

The Worship of God

August 24, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING

"All humans are sacred, whatever their culture, race or religion, whatever their capabilities or incapacities, and whatever their weakness or strengths may be. Each of us has an instrument to bring to the vast orchestra of humanity, and each of us needs help to become all that we might be."

Jean Vanier *Becoming Human*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. David Lowe

CHORAL INTROIT *Holy Spirit, Light Divine* MERCY
Opening of the Bible Waverly Blackwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We gather to affirm reconciliation between heaven and earth.

People: **The dwelling place of God is with persons.**

Minister: We gather to rehearse the reality that we are not alienated from one another.

People: **He dwells with us, and we are his people. One cannot love God and hate the neighbor.**

Minister: We gather to hear again the good word about life that comes from Jesus the Christ.

People: **He who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." In this spirit, let us begin our worship.**

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Liturgy as Life Journey: William Oden

HYMN NO. 2 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

GOSPEL READING Luke 10: 25-37

ANTHEM *Softly and Tenderly* Martin

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 697 *In Christ There Is No East or West* ST. PETER

SERMON *Who Is My Neighbor?* Rev. Tommy Wilson

HYMN NO. 710 *We Are Called to Be God's People* AUSTRIAN HYMN

OFFERTORY PRAYER Chuck Parks

OFFERTORY *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* arr. Austin C. Lovelace

DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

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

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

Today's Lay Reader is Will Blackerby.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ

Sanctuary Choir

The Deacons of the Week are Hal Routh and Brian Walker.

Annual Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 27 - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The 2014 - 2015 Nominating Committee Report has been printed in preparation for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. Copies have been mailed, are available in the church office and will be distributed prior to the meeting.

The membership will vote on the Nominating Committee Report and the Personnel Committee recommendation.

Sunday School Promotion

Sunday, August 31 - 10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, August 31, during the Sunday School Hour, all children and youth will be promoted to their new classes for the new church year. Any adults wishing to make a change are urged to do so at this time. A bell will ring when it is time to promote.

Summer Sermon and Singing Celebration

Next Sunday, August 31st will mark the conclusion of our "Summer Sermon and Singing Celebration." We will culminate this special summer celebration with an old fashion "Hymn Sing." Come prepared to request your favorite hymn to be sung during the service.

Steeple Talk Newsletter

www.fbclex.org

The first of each month we are producing ONE newsletter. The Newsletter is available on the Web Site and also can be viewed on a mobile device. To date, we have 99 families who are receiving the Newsletter by email. To receive by email all you need to do is sign up on the Web Site. We need this number to increase to continue to reduce our postage cost. PLEASE take the time and sign up.

Family Night at First Baptist

Wednesday, September 10, 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Sautéed Vegetables,

Salad Bar - Ice Cream Bar Children: Chicken Tenders

Cost: Adults \$6.00 Children under 12: \$4.00

Make Your RSVP Permanent or Weekly Today!

Special Entertainment

Honoring Laverne Owen

We will have a place if you wish to give a love gift of cash or checks made payable to Laverne Owen for his outstanding service and dedication for these past thirty years.

Announcements

Sunday, 8/24

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry Conference Room

Monday, 8/25

2:00 p.m. Bernice Cross Mission Group Conference Room

Wednesday, 8/27

7:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting Fellowship Hall

August 24: Bed Babies: Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

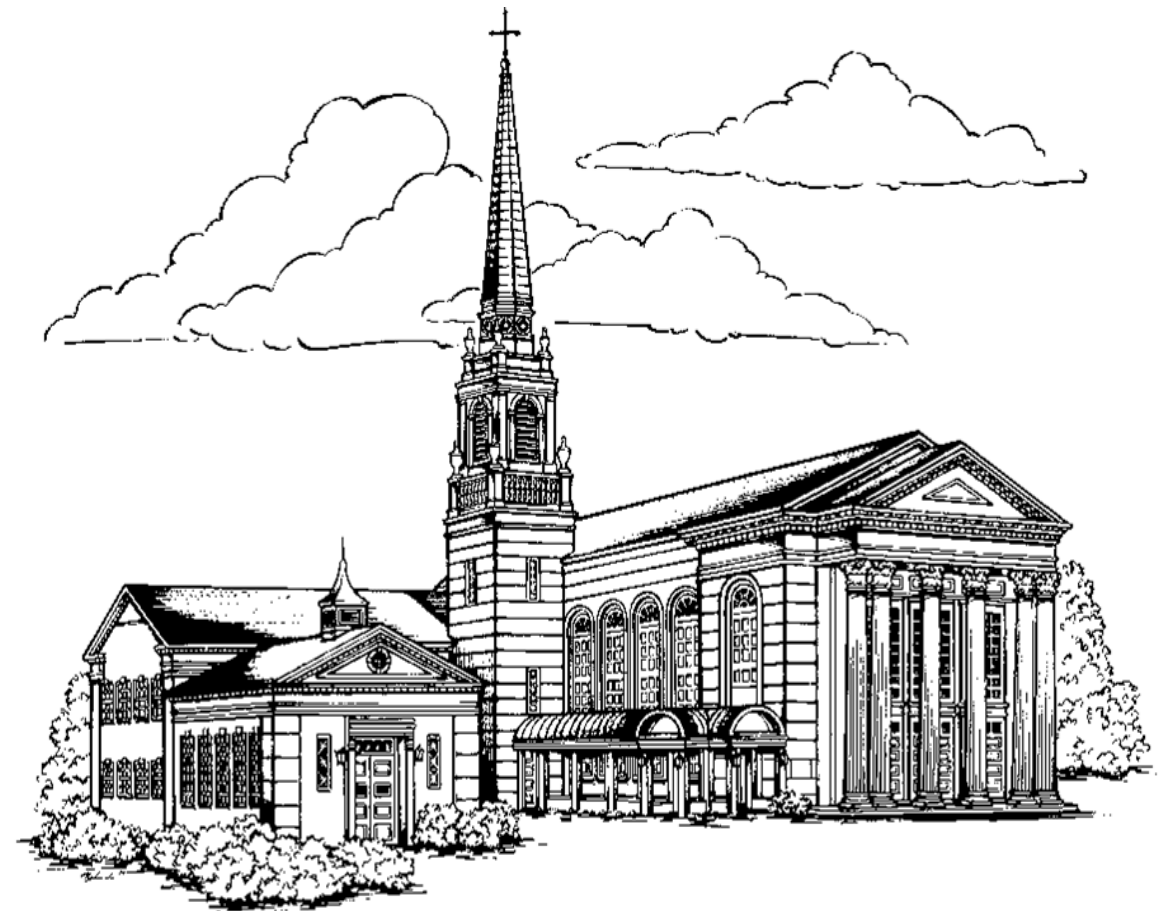
Toddlers & 2 year olds: Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander

3 & 4 Year Olds: Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall & Courtney Sams

August 31: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kevin Brown **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M William Hopkins

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