

The Worship of God

August 28, 2016

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Celebration of Baptism

The Gathering

Come and see for yourselves. God is alive in our midst and begins life anew even among us. Today we celebrate the beginning of new life in Christ through baptism. Today we welcome Luke Thornhill into the family of faith and the church of Jesus Christ. Come, let us worship our God!

Invitation to Worship Jim Tate

Prelude *It is Well with My Soul* C. Kohlmann

Choral Introit *Shall We Gather at the River?* arr. Freeman

Opening the Bible Alex Ortiz

Call To Worship Lily Thornhill

Leader: Let the festival of God's people begin and our youth will lead the way.

People: The youth? The children?

Leader: Yes, our youth. Come, children and show us the way. For you the past is a playground and the future is a rainbow-arched adventure. For you there are no broken dreams - only wishes, hopes, faith, and desire. For you have embraced this wild and precious life. So come, take us to the waters of baptism. Come, lead us to a new tomorrow as we live for the God who waits beyond the sunrise.

People: Come on, children! The festival of God's people is about to begin and we want you to lead the way!

Leader: Today, my brother Luke will be baptized into the wild and precious life of faith. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, and cleansed by the Blood of Christ my King.

People: We are his children! Faithfully, thankfully, and joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Hymn No. 758 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

Lighting the Christ Candle Luke Thornhill

Scripture Lesson Matthew 5: 13-16

Symbols of Baptism Light, Water and Salt

Musical Selection *This Wild Life* Burroughs

The Baptism of Luke Thornhill

Hymn of Joy No., 20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

The Children's Time Julia Dunn

Christian Greetings Barry Sink

South Lexington Backpack Program Julia Dunn

Dream Nights Results Barry Sink

Hymn No. 532 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

Offertory Prayer Tim Michael

Offertory *Cannon* L. Couperin

Doxology

*Praise God the source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.*

Morning Prayer

Anthem *If You Search With All Your Heart* Courtney

Sermon "Love That Guy" Dr. Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 696 *The Bond of Love* BOND OF LOVE

Congregational Benediction To the Tune of *Amazing Grace*

*Through Christ you are a child of God,
Who dearly loves us all.
Go forth in peace to share God's love;
Rise up to heed Christ's call.*

Postlude *Carillon* G. Young

The church has individual hearing assistance devices for anyone to use during services; just ask an usher.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ

Sanctuary Choir

Christian sympathy is extended to Don Watson and family upon the death of his brother
David Watson of Atlanta, GA on August 19.

Greetings from South Lexington and South Lexington Developmental Center

With the beginning of the 2016-17 school year comes the responsibility of addressing high food insecurity that is a reality for many of our students at South Lexington. It is so hard to think about the population we serve (Preschool, Kindergarten and Developmentally Disabled Students) not having enough to eat. Fortunately, Lexington City Schools offers free breakfast, lunch and nutritious snacks through federal grants. This addresses the hunger Monday through Friday, but leaves many students without adequate access to food over the weekend. This is where the Backpack Program comes into play. Each weekend, we provide a bag of kid friendly food like Canned Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Pop Tarts, Instant Oatmeal, Peanut Butter Crackers, Fruit Cups, Chicken Noodle Soup and Pudding Cups to students identified with high food insecurity.

Our Backpack Program is totally dependent on support from churches, civic groups, businesses and individuals in our community. We are grateful for the support we have received from FBC Women's Mission Groups, Sunday School Classes and individual church members. We gratefully accept donations of food, cash or checks. All donations are tax deductible.

Please contact Julia Dunn School Counselor, South Lexington and South Lexington Developmental Center at 336-242-1245 or jdunn@lexcs.org if you wish to help the most vulnerable children in our Community.

Week's Schedule

Sunday, 8/28

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper	Children's Dining Area
6:30 p.m.	Middle & High School Youth Activities	The Attic
6:30 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Monday, 8/29

11:30 a.m.	Frady/Johnson Lunch & Meeting	Tricia's Catering
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Extended Sessions:

August 28: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller-Allen & Brooke Williams

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kevin Brown **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

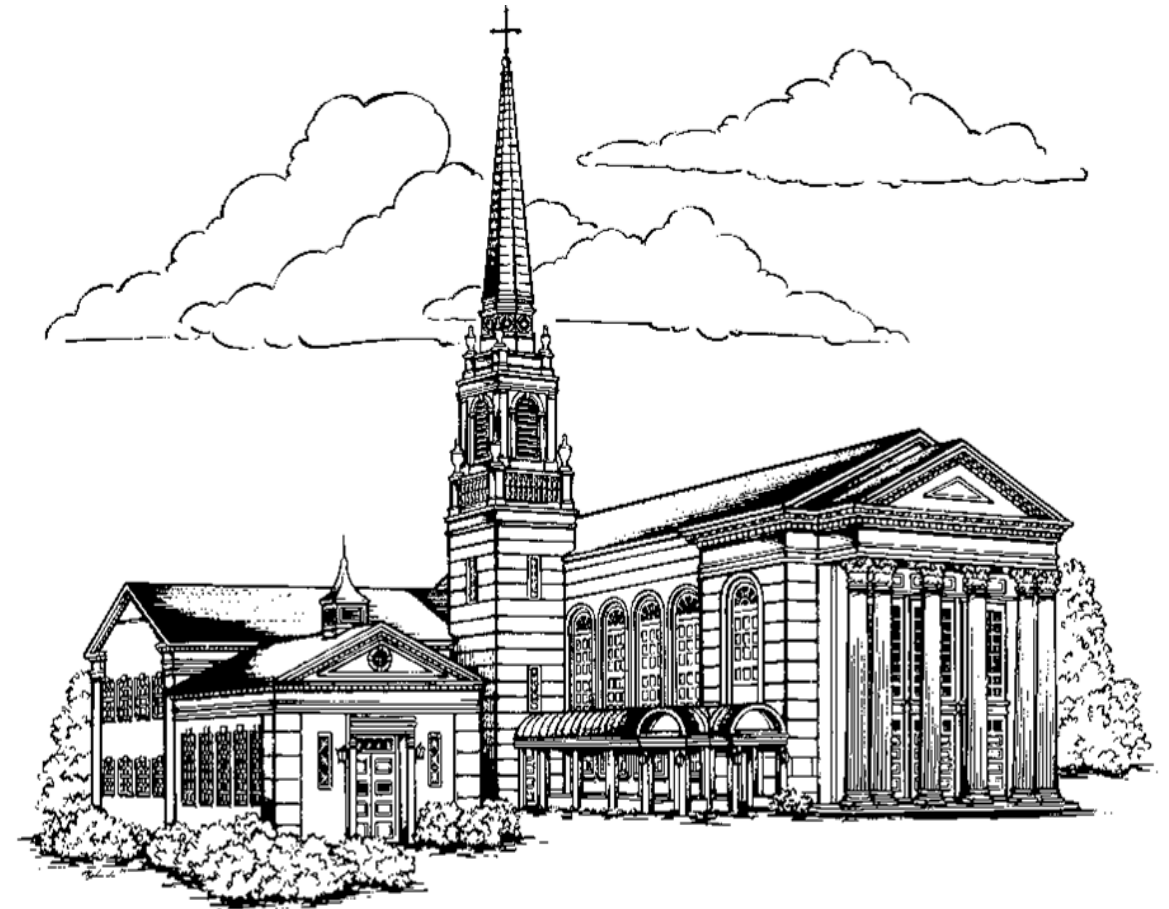
September 4: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Josh Boyle
3 & 4 Year Olds: Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

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FBC Tomorrow

Interim DREAMS Report

August, 2016

Over the summer, we, as a congregation, have been asking what we want our church to become and where do we as a church want to go. By sharing and collecting our hopes and dreams, looking at our strengths and weaknesses, we are planning for our future.

The purpose of this interim report is to present a summary of the top results, prioritized by the congregation and officers, for review and use as we together move our church into a new, challenging and exciting future. The results offer exciting insights and implications for future program development, as well as input into upcoming staffing decisions. Below are the suggestions presented for implementing the findings. We hope you will learn, benefit, and become excited for the future growth and development of our church.

- **Missional Leadership Team** - This team will be redefining “Mission” to a very personal and local level.
- **Worship Enrichment Team** - This team will be working to make enhancements to the worship service experience.
- **Technology Team** - This team will review and expand technology applications for our church.
- **WOW (Win Over the World) for Jesus Team** - This will be a fun, creative team that will propose fellowship oriented, multi-generational experiences and events.

I would be interested in learning more about the circled team.

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Where Are We?

<u>Points</u>	<u>STRENGTHS</u>
84	Senior minister
61	God-loving/caring people/dedicated/generous members
47	Facility/physical campus
44	Children’s Center
36	Music ministry

<u>Points</u>	<u>OPPORTUNITIES</u>
36	Sponsor AA/NA/Boy Scouts, etc.
32	Support established local ministries
29	Renew music program - musical instruments - orchestra
24	Children's programming
23	Interact with other churches on projects

<u>Points</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
55	Declining members - aging vs youth, outreach, retention
51	Budget shortage
28	Apathy by membership - time, talent, resources
23	Training- Sunday School teachers, church leadership
22	Lack of Complete Transparency - spending/general

<u>Points</u>	<u>THREATS</u>
37	Apathy
33	Inability to attract young families
28	Financial instability - decline in economic standard of living
25	Declining membership
17	Competing activities on Sunday and Wednesday
17	Aging leadership

Where Do We Want To Go?

<u>Points</u>	<u>DREAMS</u>
179	Attract younger families and singles
132	Youth and children’s programs-Strengthen
79	Increase active participation of members
74	Associate minister for youth/congregational care
69	Become financially stable/exceed our budget