

The Worship of God

July 6, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Religious Liberty Sunday

THE GATHERING

When the Baptists arrived in Virginia they were no more free to worship than they had been in England. At times and in places they were tolerated. At other times and in certain places they were openly persecuted. Baptist ministers were beaten, whipped and jailed in Virginia for preaching. James Ireland was one of those ministers. We will meet him today as we gather to worship in this land of freedom.

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. C.S. Lang

CHORAL INTROIT *My Country Tis of Thee* AMERICA
Opening of the Bible Lauren Huneycutt

CALL TO WORSHIP Alec Rhodes

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.
People: **O let the nations be glad and sing for joy!**
Leader: God, who has been our help in ages past,
People: **Is our hope for years to come.**

HYMN NO. 78 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 8: 31-35

HYMN NO. 418 *America, the Beautiful* MATERNA

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM *Battle Hymn of the Republic* *Wilhousky*

Rev. James Ireland *From My Palace in Culpepper* Dr. Ray Howell III

"And prisons would palaces prove, If Jesus would dwell with me there."

HYMN

Free to Worship, Free to Know

HENDEN

*Free to worship, free to know,
Bound by Spirit wind that flows,
Free to dream, to think and live
In the freedom Jesus gives,
In the freedom Jesus gives.*

*Free to worship, free to know,
Freedom's gift to all bestowed.
Free to speak a dissenting voice,
Trusting each to make the choice,
Trusting each to make the choice.*

*Free to worship, free to know,
Truth that stings but makes us grow.
Free to lay old dogmas down,
Choose a path to common ground,
Choose a path to common ground.*

(Words by David Burroughs - founder of Passport)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Alan Williams

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

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* RANDOLPH

POSTLUDE *God Bless Our Land* *John Sciveyner*

Today's Lay Reader is Tobin Shepherd.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ

Sanctuary Choir

The Deacons of the Week are Sara Briggs and Sarah Frye.

Passport 2014

Tomorrow, July 7, we have 18 youth and 7 adults going to Passport in Danville, Virginia. Pray for safe journeys and dynamic experiences.

NC Baptist All-State Youth Choir Concert
July 18 - 7:00 p.m. - First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Annual Church Picnic VBS Kick-Off

Sunday, July 20 - 5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall - Family Activities

6:00 p.m. - Covered Dish Supper - Bring a Full Basket

7:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School Opening

July 21 - 24 - Vacation Bible School

9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon - Monday - Thursday

Theme: *Have U Herd?*

God is speaking to you!

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

John 10: 27

VBS Supplies Needed

One kiddie pool donated/borrowed for the week of VBS

Foam Letters, Foam Hearts with sticker backs

Yarn

1 bag potting soil, 1 bag grass seed

Knee high hose - 100

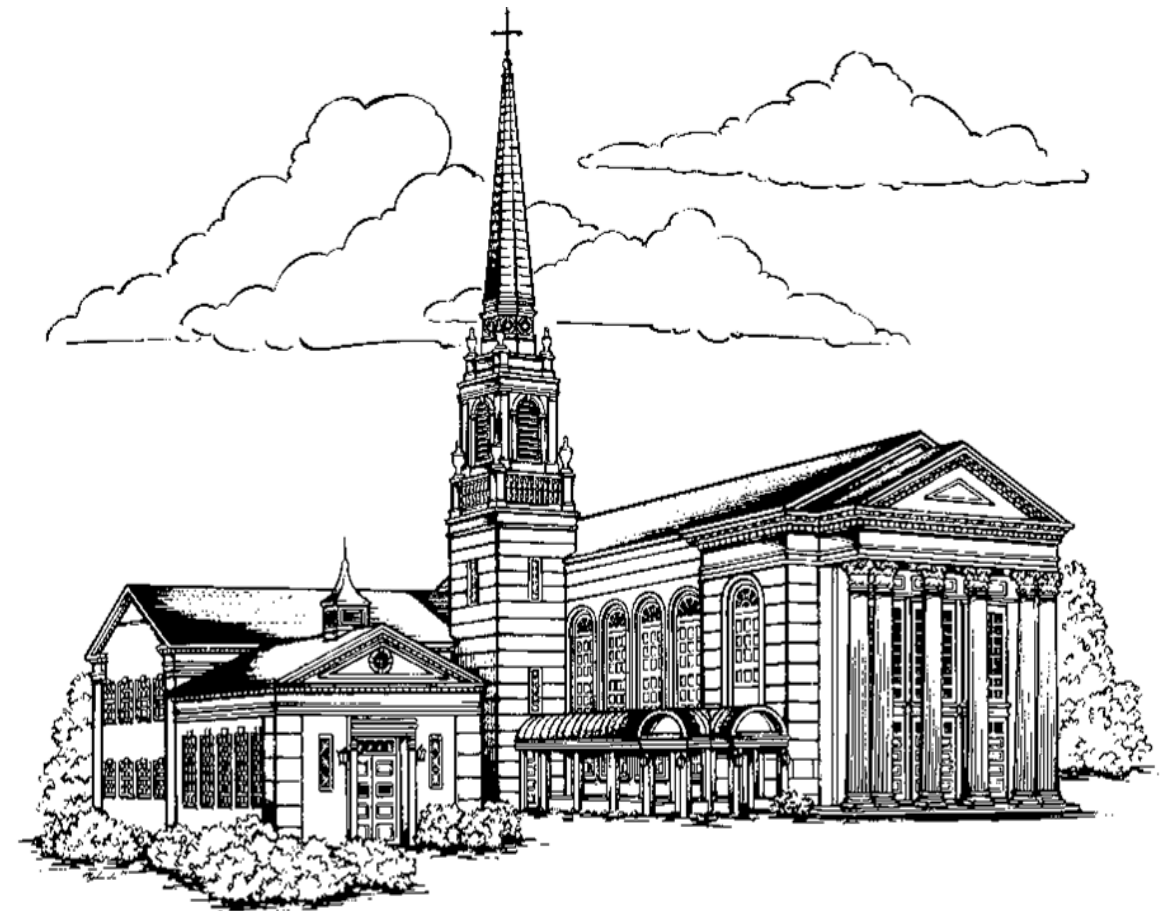
White paper cups 8-12 oz.

Cotton Balls

Tacky Glue

Fabric Scraps

Baby Wipes for cleaning hands



RAY N. HOWELL III
Senior Minister

TOMMY WILSON
Associate Minister

PAUL FREEMAN
Minister of Music

JEAN ASHLEY
Martha Best Children's Center Director

Announcements

Sunday, 7/6

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry

Conference Room

July 6: Bed Babies: M/M Greg Briggs **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Lambeth

3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M Charlie Pyle

July 13: Bed Babies: M/M Kevin Foster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dustin Hill

3 & 4 Year Olds: Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser & Andy Killebrew

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