

# The Worship of God

August 17, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## THE GATHERING

*"Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving."*

Frederick Buechner

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*A Mighty Fortress*

Johann Pachelbel

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

MERCY

Opening of the Bible

Charlie Parks

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Minister:** In the darkness and emptiness of much we call life, the Spirit moves among us, calling us into new being.

**People:** **We are here to seek light amid the shadows, fulfillment out of hollowness and despair.**

**Minister:** From separation and bitterness, apathy and hatred, God, in Christ, calls us to steadfast love and reconciliation.

**People:** **We have come to find healing and peace, to experience forgiveness, acceptance, and purpose.**

**Minister:** In the midst of the ordinary, God has come to us. In our everyday worlds, God continues to visit and redeem.

**People:** **We await your word and the power of your benediction.**

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Flames of the Spirit, Ruth Duck

### HYMN NO. 43

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 46, John 2: 24-29

## ANTHEM

*God Is Our Refuge*

Pote

## MORNING PRAYER

### HYMN NO. 239

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

DUKE STREET

### SERMON

*To Doubt Is To Believe*

Rev. Tommy Wilson

### HYMN NO. 45

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Johnny Beck

### OFFERTORY

*Orison*

Douglas E. Wagner

### DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

## RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

Arcangelo Corelli

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*Today's Lay Reader is Chuck Parks.*

*Musicians for today's service*

Beverly Khemlani - Organ

Sanctuary Choir

Last Sunday we welcomed Alton and Billie Warren into the fellowship of First Baptist. They join us by Statement of faith.

The Deacons of the Week are Chuck Parks and Jim Phillips.

## Annual Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 27 - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The 2014 - 2015 Nominating Committee Report has been printed in preparation for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. Copies have been mailed, are available in the church office and will be distributed prior to the meeting.

**Sunday School Promotion**  
**Sunday, August 31 - 10:30 a.m.**

On Sunday, August 31, during the Sunday School Hour, all children and youth will be promoted to their new classes for the new church year. Any adults wishing to make a change are urged to do so at this time. A bell will ring when it is time to promote.

**Vacation Bible School - Offering**

Thanks to your generosity we set a record for this year's VBS offering. One sheep through Heifer International cost \$120.00. We have sent 10 sheep to help our brothers and sisters in poverty stricken areas of the world. Thanks to all.

**Steeple Talk Newsletter**  
[www.fbclex.org](http://www.fbclex.org)

The first of each month we are producing **ONE** newsletter. The Newsletter is available on the Web Site and also can be viewed on a mobile device. To date, we have 97 families who are receiving the Newsletter by email. To receive by email all you need to do is sign up on the Web Site. We need this number to increase to continue to reduce our postage cost. **PLEASE** take the time and sign up.

**Family Night at First Baptist**

**Wednesday, September 10, 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall**  
**Special Menu - Cost: Adults \$6.00 Children under 12: \$4.00**  
**Make Your RSVP Permanent or Weekly Today!**  
**Special Entertainment**

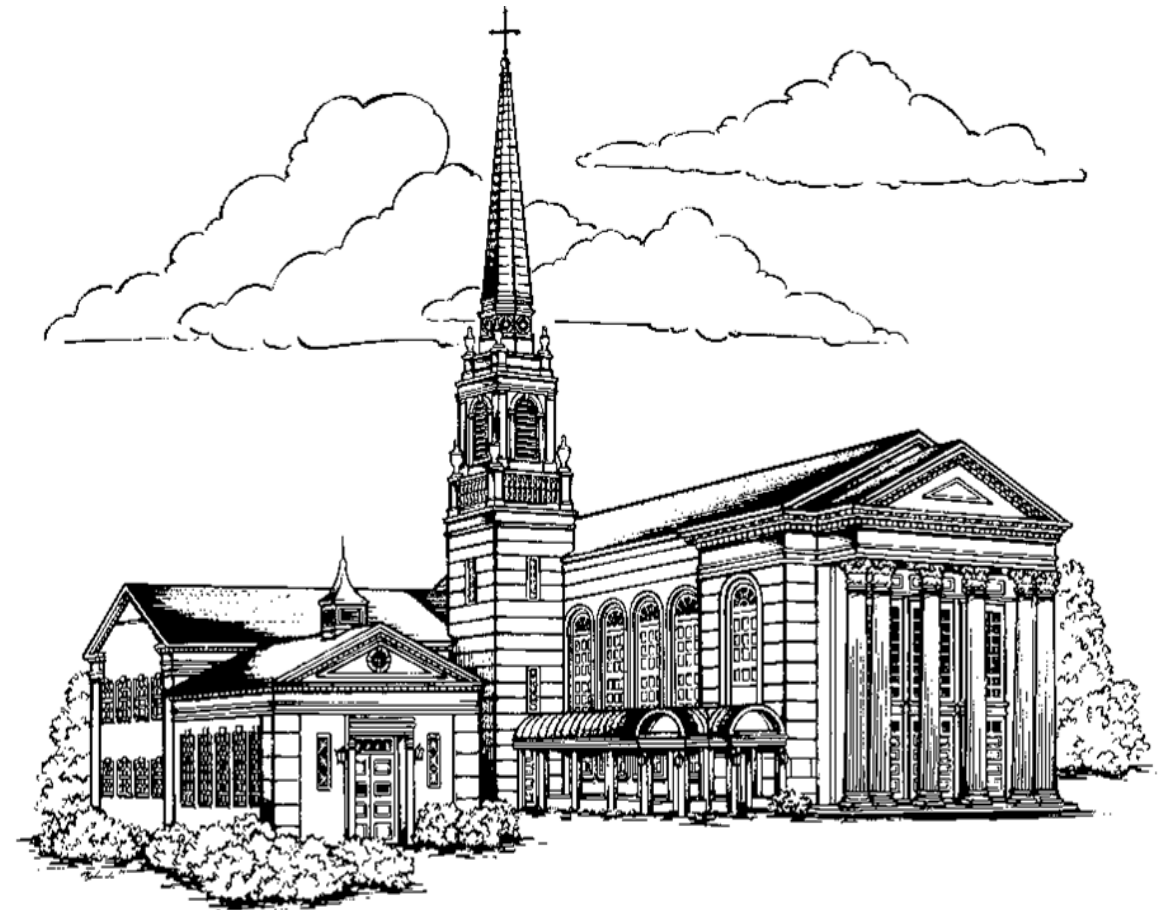
**Announcements**

**Sunday, 8/17**

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Chapel

**August 17: Bed Babies:** Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams  
**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Zak Young **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Phil Mickey  
**August 24: Bed Babies:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham  
**Toddlers & 2 year olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander  
**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall & Courtney Sams

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