

PRAY FOR OUR STAFF

"Lord, be with our staff as they plan, prepare, and put on our VBS this year. Keep them healthy in body and mind before, during, and after VBS. Allow opportunities for them to share the good news of who you are with kids. Give them creative ideas to reach children, give them peace when times get stressful, and fill their hearts with joy as they faithfully complete your work."



Dates: Wednesday, July 17 & Thursday, July 18

Time: 5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.



June 23, 2024 9:30 a.m.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. Please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray during communion.

Welcome and Announcements

Carol Roberts, Elder

If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit fccbutler.org and click the Register Attendance button.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Mary Coffman & Lynda Perkins

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

*Call to worship (please rise as able)

Carol Roberts & Congregation

L: Hear, O people of God:

the LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

P: We shall love the LORD our God with all we are and all we have; and we shall love our neighbors as ourselves.

L: We shall love one another as God first loved us:

P: Merciful and gracious, profoundly faithful, utterly reliable; this is how God loves us.

L: Let us worship the LORD our God.

*Opening Hymn

CH #4 (All)

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

*Invocation

Carol Roberts & Congregation

We gather here today, O God, to hear your word, to worship you and to remember and give honor to the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who demonstrated your love for the world through his life of servanthood and his death on the Cross. We gather because through Christ you have welcomed us all into your promised kingdom, where all are neighbors, and where we all live as Christ lived, in compassion and community. We gather to pray for our neighbors and for the day to come soon when your kingdom is fully realized on earth as in heaven. Hear our praises and our prayers. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

CH #265 (All)

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer - “The Lord’s Prayer”

Sharla Hulsey

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.

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Responsive Reading

Carol Roberts & Congregation

Psalm 119:9-16 (NRSV)

L: How can young people keep their way pure?

P: By guarding according to your word.

L: With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.

**P: I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.**

L: Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes.

**P: With my lips I declare
all the ordinances of your mouth.**

L: I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all riches.

**P: I will meditate on your precepts,
and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

Special Music

Adult Choir

“How Great Is Our God”

Scripture

Jennifer Schmehl

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Message

Sharla Hulsey

“An hour of study is...”

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

CH #609 (1,4,5,6)

“Take My Life”

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation

Diana Rich

Tithes & Offerings

Diaconate

Offering trays will be passed in the pews.

*Doxology

CH #47

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Carol Roberts

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

CH #400 (All)

“When You Do This, Remember Me”

Words of Institution

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer

Carol Roberts

Distribution of the Elements

Diaconate

Everyone is welcome at Christ’s Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Benediction

Sharla Hulsey

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Closing Hymn

CH #33 (Refrain)

“How Great Thou Art”

* Please rise as able

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey

Greeter: Chuck & Carol Lewis

Elder: Carol Roberts

Scripture Reader: Jennifer Schmehl

Deacons: Carol Hedrick,
Lyssa Lile

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn
Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **OUTREACH MISSION**

This June, we will be supporting the Carpenter’s Cup and the Bates County Health Center with donations for the Back to School Project. Our contributions will be crayons, colored pencils, Kleenex, and backpacks. Bring donations to the church throughout the month. Thank you!

• **KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN**

The Stewardship Committee started a “Ketch-up” campaign to help replenish the FCC reserve fund. The goal is \$20,000. Please note on your donation that it is for the “Ketch-Up” campaign.

• **BOARD MEETING** - Today after worship

• **VBS PLANNING MEETING** - Tuesday, June 25 @ 5 p.m.

• **THURSDAY, JULY 4TH** - Office Closed

• **PICNIC POTLUCK** - Sunday, July 7 after worship

• **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

- Wednesday, July 17 & Thursday, July 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- 4 years of age to the completion of 5th grade
- Pre-register online at fccbutler.org

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, June 23:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Board Meeting
Monday, June 24 :	9 a.m. & 1 p.m.	4H Fashion Revue & Speaking
Tuesday, June 25:	5 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
Wednesday, June 26:	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, June 28:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, June 30:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Thursday, July 4:	Office Closed	
Friday, July 5:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY: A THREE-STEP PROCESS

Always start with prayer.

Observation: 30-45 minutes

- ◆ Goal of Observation phase: to find out *what the text says*, what words are used, how they are used, etc.
- ◆ Use colored pens, pencils, markers, or whatever makes sense to you to mark up the text. It's best if you can have the text on its own sheet of paper, so you can mark freely and have lots of room to make notes.
- ◆ Make a key so you know what your marks mean.
- ◆ Tools you can use during Observation phase include charts/tables, transcription analysis, outlining. Whatever makes it possible for you to observe the details and structure of a text.
- ◆ Make notes of questions that arise as you observe.
- ◆ During Observation phase, observe *only this text*. The time for bringing in other texts comes later.
- ◆ Once you think you've observed everything, look again.
- ◆ Do your best to spend the full 30-45 minutes observing.

Interpretation: 10-15 minutes

- ◆ Goal of Interpretation phase: to understand *what the text means*
- ◆ Review observations; make notes of patterns, metaphors, etc.
- ◆ Find answers to questions that arose during Observation phase
- ◆ If you observed repeated words or phrases, or sets of words/phrases with similar meanings, figure out what those mean.
- ◆ This is a good time to look at the study notes for the text if you use a study Bible, or look at cross-references and parallels in other texts. It's also a time to look at maps, if there are lots of place-names in the text, to find out when a text was written and to whom it was first addressed, and how it would have been heard/understood then.
- ◆ Write down your interpretations, either in list or paragraph form, whatever comes most naturally to you.

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Application: 5-10 minutes

- ◆ Goal of Application phase: to understand *what the text means to me, or to my community/church/tribe/etc.*
- ◆ Review interpretations.
- ◆ Take original context and how the first hearers would have understood the text into consideration, but it isn't necessary to restrict your application to only what they would have heard/understood.
- ◆ Write down 1-2 sentences, or a short paragraph at most, describing what the text has to say to you at this time, and how to act on that.

OTHER THINGS TO STUDY

- ◆ After you've done your inductive study (above), you may wish to consult a commentary to learn more. There are older commentaries available online, or you could choose a print version, like the *Daily Study Bible* series or N.T. Wright's "For Everyone" books.
- ◆ Christians are of course welcome to study other topics! Are you interested in science? Study science. (Remember that modern science began as Christians sought to know more about God's creation.) History? Study history. Whatever you're interested in, learn more!
- ◆ If you learn better by watching videos, you're in luck: there are lots and lots of educational videos available. YouTube is a good resource, especially for history, archaeology, music, and food/culinary history; although you do need to use critical thinking, because there's also a fair amount of garbage out there. If something seems sketchy to you, find other resources on the same topic and see if they agree.