

## Family Night at First Baptist

Wednesday, September 11 - 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Menu: BBQ Chicken, BBQ Butt, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert  
(Tommy Poag will be our chef for the night)

Cost: Adults \$6.00 Under 12 \$4.00 Family Limit \$20.00  
(Special Pricing For Opening Celebration)

**Entertainment:** Alan Williams and Brannon Gilliam

**Permanent Reservations** do not carry over from the previous year.

**Weekly Reservations** may be made by calling the information line, the church or filling out one of the reservation cards found in the class rooms or the back of the Sanctuary pews.

**Regularly scheduled Family Nights will start Wednesday, September 18.**

### Youth News

Tonight both middle and high school youth groups start back. It's also the kickoff for the new Lexington Downtown Youth Choir! Choir rehearsal takes place at First United Methodist Church (FUMC) during September. Please be at the rear entrance to FUMC at 5:00 p.m. Brian and Wendy Walker will be there to show you where to go, help with the choir, and to walk everyone back to FBC when rehearsal is finished. We're very excited about this and think it will be a great addition to our community!

### Sunday Night Youth Schedule

5:00 - 5:45 p.m.: Youth Choir Rehearsal at FUMC

5:45 - 6:15 p.m.: Snack supper at FUMC, then walk back to FBC for regular youth activities

6:15 - 7:00 p.m.: Middle and high school youth activities.

This evening, the youth will have Ice Cream "Sundae" Sunday after choir rehearsal and snack supper! Join us for ice cream sundaes at the FBC parking lot. We also need youth parents to come by and sign insurance forms for their children.

### Announcements

#### Sunday, 9/8

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
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#### Wednesday, 9/11

5:45 p.m.	Family Night Opening Celebration	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
7:30 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	Fellowship Hall

info: Line 249-3224

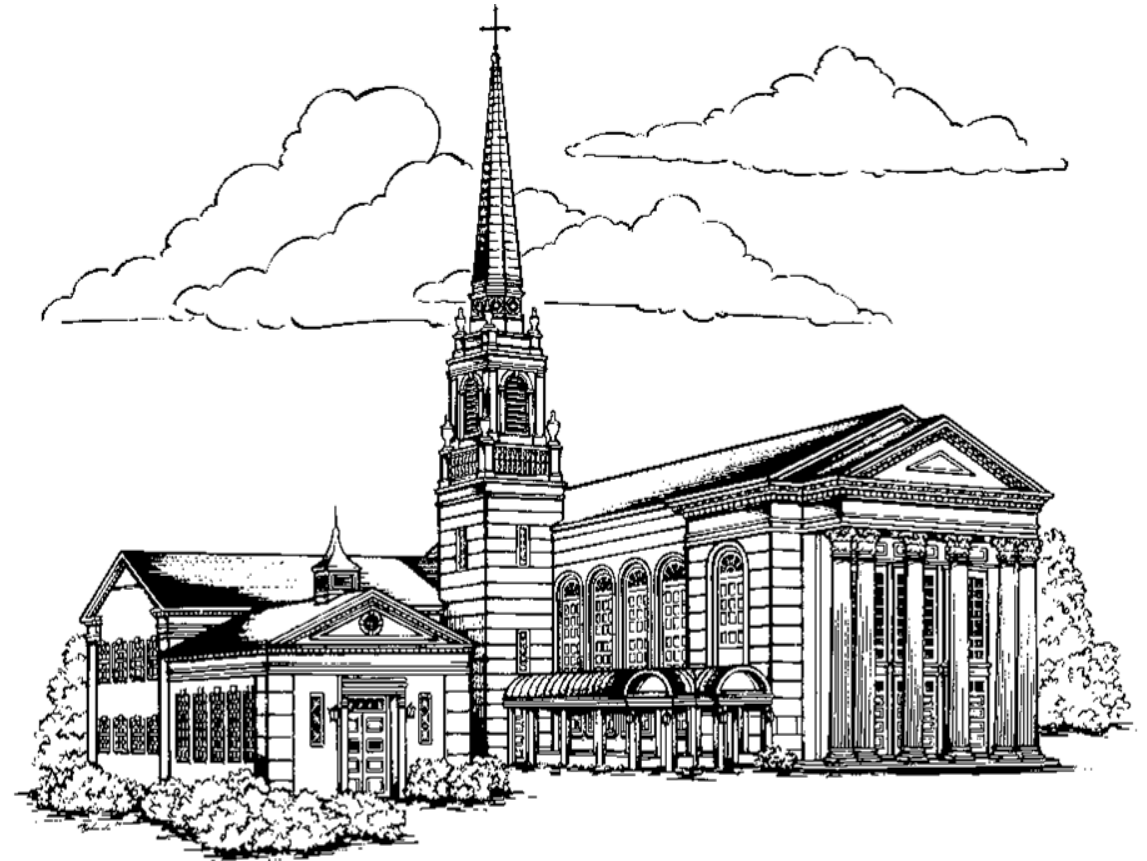
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# The Worship of God

Eleven o'clock in the morning      September 8, 2013      Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## THE GATHERING

*Faith is nothing in itself but the openness of our heart to God's love. Faith is the instrument that opens us to God's love. It puts us in touch with the source of love itself. Faith allows us to draw from that source so that the love of God shown to us in Christ can also show itself in our lives.*

Emil Brunner

## EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE      *Fantasia on Abridge*      Thomas Adams

CHORAL INTROIT      *Have Faith in God*      MUSKOGEE

Opening of the Bible      Sarah Thornhill

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God calls us into new adventures.  
**People: God calls us outside of our comfort zone.**  
Minister: God calls us to follow in faith.  
**People: If we follow in faith we will find blessing.**  
Minister: If we follow in faith we will be challenged.  
**People: If we follow in faith we will find God.**  
Minister: Come, let us worship God, our King!

HYMN NO. 29      *O Worship the King*      LYONS

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE      Habakkuk 2: 2-4

ANTHEM (part 1)      *Amazing Grace/Great is Thy Faithfulness*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Minister: We profess our faith in God, yet we rely more heavily on our own ingenuity.  
**People: We say we believe, but our lives often show our doubts.**  
Minister: We want to care as Jesus did, but we often fall short.  
**People: We overestimate our own importance and underestimate the power of God.**

## MORNING PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: O you of little faith, why did you doubt?

**People: We will take heart and not be afraid.**  
Minister: Take heart, God is with you wherever you go.

ANTHEM (part 2)      *Amazing Grace/Great is Thy Faithfulness*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE      Hebrews 10: 32, 11: 3

HYMN NO. 692      *Faith of Our Fathers*      ST. CATHERINE

SERMON      *Keep the Faith!*      Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 552      *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*      OLIVET

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY      *Andante Moderato*      Antonio Vivaldi

DOXOLOGY NO. 809      OLD HUNDREDTH

## RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Recessional on ST. ANNE*      Gordon Young

*Today's Lay Reader is Bruce Hill.*

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ      Sanctuary Choir

*Christian sympathy is extended to Don Strickland and family on the death of his sister  
Linda S. Carmichael of Kernersville on August 30 and to the family of  
Bette Ragan Moore on her death on September 3.*

The Deacons of the week are Carl Garrison and Chad Killebrew.

## Care Calendar

A Care Calendar has been established to provide support for Kristi Hall and her family during her treatments. Information is available in the church office.

## Belize 2014

A work team is needed in Belize February 8-15, 2014. The team will be working primarily at the Baptist Training Center. Please contact Jim Tate if you are interested. Call or email Jim Tate (336) 689-1392 or jatate@triad.rr.com.

## Women of the Word Seven Week Study

Begins September 16, 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church