

*Our Vision is to be Christ to each other
and our community— doing
justice, loving mercy and
walking humbly with our God.*



**The Church Office will be closed
on Monday, May 31
for Memorial Day.**

*The Staff wishes everyone
a safe and happy holiday.*

CHURCH CONFERENCE

**Deacon Selection began on Wednesday, May 19
and will conclude on Wednesday, June 2 at 1pm.**

Ways to vote:

E-ballot which was sent out on email 5-19-21

You can email Angie@fernwoodchurch.org

Call the church office 864-582-7467 during office hours

Monday-Wednesday 9am until 1pm.

Vacation Time

Angie Quinn, our Administrative Assistant will be on vacation, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 1 - 3. The Church office will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 until 1. If you have an emergency, please feel free to contact, **Matt Johnson, our Senior Pastor** at 502-974-4480.





Choral Corner

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday, and we will be singing perhaps the greatest hymn ever written to recognize this doctrine, Holy, Holy, Holy! It is the first hymn in our hymnal and is indeed the first hymn in many hymnals, as it is a powerful statement to one of the cornerstone beliefs of the Christian faith. The text to this hymn was written by Englishman Reginald Heber. He was born in 1783 and by the age of seven, he was translating many of the Latin classics into English verse. The roots of the text are from the Book of Revelation, chapter 4, and are a part of the Sanctus of the Latin Mass.

Heber was the rector of a church near Shrewsbury, England, and he began writing hymns as a tool to lead his congregation toward stronger hymn singing. While he wrote Holy, Holy, Holy! For Trinity Sunday, it was not set to the Nicaea tune until well after his death in 1826. His reference to the Trinity is strengthened by a frequent use of the image of three throughout, including his claim that God is “perfect in power, in love and purity; “God is worshiped by saints, cherubim, and seraphim; God is praised “in earth and sky and sea,” and God is “holy, merciful and mighty.”

The tune that we are so accustomed to hearing with these words was written by John Bacchus Dykes in 1861. He was so moved by the texts when he first encountered them, he wrote the complete tune in 30 minutes. The tune title, NICAEA, is a tribute to the First Council of Nicaea, which formalized the doctrine of the Trinity in 325.

The link below is of a gathering at a conference called Songs of Praise at the Royal Albert Hall in London. While they sing only three of the four stanzas in our hymnal, they do so with an exuberance that I think Reginald Heber would have been proud of. The conference closes afterward with a group singing of Now Thank We All Our God.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39Zfr00UW_s

On April 11th, we said farewell to Sherami Harris, who had been a backbone of our music program for the previous two years. She has moved out of town for work, and the void she has left will be felt for some time. The church collected a love offering for her as we said goodbye, she asked that I pass along this thank you to the congregation:

"I would like to thank everyone for their love offering! I feel the love and appreciation from the congregation and I am so thankful to have been a part of a wonderful and loving community. This was the first time in a long time where I felt genuine warmth and acceptance from a church. I pray for positivity and joy to each of you!"

Stafford



Homebound Member of the Week

Suzy Nicholas

134 Lyndhurst Street
Spartanburg, SC 29307

Family Night Supper Support - Will You Help?

We are supporting a local mission with meals. The Hope Center for Children are excited and pleased to be receiving these meals. Tina will be preparing larger casserole type meals along with sides. They have 3 residential homes that she will be preparing for. These meals will be hot and fresh and delivered on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30pm at each location.

Are you willing to continue to pay for your meal, but allow it to be served to your neighbors? If you would like to help pay for some meals, you can write "Family Supper" on your check or choose "Family Supper" when you give online. Please give generously and help spread the word to others. Thank you to those of you who continue to support this important ministry!



Cooperative Baptist
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Prayers of the People Highlights May 23-29

Stephanie Vance
Madison, Alabama

www.cbf.net/vance

Prayers of the People Highlights May 30 - June 5

CBF Staff

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TOTAL Ministries

Current needs include: soups (all types), jelly, grits, oatmeal, canned fruit, applesauce, cake mix and frosting, one pound bags of dry beans, peanut butter, canned meats (such as Spam, salmon, tuna, beef stew), cereals, one pound bags of rice, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce and noodles(pasta), all types of canned vegetables, and toiletries.

Collection containers are located in front of the church office.

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Please call ahead for availability.
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SUMMER SERMON SERIES

GAME OF THRONES

Begins Sunday, June 6

FROM SAMUEL TO SOLOMON

Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, June 16, 2021**. Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at Noon**.

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email (angie@fernwoodchurch.org) or through the church office. Please do not submit any information over the phone. Information submitted after the deadline will not be published until the following issue (no exceptions). Thank you for your understanding!