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### **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 2018**

Sunday, July 1, 2018

9 AM Eucharist at St. Johns

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*Track 1*

or

*Track 2*

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

Wisdom of Solomon  
1:13-15; 2:23-24  
Lamentations 3:21-33  
or Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

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### **AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA**

June 15, 2018

Mr. Jeff Sessions, Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Sessions,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the 5,000 congregations and 1.3 million members of the American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA). As General Secretary, I serve as the national pastor of the denomination. ABCUSA has a long and distinguished record of service in welcoming immigrants and refugees to communities throughout the United States.

The American Baptist family would like to communicate our deep concern over the unjust immigration policies of the United States government, and in particular, the unconscionable separation of children from their parents on our southern border. As a fellowship of Christ-followers who recall the trials of the child Jesus and his parents, who fled from persecution in their homeland to another country (Matthew 2:13-18), we adamantly oppose separating children from their relatives. A just society can fulfill its fidelity to its own laws and border security without resorting to such unwise and harmful practices; instead, we urge that compassion, fairness and family-affirming policies characterize our response to the plight of families on our borders. We

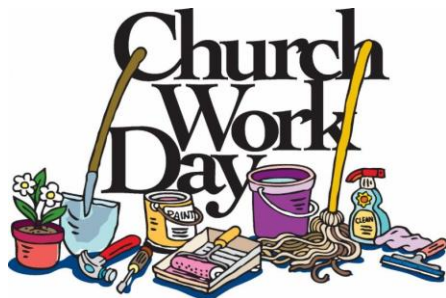
note that destructive practices such as the separation of children from parents place a serious burden on our law enforcement agents and officials, who in carrying out such policies find their own consciences ethically compromised and troubled.

Furthermore, we strongly disagree with your erroneous appropriation of the New Testament (in particular, Romans 13) to justify inhumane and unjust governmental actions. No responsible Christian theologian would assert that Romans 13, or any other passage in the Bible, supports the horrific separation of children from parents that we are witnessing at the present time. In fact, both the Old and New Testaments call those who believe in God to welcome refugees and immigrants with open arms and friendship, with loving care and concern, and with the willingness to assist others in enjoying the prospects of a future based on hope and opportunity. Accordingly, American Baptists wish to express our sincere hope that the separation of children and parents will immediately cease. We urge Congress and the President to approve and implement without delay more compassionate and just immigration policies and procedures. As the leading law enforcement official of our government, it is your privilege and responsibility to lead such an effort. Thank you for considering our position.

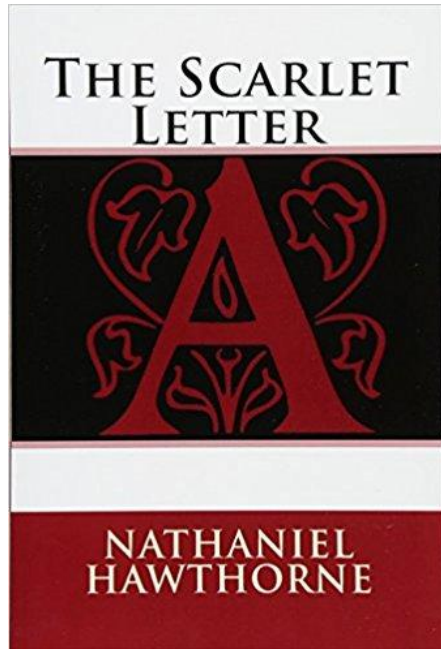
Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, General Secretary American Baptist Churches USA

- [Sojourners: Reclaiming Jesus in a Time of Crisis](#)
- [Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Joins Other Faith Leaders in a Statement on Family Separation at Our Borders](#)
- [Church, interfaith leaders call for US government to end its immigration policy separating families](#)



Work and Maintenance Party  
This Saturday  
June 30th from 9 -1  
at St. John's



## Book Club

Inspired by our study of Religion in America, St. John's Book Club has chosen to read *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. We will meet on Saturday, August 11 at Jacquie Whitehurst's home at 7:00. If you have any questions, call Carol Henshaw at 925-673-8745.

[Amazon Link](#)

### Request:

**I am looking for pictures of St. Johns at services and events to be used as our lead picture for the newsletters and making slides for Holy Spirit Church & St. Johns Facebook pages.**

**If you would like to submit a picture for use please send them to**

**Frannie Millar: [fjwmillar@gmail.com](mailto:fjwmillar@gmail.com)**

**or to the Holy Spirit Church [Facebook](#) Page**

**Thank you so much!**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

7-1-2018

Please enter any special prayers of petition, intercession, or thanksgiving in the PRAYERS OF THE

PEOPLE intercessory book on the lectern near the double doors of the sanctuary. You may also email

Kathy Carr at [carrpets@pacbell.net](mailto:carrpets@pacbell.net) or call or text her at (925) 890-0115. Those listed below will be

remembered in parish prayers throughout the month by individuals and those leading prayer services.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND/OR RECOVERING: [parish members with request]: Joshua [Rosen and Hollister families], Olivia, Akemi [Tuohey], Karen Harless [Rosen], Maria Filipina [Rosen], Kathleen Barton [Ferrante], Gerry & John [Waterson], Jacquie Whitehurst [Carr], Gloria Davis [Waterson], Rose, Amanda, Camille, Vince & Sean, Chris Carter [Carter], Anne Banks [Carter], Kay Stuntz [Carr] Jodie Piazza [Hidalgo], Peggy [Shay], Chris Keating [Waterson], Denise Peterson [Waterson], Art Walsh [Waterson], Debi Branich [Rosen], Ryan Joseph [Hidalgo], Paula Ferguson [Adams], Mary Lou Street [Waterson], Elaine Hodl [Cindy H.], Elaine Viachos [Evon], Katherine Postman [Price], Jim Piccolo [Hidalgo], Annie Parcheter [Fester], Sally DeLeuw [DeLeuw], Arvy Carney [Henshaw], Dave Oster {Carr}, Ed Ferguson [Adams], And for all families, friends, and all who care for them or abide with them.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Zachary Sherman [Smith], Nolan Brekle

[Rosen], Eric Wettstein [Rosen], Shea [Fester], Sean Donnelly [Murelli]. Joshua Rios [Altorfer], Joshua Flores-Crose [Murelli], Nicholas Sylocek [Francis], Mike Warren [Hidalgo], Rafe Wysham [Henshaw], and Josh Collins [Murelli]. And all others known and unknown to us, their families, and all who suffer and grieve as a result of conflict.

FOR THOSE IN LONG-TERM NEED AND CARE, ESPECIALLY: Pat Robinson [Henshaw], Ann

Ferrante, Helen & Dick Hilbourn, Beth Ferrante [Ferrante], Eric Price [Price], Janice Walsh [Waterson], Suzanne Howard, Alexei, Shelley, Lucas, & Logan [Carr], Andrew Dillon [Waterson], Andrew Waterson [Waterson], Kathy Carr [Waterson]. And for all families, friends and all who care for them or abide with them.

FOR OTHER CONCERNS, CARE & SUPPORT: Tina Kristen [Rosen], Sophia & Michael [Carr], Carolyn & Dominic [Rosen], Anatoly Shchegolev [Tolstova], Jo Chapman [Rosen], Pat and Tom, Sharyn Lunghi [Elizando], Alice Murray [Adams], Gaskill family [Waterson], Julie and James [Fester], Jordan and Tyler [Fester], Kathy & Kyota Takahashi family [Tuohey], Jane Yarbrough [McDougald], Greg, Sandy, Kathy, Kathy Prato [Rosen]. So fill our hearts, O Lord, with your abiding care and love.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, let light perpetual shine upon them.

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: Give them strength and courage to meet the days to come.

FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL: Val Smith [Carr]. Surround them with your loving care; protect them, and bring them in safety to their journey's end.

FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY: and all who minister with compassion to the needs of body, mind, and spirit.

WE REMEMBER & GIVE THANKS FOR OUR SHARED MINISTRIES IN THIS PARISH: For the

Wardens, the Bishop's Committee members, and all who minister in and through St. Michael's and Saint John's; building upon the sure foundation of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

IN CELEBRATION OF: The upcoming birth of a child to Krishna & Bisher [Tuohey], the first great-granddaughter for Jacquie Whitehurst, the first great-granddaughter for Sherrie Hidalgo, and another great-grandson for Beryl Watson. Confirm their joy & anticipation, O Lord, by a lively sense of your presence with them.

IN JOYFUL THANKSGIVING: For our clergy: The Rev. Amanda May and for our parish family. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY: Steve Price - 1, John McDermott - 5, Alexis

Hidalgo - 6, Carol Henshaw - 19, Shirley Adams - 19, Anna McLean - 27, William King - 27, Jeff Harris - 30. Grant that they may grow in faith, wisdom, and grace all their days.

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY: Shirley & Dave Adams - 17, Jim McDougald & Alan Haffner - 18, Kathy & Richard Evon - 20, Kelly & Mikko Tuohey - 26, Nanci & Chuck DeLeuw - 26. Give them wisdom, devotion, forbearance, support, joy, and affection in their

lives together.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST: Please send all changes to our weekly Prayer List to Kathy Carr at [carrpets@pacbell.net](mailto:carrpets@pacbell.net) or call her at (925) 890-0115 by Wednesday of each week.