

The Worship of God

February 15, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

THE GATHERING

We gather with a sense of expectancy today. We believe that God will meet us in this worship experience and we will feel His presence through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is an awesome thing to be in the presence of God. With hopeful hearts, we gather to worship God.

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude in F Major* Adolph Hesse

CHORAL INTROIT *This Is God's Beloved Son* MOWSLEY
Opening of the Bible Alex Ortiz

CALL TO WORSHIP Andy Killebrew

Leader: God has called us together.

People: For such a time as this.

Leader: We have been called to fill this place with praise and worship.

People: For such a time as this.

Leader: May we be filled with God's grace and glory.

People: For such a time as this.

Leader: May we be equipped to hear the call of God and respond to His claim upon our lives.

People: As we life up the name of Our Lord.

Leader: For such a time as this.

People: Let us worship the Lord with songs of praise!

HYMN NO. 728 *Jesus Saves* JESUS SAVES
Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

FAITHHEALTH UPDATE Deb and Don

HYMN NO. 731 *O Christians, Haste* TIDINGS

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 2: 1-12

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Minister: Holy and uncontainable God,

People: For trying to contain you, forgive us.

Minister: Loving and limitless God.

People: For trying to limit you, forgive us.

Minister: Gracious and boundless God,

People: For trying to bind you, forgive us.

Minister: Sometimes we are foolish enough to believe that it is to our advantage to reduce you to something we can comprehend.

People: Forgive us, Almighty God.

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Carl Fischer

SERMON *Sharing Christ with Everyone* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 739 *Pass It On* PASS IT ON

HYMN NO. 733 *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* MESSAGE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Greg Briggs

OFFERTORY *Vorspiel* Anton Bruckner

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace* Freeman

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune* Gerog P. Telemann

Today's Lay Reader is Jim Skotthy.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ Sanctuary Choir Alan Williams - guitar

Christian sympathy is extended to Dale Potts and family upon the death of his sister, Marjorie Blakeney of Tuscola, Illinois on February 10.

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

Community Lenten Services - 12 Noon

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Join the community for a weekly, ecumenical time of worship each Wednesday at noon at First United Methodist Church. A light lunch of soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage will follow the service at a cost of \$5.00.

February 22 Worship

Our church mission statement is the focus of our worship in February. We will explore the second half of the statement. February 22 will be "Seeking God's Will."

Junior/Senior Chili Meal - Saturday, February 21

6:00 - 8:00 p. m. - Fellowship Hall

Call Sharon Palmer 798-1369 or church office 245-1261 if you plan to attend.

Announcements

Sunday, 2/15

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
	Finance Committee Meeting	Parlor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd Floor Lobby
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study	

Monday, 2/16

5:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Winter Bible Study	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 2/17

10:30 a.m.	Winter Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday, 2/18

12:00 Noon	Community Lenten Worship Service	FUMC
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Child Care Babies	Nursery
	(inform church if you need childcare)	
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
	Ash Wednesday Service	Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

*Menu: Chicken Stir Fry & Vegetables, Rice, Salad Bar, Dessert

Children: Chicken Tenders

RSVP by noon Monday

Extended Sessions:

February 15: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

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

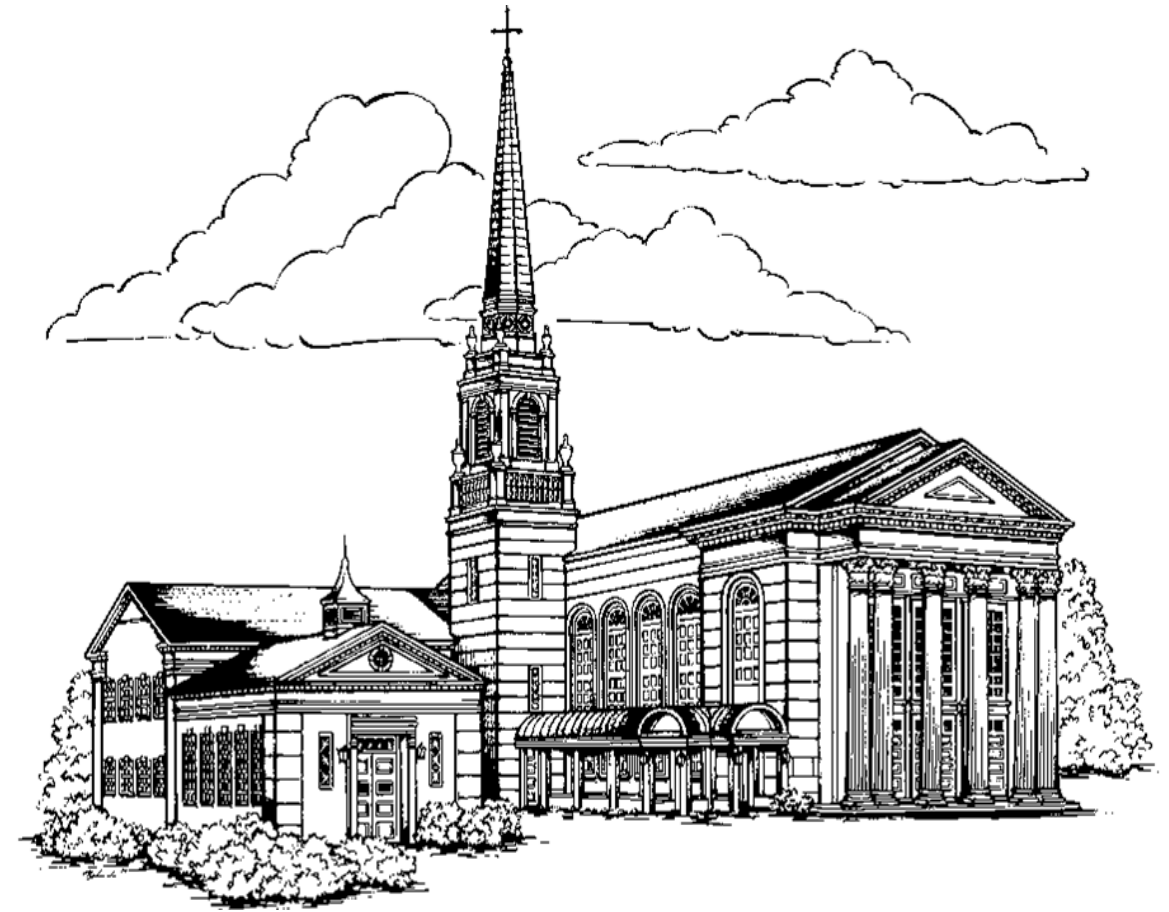
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February is American Heart Month
Heart Disease and Stroke are the Nation's No. 1 and
No. 2 Killers

Lexington Cardiologist Dr. Katie Twomley
shares her five tips for being heart healthy.

1. Exercise or stay active.
2. Stop smoking or don't start.
3. Know your blood pressure and cholesterol numbers—and control them.
4. Maintain a healthy weight.
5. Eat more fruits and vegetables.

These may sound simple, but Dr. Twomley understands that for many people, consistently maintaining a healthy lifestyle is not easy. North Carolina, after all, is in the middle of the nation's "stroke belt," an area where more people are likely to have a stroke because of lifestyle issues. People needn't get overwhelmed with trying to change habits dramatically, all at once. Working with your doctor, you can find small ways to accomplish change.

Dr. Twomley suggests that 30 minutes a day of sustained activity is "absolutely the best thing you can do for yourself." That activity can be as simple as walking. For example, by choosing a parking space far from where you have to go, you will get exercise walking to your destination. You can take the stairs at the church rather than the elevator.

Physical activity is *anything* that makes you move your body and burn calories. For help finding a physical activity that you enjoy, contact Jen Fuller-Allen at the YMCA at jen@lexingtonymca.com. We offer everything from beginner level fitness classes, water classes to an advanced exercise program.

First Baptist FaithHealth Update

FaithHealth is not just another program or another committee, FaithHealth is an initiative that creates a dynamic partnership between our church family, the community, and the health care providers. You will hear an update on FaithHealth this morning from Deb and Don Watson, our coordinators. There are many ways you can be involved in this exciting movement.

In many ways, FaithHealth is nothing new.

FaithHealth is essentially what the Christian family is all about, caring for one another. Like the Gospel story we will hear this morning, FaithHealth is caring enough about your friends that you will find a way to get them the help they need. FaithHealth is allowing the church to reclaim the ministry of healing.

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, March 15. Our church and First Baptist on Village Drive will be joining hands to explore ways we can reach out into our community, to those who are unchurched, through FaithHealth. The meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Village Drive.