

The Worship of God

July 13, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve . . . I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men . . . I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life . . . I was given life that I might enjoy all things. I received nothing I asked for . . . I received everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself . . . My unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all, most richly blessed.

Author, Unknown

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Voluntary* Boëllmann

CHORAL INTROIT *Holy Spirit, Light Divine* MERCY
Opening of the Bible Rachel Huneycutt

CALL TO WORSHIP Passport Youth

Leader: The Lord speaks and nature springs to life.
People: We thank you, O Lord, for your gift of beauty.
Leader: The Lord speaks and prophets denounce injustice.
People: We thank you, O Lord, for your gift of conscience.
Leader: The Lord speaks and people perform acts of grace.
People: We thank you, O Lord, for your gift of neighbors.
All: Let us thank God Let us worship God.

HYMN NO. 25 *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* ANDREWS

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

PASSPORT TESTIMONIALS

HYMN NO. 21 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14: 6

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 115 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADER'S HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1: 3-10

SERMON *Blessed Be God* Dr. Ray Howell III

ANTHEM *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Fettke

OFFERTORY PRAYER Jerry Beamer

OFFERTORY *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* arr. Breazeale

THE GLORIA PATRI

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* RANDOLPH

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on LAUS DEO* arr. Thomas

Today's Lay Readers are Passport Youth.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ Sanctuary Choir

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Sharpe Smith on her death on July 3 and to Diane White and family on the death of her brother, Loy William White, Sr., of Shelby on July 4 and to Martha Adams and family on the death of her sister Cindy Myers Lanier on July 8 and to Kay Kepley and family on the death of her husband, Donald Kepley on July 10.

The Deacons of the Week are Paul Epley and William Fulbright.

NC Baptist All-State Youth Choir Concert July 18 - 7:00 p.m. - First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Ninety-six young people from Baptist Churches all over North Carolina will come together to form the "North Carolina Baptist All-State Youth Choir." This year's theme is IMAGE, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" Colossians 1: 15. Admission is free and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Contribution Statements - First Six Months

Individual contribution statements are ready for pick up in the hall near the conference room. If you have any questions contact Sherri Salinas, our Financial Assistant either by phone (249-9158) or email sherri@fbclex.org.



Annual Church Picnic VBS Kick-Off

Sunday, July 20

5:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall - Family Activities

6:00 p.m. - Covered Dish Supper - Bring a Full Basket

7:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School Opening

July 21 - 24 - Vacation Bible School

9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon - Monday - Thursday



Theme: *Have U Herd?*

God is speaking to you!

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

John 10: 27

The purpose of **Have U Herd?** is to introduce children to the idea of hearing, recognizing, and responding to God's voice. Children are capable of hearing God speak and responding in obedience and faithfulness (I Samuel 3A). This year's offering during VBS will go to the purchase of sheep. We will be working with Heifer International, the cost of one sheep is \$120.00

VBS Supplies Needed

Foam Letters, Foam Hearts with sticker backs

Baby Wipes for Cleaning Hands

Fabric Scraps

Knee high hose - 100

Tacky Glue

White Paper Cups 8 - 12 oz

Yarn

Holy Land Presentation

Dr. Howell will give a Holy Land presentation this evening at 6:00 p.m. at Center Hill Baptist Church. You are invited to attend.

Announcements

Sunday, 7/13

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry

Building and Grounds Committee

Conference Room

Chapel

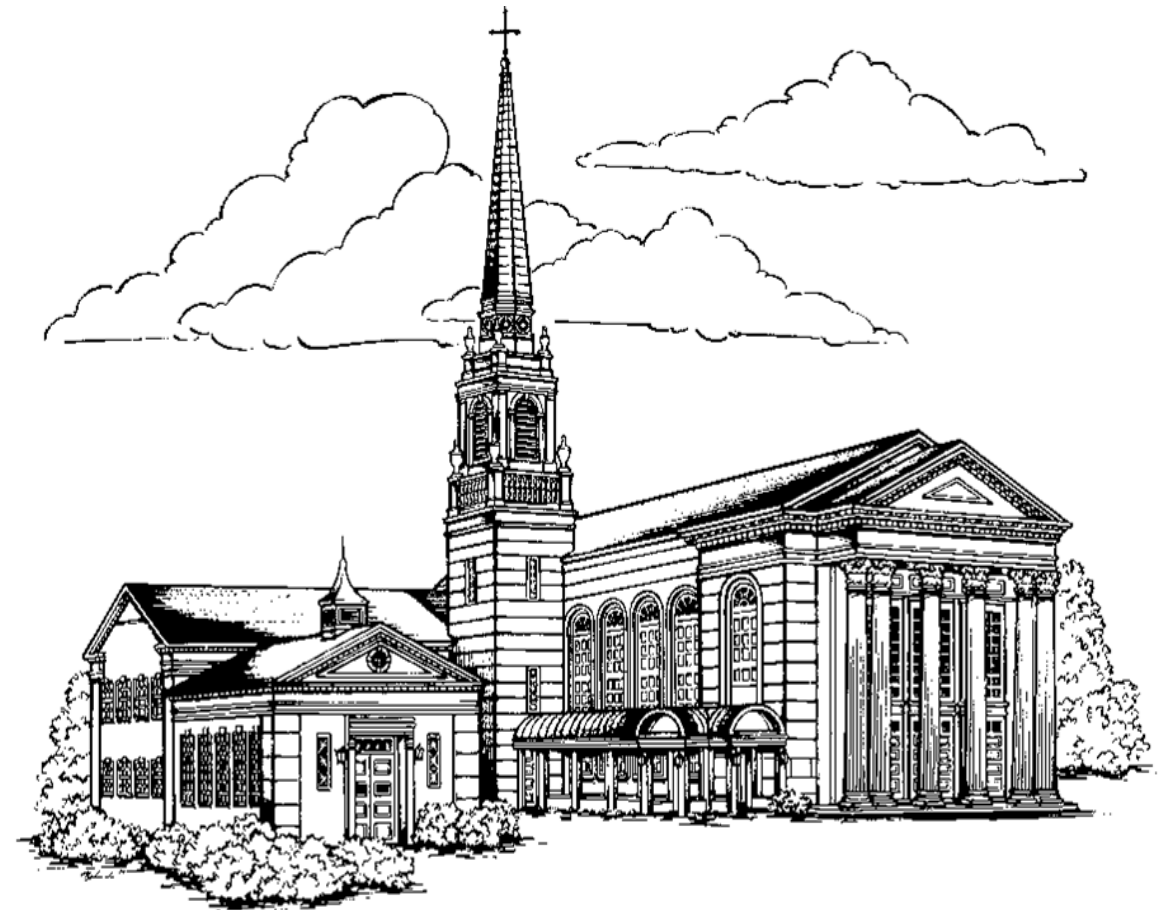
July 13: Bed Babies: M/M Kevin Foster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dustin Hill

3 & 4 Year Olds: Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser & Andy Killebrew

July 20: Bed Babies: Savannah Kepley & Whitney Brooks

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Bryan Lingerfelt **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Thomas Jolly

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