

The Worship of God

May 10, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Mother's Day Worship

THE GATHERING

Mother is the name of God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

William Thackeray

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Cebell

Henry Purcell

CHORAL INTROIT

Blessed Redeemer, All Glorious King

Freeman

Opening of the Bible

Grace Upton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alex Upton

Leader: The Spirit of God calls us from many places. Some of us come from busy homes with many people.

People: Some of us live alone.

Leader: We are all part of the family. This week has been different for each of us.

People: Some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate.

Leader: Some of us have been dealing with bad news that has troubled us.

People: We are all members of God's family.

Leader: We all come to this same place.

People: All of us seeking God's presence in our lives.

Leader: All of us seeking God's presence with each other.

All: Together we become the family of God.

HYMN NO. 84

Children of the Heavenly Father

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN

Levi Daniel Tate September 4, 2014

Peter Thomas Allen February 26, 2015

Charlotte Adelia Harris April 22, 2015

Scripture

Luke 2: 22-32

Ethan Houser

Minister: Christian parents: As Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated to God, you bring your child to be dedicated today. Do you promise to teach Levi, Thomas, and Charlotte the gifts and claims of the Christian faith through prayer, word and example? Are you committed to bring up your child in the family of faith in dependence upon God's grace?

Parents: We are.

Minister: Members of the family of faith, I commend to you these parents and their precious children. Your love, care, and example are as necessary to this covenant as their spiritual example for them. Will you encourage them and pray for them, asking God to bless them with love and grace?

People: We will.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRESENTATION FROM THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

HYMN NO. 470

Jesus Love Me, This I Know

JESUS LOVES ME

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 66: 7-13

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER (see insert)

SOLO

My Tribute

Andraè Crouch

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10: 13-16

ANTHEM

In A Mother's Heart

Keesecker

SERMON

You is Kind. You is Smart. You is Important.

Dr. Ray Howell III

Scripture

Mark 9: 35-37

Charlotte Pyle

HYMN NO. 392

When Love Is Found

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

William Fulbright

OFFERTORY

Soliloquy

Gordon Young

DOXOLOGY NO. 809

OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Teach Our Hearts to Grow in Faith

Freeman

POSTLUDE

Adoration

C.H. Rinck

Today's Lay Reader is Alyson Honeycutt.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

Kevin Murphy - violin

Peggy Barnhardt - piano

Jackson McCarthy - soloist

We extend our sympathy to the family of Hazel Underwood Morris upon her death on May 4 and to Clara Mize and family upon the death of her sister, Doris Story Forrest on May 5.

The Deacons of the Week are Newell Davis and Paul Epley.

Winston-Salem Dash Baseball

Friday, May 29

WS Dash Baseball package includes admission, food and drink, and a baseball cap for \$21. FBC will be recognized on the big screen during the game. Please contact the church office to make your reservations.

Vacation Bible School, July 19 - 23, 2015

This year's Bible School will be AWESOME! The theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." **Volunteers are needed!** Bible School will begin with the Church Picnic on Sunday and a Snack Supper Monday through Thursday at 5:15 p.m. followed by VBS each evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Let Tommy, Ray, or the Open Door SS Class know if you can help. This will be a wonderful week to bless our children!

This year's Bible School will be financed by a very successful Yard Sale. Thanks to your generosity, over \$2,660 was raised!

Baccalaureate Sunday - June 7

High School Senior Recognition Day will be held Sunday, June 7. Please notify the church by Sunday, May 17 of family members who will graduate this spring. Graduates are asked to bring a photo to the office by May 17.

We would also like to have information of any college graduates for the June newsletter. Please have information in the church office by May 17.

Announcements

Sunday, 5/10

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry

Conference Room

Wednesday, 5/13

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Music Suite

HELP!!! - Extended Sessions

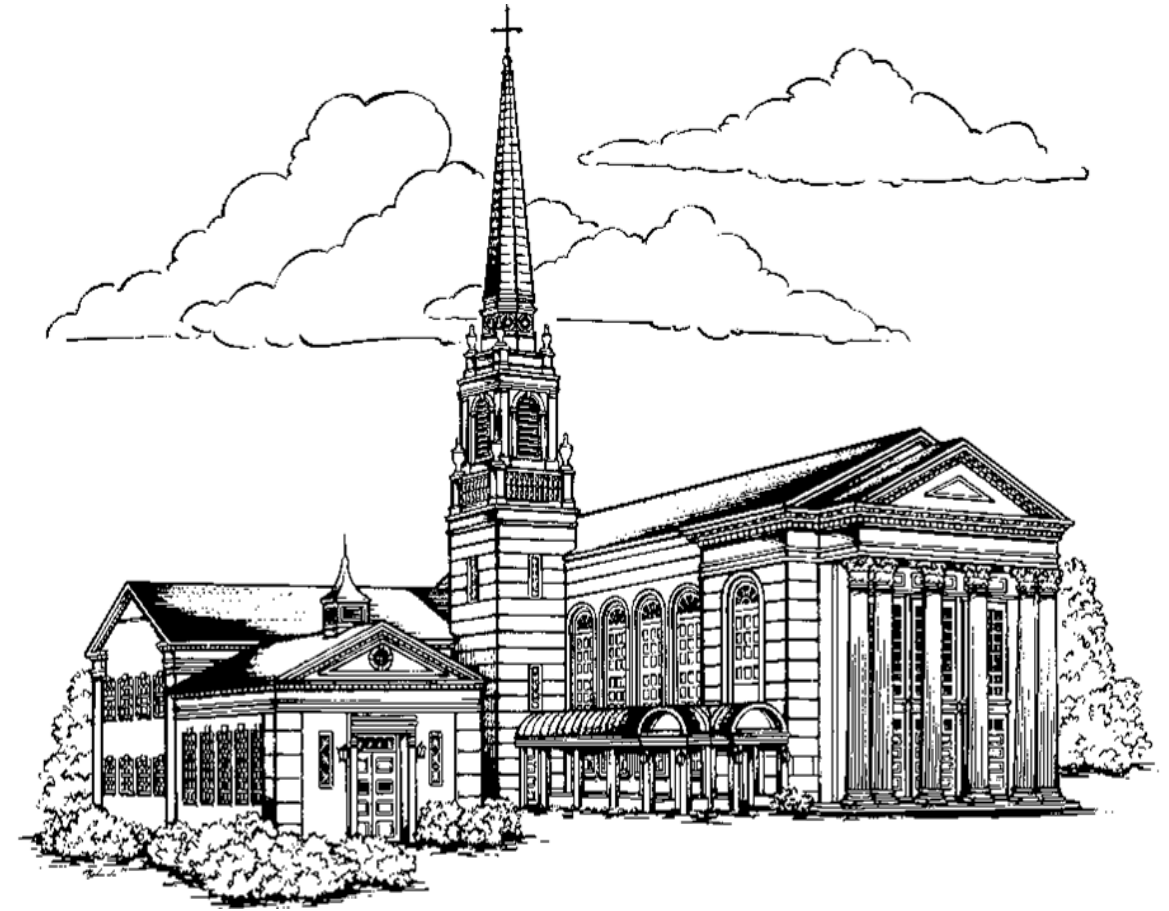
Volunteers to assist in the nursery and preschool children classes during the worship service are needed. Please consider donating one hour of your time each quarter. Call Brooke Williams (956-1821) or the church office if you are willing to help.

Extended Sessions:

May 10: Bed Babies: Donna Routh & Wendy Walker **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Lambeth **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Frank

May 17: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Zak Young **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M William Fulbright

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Senior Minister

TOMMY WILSON
Associate Minister

JEAN ASHLEY
Martha Best Children's Center Director

PAUL FREEMAN
Minister of Music



A Mother's Day Prayer

Minister: Midwifing God, the Prophet Isaiah declared that You are the one who delivers us.

People: We remember that You are Mother and Father to all of us, all of us are Your children.

Minister: Mothering God, You bring forth new life in our midst.

People: We honor the mothers around us, and all who care and love children.

Minister: Grandmother God, You comfort us in our time of grieving and sorrow.

People: We remember our mothers and grandmothers who have passed on, for all those we miss on this day.

Minister: Teaching God, You have taught us to honor our mothers and fathers and have taught us the way of love.

People: We remember those who have been like mothers to us, giving us wisdom and guidance in our lives.

Minister: Creator God, we remember that we are all created in Your image.

People: We honor and respect all women in our midst, mothers and aunts and sisters and friends.

Minister: We honor and remember these great women, loving God, whom You have sent into our lives.

All: Mothering God, guide us into ways of honoring and respecting women around our world, working towards justice and liberation, health and safety for all women and girls. In the name of Christ, who like a mother desires to gather us together, we pray. Amen

The 144 Challenge

One of the greatest gifts our church has provided to our young people has been the opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Belize. Lives have been changed, commitments have been sealed, and lifetime patterns of service and ministry have been established through this mission experience. Our Senior High youth are preparing for their Belize mission this August.

We are asking you to become a mission partner with our youth through the 144 Challenge. The youth who are going to Belize represent the 12 disciples and the church represents the 12 Tribes of Israel. Twelve youth working alone can only do so much, but with you accepting the challenge to partner with them through prayer and financial support, we can multiply their effectiveness. $12 \times 12 = 144$.

We are asking you to consider taking one of the envelopes in the sanctuary. The number on the front of the envelope is the amount of money you are willing to give, anywhere between 1 and 144 dollars. The envelope contains a listing of the Belize team and details about this summer's mission. We ask that you prayerfully consider accepting the 144 Challenge!

Summer Sermon Series "Growing Up With God"

The Bible School theme for Belize, "Growing Up With God" was established by the Belmopan Baptist Church. The Summer Sermon Series will focus on the five Bible stories that the youth will use in Belize. The dates and stories for the series are:

May 31	Baby Moses
June 14	Jesus in the Temple at the Age of Twelve
June 21	Joseph and His Brothers
July 19	David and Goliath
July 26	The Feeding of the 5,000

Baccalaureate Sunday is June 7. Eric and Julie Maas, CBF Missionaries to Belize will be our special guests on July 12.