

The Worship of God

August 30, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

THE GATHERING

Through Christian Baptism we are made a part of God's Covenant People. By the gift of water we are incorporated into the Body of Christ. Baptism is a Gift and a Blessing. Today we celebrate the Baptisms of Mary Evann and Sarah Thornhill.

PRELUDE *Prelude on BUNESSAN* June Nixon

CHORAL INTROIT *Lead Me Lord* Freeman

CALL TO WORSHIP Luke Thornhill

Leader: Come to the river of life.

People: We come to the water, thirsty and in need.

Leader: Jesus said He would give us living water.

People: We are eager to drink the living water of life.

Leader: Come to the water and be baptized.

People: We are a people of the water.

SCRIPTURE Luke 3: 21-22 Lily Thornhill

INVITATION TO BAPTISM *Are You Ready to Be Baptized?*

HYMN NO. 576 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Sarah and Mary Evann Thornhill

HYMN NO. 758 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

HYMN NO. 72 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

GOSPEL LESSON John 4: 1-15

HYMN NO. 594

Like a River Glorious

WYE VALLEY

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Minister: God loves us when we feel unloved and accepts us when we have failed.

People: God has a plan and a purpose for all of His children.

Minister: We pray God's richest blessings on Mary Evann and Sarah who have experienced the life-giving waters of baptism.

People: May we surround them with our love and prayers and provide a positive Christian witness for them as their church family.

Minister: May the waters of baptism be a sign of God's love for them and a mark of their salvation throughout all the days of their lives.

People: Praise God from whom all Blessings flow!

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM *Come Christians Join To Sing* Young

SERMON *The Gift and Blessing of Baptism* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 687 *Shall We Gather at the River?* HANSON PLACE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tim Michael

OFFERTORY *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* arr. A.P. Van Iderstine

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Gladden/Smith

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* R. Mark Otterstad

Our Worship Leader is Chaplain Bruce Hill

Musicians for Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, August 16, we welcomed Grayson Lambros into our membership.

Grayson joins our church on profession of faith and baptism.

The Deacons of the Week are Jimmy Davis and John Thacker.



School Supplies

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

Budget Catch Up Sunday, September 13

At the end of July we had realized around 50% of our 2015 Budget. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider an additional gift to the budget on Sunday, September 13. This will enable us to meet all our Mission and Ministry commitments.

Youth Fall Kickoff, Sunday September 13

Our youth fall kickoff will be a pool party and cook out at the home of Paul and Debra Freeman on Sunday evening, September 13.

Family Night Kick-Off, Wednesday, September 16

BBQ Chicken and all the trimmings combined with an entertaining magic show highlight our Fall Kickoff. Reservations are needed.

Announcements

Sunday, 8/30

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

Monday, 8/31

11:30 a.m. Frady/Johnson Annual Luncheon Tricia's

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

Extended Sessions:

August 30: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

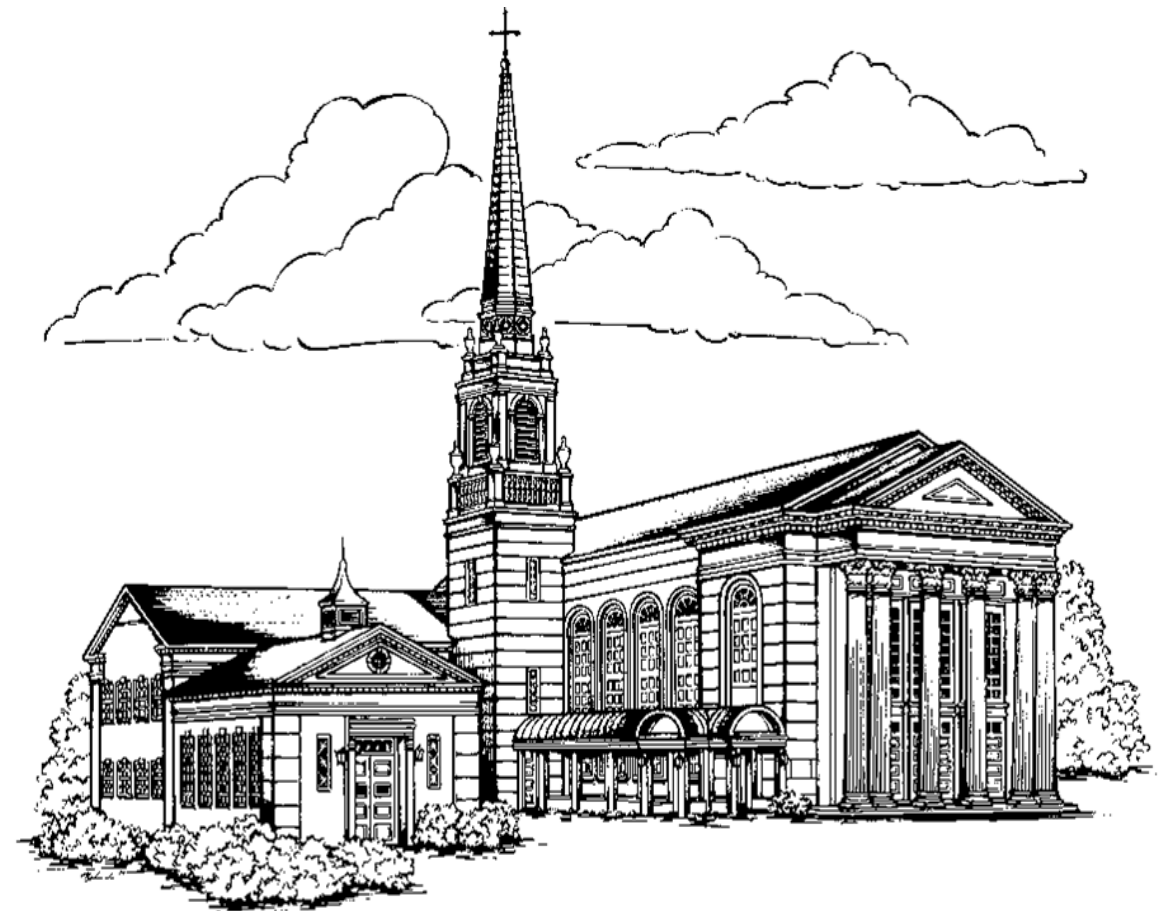
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kevin Brown **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

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