

The rosebud in the vestibule celebrates the birth of Adalyn Brooke Hill daughter of Dustin and Kelli Hill and sister of Emery on July 2.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jane Johnson and family on the death of her father Rev. Harvey Yates Criminger, Jr. of Winston-Salem on July 4.



Vacation Bible School - 2013
First Baptist Church - Lexington, NC
Theme "A Heart For Missions"

July 22 - 25

Sunday, July 21 - 5:00 p. m.

Church Picnic/VBS Kickoff

VBS Supplied Needed

As plans are being made for this year's VBS we need several items for crafts. Wash Cloths, Single Ice Cube Cold Packs, Fabric Pens, and we need individuals to sew together walker aprons. Items can be dropped off at the church. Please feel free to contact Tommy.

Movie Night Saturday, July 13 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Based on a true story, We Bought a Zoo recounts the adventures of a widowed father and his children who buy a dilapidated zoo in hope of making a fresh start. Faced with one obstacle after another, the family and an eccentric, but dedicated staff strive to restore and re-open the zoo. Show time is Saturday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rated PG: run time 126 minutes.



Announcements

Sunday, 7/7

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry

Conference Room

Extended Sessions:

July 7: Bed Babies: M/M Greg Briggs **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kyle Kepley
3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Charlie Pyle

July 14: Bed Babies: M/M Kevin Foster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dustin Hill
3 & 4 Year Olds: Donna Sink, Anna Raye Tate, Courtney Foster

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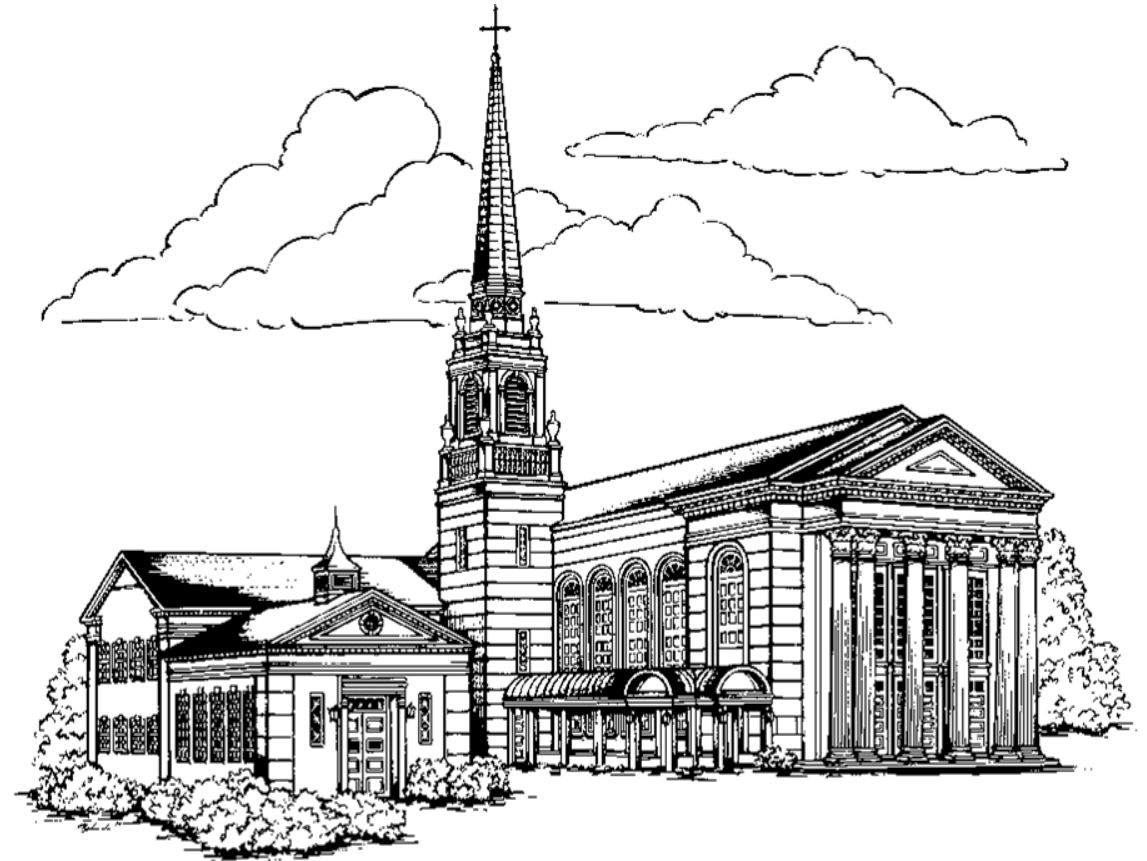
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Martha Best Children's Center Director

The Worship of God

Eleven o'clock in the morning

July 7, 2013

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING

Religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced. It is not the prerogative of any power to compel people to conform to any religious creed or form of worship, or to worship, or to pay taxes for the support of a creed they do not believe. God wants free worshipers and no other kind.

George W. Truett, 1920

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Bible Opener Youth/Passport Anden Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: In a land of pines and palms, sun and water, mountains and plains, we gather to worship our God in Freedom.

People: We are God's people, blessed with promise and empowered with hope!

Minister: The Creator's promise takes us through all the seasons and surprises us with grace hidden among the colors of every race.

People: God orders the chaos surrounding our lives and gives us light to see a hidden redemptive presence.

Minister: So we begin this day with the promise of resurrection and the hope of life everlasting through our loving God; Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

People: With a Gospel of hope and a word of promise we are called to freedom.

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

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

PASSPORT REPORT

A LITANY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Minister: O Lord, show us what is eternal and secure;

People: That being lost, we are found in thee.

Minister: Show us what is courageous and true;

People: That fearing we may trust and live in Christ's redeeming grace.

Minister: Under the arches of the years we pray to you, O God, and seek your blessings, as did the generations of the faithful before us. We thank you for valiant souls whose convictions forged great declarations into our Baptist

way of believing and into our nation's way of governing. May we ever seek their wisdom and preserve their truths.

People: God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

Minister: By the deep faiths on which the foundations of our land were laid, and by the steadfast sacrifice of our forebears to live with an open Bible before them, inspire our generation of believers to ever proclaim God's saving and freeing grace.

People: Their commitments should not perish. Their insistence that the individual conscience must be free to interpret scripture, and free to follow Christ's way, must not be imperiled.

Minister: Being free to worship, being free to know, and being free to act are present-day commitments that constitute a rich heritage, a contemporary duty, and a treasured legacy for succeeding generations.

People: Save us from weak resignation. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.

HYMN NO. 422 *O God of Every Nation* LLANGLOFFAN

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM *Battle Hymn of the Republic* setting by: Willhousky

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16: 1 - 8

SERMON *The Parable of the Shrewd Manager* Rev. Tommy Wilson

HYMN NO. 669 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY *From Sea to Shining Sea* AMERICA

DOXOLOGY No. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God Bless Our Land* arr. John Scriveyner

Today's Lay Reader is Jim Honeycutt.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

The Deacon of the week is Catherine Bowers.