Invitation to Worship ................................................................. Emily Hull McGee
Prelude: Chorale Prelude ............................................................. R. Vaughan Williams
   Jacob Hill, Organ
Invocation .................................................................................. John Thornton
   (Please pray in unison.)

   Loving God, before time and space
   your living Word was with you creating all things.
   In the fullness of time, Jesus came to bring peace
   and to show us how to love.
   By the anointing of your Holy Spirit,
   inspire us in this hour of worship
   that we may share the light of Christ wherever we go
   as we carry your good news of salvation
   to the ends of the earth. Amen.

*Hymn 32: God Has Spoken by the Prophets ........................................ HYMN TO JOY
Passing of the Peace ...................................................................... Amy McClure
   Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
   People: And also with you.

Anthem: An Apostle’s Prayer ...................................................... D. Schwoebel
   Sanctuary Choir

   The God of peace make you perfect in every good work to do his will. May
   God work in you that which is pleasing in his sight. Through Jesus Christ our
   Lord, through Jesus Christ our Savior, be glory forever. Amen.

Prayer for Fathers ........................................................................ Amy McClure
   (Please pray in unison.)

   Almighty God, Father of all creation,
   we join our voices to praise you today,
   giving thanks for your grace and care,
   and celebrating the many joys of life.
   On this day we are especially grateful for the gift of fathers,
   and for the gift of being a father.
   We thank you for the many ways that our fathers have shaped us,
   and for their example and their love.
   We give you thanks for fathers who have passed
   from this life to your greater glory,
   and for their influence and example that sustain us to this day.
   Yet we also pray for those who have painful relationships with their fathers,
   those who are estranged from their fathers,
   and for fathers who are estranged from their children.
   And we pray for those men who struggle
   to accept and fulfill the responsibilities of fatherhood.
   Heal and restore broken relationships through your powerful love.
   Encourage, guide and strengthen all fathers throughout our world
   that they may be instruments of your grace and peace
   to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
Prayer for Illumination: *Speak, O Lord* ................................................................. *SPEAK, O LORD*

**Scripture Lesson: John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible, NT, p.70)**

**Prayer of Confession** .................................................................................................... *David Williamson*

(Please pray in unison.)

Holy God, you have given us everything; we have failed to respond with gratitude. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your Word; we answer with empty promises and lies. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your light; we try to hide ourselves from your glory. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your life; even this precious gift we have been slow to receive. Have mercy on us, O God; forgive us. In Jesus Christ give us the faith and power to become what you created us to be: beloved children, full of grace and truth. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** .................................................................................................... *David Williamson*

Leader: Sisters and brothers, receive the good news: the light of Christ shines brighter than our darkness, to bring light and life to all. By the gift of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

*Hymn 426: *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* ................................................................. *STORY OF JESUS*

**Pastoral Prayer** ........................................................................................................... *John Thornton*

The Lord’s Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Sermon: “Making Sense of the New Testament”** ....................................................... *Emily Hull McGee*
*Hymn of Response 353: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ........................................... JUBILEE

All are invited to respond to God now in quiet or public ways. Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to follow in the way of Jesus or to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front of the sanctuary and share your commitment with one of our ministers.

*Offertory Prayer .......................................................... Judy Eustice

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: At the Name of Jesus ................................................................. C. Berry

Sanctuary Choir

Jesus, though he was God, did not cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power, his mighty power and glory, Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth. That every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Opportunities for Ministry .......................................................... Emily Hull McGee

Missions Moment ........................................................................ Linda Jones

*Doxology .................................................................................. LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise God, O praise God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Benediction .......................................................... Emily Hull McGee

Organ Postlude: Prelude on the Te Deum ................................................. M.A. Charpentier

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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Parking Changes at First Baptist in Effect July 2

In preparation for the construction work to begin on July 2 at our building, we have learned from Frank L. Blum (our construction contractors) that the entirety of our back parking lot will be closed off for the duration of asbestos abatement and demolition. This is to create the space to house all the construction equipment needed for this work and to ensure the safety of all folks entering and exiting the building. The total length of time for abatement and demolition is being finalized now, and just as soon as it is determined, we will communicate that information to you. Parking in the back lot throughout Phase One will be limited, but only during abatement and demolition will it be entirely off-limits.

Thus, starting Monday, July 2, and continuing until further notice, when you come to the church house for worship on Sundays or should you visit during the week, parking for the congregation is available in the following locations on or around our block:

- The parking lot of the John 3:16 building at the corner of 6th and Poplar (anytime)
- The Winston-Salem Journal parking lot and adjacent gravel lot at the corner of 5th and Spruce (Sundays)
- Street parking at meters on 5th Street and Spruce Streets (anytime)
- Street parking on Poplar Street (Sundays)

Within a block or two of the church are several parking garages and other surface lot options should you need them.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility in this impending season of transition!
 Readers' response:  

We are a community in the heart of the city called by Jesus to practice bold love of God and neighbor and boundless compassion for all people.

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**WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE: MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE**

In conjunction with our churchwide Summer Sunday School’s exploration of Adam Hamilton’s book “Making Sense of the Bible”, we will gear our worship in the month of June towards unpacking some of the bigger questions and assumptions about the Bible: what it is and is not, what story it is telling throughout the Old and New Testaments, and how we should read and engage with these ancient words. As Baptist Christians, we hold the personal engagement with the words (scripture) and the Word (Jesus) in highest regard. Thus, our focus together will help you with tools and language for your own interaction with these wonderful words of life!

**June 24**  
“How to Read the Bible”  
Genesis 32:22-32

**YOUNG ADULT SUMMER DINNER/DISCUSSION SESSIONS PLANNED**

This summer during June, July, and August the young adults will be discussing the book “Unified We Are a Force” by Joerg Rieger and Rosemarie Henkel-Rieger. From the book’s description: The American dream of “pulling yourself up by your bootstraps” is no longer possible, if it ever was. Most of us live paycheck-to-paycheck, and inequality has become one of the greatest problems facing our country. Working people and people of faith have the power to change this—but only when we get unified!

We’ll meet each time at Finnegan’s Wake (620 Trade St NW) at 6:45 pm. Reading Schedule: June 20, Introduction - Chapter 2; July 18 , Chapters 3 -4; August 15 , Chapter 5 - Conclusion.

You can pick up a copy from John for $5 or order from Amazon. Contact jthornton@firstonfifth.org for any questions or concerns.

**FIRST ON FIFTH SENIOR ADULTS**

Summer 2018 Dates

**June**

June 27 - Dinner at Cloverdale Kitchen @ 5:00 pm (no sign-up required, just show up!)

**July**

July 10 - Aging Well seminar  
"Improvational Movement: What it is and how it can help you feel good and live well" at the Central Library @ 6:00 pm (Registration required by calling 336-713-2378)

**July 18** - Lunch at Mama Zoe’s @ 11:30 am. (no sign-up required, just show up!)

**July 19** - Caregiver Lunch and Learn at Senior Services. (Register by calling 336-721-6918)

**July 25** - Day Trip for peaches and to visit Sandhills (sign-up calling Paul McCraw at 336-768-2308)

*For more specific details about each event and a complete listing of all summer events, please visit our website at www.firstonfifth.org*

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**LOOM KNITTING CLASS IS JUNE 19**

If you are interested in learning the skill of loom knitting, or building on your skills, Joni Wells will continue working with loom knitters on Tuesday, June 19, at 9:00 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. For information, please email Joni at 1221jlw@gmail.com.

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**CHURCH-WIDE AUCTION UPDATE**

Our church-wide auction is slated for Saturday, June 23, at 10:00 am. The auction company will have a preview time from 8:00 am; Auction 10 am. We encourage everyone to come out and find some treasures!

**CHURCH-WIDE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS UNDERWAY**

Our church-wide Sunday School continues in Kelly Auditorium from 9:15-10:15 am. We are reading and discussing the Adam Hamilton book “Making Sense of the Bible.” This book begins by asking big questions about Scripture: What is it? Who wrote it? Why is it sometimes so confusing? What does God have to say to us through its words today?

The reading schedule for the remainder of June is as follows: June 17: Chapters 8-13; June 24: Chapters 14-18.

You can purchase your own copy or pick one up at the church in the Commons for $5. That money can be given to John Thornton, the church office volunteer, or drop it in the offering plate and designate it for “Summer Sunday School.” We hope you’ll join us!