

MAY 5, 2021



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Weekly Newsletter for the Choir of First Baptist Church

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Bake Sale Sunday!

Come support our students this Sunday at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall as they raise money for their mission trip! Every treat is available price of a donation!



A Celebration of Freedom

Our church will be having our annual Celebration of Freedom on June 27 at 6pm! We will be having a hot dog dinner, the service, and our ice cream social as well. Be sure to put this on your calendar for the summer!



Upcoming Repertoire

Sunday, May 9

- Jesus, We Are Here
- Draw Nigh to God
- The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Sunday, May 16

- Come and Sing the Praise
- We Are the Reason
- Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

Sunday, May 23

- How Lovely, Lord
- Lord, Send Me Anywhere

Sunday, May 30

- The Lord Almighty Reigns
- Find Us Faithful
- May the Love of the Lord Rest Upon Your Soul

Sunday, June 6

- Great is the Lord
- Amazing Grace

Sunday June 13

- How Firm a Foundation
- Grace to You

"Magnify God's Name with Worship"

Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day) - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day) - Youth Bake Sale

Wednesday, May 12 - Rehearsal (6:30pm - Ryberg Hall)

Sunday, May 16 (Graduation Sunday) - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room) ~**HANDBELLS IN SERVICE~**

Wednesday, May 19 - Rehearsal (6:30pm - Ryberg Hall)

Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost) - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Wednesday, May 26 - Rehearsal (6:30pm - Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 30 (Trinity Sunday/Memorial Day) - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Wednesday, June 2 - Rehearsal (6:30pm - Sanctuary)

Thursday, June 3 - Trinity Thursday Night Worship (7pm Ryberg Hall Lawn)

Sunday, June 6 - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Wednesday, June 9 - Rehearsal (6:30pm - Sanctuary)

Thursday, June 10 - Trinity Thursday Night Worship (7pm Ryberg Hall Lawn)

Sunday, June 13 - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Wednesday, June 16 - Rehearsal (6:30pm - Sanctuary)

Thursday, June 17 - Trinity Thursday Night Worship (7pm Ryberg Hall Lawn)

Sunday, June 20 - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Wednesday, June 23 - Rehearsal (6:30pm - Sanctuary)

Thursday, June 24 - Trinity Thursday Night Worship (7pm Ryberg Hall Lawn)

Sunday, June 27 - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Sunday, June 27 - Celebration of Freedom (6:00pm - Chancel)

Wednesday, June 30 - No Rehearsal

Thursday, July 1 - No Trinity Thursday Night Worship

Sunday, July 4 - No Choir in Service

Wednesday, July 7 - No Rehearsal

Thursday, July 8 - Trinity Thursday Night Worship (7pm Ryberg Hall Lawn)

Sunday, July 11 - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 14 - No Rehearsal

Thursday, July 15 - Trinity Thursday Night Worship (7pm Ryberg Hall Lawn)

Sunday, July 18 - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 21 - No Rehearsal

Thursday, July 22 - Trinity Thursday Night Worship (7pm Ryberg Hall Lawn)

Sunday, July 25 - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 28 - No Rehearsal

Thursday, July 29 - Trinity Thursday Night Worship (7pm Ryberg Hall Lawn)

Sunday, August 1 - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)

Wednesday, August 4 - No Rehearsal

Sunday, August 8 - Sing in Service (10:35am - Choir Room)



The Importance of Communion



"That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep"

- I Corinthians 11:3

The Lord's Supper is the sign of Christ's presence among His people and of their unity in Him. As Paul chastised the Corinthians for their factionalism, he called attention to the fact that by warring with one another, they were abusing the meaning of the central ritual of the church (1 Corinthians 10–11).

The Bible teaches us that Jesus gives Himself to us in the Lord's Supper. Physically, Jesus is located at the right hand of the Father in heaven, so there is no transformation of the bread and wine into His physical body. On the basis of scriptural teaching, the church determined at the Council of Chalcedon in 431 AD that Christ's humanity is not mingled with His deity, so that it cannot be spread out over space. Thus, in the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit communicates Jesus to us, and makes us present to His person in heaven, but Christ does not come to "hide" in the bread and wine.

The Lord's Supper is dinner with Jesus. It is the meal we take with God on the Lord's Day. Common sense as well as biblical theology indicate that we should eat with God every week, on His day. Sadly, the church has either surrounded the Lord's Supper with superstitions, or else neglected it, doing it only monthly or quarterly. But if we understand the great gift that God offers us when He invites us to His house to worship and dine with Him, we will not neglect the sacrament of Holy Communion. The unity of the church is a unity in Christ. The Lord's Supper seals that unity to us in that we all feed on Christ, and thus are all together made partakers of the same body. The Corinthians, however, were eating the "Lord's Supper" in various groups aligned with their factions. Such behavior was a grave offense to God, and showed that they neither understood nor appreciated the death of His Son and the gift of the sacrament.

The Lord's Supper always acts upon us when we participate in it. When we receive it in faith, we derive benefit and nourishment from feeding on Jesus Christ. When, however, we harbor sin and abuse the Supper, we receive judgment from God. The Corinthians were experiencing sickness and premature deaths because they, as a church, were offending God at His Supper.

For more resources, visit Ligonier Ministries at their website: www.ligonier.org/

"Magnify God's Name with Worship"

A Word from the Director

So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them.

~Joshua 4:4-8a~



One part of the Old Testament that many of us miss comes to us at one of the most notable points of Israel's history - the crossing of the Jordan. Our passage for today indicates the willingness of Joshua and the Israelites to listen to the command that God had given them to take stones across the river with them into the Promised Land. While this may be an odd thing to consider in our day and age - the point was made clear by Joshua: these stones were meant to be remembered - a memorial to the people of Israel about their past, how God had led them to freedom, and what He had done to love them and care for them. This is not an uncommon practice in the Bible, as we see

both Jacob laying a memorial of stones at Bethel where he wrestled with God and Samuel after God thwarts the attack of the Philistines.

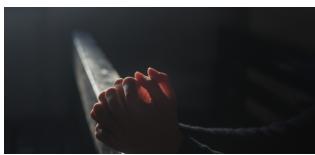
So how does this impact us as the people of God? We have not been commanded by God to set up stones in our yards or along our roads. We have not been instructed to build anything or create anything. Maybe this is because all of those things have already been done.

The Israelites and all of God's people have been admonished to remember. For the Israelites, this indicated their history with Egypt and their times both in the Promised Land and in exile. For us as believers, however, we are called to remember something different - the life and work of Jesus Christ. And how do we remember these things? Certainly we remember in words taught and spoken both in our churches together - in our confessions and readings together - and at home in the things we teach our families. We also remember in song as Paul said to the church at Colosse - "Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God." We serve each other and our community as a remembrance. But our ultimate memorials are the two ordinances that Christ left us as His church - communion and baptism. Communion, a remembrance of Christ's death for us, and baptism, a reminder of our death to self and new life in Christ. Let us live in that spirit of remembrance of all that God has done for us in our salvation and sanctification as we continue to hold Him up above all else



In His Service, Braxton

Prayers



Prayers

- **Faye Downs** - Daughter had surgery
- **Carolyn Crumpler** - Recovering at home
- **Jimmy Jones** - Recovering at home
- **Pope Hardee** - Lewy Body Dementia
- Church transition & Pastor Search Committee
- Pray for our deacons as they study church renewal with Dr. Cogdill.



Haven't returned to choir yet? We miss you!



You're invited! 

Know someone who loves to sing? Invite them!

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

~ COLOSSIANS 3:16 ~