



THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Sunday, September 16

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Jubilate Ringers	Music Room
5:15 p.m.	Agape Singers	Admin Choir Room
6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Sardis Centering Prayer Group	Parlor

Monday, September 17

7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Ministry Meetings	Various Rooms
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Tuesday, September 18

9:00 a.m.	Friendship Connection	Away
7:00 p.m.	Pickleball	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 19

9:30 a.m.	Alpha Ringers	Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Admin Choir Room
	Youth Sabbath	Education Hall
7:00 p.m.	Adult Basketball	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Coventry Ringers	Music Room

Thursday, September 20

10:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Bible Study	Sardis House
6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study	210
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Admin Choir Room

Friday, September 21

8:30 p.m.	Youth Friday Night Frenzy	Fellowship Hall
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Visit sardis.org to find out more about Sardis events, or pick up an issue of this month's newsletter, *The Communicator*, in the Narthex.

The Sardis Variety Show

will be on

Sunday, October 14



We are looking for a variety of talents to be a part of the show! Audition on Sunday, September 23 at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign-up to audition by contacting Jared (jared.daugherty@sardis.org) or Kaitlyn (kaitlyn.davros@sardis.org).



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Congregational Meeting September 23, 2018 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the Officer Nominees for Elder and Deacon Classes of 2021. See the September issue of *The Communicator* for information on the nominees. Photos of each nominee may be viewed in the Gathering Place.

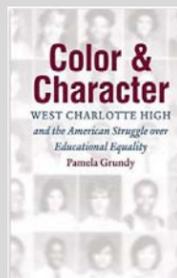
Would you like to learn more about Sardis? If you are interested in joining Sardis or just have questions, we invite you to attend our next Membership Exploration class on Sunday, September 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Medications for OFCB Clinic in Bayonnais, Haiti are needed! Monetary contributions will allow us to purchase much needed medications for the clinic. You may give by check payable to Sardis Presbyterian Church, or give online at sardis.org; go the SERVE tab, click on "Service Opportunities", then Medications for OFCB Clinic and follow the link provided.

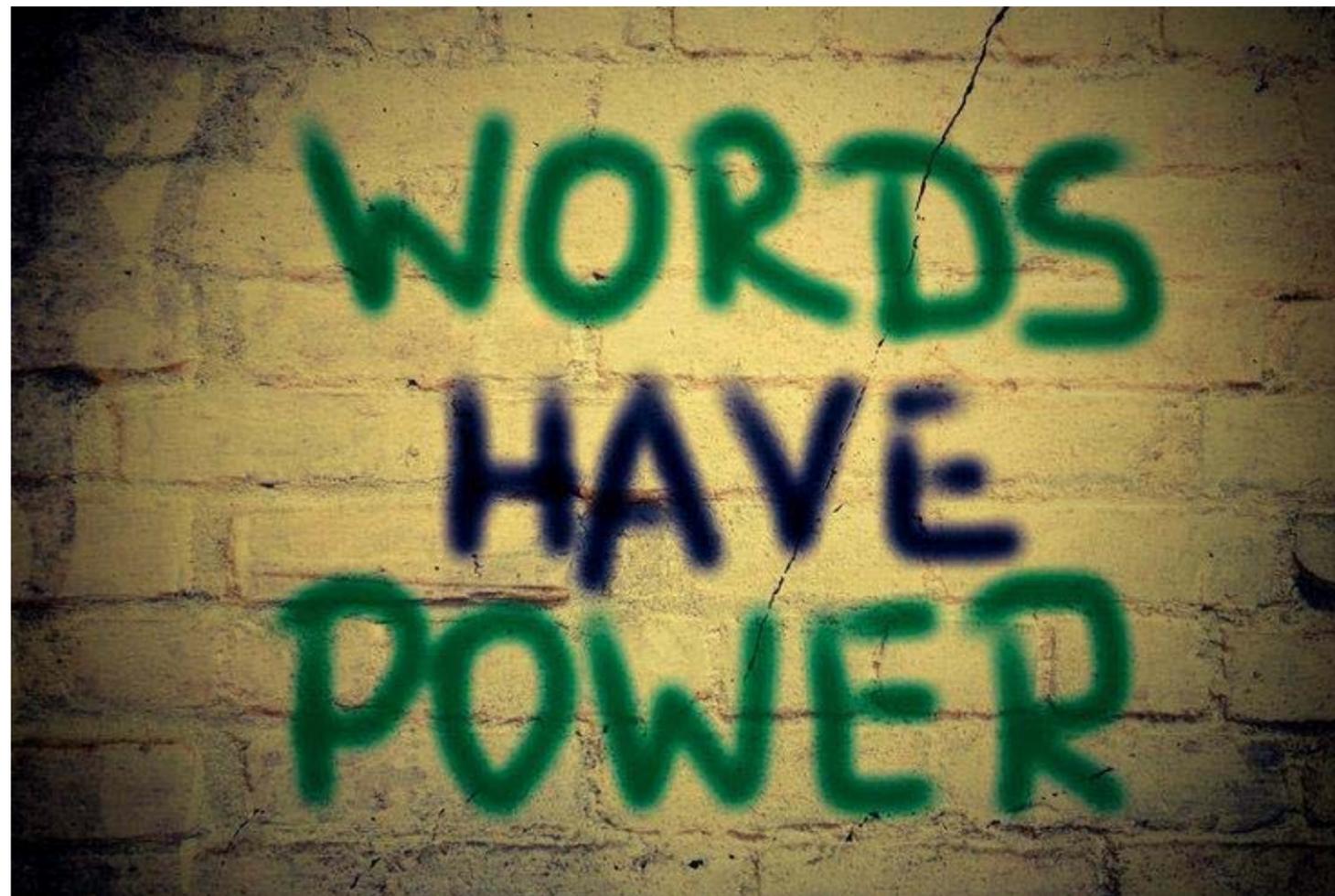
Youth Basketball registration is now open through September 28! Boys and girls ages 5-18 years old are invited to play. Practice begins in November with games played through early March. Register and pay online at sardis.org, or download our registration form to mail in with payment.

Love music and/or singing? Interested in finding out more about the choirs and music groups at Sardis? There is a place for you! Contact Jared Daugherty to find out more; jared.daugherty@sardis.org.

"Color & Character": On Wednesday nights October 10, 17, and 24, we will be gathering to discuss this powerful book about race relations and educational equality in Charlotte and our country: particularly as they were and are experienced at West Charlotte High School. Join West Charlotte alumni Joe B. Martin from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for these conversations. If you'd like to get started reading, order the book via Amazon or pick up a copy at a local book store.



Community Link needs donations of diapers and non-perishable snacks. We are collecting these items through the end of September. Please bring your contributions to the collection bins outside of the Library in the Education Hall.



Sardis' Core Values

- A Family Growing in Faith Together
- Where You Never Walk Alone
- Discover and Follow Your Calling
- Appreciating Our Past; Embracing Our Future
- Serving God by Serving Others

Mission Statement

The mission of Sardis Presbyterian Church is to glorify God as we seek to live, express and faithfully demonstrate the Great Commandment and Great Commission of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



We seek to advance this mission through the God-directed purposes of:

Worship
Service
Evangelism
Discipleship
Fellowship

Welcome to Sardis Presbyterian Church.

We are honored that you chose to worship God with us this morning.

If you are looking for a church home, we would love to help you explore the possibility that Sardis is the place God is calling you to worship and serve. Just give us information in the pew Friendship Pad for how you prefer to be contacted.

You are welcome here.

Please remember to silence all cell phones in the Sanctuary.

GET CONNECTED

Breaking news. Exclusive content. Valuable insights. Our church's online community is growing. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter! Get started by clicking on the link at sardis.org.

- [Facebook.com/sardispres](https://www.facebook.com/sardispres)
- [Twitter.com/sardispres](https://twitter.com/sardispres)
- [Instagram.com/sardispres](https://www.instagram.com/sardispres)

WORSHIP



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS are available on racks in the hall near door by the pulpit and the Narthex (main entrance). Please return the bags to the designated basket by the rack.

CHILDCARE for infants through age 5 is available during worship in the Weekday School building. Children 2nd grade and older are encouraged to worship with their families.

THE CHAPEL (through the doors to left of the pulpit) is available for those who would like to worship through a video feed from the Sanctuary (ex: families with young children, those with health challenges).

COPIES OF our newsletter, *The Communicator*, are available in the Narthex and on the website, sardis.org.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES with disposable ear coverings are available. Please speak with an usher and he/she will provide one for you.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY is provided in the main body of the Sanctuary, on the side aisles on the seventh pew, and in the transept area. A handicap unisex bathroom is located in the left rear hallway.

CDs & DVDs of the worship service are available. Contact the church office for details. Audio sermons are available online at www.sardis.org.

THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE Diapason Piece *Wesley*

INTROIT Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing *Young*
Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever, sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r, praise Him forever. Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.
Sanctuary Choir

† CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Leader: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge.
People: I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

† HYMN#804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! *Marion*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God, you are the fountain of all wisdom. Yet we have sought out other counselors, Looking to our own understanding to determine what is right, good, and beautiful, rather than trusting in your life-giving Word. We have blinded our eyes to your light, and closed our ears to your voice.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Forgive us, for we have forsaken your path of life, and have insisted on making our own way. Humble our hearts to embrace your wisdom with gladness; guide the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, that we may witness more faithfully to your goodness and mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Way, our Truth, and our Life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† RESPONSE #581 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*

THE LIFE OF SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel
Minute for Stewardship Scott Banks

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 3:1-12 Page 230
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Children first grade and younger are invited to the Narthex (main entrance to the Sanctuary) to be led to the nursery by one of our Deacons. Parents may pick up their child after worship in the Weekday School building, left of the Sanctuary.

SERMON Word Power The Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH I Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:9 (16:1-9); Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

† HYMN #724 O Jesus, I Have Promised *Angel's Story*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (hymnal pg. 35)

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
Both members and visitors are asked to sign as the register is passed. Please place your Prayer Request Cards in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY Siciliano from Concerto in D minor *Vivaldi*

† DOXOLOGY #606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *Mit Freuden Zart*

† BENEDICTION

† PASSING OF THE PEACE
Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.

Welcome Visitors! Drop by the Welcome Table near the main door to speak to someone about Sardis Presbyterian Church and receive more information about all of our ministries.

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Congratulations to: Robert Dean Sellers and Daniel Keith Brown who were married on September 1 at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church in Pawleys Island, SC.

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Pastoral Emergencies: On weekends or holidays please call the church office to be directed to the Pastoral Care Voicemail. Please leave a message, including a call-back number, and a Pastor will be in touch with you shortly.

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No cash for the offering plate? **Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device:** go to sardis.org and click on "Make a Gift Now," or click the code here to go directly to the secure online form.

