

The Worship of God

May 24, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Pentecost Sunday

THE GATHERING

The church exists because God's Holy Spirit has called us together and bound us in covenant for the purpose of mission and ministry. With our gifts let us affirm and support God's mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Vorspiel* Anton Bruckner

CHORAL INTROIT *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA
Opening of the Bible Brooke Lambeth

CALL TO WORSHIP Maggie Lancaster

Leader: As the Prophet Joel anticipated the age of the Spirit,

People: So may we have a great vision for the future.

Leader: As the Apostle Peter spoke with bold effectiveness,

People: So may we be able to articulate our faith.

Leader: As the early believers were baptized with the Spirit,

People: So may we be empowered by your presence within us.

Leader: As the Spirit gave gifts to the church of the first century,

People: So may that same Spirit give gifts to the church of the twenty-first century.

Leader: As the Spirit produced the fruits of joy and peace in the early church,

People: So may the fruits of the Spirit be evident today.

HYMN NO. 2 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTION AND TIME OF SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory.

People: We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies.

Minister: Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next.

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 419

God of Our Fathers

NATIONAL HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1-8, 12-21

ANTHEM

Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

Mark Andrews

SERMON

The Spirit

Rev. Tommy Wilson

HYMN NO. 289

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

IN BABILONE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Tim Michael

OFFERTORY

Peace in Our Time, O Lord

M. Price/C. Phillips

DOXOLOGY NO. 809

OLD HUNDREDTH

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Teach Our Hearts to Grow in Faith

Freeman

POSTLUDE

Marche Solennelle

Louis Niedermeyer

Today's Lay Reader is Kelly Lambeth.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

Paul Freeman - trumpet

Christian sympathy is extended to Louis Tate and family upon the death of her step-brother, William Taylor of Bakersfield, NC on May 14.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kelly Lowder's birthday, May 15, by the Lowder Family

The Deacon of the Week is Rod Penry.

First Baptist Office and MBCC will be closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day

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!

Enrollment forms for VBS are available in the church office.

The 144 Challenge

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. $12 \times 12 = 144$.

You are invited to take one of the envelopes in the sanctuary. The number on the front 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!

Elevator

On Sunday, May 10th the Elevator suffered some damage due to the power failure. The pump motor, oil, and starter were all damaged. The Insurance will cover the damages totaling \$17,682.81.

The plan going forward approved by the Building & Grounds and Finance Committees is to install a new solid state starter which minimizes power surges with smooth and steady current to the motor. We are also upgrading to a new pumping unit that includes the pump motor, oil and in addition the muffler, valve, tank and piping. A new Pumping Unit can reduce downtime, increase elevator performance and quieter operation. Both the starter and Pumping Unit will bring the Elevator up to current standards and code.

The cost is \$27,711.27 and will take up to three weeks to install. The \$10,000 plus needed to complete the upgrade will come from an undesignated fund we currently have.

We would like for the next several months to be a time to recoup these funds. Please consider a special gift, memorials, or honorariums to replenish this fund to pay for this expense.

We are sorry for the inconvenience. We have grown dependent upon the Elevator. However we feel this will benefit us in the future and realize a cost savings later.

Announcements

Sunday, 5/24

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry Conference Room

Wednesday, 5/27

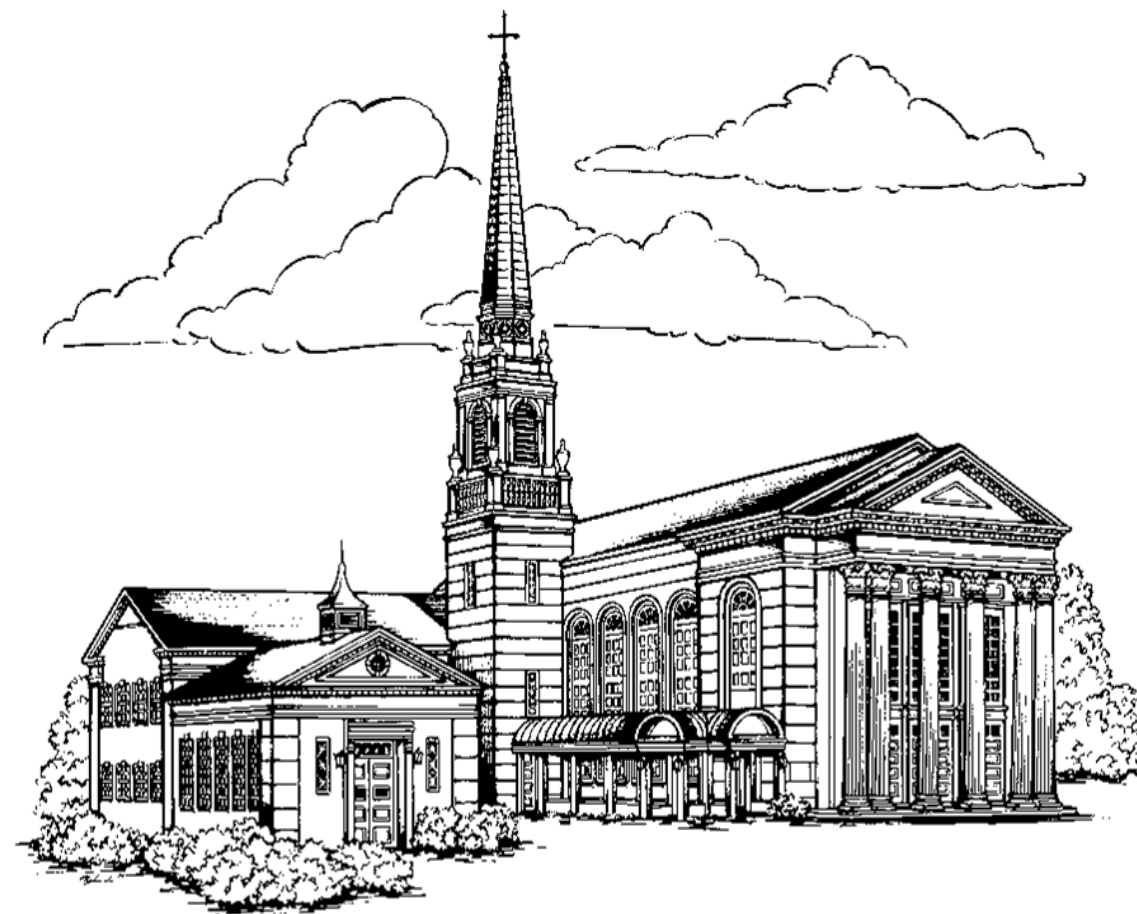
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Music Suite

Extended Sessions:

May 24: Bed Babies: M/M Nathan Houser **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall, & Courtney Sams

May 31: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kevin Brown **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

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