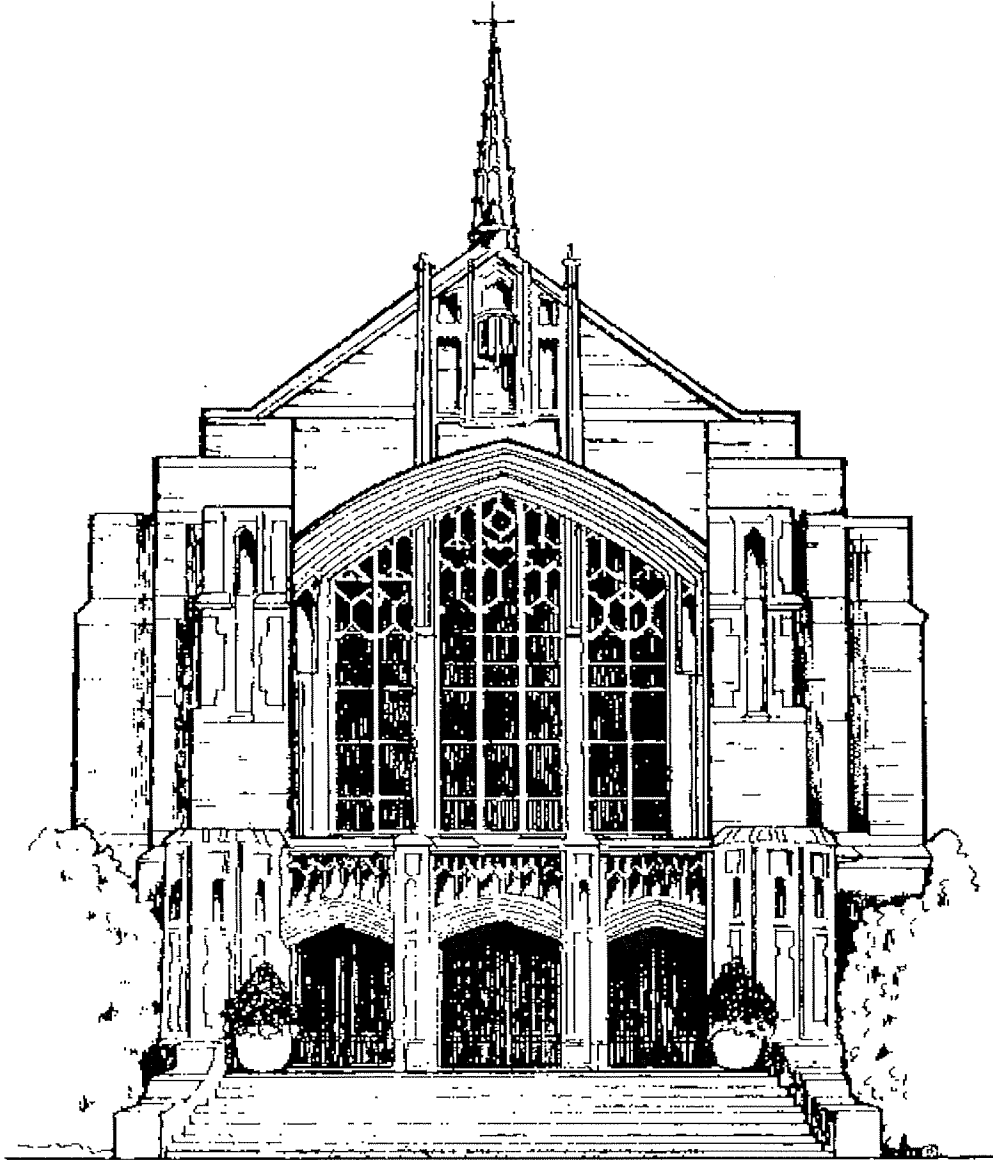


First Baptist Church of Dayton
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2026



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers
in Jesus Christ through worship, education,
fellowship, and outreach to others.*

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The First Baptist Church at Worship
8th Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organ

Prelude ("Asperges me") and Elevation ("Adoro te") from *Suite Medievale*

--Jean Langlais

Antiphon V—How fair and how pleasant art thou

--Marcel Dupré

Patrick J. Nugent, Piano

Chorale Prelude: Sleepers Awake

--J. S. Bach; arr. F. Busoni

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

#33 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM RHONDDA

The notion of "the unknown" is not an idea we're overly fond of. Part of us would love to know how the future plays out - what to prepare for, what to let go because it won't be successful anyway. C. S. Lewis alludes to this desire in *Prince Caspian*, in this conversation between Lucy and Aslan. "Please, Aslan!" said Lucy, "am I not to know?" "To know what would have happened, child?" said Aslan. "No, nobody is ever told that." "Oh dear," said Lucy. Not knowing what the future holds brings a certain uneasiness to our lives. And yet, in a strange kind of way, there is comfort in the fact as well. Whatever happens to us or our loved ones is out of our hands; we simply couldn't know anything about it if we tried. There is a common phrase: "Let go, and let God." In this hymn by William Williams, we are given the words to express our prayer that God would guide us as we walk through a life of unknowns. At the end of her conversation with Aslan, Lucy, her head previously buried into Aslan's mane, suddenly sits up and says, "I'm sorry, Aslan...I'm ready now." Let us pray that we are always ready to go with God wherever He takes us, songs of praises ever on our lips.

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

PASSING THE PEACE (*A time to greet one another*)

*DOXOLOGY

#706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD 100TH, alt.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:18-25

Jaimee Ryan

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30

Jaimee Ryan

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

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 (See pg. 7)

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder
NEGRO SPIRITUAL

"Jacob's Ladder" is primarily an African-American spiritual and traditional hymn originating in the 19th century, symbolizing a biblical connection between heaven and earth—a journey toward freedom, salvation, and spiritual growth, often interpreted as striving "step by step." The song has been adapted by various artists, including Rush and Bruce Hornsby, to explore themes of natural beauty, perseverance, and social critique.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. David 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

#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. 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

Patrick J. Nugent, Piano

Improvisations on *Adoro Te Devote*, Gregorian Chant
arr. P. J. Nugent

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Hopeful Patience"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#246 The Church's One Foundation
AURELIA

"The Church's One Foundation" is an 1866 hymn by Samuel Stone that proclaims Jesus Christ as the sole, divine foundation of the Church. It emphasizes Christian unity, universal faith, and endurance through trials, written to affirm the Apostles' Creed against theological heresy. It portrays the church as Christ's "bride" and "new creation."

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*SUNG BENEDICTION

#523 v.1 God Be with You
GOD BE WITH YOU

**God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!**

POSTLUDE

Patrick J. Nugent, Piano

Improvisations on *Amazing Grace* arr. P. J. Nugent



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

Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of the church!

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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.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.)

Bayless Family	Bill Harrell	Judy Smith
Harriet Berghuis	Debbie Harshman	Joanne Stephens
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Tyson Family
Gail Bowman	Land Family	Anne Veghte
Dana Brewer	Gene Lee	Vice Family
Daniel Brown	Vincent Liss	Brett Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Patty Loxley	Sharon Wingham
Gerald Busch	Tom McKenzie	<i>Military Duty:</i>
June Collier	Todd Mikesell	Sebastian Ewald
Merriann Craig	Shirley Nash	Sunny Ewald
Bill Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Pamela Cress	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Domeschik Family	Petry Family	Will Radachi
Lavanda Ferguson	Judy See	Juan Rodriguez

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)



Welcome to Our Guest Musician

Patrick J. Nugent

This morning we welcome to historic First Baptist Church of Dayton none other than Dr. Patrick Nugent, who is the president and CEO of the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance which is the only organization of its kind in the United States. The alliance consists of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, the Dayton Ballet, and the Dayton Opera. Since his becoming president each organization has new artistic leadership and continues to maintain the highest professional standards in the sophisticated arts. Patrick is an accomplished pianist and he also holds a doctorate in the ministry. He and his wife are very involved in the total Dayton community and beyond. We welcome them this morning!



First Baptist Church Picnic

with Dorothy Lane Baptist Church

Sunday, July 26 after church

Hills & Dales MetroPark -- Paw Paw

Main dish and beverages provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Don't forget lawn chairs & lawn games!

RSVP by today July 19!

Directions to Paw Paw (2471 Deep Hollow Road):

W. Dorothy Lane about ½ mi from Far Hills to North on Patterson to right on Oak Knoll to left on Deep Hollow. *(Google map says Peach Orchard instead of Oak Knoll, but the street sign says Oak Knoll.)*



Friday Night Firepit Fellowship

Friday, August 21 @ 6:00pm

Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church

960 W Dorothy Lane

DLABC has invited us to their "Firepit Fellowship" every 3rd Friday of the month through the summer beginning at 6pm. Hotdogs, snacks, s'mores fixings, and drinks will be provided, but you can bring something to share if you wish. Don't forget a lawn chair or blanket.

Baptism and Right Hand of Fellowship

On Sunday, August 2, we will celebrate new members in our service with a baptism and the "Right Hand of Fellowship." If anyone else would like to join the church or be baptized at this time, please talk with one of the pastors.

Coffee & Cookie Social Time at One Lincoln Park

Monthly - 1st Wednesday
2:00-3:30pm
590 Isaac Prugh Way, Kettering 45429

Next Social: August 5

You're welcome to attend the coffee/cookie social time for our members who reside at One Lincoln Park. Currently we have 4 members living there--Linda Ginter Brown, Gerald Busch, Bill Harrell, and Ken Taylor. You are invited and encouraged to attend these monthly socials! **Upcoming dates:** Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Herbert at 937-380-8000.

August Church Meetings

Board Meetings
Wednesday, August 12 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 19 @ 6:30pm

Attention Summer Musicians

Thank you for sharing your musical talent with us this summer! A reminder to prepare a special anthem to be presented during the worship service in addition to a selection for the prelude or postlude. Be sure to email Linda (fbc@fbcd Dayton.org) with your titles/composers by Wednesday prior to your scheduled Sunday. Thank you!



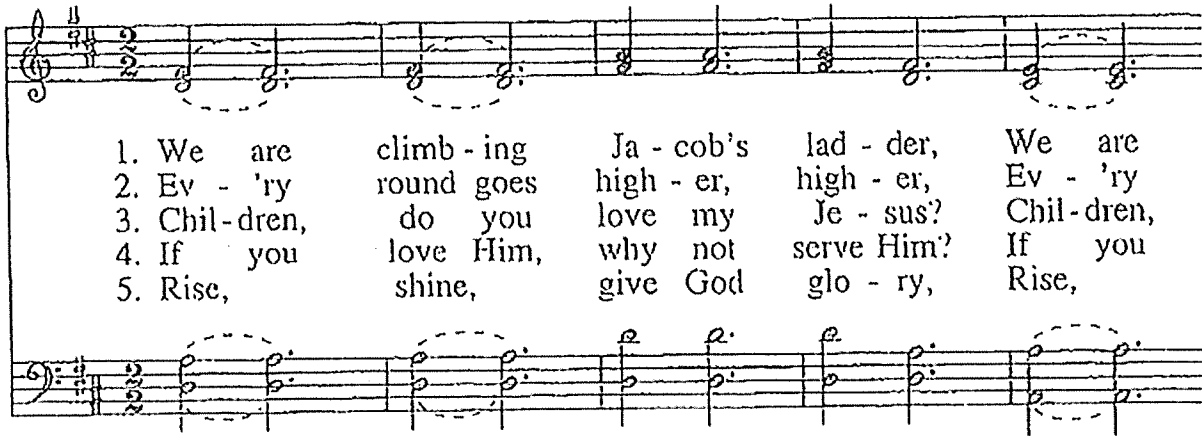
Summer Teachers Needed for Kids Sunday School 2026

We are seeking volunteers to help with our Kids One-Room Sunday School Class (preK-5) this summer (June 7 thru Aug. 30). 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 Roy Vice or Mark Ryan, co-chairs of Christian Education. They will also be on hand to provide resources, supplies, etc., throughout the summer.

FELLOWSHIP HYMN

471 We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

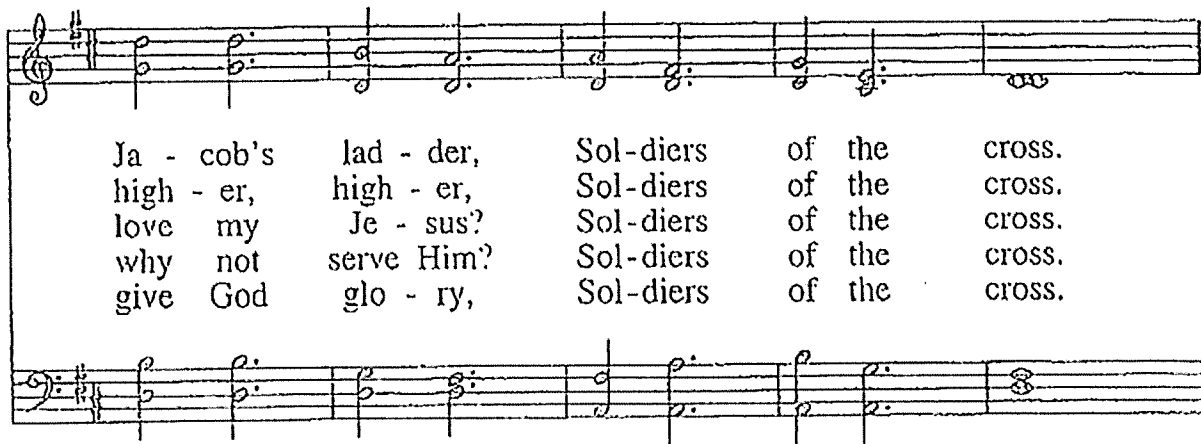
*...he dreamed that there was a ladder... and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.
Genesis 28:12*



1. We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, We are
 2. Ev - 'ry round goes high - er, high - er, Ev - 'ry
 3. Chil - dren, do you love my Je - sus? Chil - dren,
 4. If you love Him, why not serve Him? If you
 5. Rise, shine, give God glo - ry, Rise,



climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, We are climb - ing
 round goes high - er, high - er, Ev - 'ry round goes
 do you love my Je - sus? Chil - dren, do you
 love Him, why not serve Him? If you love Him,
 shine, give God glo - ry, Rise, shine,



Ja - cob's lad - der, Sol - diers of the cross.
 high - er, high - er, Sol - diers of the cross.
 love my Je - sus? Sol - diers of the cross.
 why not serve Him? Sol - diers of the cross.
 give God glo - ry, Sol - diers of the cross.

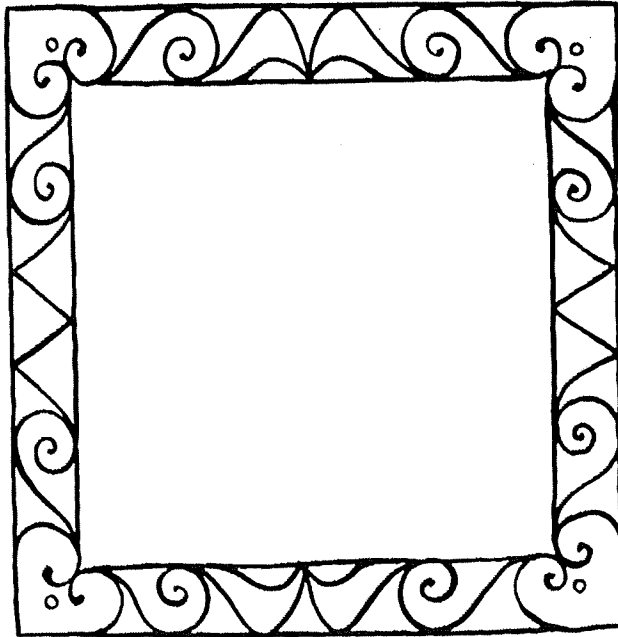
Text: Negro Spiritual
 Tune: JACOB'S LADDER, S S S 5; Negro Spiritual

Send

What's your story?

Turn on your imagination. Look around you. What familiar thing do you see that you could use to make a story?

Draw or write your story here.



Show your personal parable to someone and talk about it.



Dear God, help me grow like good seeds. Amen.

This week

Collect ideas to tell stories about God's love.

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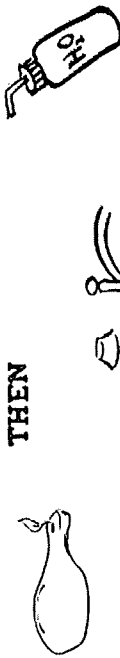
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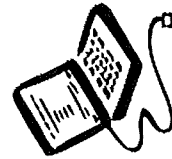
gather

Welcome to worship. A parable is a story. Jesus told parables about simple things people saw every day such as a coin, sheep, families, and food.

THEN



NOW



Draw a line from **THEN** to the things people saw in Jesus' time and from **NOW** to things people see today.

hear & celebrate

The seeds and the weeds

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus knew there were good and bad things in the world.

He told a story about

good and bad seeds.

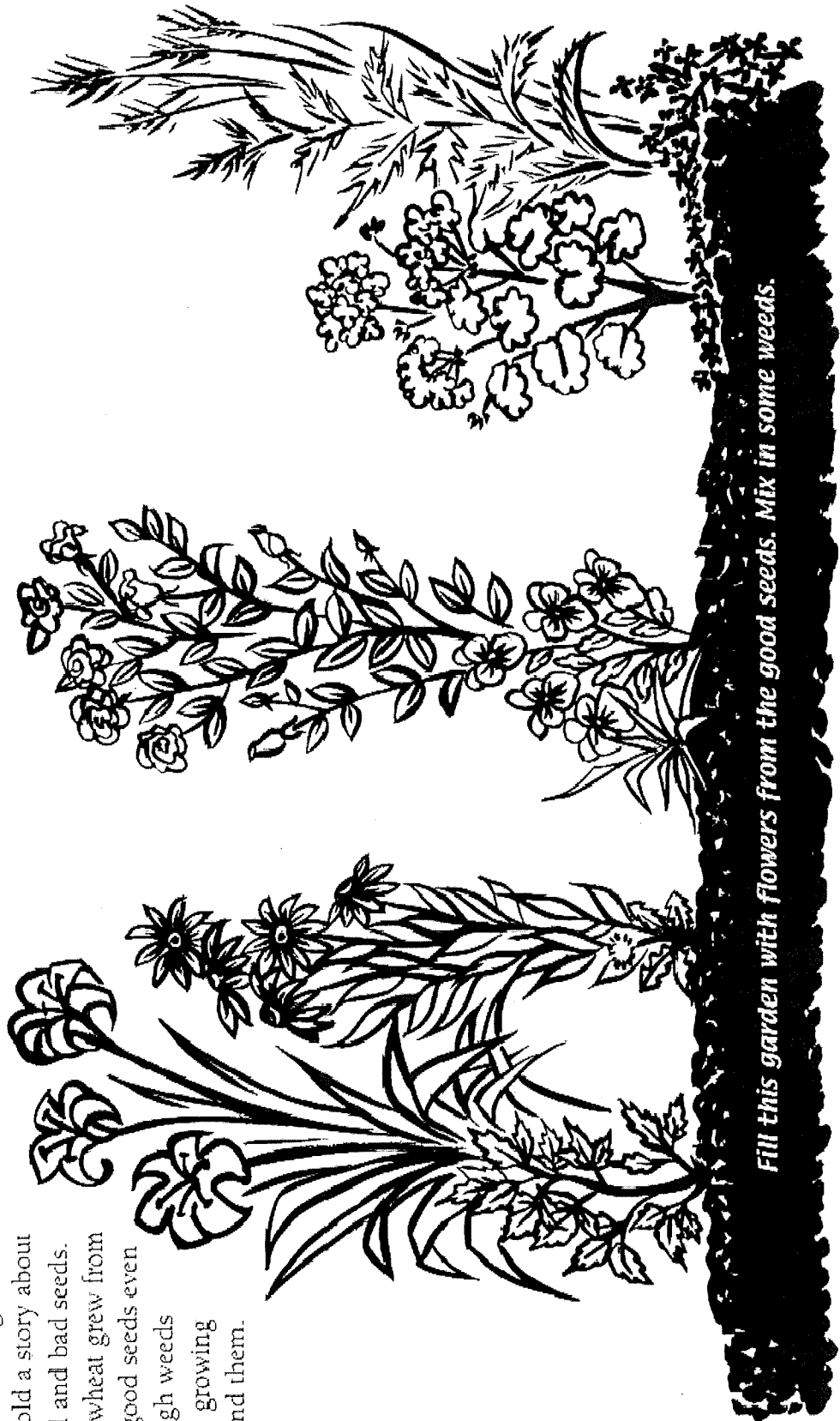
The wheat grew from

the good seeds even

though weeds

were growing

around them.



Fill this garden with flowers from the good seeds. Mix in some weeds.