

HESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

May 18, 2025

Eleven o'clock in the Morning

Welcome and Announcements		Pastor
Prelude	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Traditional
Call to Worship	<i>The Lord is in His Holy Temple</i>	Root
A Time with the Young People		Pastor
Hymn 217	<i>Oh, How I Love Jesus</i>	Whitfield
Offertory Prayer		Usher
Offertory	<i>There is a Fountain</i>	DeRousse
Response Hymn	<i>Doxology</i>	Ken
Choir	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>	Stead
Message	<i>"Our Raison d'être"</i> John 21:1-17	Pastor
Invitation to Discipleship and/or Membership		Pastor
Hymn 596	<i>Go Forth and Tell! O Church of God</i>	Seddon
Parting Prayer		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Send the Light</i>	Gabriel

We WELCOME you to worship today! If you do not have a congregation of your own, we invite you to join us. At the close of our service, we invite anyone to come forward and present

themselves for membership. We receive members by profession of faith and baptism, by Christian statement, or by transfer of letter from another church with like faith and practice.

CHURCH-WIDE LUNCH & FUTURE PLANNING TEAM

We are having a church-wide fellowship luncheon today, and we thank Neil Hester, and his helpers, for the preparations for our meal, and Future Planning Committee is having their first meeting right after lunch today. This meeting should be brief because we will simply focus on our purpose and process as a team and enlist a chairperson.

THE NEXT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Our next small group study will be titled, “God of the Ordinary: A Study of the Book of Ruth.” A sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the Children’s wing of the Church, so if you are interested, please put your name on the list.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are hosting Vacation Bible School here at Hester on Sunday evening, June 1, through Wednesday evening, June 4. This year, we are participating in a “VBS Linkup” with our sister Church, Enon Baptist, and will be sharing costs and other resources to carry out the school. Please join us in prayer for this event.

REGULAR EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today (May 18)	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	The Worship of God
	12:00 p.m.	Church-wide Fellowship Luncheon Future Planning Committee Meets following the Luncheon
Wednesday (May 21)	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Prayer Group
	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
(May 25)	11:00 a.m.	The Worship of God

Next Monday	MEMORIAL DAY
(May 26)	We thank God for all who have served!

CASUAL DRESS MONTHS

During the Summer season (June, July, & August), we traditionally observe “casual dress” during our services of Worship. Of course, everyone is welcome to dress as they feel comfortable throughout the year, but we designate this time specifically for comfortable dressing and invite you to be at ease as you worship with us this summer. Thank you, and God bless you.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH CLOSING DOORS

Stephen Currin will close the Church buildings during the month of May, and Neil Hester will close during June.

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