

Sarah Took a Shortcut
Genesis 12:1-5; 16:1-6

September 2, 2018

9:00 am Worship

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly • **Organist:** Phyllis Snyder

The _____ Genesis 12:1-5

Sarah takes a _____ Genesis 16:1-6

Sarah's shortcut does not _____

the _____ Genesis 21

Flowers on the communion table are given by Versil & Ida James
in memory of their fathers.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* - piano/organ

*Invitation to Worship

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name,
O Most High,

**to proclaim your love in the morning and
your faithfulness at night,**

to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

**For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!
You, O LORD, are exalted forever.

***Song:** *Our Great Savior* pg. 17

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-5; 16:1-6 (pew Bible pg. 17)

Ministry in Music: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Larry Harris, Gene McConahay, Rex McConahay, Brian Rennecker

Prayer

Our Worship in Giving: *Jesus, Your Name* - piano/organ

(First-time guests, please do not feel obligated to give.
Your presence with us today is gift enough.)

***Doxology** pg. 166

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Song:** *This Is My Father's World* pg. 143
(Children ages 3-6 dismissed to the back of the sanctuary.)

Message: Sarah Took a Shortcut

***Song:** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* pg. 400

***Closing Prayer and Response**

I Love You, Lord pg. 78

Worship Leader: Joe Zemancik, Dee Sillman **If able, please stand*

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First Time @ Smithville Brethren?

Welcome, we are thrilled to have you as our guests today. Here is some information you will find helpful.

First, there is a gift waiting for you at our welcome center in the main lobby. Please stop by so we can give it to you.

Second, we would like you to know that we have two worship services here at Smithville Brethren. We have a 9:00 am service in the Sanctuary with a traditional feel and an 11:15 am service in the Upper Fellowship Hall with a contemporary feel.

Third, we believe that the responsibility to support the church financially rests upon the members and friends of this church and not on you, our guest. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering today.

Fourth, we love children here at SBC so we have a nursery which is open for children from birth to two years old. You may bring your child to the lower level for either service and Sunday school. Our nursery is staffed by loving people who would enjoy caring for your child. If you desire to keep your child in the service, that is perfectly fine also.

Fifth, during both services we also have Jr. church for children ages 3-6. Jr. church begins partway through the service and allows your child a chance to learn about God in a more age appropriate environment. Jr. church is located in the lower level, room #117. You will see a slide on the screen that tells when to send your child out for Jr. church, if you desire to do so.

Volunteers for Today:

9:00 Children's Church: Amanda Cline
Nursery: Clara Zemancik, Jessie Dravenstott
11:15 Children's Church: Susan Dilyard, Diane Borah
Nursery: ??

Sunday, September 2

6:00-7:30 Youth Hangout (6th-12th grade)

Wednesday, September 5

6:30 Time of Prayer
7:30 Choir Practice

Saturday, September 8

9:00 Bell Choir practice LFH

Prayer

- Betsy West - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bertha Rudy - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bill & Glenna Mast
- Edna Fleming - Danbury Senior Living
- Hilda Flory

Today is the deadline! We are asking the members of SBC for nominations to the Deacon Board for the upcoming fall election. The Deacon Board plays an important role in the life of our church and we humbly ask for your help in identifying those members who would be willing and able to serve a 6-year term on this board.

More information and a nomination form can be found on the table in the welcome area of the foyer. Please put your nominations in the white mailbox; there are envelopes by the mailbox for your use. Thank you for your input.

John & Patti Steiner, Norm & Linda Ream, Co-Chairmen

What are your favorite hymns (that are already in our hymnal) that you would like us to sing at our 9:00 am service that we're not singing currently? Let me know at tpeplowski@aol.com or just come find me before or after services. Thanks, Ted Peplowski

The Ladies' Luncheon will meet September 5, at 11:30 am, at the Smithville Inn. All ladies are invited to attend. This is a way to have fellowship and get to know one another. To ladies that have never attended, we invite you to join us. Please let Louise Liebhart (330-262-8862) know if attending so that she can advise the Inn for seating set up.

Early Printing The bulletin for next Sunday, Sept. 9, will be printed on Thursday, the 6th. Please have all information to the church office by Wednesday. Thank you.

Parents of 2's & 3's, 1st & 2nd graders, and 5-8th graders We are piloting a new Sunday school curriculum in these classes this fall that encourages a whole family approach to teaching our children our faith. Come hear more about this new approach on Sunday, September 16 at 10:15 am in the sanctuary. Please see Pastor Art or Jennifer if you have any questions.

Official Board Minutes from July are available in the last mailbox.

Operation Christmas Child We are in need of wash cloths for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! If you can supply some, please bring them to church by September 16.

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Carol Horst, Secretary • e-mail: sbrethren@earthlink.net

Forward Look newsletter The September issue is on the Information wall and our website.

Blanket Ministry The upcoming season of the Blanket Ministry will start on September 19 at 6:30 pm in the stage area of the lower fellowship hall. Receiving blankets will be available in the music room for serging and hemming in early September. We welcome all to join in this worthwhile endeavor. If you have questions, feel free to contact Carol Hochstetler at 330-682-6121.

Hey Friends Club! Are you ready for another exciting year? We have a lot of fun planned ahead! Let's kick things off on Sunday, September 23 from 4:00-6:00 pm. We will meet at Chet & Melissa Underwood's house (11611 Eby Road Sterling) for some food and Fall fun. Feel free to bring a friend! Preschoolers are welcome to join us with a parent in attendance. Any questions please call/text Steph Horst 330-464-5304 or Jennifer Carr 330-262-3358. **Friends Club is open to 5 year olds - 5th graders. We will get together monthly for activities and also serve in various mission opportunities.*

Our Daily Bread The regular print edition of the Sept. - Nov. devotional is available on the Information wall and by the west door.

The large print edition for Oct.-Dec. is also available at each location.

Committee Chairpersons! Please send your committee nominees and Annual Reports to the church office by October 1st.

Women's Fall Retreat! Please join us on **Oct. 5 & 6** for a relaxing and fun time at the Women's Retreat held at Camp Bethany. Enjoy fellowship with others in times of devotions, crafts, music, games, and food! \$32.00/person for two days. \$16 for just Saturday. Please pick up a flyer on the Information table if you are interested.