Green State University in 1999, where he also won a Concerto Competition. Aurelian won his first professional audition at the age of 20, becoming the youngest member of the Michigan Opera Theater Orchestra in Detroit, a position he held until 2000 when he joined the DPO. Aurelian is fluent in Romanian, Hungarian and English.

## **JUNE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS**

### **Philippians**

**Led by Dr. Brad Kallenberg**

**June 2, 9 & 16 @ 11:30am-12:15pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Chapel**

*Philippians* is one of the "prison epistles" written by the Apostle Paul to a congregation that he planted in northern Greece during his second missionary journey. The format of this adult Sunday School class will be interactive as we learn (and practice) a variety of ways of listening to Scripture together. Over these three weeks we will seek to get better at "reading in communion" in hopes that we begin to hear what God may be saying to us who gather at Monument and Ludlow this Eastertide, 2024.

### **Thank You!**

**From Linda Thomson and Family**

Thank you to all who helped with the beautiful service in Pete's remembrance on Saturday and putting together the lovely luncheon afterwards. You were all so thoughtful and kind to honor Pete by being there with us. With love and gratitude~~Linda Thomson and Family

### **Executive Council Meeting**

Wednesday, June 19 @ 6:30pm

### **Firepit Fellowship**

**Friday, June 21 @ 6pm**

Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church (960 W Dorothy Ln) is inviting us to their "Firepit Fellowship" every 3rd Friday of each month throughout the summer beginning at 6:00pm. The next one will be on June 21st. Hotdogs, snacks, marshmallows and drinks are provided, but you can bring something to share if you wish.

## **AMERICAN BAPTIST JUNE OFFERING**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing: Share the Light**

*"Let me tell you why you are here... You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world...  
Keep open house; be generous with your lives." – Matthew 5:13-16, The Message*

When we participate in One Great Hour of Sharing, we become a dazzling prism of light scattering blessing in places that desperately need it. We offer hope to people forced to flee their homes in search of safety and new promise. We support life-giving recovery efforts when disasters devastate communities and lives. We empower partners in their labors to build sustainable futures. We plant seeds of peace where war has multiplied despair and destruction. This is why we are here: to be shining witnesses of uncommon love and enduring hope and to be generous with our lives. The need has never been greater. Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks.

## First Baptist's Summer Music Series 2024

The Summer Music Series at historic First Baptist Church Dayton this season will provide a wonderful worship experience for everyone. Many of the participants are familiar to everyone, and we look forward to them sharing their spiritual gifts with us! A flyer is available that lists our guest musicians for the summer. Please pick one up from the table by the office door.

## Dedication of the Janet Lasley Legacy Garden

Friday, June 28, 2024

1:00 PM

Caesar Creek Nature Center

## Summer Teachers Needed for Kids Sunday School 2024

We are seeking volunteers to help with our Kids One-Room Sunday School Class (preK-5) this summer (June 9 thru Sept. 1). There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Note that there are two slots for each Sunday—one for the person who will teach, leading the reading/discussion of scripture; the other for the person who would provide a craft project to help the kids connect with the lesson. Please speak with Pastor Jason or Janet Landis, chair of CE. They will also be on hand to provide resources, supplies, etc., throughout the summer.

## A Review of the News of 1924 and 100th Anniversary of the Church

The printed booklet of Angie Berghuis's presentation, "A Review of the News of 1924 and the 100th Anniversary of the Church" is now available! You can pick up a copy from Angie during coffee fellowship. Donations to help cover the cost of printing are appreciated.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

### *Church Stories: All Aboard!*

July 8-12 @ 9:30am-Noon

Grades PreK-5

This summer we are following up our 2023 theme—*Jesus Stories*—with stories from the Early Church and stories from our own local church. As we celebrate our Bicentennial year, one of the interesting pieces to our history is a connection to the chapel car ministry that took place between 1890 and 1946. And so, we're integrating stories of this ministry into our VBS curriculum. We'll have a great time together with games, crafts and music; and in hearing these stories of how people have sought to share the Gospel of God's love. All aboard! **Our VBS Planning Team has been hard at work. If you are interested in helping out with VBS in some way, please contact Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org) / 937-631-3579).**



*Save the Date!*

## CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, July 21 after Church

Indian Riffle Park - Shelter #1

(2801 Stroop Rd, Kettering)



Deacons will provide chicken and drinks. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert.

*(The restrooms are a short walk from the picnic shelters and play area.)*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Called as Partners in Christ's Service · 343

BEECHER 27.87 D

June Parker Huber, 1981

John Zundel, 1870



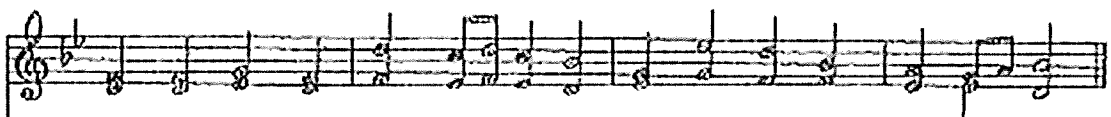
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, Called to min-is-tries of grace.
2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, In a small or glob-al sense,
4. So God grant us for to-mor-row Ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, Rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, Break-ing down each wall or fence.  
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row With a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, Side by side and friend with friend,  
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, All God's peo-ple, young and old,  
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, Words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, Our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.  
Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.  
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.





## Send

Joe and his friend Thomas like to play together. Joe doesn't come to church often. How can Thomas spread the seed of God's love to Joe?

Print their thoughts or words in the bubbles.



*Be with us each day, Lord,  
as our faith in you grows  
and grows. Amen*

## This week

Take a walk this week, notice all of the growing plants around you, and see if you can find out what some of their seeds are like.

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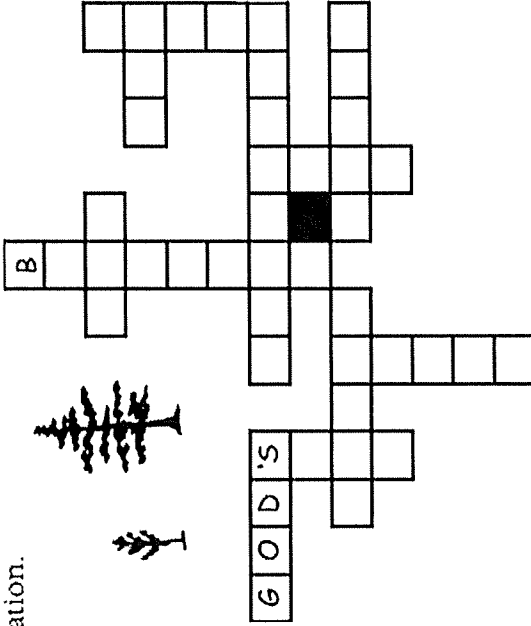
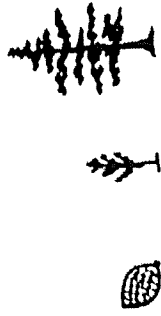
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## gather

Welcome to worship.

Do you see things in your worship place that are made from wood? The wood and trees are a part of God's creation.



Think of the tiny seeds that become sturdy trees, a home for animals and birds and a source of wood for our own use. Place the wood words into the crossword puzzle above.

Wood Words

GOD'S CEDAR OAK BIRCH FIR SEED

ACORN TWIG GREEN CREATION BRANCHES

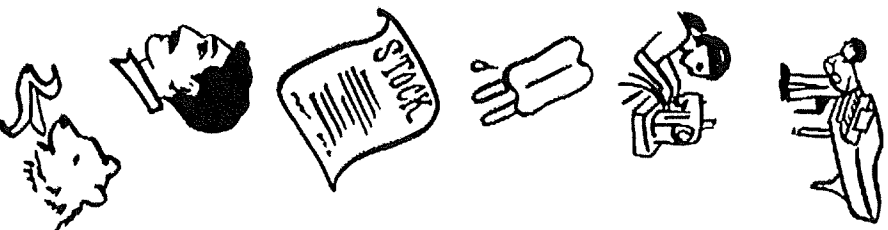
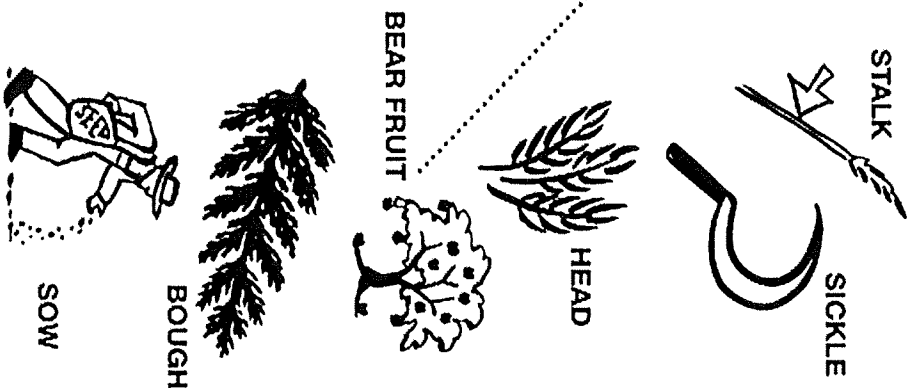
# Reap & Celebrate

Today's gospel, and also the First Reading, talk about growing things. Jesus said that God's kingdom is, in a way, like seeds that have been planted and now are growing.

Below, match the meaning on the left with the correct picture in the middle. Then, just for fun, see if you can match that picture to something on the right that sounds like it. (Like the way "I" and "eye" sound alike.)

## DEFINITIONS

1. To grow and produce great results. We "bear fruit" when we tell lots of people about Jesus.
2. To spread and plant seed on the ground
3. The top of a wheat or other grain stalk that contains the good usable grain
4. The stem of a plant
5. A curved cutting tool used for harvesting grain
6. A sturdy branch of a tree



Memorize a verse from today's lesson: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation." 2 Corinthians 5:17a  
How can you become a new creation every day?