

The Worship of God

October 11, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

THE GATHERING

“Let mercy outweigh all else in you. Let compassion be a mirror where we may see in ourselves that likeness and that true image which belong to the Divine nature and Divine essence. A hard and unmerciful heart will never be pure.”

Saint Isaac of Syria

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP AND EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Voluntary in G* Henry Coleman

CHORAL INTROIT *Lead Me Lord* Freeman
Opening of the Bible Jake Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP Ethan Fulbright

Leader: God is our strength and might.

People: God has become our salvation.

Leader: God has lifted us up.

People: God is merciful and loving.

Leader: Christ is our cornerstone.

People: Christ makes us one.

Leader: God's Spirit is with us now,

People: And calls us to this place.

HYMN NO. 5 *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN
Lighting Of The Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 24: 1-7, 14-15

CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: We confess that we have strayed, O God, from your will and your way.

People: We have neglected our commitment to our church, our faith, and to you.

Minister: We have failed you and each other many times.

People: We pray for forgiveness.

Minister: We pray for healing.

People: We pray for renewal.

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 591 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* REST

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16: 13-19

ANTHEM *Bless The Lord* Beethoven

SERMON *The State of Our Church* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 720 *Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle* ODE TO JOY

OFFERTORY PRAYER Jerry Beamer

OFFERTORY *Chime Prelude* Raymond Herbek

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Gladden/Smith

POSTLUDE *Plein Jeu* Gordon Young

Today's Lay Reader is William Fulbright

Musicians for Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani - Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Margaret Hodges upon her death on October 6.

Baptist Children's Homes

Next Sunday we welcome the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina for a service of music, testimony, and praise as we celebrate our long relationship with one of our most endearing ministries.

Annual Fall Festival - October 28 - 6:30 - Fellowship Hall

Fun, Costumes, Games, Food, Hayride, Prizes!!!! **(We need candy)**

Trunk or Treat/Halloween Festival Candy

Donations of candy, including healthy options, are needed for the Community Trunk or Treat Block Party on October 25 and our Halloween Festival on Wednesday, October 28. Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall.

Jr/Sr Fall Mountain Trip - Friday, October 16

The bus will leave at 10:00 for Shatley Springs for lunch and then on to Boone and Blowing Rock for the afternoon. We will return to the church around 5:30 p.m. Lunch is on your own. The only cost will be gas for the bus. Call Sharon Palmer (798-1369) or the church office if you plan to go.

Announcements

Sunday, 10/11	9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
	9:30 a.m. Morning Coffee Gathering	Second Floor Elevator Lobby
Monday, 10/12	7:00 p.m. Fall Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 10/13	10:30 a.m. Fall Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 10/14	5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Child Care Babies (inform church if you need child care)	Nursery
	5:15 - 6:15 p.m. *Dinner (children eat first)	Fellowship Hall
	5:45 - 6:30 p.m. GA's (Grades 1 thru 5)	Room 212
	RA's (Need Leadership)	Room 202
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 226
	6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Joyful Singers (Age 4 thru 1st Grade)	Room 206
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 thru 5)	Music Suite
	Bible Study/Church Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	A Story To Tell - Laura Owen	

*Menu: Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Cookie

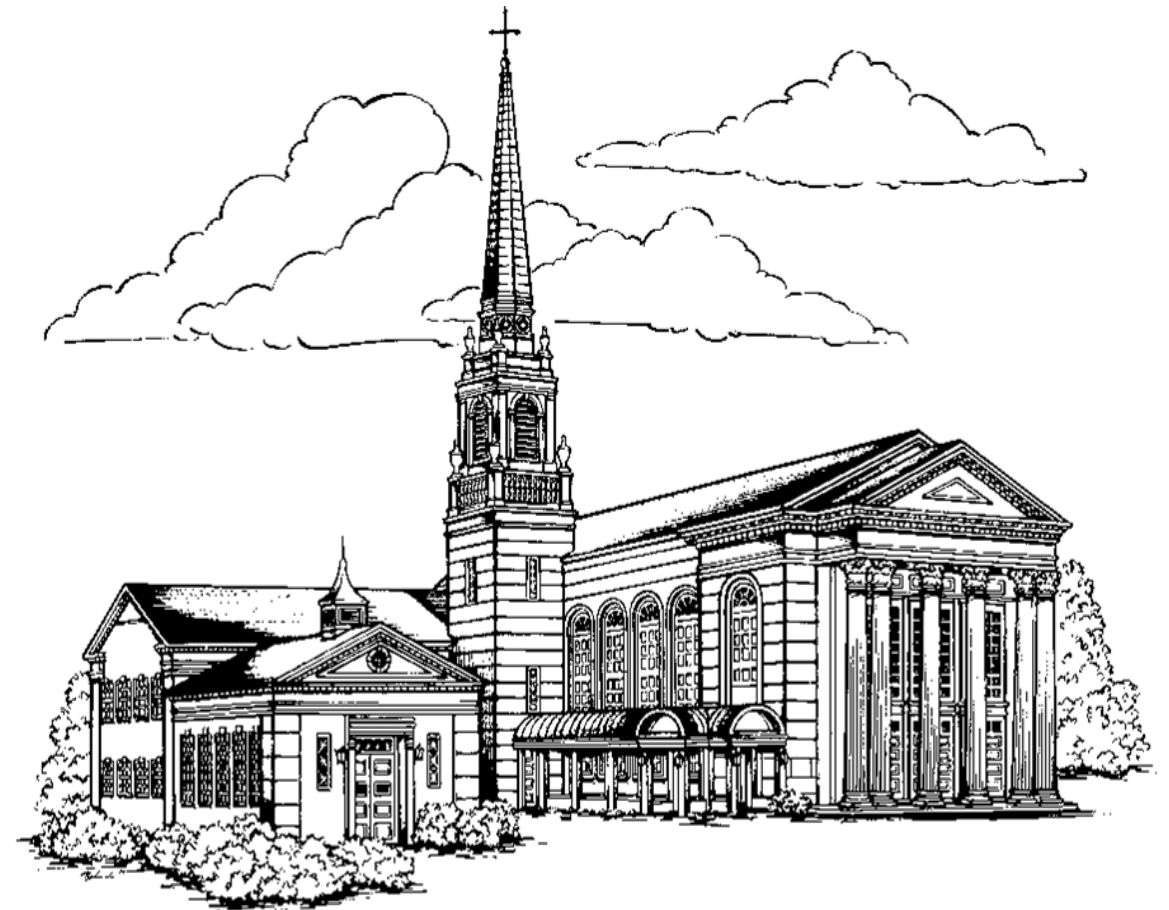
RSVP by noon Monday

Extended Sessions:

October 11: Bed Babies: Libby and Courtney Foster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Christy Clark & Courtney Sams **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Anna Phillips & Kacie Beck

October 18: Bed Babies: Savannah Kepley & Whitney Brooks **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Cory Kehl **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Your best defense against breast cancer is finding it early. If you are 40 or older, talk with your doctor about how often you should have a mammogram. If you are 20 to 39, have a breast exam by your doctor or nurse every three years. If there is a family history of cancer, talk to your doctor about having testing at an earlier age. And, you are never too old to get a mammogram.

Why should I get a Mammogram?

Finding breast cancer early can save your life. As you get older, your risk for breast cancer increases. Most women who are diagnosed with breast cancer have no history of it in their families. Many insurance companies encourage mammograms, it is normally covered. There is new technology in mammograms and it not unusual for you to be called back for additional views. If this happens, it is not necessarily bad news. Many times the radiologist needs more comprehensive information for your protection.

What else can I do?

Watch your weight. Eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Get 30 or more minutes of exercise 5 days a week. Limit your alcohol, if you drink.

What Cancer Cannot Do

It cannot cripple love, shatter hope, corrode faith, destroy peace, kill friendship, suppress memories, silence courage, invade the soul, steal eternal life or conquer the spirit.

Breast Cancer Prevention

Two ways to help prevent breast cancer include controlling your weight and being physically active. The J. Smith Young YMCA has a wide variety of options to help women start and maintain a healthy lifestyle. We offer water fitness, yoga, pilates, weightlifting for women, cycle, step, Zumba and more. If you need help finding a class or a type of exercise that would work best for you, please contact Jen Fuller-Allen at 249-2177 or jen@lexingtonymca.com.

Annual Crop Walk Sunday, November 1



1:45 p.m. First Baptist Church
Forms are available in the church office and
on family night in the Fellowship Hall.



Operation Christmas Child

Determine whether you wish to sponsor a boy or girl and choose the age group. Pack appropriate items in a shoe box, include a \$7.00 check payable to Samaritan's Purse (covers shipping and handling). Attach a brochure, available in the church office or the Fellowship Hall. The final day to turn these in is Wednesday, November 18.

Wednesday, November 4 6:30 pm. - Fellowship Hall

The 2016 Proposed Budget will soon be mailed and following the meal on Wednesday evening, there will be a discussion on the Budget.