

Worship Service – Welcome to the Morning Worship Service:

The 2015 theme Vacation Bible School was “Climbing Mount Everest: Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power”. The members of Fountain of Living Water and First Baptist jointly sponsored VBS and worked together with our young campers to let them know that God has the power to provide, the power to comfort, the power to heal, the power to forgive and the power of eternal life. In God’s strength we can be like a deer that can leap to new heights with God’s strength and the help and support of other mountain climbers. God promises the sure-footed confidence that we need to make it to our final destination of eternal life. Let us strive in the month of August not to become spectators and start climbing Mount Everest. We are reminded of the words of Isaiah “You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah ‘Here is your God!’” Isaiah 40: 9

Bible Study: Will Resume on Thursday September 17th We are adventuring through the Gospel of “John”. All members and friends come and join us on Thursdays at 7 PM for new discoveries and insights of God’s transforming word for our daily lives.

Sunday School: All children and youth are welcome to join us for Junior Church Worship and participate in Christian education activities.

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

Back to School Shout-Outs: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? Psalm 121:1 We are requesting from parents, family and friends of the First Baptist Church the names of students, pictures, and the school they will be attending in the fall. We will post their pictures on the bulletin board in the rear of the church. Please bring the pictures and information of the student to the church office.

2015 World Mission Offering – The Theme is Stretch Forward
“Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on towards the goal.” Philippians 3: 13-14. This special offering provides continue support for the work of International Ministries including the support of current missionaries and new missionary recruitment efforts. Please complete the envelope in the pew with your offering and place in the offertory plate on or before September 27th

Lunch Bunch: Will meet at Cross Roads in Bridgewater on Sunday September 20th at 1:00 pm. This group traditionally meets the second Sunday of every month. All members and friends are welcome to attend.

Somerset Food Bank: Thanks to our preschoolers we now have a new box to place your food donations.

Flowers: You may order flowers to honor or in memory of a loved one for \$35. If you are interested, please sign up on the Flower calendar at the back of the church.

Nursery Care is available for children 4yrs and younger. Please speak to an usher if you are interested.

Non-perishable Food Bank Donations: may be placed in the box in the rear of the church, the need is great. Thank you for your continued support.

Church Web-site please visit our church web-site, firstbaptistsomerville.org for upcoming events and happenings! If you have photos of church events to share on the website, please send them to fbcsec@verizon.net in jpeg format or submit them on CD to the church office.

We are becoming fishers of people” Mark 1: 16-20



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Organ Prelude: Ruth Mueller

Welcome and Announcements Deacon Robert Bryant
Fellowship Period (Extending God's love to one another)
Congregational Introit: "This Is the Day" Red # 209

***Call to Worship**

Leader: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!
People: My soul yearns even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your alter, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you;"

Psalm 84: 1-4
Red # 139

***Hymn of Praise:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer
*Gloria Patri Red # 812

Blessings of Joy and Thanksgiving

Worship in Prayer
Call to Prayer "Be Still, My Soul" Verse 1 & 2 Blue # 347
Pastoral Prayer
Prayer Response "Be Still, My Soul" Verse 3 Blue # 347

Special Music: Ruth Mueller

Worship in Tithing and Offerings

Offertory Sentence (in unison):
"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change lie shifting shadows."
James 1: 17
Red # 815

*Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

Worship via The Word

*Hymn of Preparation: "Wonderful Words of Life" Blue # 270

Lectionary Readings:

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 4: 5-8 Pew Bible page No. 279
New Testament: James 1: 22-25 Pew Bible page No. 1881

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Deacon Robert Bryant

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Hodulik, Visions Project Coordinator, Middle Earth

***Benediction:**

Amen: Denmark" Blue # 628 IV

Organ Postlude: Ruth Mueller

*Congregation Please Stand

WELCOME

The First Baptist Family is indeed happy that you came to worship with us today. We celebrate your presence and extend our hand of friendship during the fellowship period. Would you please fill out the Visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate? In addition, if you are new to the community, visiting with family, or live in the neighborhood, please feel free to speak with the Pastor or one of the Deacons following morning worship and please sign the Visitor's Book as you leave the sanctuary.



The flowers on our altar have heard the hymns that were sung, the prayers that were offered and the sermon that has been preached. Thank you for your donations that beautify our sanctuary. The Flower Chart is located near the rear of the church for all members and friends.



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS
Members, Friends and Family – Resting at Home



Bill Berry
Kimberly Bryant
Evelyn Field
Judy Hoak
Adeline Lofstrom
Quaid Mobus (Darin Lentzsch's cousin)
Ligia Piedra
Andrew Walsh

Josephine Bowden
Barbara Esposito (Mary Miller's daughter)
Jennifer Harbach
Evelyn Kopf
Cardinia Namendi
Aurora Piedra
Ruthann Pohl
Marge Schoonover

Hospital & Nursing Home

Corrine Chen/Arbor Glen
Susan Lofstrom/Brighton Gardens
Brenda Savidge/Avalon

Guest Speaker Bio: Jennifer Hodulik is the Visions Project Coordinator at Middle Earth. She is from Dunellen, NJ and graduated from the University of Dayton. Jennifer has done several religious mission trips, such as working at an orphanage in Tijuana Mexico, on a Native American reservation in South Dakota, and with a faith-based non-profit in Dayton, Ohio. She is very passionate about helping disadvantaged youth realize their potential and helping them have greater success, which is why she wholeheartedly loves the work she is doing at Middle Earth.