

The Worship of God

July 5, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Religious Liberty Sunday

THE GATHERING

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should "make no law respecting and establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation between church and State.

Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association, 1802

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Star Spangled Banner* Francis Scott Key

PRELUDE *Fantasia* Johann Pachelbel

CHORAL INTROIT *America the Beautiful* Ward

Opening of the Bible Natalee Mitcham

CALL TO WORSHIP Austin Sams

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

People: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

Leader: God, who has been our help in ages past,

People: Is our hope for years to come.

HYMN NO. 419 *God of Our Fathers* NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 8: 31-36

LITANY ON FREEDOM

Minister: Sisters and Brothers, today we celebrate our freedom.

People: What is true freedom? It is only when the Son makes us free that we are free indeed.

Minister: Thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves to sin, are now free in Christ Jesus.

People: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Minister: For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your

freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

People: For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN *Free to Worship, Free to Know* HENDEN

*Free to worship, free to know,
Bound by Spirit wind that flows,
Free to dream, to think and live
In the freedom Jesus gives,
In the freedom Jesus gives.*

*Free to worship, free to know,
Freedom's gift to all bestowed.
Free to speak a dissenting voice,
Trusting each to make the choice,
Trusting each to make the choice.*

*Free to worship, free to know,
Truth that stings but makes us grow.
Free to lay old dogmas down,
Choose a path to common ground,
Choose a path to common ground.*

(Words by David Burroughs - founder of Passport)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22: 15-22

ANTHEM *Distant Land* Rutter

FEATURE *A Little Talk on Church/State Separation* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 418 *America, the Beautiful* MATERNA

OFFERTORY PRAYER Alan Williams

OFFERTORY *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. Robert J. Hughes

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Freeman

POSTLUDE *God Bless Our Land* John Sciveyner

Today's Lay Reader is Dan Hamrick.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ Sanctuary Choir Jim Barton - Alex Upton - alto saxophone

Christian sympathy is extended to Catherine, Caroline, Charlotte and Cate Pyle and family upon the death of their husband and father Charlie Pyle on June 28.

The Deacons of the Week are Debbie Auman and Carl Garrison.

Passport 2015

Our Passport Team will be leaving in the morning for a week of Bible Study, Mission Activity, Worship, and Recreation on the campus of Averett University in Danville, VA. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to prepare for a 10:00 a.m. departure in our new church bus. Keep the Passport Team in your prayers this week. They return Saturday afternoon. Campers are: Harrison Fulbright, Hanna Finch, Luke Thornhill, Courtney Sams, Grace Myers, Hailey Walker, Caroline Pyle, Madeline Blackwell, Austin Sams, Zoey Mize, Cameron Owen, Eryn Myers, Wendy Walker, Joyce and Ray Howell. This year's theme is "Revolution!"

July 12 Lunch with Maas'

Eric and Julie Maas are our CBF Missionaries in Belize. They will be our guests next Sunday. Everyone is invited to lunch at Tricia's Catering with Eric and Julie following the service. Tickets are \$14.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 10 and under. Tickets must be purchased today and checks made to Tricia's Catering.

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 19 - 5:00 p.m. - Picnic/Covered Dish

Monday - Thursday, July 20 - 23

5:15 p.m. - Snack Supper

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Bible School - Preschool 2 Yr Olds - 5th Grade



Announcements

Sunday, 7/5

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

Saturday, 7/11

6:30 a.m. Building and Grounds Work Day First Baptist Church

Extended Sessions:

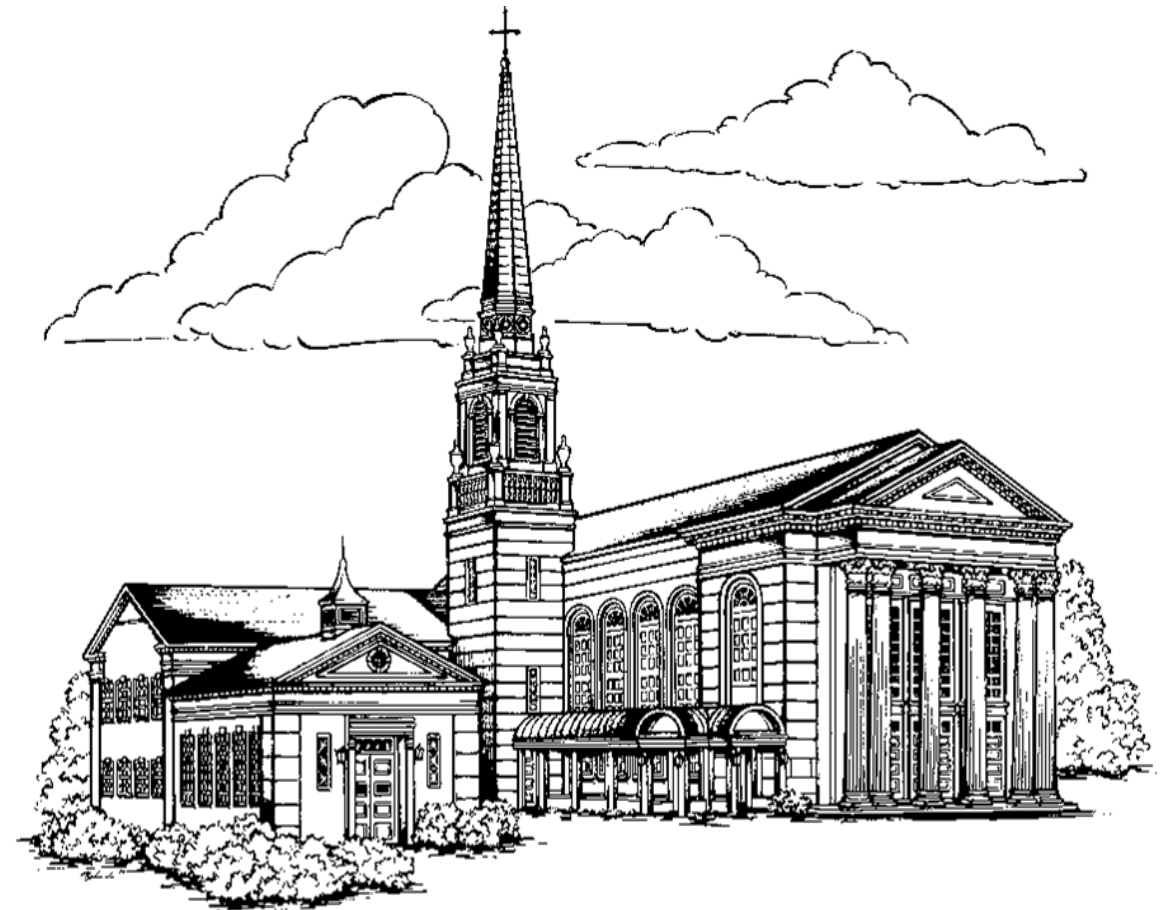
July 5: Bed Babies: M/M Dale Lambeth **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dave Thornhill

3 & 4 Year Olds: Margaret Ann Maddox & Lily Thornhill

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Courtney Sams 3 & 4 Year Olds: Kacie Beck & Anna Phillips

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