

The Worship of God

August 3, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING

"The Lord is my Shepherd" comes from Psalm 23, often called the Shepherd Psalm - - the most beloved of all the Psalms. People love it for good reason. It speaks of green pastures and still waters and restored souls. But more than that, it speaks of an all-knowing, all-powerful shepherd who devotes full attention to our care and feeding. It assures us of God's loving presence in our lives, both now and forevermore.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Reflection* Wagner

CHORAL INTROIT *Holy Spirit, Light Divine* MERCY
Opening of the Bible Zoey Mize

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We gather together to worship and praise our 'Good Shepherd', who cares so well for us.

People: The Lord is our Shepherd, and we have all we are ever likely to need.

Minister: We gather together to worship and praise our 'Good Shepherd', who safely leads us and gives us strength for the journey.

People: The Lord is our Shepherd, who allows us to rest and who renews our energies.

Minister: We gather together to worship and praise our 'Good Shepherd', who offers us a feast when we are under pressure.

People: The Lord is our Shepherd, who's unfailing love is always there waiting for us.

HYMN NO. 96 *Praise Him! Praise Him!* JOYFUL SONG

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ezekiel 34: 11-16; Psalm 100: 3; Psalm 23: 1-3; John 10:11

ANTHEM *The Lord is My Shepherd* Pote

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 635 *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* HE LEADETH ME

SERMON *Sheep and Shepherds* Rev. Tommy Wilson

HYMN NO. 522 *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

OFFERTORY PRAYER William Fulbright

OFFERTORY *Pastorale* Scarlatti

DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

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

POSTLUDE *Voluntary VI* John Stanley

Today's Lay Reader is Hunter Davis.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ

Sanctuary Choir

We welcome Kenneth McKinnish into the fellowship of First Baptist. He joins us by letter from Second Reformed United Church of Christ.

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

School Supplies

During the month of August, the WMU will collect much needed school supplies for area foster children. A collection box is located in the Children's dining area of the Children's Center.



Transportation Fund

The church will be purchasing a "used" van costing \$24,000 to \$30,000. The current balance in the Transportation Fund is \$15,288. We will sell the current van to provide additional income. We have been receiving memorials and honorariums designated for the Transportation Fund and will be looking for funds to fully pay for the purchase. Please consider making a contribution to the **Transportation Fund** to defer the cost of the van.

Contribution Statements - First Six Months

Individual contribution statements are ready for pick up in the hall near the conference room. If you have any questions contact Sherri Salinas, our Financial Assistant either by phone (249-9158) or email sherri@fbclex.org

Annual Church Business Meeting Wednesday, August 27 - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The 2014 - 2015 Nominating Committee Report is being finalized in preparation for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. Copies will be available in the church office and will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Vacation Bible School - Offering

This year's VBS offering is going to the purchase of sheep. We will be working with Heifer International. The cost of one sheep is \$120.00. To date we have received, thanks to your generosity, a record VBS offering of \$885.29. If you wish to make a contribution to purchase sheep we will be sending the check August 15.

Announcements

Sunday, 8/3

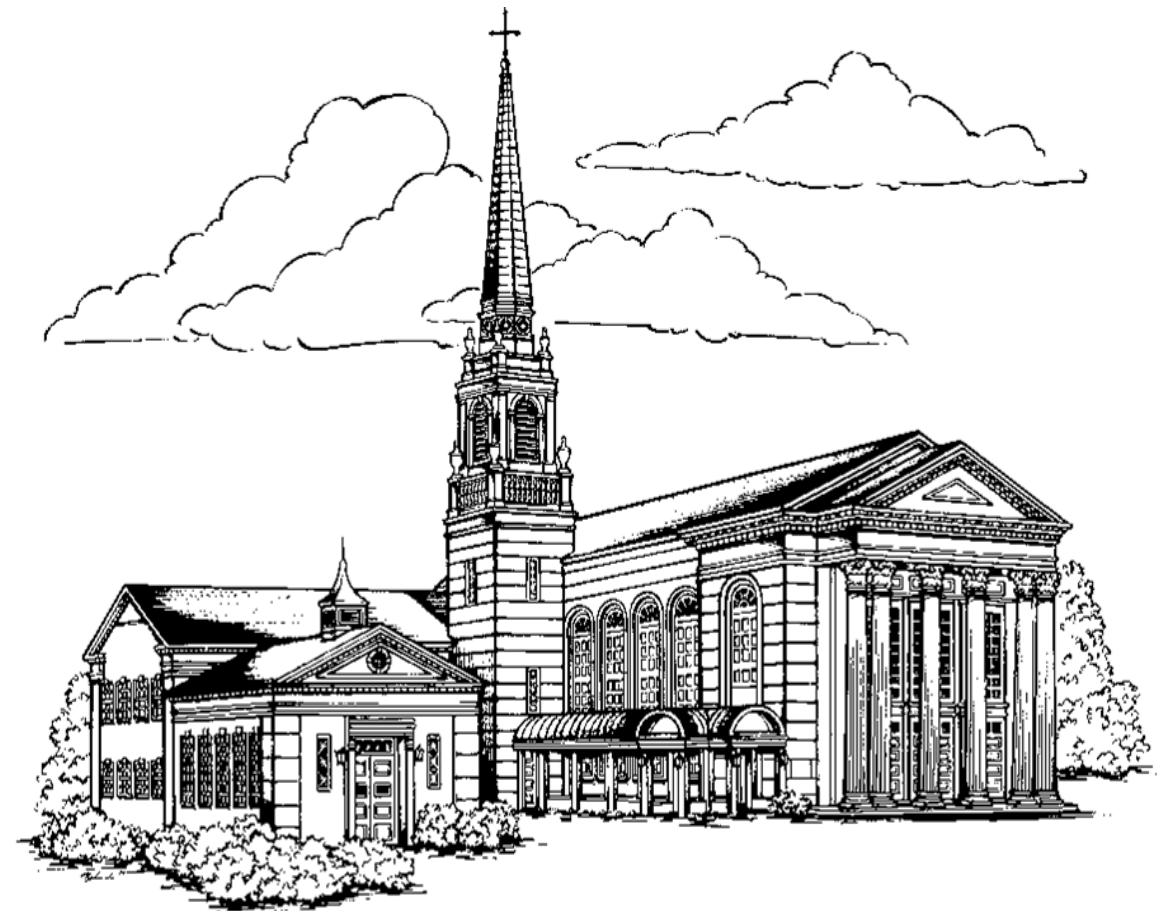
9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:15 a.m.	Called Deacons' Meeting	Fellowship Hall

August 3: Bed Babies: M/M Richard Baxley **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Carol Frank & Courtney Sams **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M William Hopkins

August 10: Bed Babies: Donna Routh & Wendy Walker

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dale Lambeth **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Phil Mickey

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