

The Worship of God

November 16, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING

"Let mercy outweigh all else in you. Let compassion be a mirror where we may see in ourselves that likeness and that true image which belong to the Divine nature and Divine essence. A hard and unmerciful heart will never be pure."

Saint Isaac of Syria

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Choral Song

Samuel S. Wesley

CHORAL INTROIT

Lead Me Lord

arr. Freeman

Opening of the Bible

Isabella Stafford

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ethan Houser

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,

People: They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving

People:: They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

Leader: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness

People: They will find it in God's reign forever.

Leader: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs

People: We will live in God's reign forever.

Leader: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

People: Let us worship together, serving one another and serving our Mighty God. Let us rejoice, give thanks and sing!

HYMN NO. 34

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

MARION

Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

Christmas Angels

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

FAITHHEALTH FOCUS

Jen Fuller-Allen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 24: 1-6

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 534

Draw Me Nearer

I AM THINE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 5: 1-10

ANTHEM

Blessed Are the Pure In Heart

John Carter

SERMON

Purity of Heart is to Will One Thing

Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 684

Face to Face

FACE TO FACE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

William Fulbright

OFFERTORY

Chime Prelude

Raymond Herbek

DOXOLOGY NO. 809*

(Stand in Ordered Rows as Ushers Pass)

OLD HUNDREDTH

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

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POSTLUDE

Kyrie

F. Couperin

Today's Lay Reader is Ethan Houser.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

Christian sympathy is extended to Stephen Barnhill and family on the death of his father, Henry Grady Barnhill, Jr., of Winston-Salem on November 9.

The Deacons of the Week are Bruce Hill and Frances Hoover.

Alternative Gift Fair 2014

Wednesday, November 19 - 5:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Chili Cook-Off and Bake Sale Next Sunday

12:15 p. m. - Fellowship Hall

The youth will be serving delicious homemade chili from some of our church's finest cooks next Sunday following the worship service. You will also have the opportunity to purchase the best cakes and pies from our best bakers. Tickets are on sale today. Purchase your ticket today. Cost: \$7.00 Adults \$3.00 Children 12 and under \$20.00 Family Limit

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 26

Theme "Forgive"

Dinner 5:15 - 6:15 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

Worship Service - 6:20 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Shoe Boxes

Deadline to turn in Shoe Boxes is this Wednesday, November 19.

Poinsettias

If you wish to order a Poinsettia for Christmas call the church by noon tomorrow.

Pennies From Heaven

The twelfth annual fall campaign for “Pennies from Heaven” is underway through December 1st. Donations are for the direct financial support of The Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. The collection jug will be located in the church office during Sunday mornings, the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Nights and in the church office all other times.

Announcements

Sunday, 11/16

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Parlor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd Floor Lobby
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Downtown Youth Choir	FBC Music Suite
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper (Fulbright)	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Middle & High School Youth	Fellowship Hall

Monday, 11/17

5:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Rehearsal	Chapel
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Wednesday, 11/19

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Singers	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Child Care Babies (inform church if you need childcare)	Nursery
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	*Dinner (children eat first)	Fellowship Hall
5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	GA's (Grades 1st thru 5th)	Room 212
	RA's	Room 202
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 206
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4 - 1st Grade)	Room 206
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5)	Music Suite
	Middle & High School Youth	The ATTIC
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Church Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	Alternative Gift Fair	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

*Menu: Beef Tips over Rice, Gingered Carrots, Slaw, Salad Bar, Coconut Cake

Children: Chicken Tenders

RSVP by noon Monday

Extended Sessions:

November 16: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

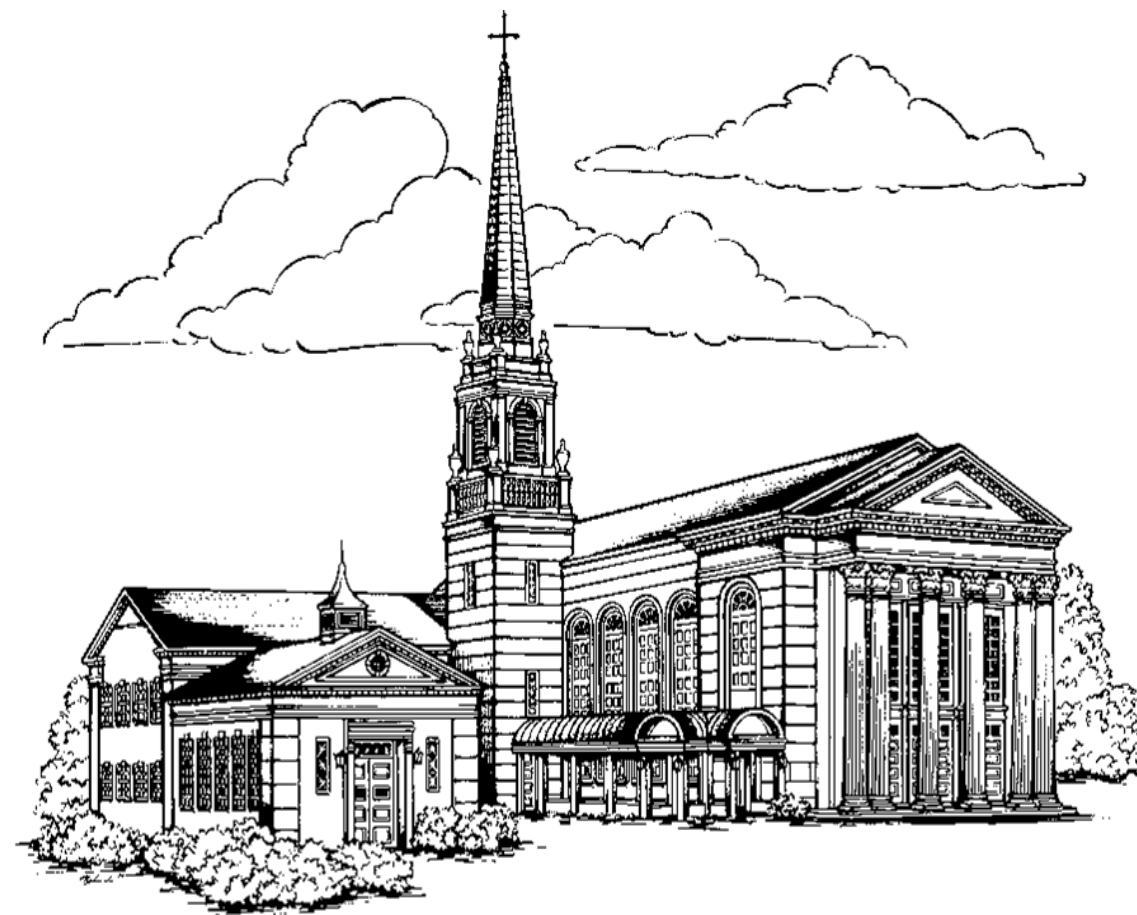
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Zak Young 3 & 4 Year Olds: M/M William Fulbright

November 23: 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

First Baptist Church Lexington, N.C.



RAY N. HOWELL III
Senior Minister

TOMMY WILSON
Associate Minister

PAUL FREEMAN
Minister of Music

JEAN ASHLEY
Martha Best Children's Center Director

**FAITHHEALTH NC
First Baptist Church**

FaithHealth volunteers from First Baptist have been able to help a number of people who suffer from diabetes. One of the most common requests we get are for rides - and, too often, they are for rides to dialysis. We have been able to help a number of people manage their diabetes more effectively by ensuring they can get to this important treatment. We have even had one man who, due to diabetes, needs to have a kidney transplant, and our efforts have helped him a great deal in getting that process going!

Our FaithHealth volunteers are remarkable, often getting a request with little advance notice. But they are committed to helping others in need in whatever way they can. Some give rides, some cook meals, some visit folks when they need it most.

We invite anyone who is interested to contact us to learn more about FaithHealth here at First Baptist to see if this might be a ministry that fits you, too.

Thank You,

Don & Deb Watson
Caregiver Coordinators
336-237-1293

Salvation Army Angels

You can bring joy into the life of a child by providing Christmas gifts through the Salvation Army Angel program. 1,290 children in Davidson County need our help this Christmas.

Last year we adopted 115 Angels. Let's do even better this year! Angels are available this morning. Betty McMahan is our Angel coordinator.

FAITHHEALTH MONTHLY FOCUS - DIABETES

When you have diabetes your body has trouble using sugar. As a result, the sugar level in your body becomes too high. High blood sugar levels cause serious health problems. In 2012, over 29 million Americans, or 9.3% of the population had diabetes. This was up from 8.3% in 2010. Almost 26% of senior adults over the age of 65 have diabetes.

Am I at risk? The older you are the more likely you are to have diabetes. Men have more risk than women. If you have a family history you have a greater risk. If you are overweight, physically inactive, and have high blood pressure, you are at risk.

The good news is that diabetes can be controlled through diet, exercise, medications, and monitoring! The first step is to see your doctor. Engage in daily exercise, lose weight, and eat a balanced diet. Take advantage of the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program where you can work with a trained Lifestyle Coach in a small setting. The National Institutes of Health Research say that programs like this reduce the number of cases of Type 2 diabetes by 60%. The program is free and a 6 month Y membership is included. Contact Jen Fuller-Allen jen@lexingtonymca.com for more details.

Materials on diabetes are available this morning. Don't become another statistic! Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in America. Take control of your life, adopt a healthy lifestyle, and defeat diabetes!

Global Missions Offering

This is the time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for missions.

You have a Missions envelope in your packet or just mark your check for CBF Global Mission Offering. May we give so others can serve.