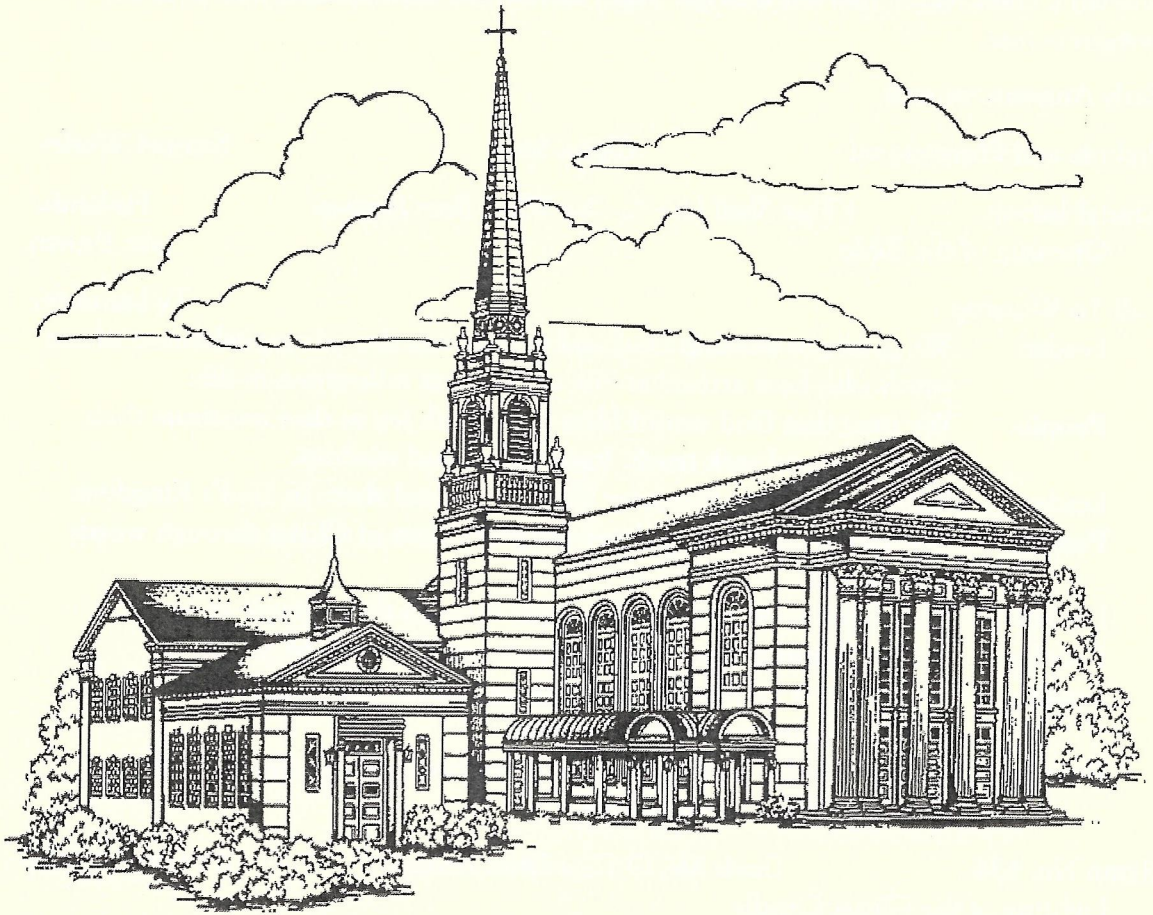


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# The Worship of God

June 5, 2016

Baccalaureate Sunday

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## The Gathering

*Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your mother's womb, God named you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time.*

## Early Announcements

Prelude and Processional

Choral Song

Samuel Wesley

Choral Introit

*I Then Shall Live As One Who's Been Forgiven*

Finlandia

Opening of the Bible

Jake Brown

## Call To Worship

Ty Lancaster

Leader: We gather to worship God and to celebrate the accomplishments of our youth who have arrived at one of the great milestones in life.

People: We pray that God would bless them with joy as they continue their education and seek truth, knowledge, and wisdom.

Leader: With openness as they hear God's word and share in God's Kingdom.

People: With eagerness as they share the good news of Christ through words and actions.

Leader: With dedication to serve all people through the example of Jesus.

People: And with hunger to seek righteousness, justice, and peace.

Leader: We enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues for all generations.

Hymn No. 634

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

Lighting of the Christ Candle

## The Children's Time

Christian Greetings

Vinnon Williams

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60: 1-3

Kevin Brown

Graduation Litany

Eli Williams

Leader: In this time of worship we celebrate the accomplishments of our high school graduates.

People: We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved and many more achievements yet to come.



Leader: One part of your life's journey is complete. You will prepare to begin another phase that will take you to unimaginable places.

People: We give you blessings of good will and love as you journey forth into the world.

Leader: As you prepare for your next journey, we hope that you remember the ones you leave behind; who have loved and supported you throughout the years.

People: We pray that as you leave this place you will remember all the good times that we have shared with you.

Leader: Use those memories as a beacon to guide you on your path. Don't look back; continue only forward, while using those memories to create a new path.

People: We pray that God will give you strength and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.

Leader: Because we are made in the image of God we have been blessed with free will to make choices and decisions.

People: We pray that you make wise and rational decisions always turning to God for help. God hears, God listens, God is always with you. Remember if you turn to God, he will turn to you and guide you on the way.

Scripture Lesson	Jeremiah 29: 11-13	Palmer Bailey
Anthem	<i>The Plans I Have for You</i>	Alan Pote
Morning Prayer		
Scripture Lesson	I Peter 2: 9-10	Tori Houser
Hymn No. 532	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	SLANE
Offertory Prayer		Kim Lingerfelt
Offertory	<i>Siciliano</i>	John Stanley
The Gloria Patri		
Baccalaureate Address	<i>That's Why They Call it Commencement</i>	Dr. Ray Howell III
Recognition of the Graduates		
Presentation from the Church		
Presentation From The Sue Brown Prayer Shawl Ministry		
Hymn No. 566	<i>Take My Life, Lead Me Lord</i>	LANGLEY
Choral Benediction	<i>God Be With You 'til We Meet Again</i>	arr. Freeman
Postlude	<i>Fanfare</i>	R. Mark Otterstad

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## Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

## Welcome New Members

We have recently welcomed Harvey Fulbright into the fellowship of First Baptist Church as he joins us by church letter. We also welcome David Colescott into the church family as he joins us by statement of faith.

## Called Deacon's Meeting Next Sunday - June 12

There will be a brief, called Deacons' Meeting following the worship service on June 12 to approve the officers for the coming year and to hear the new class of deacons.

## Baskets for Kamp Kiwanis Children

A donation box to receive supplies for Kamp Kiwanis is located near the elevator in the Fellowship Hall Lobby. Items needed are listed on the poster. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

## Deep Sea Discovery July 25 - 29

At Deep Sea Discovery VBS, children dive into God's presence by delving deep into His Word to see how He has been with His people every step of the way. Every child will sail away each day saying "God is with me - wherever I go! He KNOWS me, HEARS me, STRENGTHENS me, LOVES me, and SENDS me!" Hands-on service projects and sea science will help kids experience a VBS adventure like no other!

We need leaders and volunteers for Bible School! Please let Kelly Mitcham, Jim Tate, or Ray know if you can help.

## Week's Schedule

Sunday, 6/5

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry

Conference Room

Wednesday 6/8

6:00 p.m. Deacons and Key Committees

Fellowship Hall

## Extended Sessions:

June 5: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Josh Boyle  
3 & 4 Year Olds: Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

June 12: Bed Babies: M/M Thomas Jolly Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kyle  
Kepley 3 & 4 Year Olds: Beverly Fulbright & Brenda Hipp

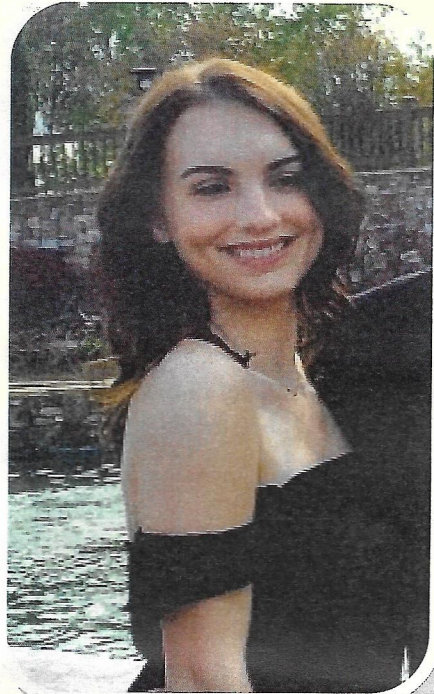


## A DAY OF CELEBRATION

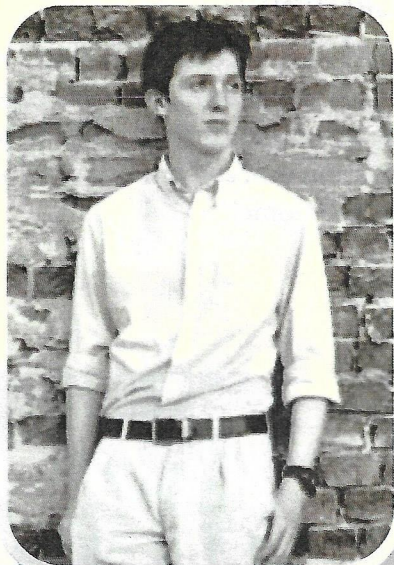
Congratulations to our high school graduates! Today we celebrate the achievements of our high school seniors as they approach one of life's great milestones: High School Graduation. We are proud of you, we love you, we will pray for you, and we wish you God's richest blessings as you continue your education and embark on life's journey. Remember that First Baptist Lexington will always be home!



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Appalachian State University



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