

# The Worship of God

October 27, 2013

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Homecoming Sunday

## THE GATHERING

Come together, joining hands and hearts, and let the spirit of God and the human spirit flow in each one and through us all as we gather here to share this time and space in worship. We worship God who guides us on our journey and welcomes us home, regardless of where we have been or how long we have been away.

## EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Robert Groves

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Amazing Grace* arr. Dobrinski  
Opening of the Bible Jenna Young

Minister: Come, God is seeking to gather us together. Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.

**People: Something or someone has summoned us here. Dare we believe that God knows and welcomes us?**

Minister: God reaches out to rescue all who have strayed. Scattered, weak, and injured ones are drawn to God.

**People: We come, in need of healing, seeking a blessing. Our faith draws us here, in spite of our doubts.**

Minister: Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks. Make a joyful noise to the Creator of all worlds.

**People: God's steadfast love becomes real to us here. We are reminded of God's immeasurable greatness. Joyfully, we adore the living God.**

HYMN NO. 20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

THE CHILDREN'S TIME *Friends, Friends, Friends* Joyful Singers  
*God's Beautiful World*

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23

CALL TO PRAYER *Trusting Jesus* TRUSTING JESUS

## MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 514 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* ASSURANCE

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 11: 29-12.3

ANTHEM *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* arr. Lojeski  
( In Memory of Jeanne Davis and Marge Team)

SERMON *The Way Home* Dr. David Whiteman

HYMN NO. 517 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

OFFERTORY PRAYER Lane Gilliam

OFFERTORY *Softly and Tenderly* McChesney

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

## CLOSING REFLECTIONS

CHORAL BENEDICTION *May the Peace of God Be With You* Mark Hill

POSTLUDE *Choral* L. Boëllmann

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*Today's Lay Reader is Dan Hamrick.*

*Musicians for today's service*

Special Homecoming Choir Will Tate - associate director Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Ringers Karen Strausser - director Chelsea Klim - flute

Joyful Singers Myra Thacker - director Peggy Barnhardt - piano

assistants - Phil Ryalls, Alan Hall, Alyson Honeycutt

*Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Mode on his death October 24.*

The Deacons of the Week are Carl Garrison and Debbie Tate.

## Welcome New Members

Over the past two weeks we have received five new members into our church fellowship. Alec Rhodes joins us by baptism. Barbara Humphries, Don and Deb Watson, and Beth Rhodes come to us by statement of faith and church letter from sister churches. We rejoice in our new members and welcome them to First Baptist Church!



## Annual Fall Festival - Wednesday, October 30 - Following Meal

Fun - Fellowship - Games - Crafts - Face Painting - Donut Bobbing - Food - Hayride - Bingo - Cakewalk - Prizes and Much More

**WE NEED CANDY!!!!**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends - Sunday November 3**

**Turn Your Clocks Back Saturday, November 2**

## Pastor's Office

You are invited to visit Ray's office today and see the improvements that have been recently made through the efforts of Sandye Saintsing and our Building and Grounds Committee.

## Announcements

### Sunday, 10/27

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
12:15 P.M.	Homecoming Meal (reservations required)	Fellowship Hall
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	FBC Music Suite
5:45 - 6:15 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper	FBC Fellowship Hall
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Middle & High School Youth	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting	Parlor

### Monday, 10/28

5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Ringers Rehearsal	Music Suite
7:00 p.m.	Fall Bible Study	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, 10/29

10:30 a.m.	Fall Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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### Wednesday, 10/30

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Singers	Music Suite
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	Dinner	Fellowship Hall
	Fall Festival	Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

## Thanksgiving Meal for Pastor's Pantry

Pastor's Pantry will be providing a Thanksgiving Meal to their clients. We have been asked to provide canned sweet potatoes or yams. The collection box is in the children's dining hall and 450 cans are needed. The items are needed by October 30.

## Annual Crop Walk - Sunday, November 3

1:45 p.m. First Baptist Church

Forms are available in the church office and on family night in the Fellowship Hall.

\*Menu: Mexican Fiesta Bar

RSVP by noon Monday

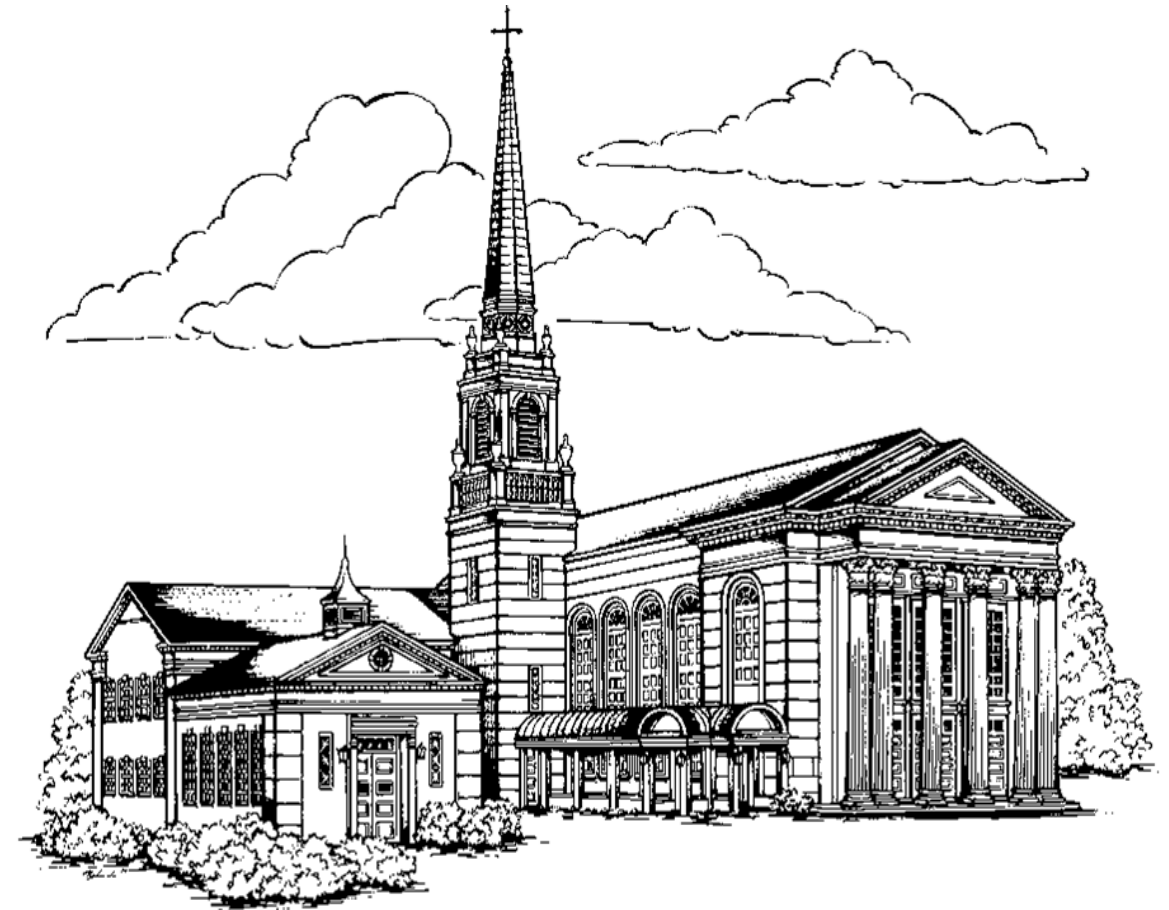
### Extended Sessions:

**October 27: Bed Babies:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

**Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Lee Davis **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Ray Nance Howell IV & Jack Davis

**November 3: Bed Babies:** M/M Richard Baxley **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Christy Clark & Courtney Sams **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Cindy McNeill & Anna Raye Tate

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