

The Worship of God

May 8, 2016

Mother's Day

The Gathering

We've come to worship God, who loved us before we were yet born, who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases. This is our God. Let us worship together!

Early Announcements

Prelude *Praise* Carl F. Mueller

Choral Introit *On Christ The Solid Rock I'll Stand* arr. Freeman
Opening the Bible Ava Leigh Fulbright

The Dedication of Anthony Lane Hopkins

Prayer of Dedication

Presentation from the Sue Brown Prayer Shawl Ministry

Hymn No. 470 *Jesus Loves Me* JESUS LOVES ME

Call To Worship

 Lily Thornhill

Leader: God, who is like a mother, gathers us as children.

People: Comforting us with strong arms of love.

Leader: God, who is like a mother, is always there for us.

People: In good times and in bad, God is faithful.

Leader: God, who is like a mother, calls us into the family of faith,

People: Through God's great salvation, perfectly restored in thee.

Hymn No. 558 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER
Lighting the Christ Candle

Children's Time

Christian Greetings Debbie Tate

Like a Mother...

Congregational Response: Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care. Selected Scriptures

Hymn No. 392 *When Love Is Found* O WALY WALY

Morning Prayer

Anthem *A Home of Grace* Joseph A. Martin

Sermon *A Home of Grace* Dr. Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 514 *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

Offertory Prayer Tim Michael

The Offertory *Untitled Hymn* Chris Rice

Doxology (To the tune of "All Creatures of our God and King")

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!.

Choral Benediction *Blessed Savior, Walk With Us* arr. Freeman

Postlude *Plein Jeu* Gordon Young

Today's Lay Reader is Kristi Thornhill.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ Sanctuary Choir Jackson McCarthy - Soloist/Piano

**June 1 is "Dream Night" at FBC
Wednesday, June 1 - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall**

We are moving forward as a congregation in uncharted waters, but we are a people of faith believing that God will lead us in our journey. "The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams."

On Wednesday night, June 1, we will have a "Dream Night." This will be a joyful and optimistic gathering with delicious desserts to sweeten our dreams! We want you to dream of where our church can be 5 years from now - 10 years from now! Make June 1 a priority! Dare to dream great dreams for First Baptist!

Grape Jelly and Tomato Soup

Our church, for many years, has been responsible for supplying tomato soup and grape jelly for Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. We have recently fallen behind our commitment. Let's us use the month of May to renew our commitment to Crisis Ministry and replenish the supply of soup and jelly. You can bring your donations to the basket located under the television monitor beside the ground floor elevator.

New First Baptist Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Church Phone numbers are as follows:

First Baptist Church Office 336-245-1261

Martha Best Children's Center 336-245-9612

Deep Sea Discovery July 25 - 29

At Deep Sea Discovery VBS, children dive into God's presence by delving deep into His Word to see how He has been with His people every step of the way. Every child will sail away each day saying "God is with me - wherever I go! He KNOWS me, HEARS me, STRENGTHENS me, LOVES me, and SENDS me!" Hands-on service projects and sea science will help kids experience a VBS adventure like no other!

We need leaders and volunteers for Bible School! Please let Kelly Mitcham, Jim Tate, or Ray know if you can help.

***Extended Sessions:**

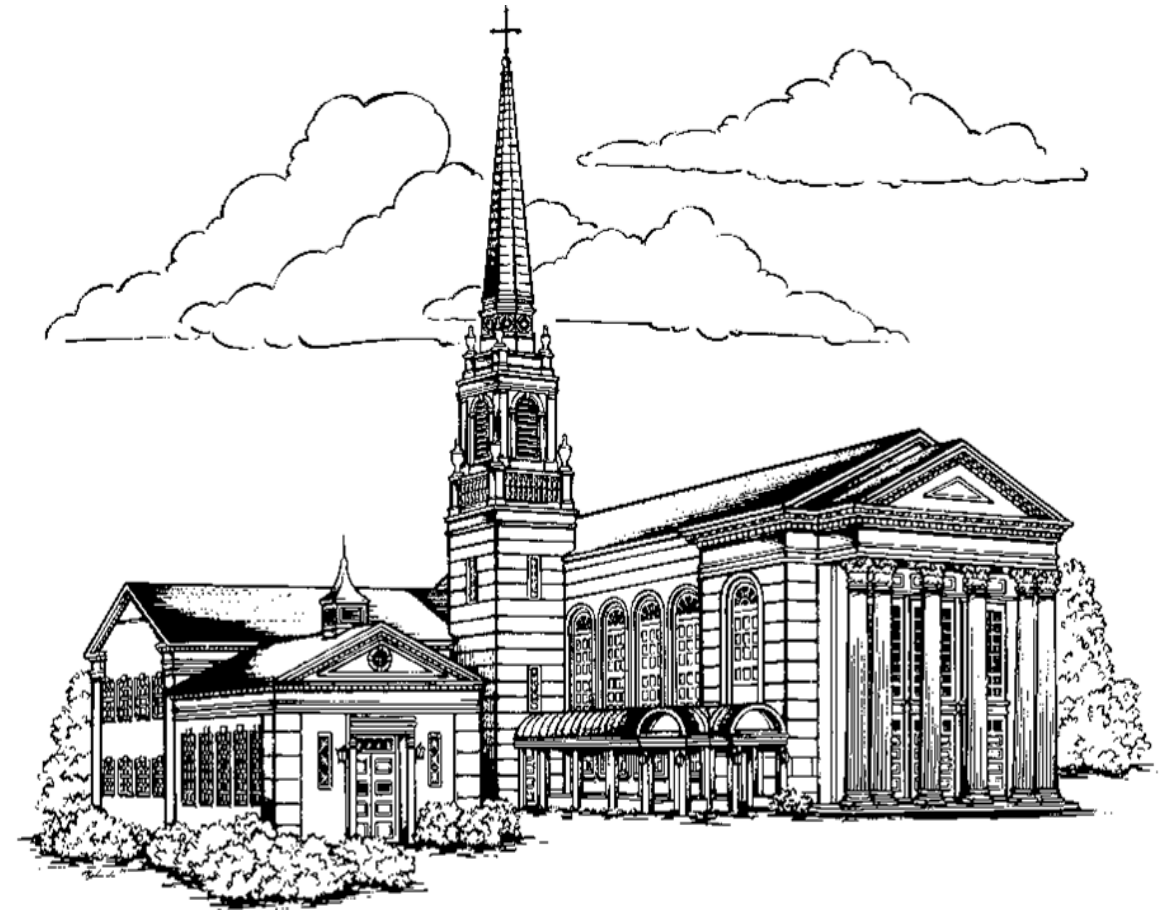
May 8: Bed Babies: Donna Routh & Wendy Walker

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Frank

May 15: 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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