

The Worship of God

July 17, 2016

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

God created us to live full and beautiful lives. We are made to live free like a fish swimming in the ocean or a bird flying in the sky! Choosing to follow Jesus helps us find freedom in the midst of deep struggles and offer grace where community is lacking. Trusting Jesus can help us to turn living day after ordinary day into a wild and precious life.

Important Announcements and Preparing for Worship

Prelude *Voluntary in G* Henry Coleman

Choral Introit *I Then Shall Live As One Who's Been Forgiven* Finlandia
Opening of the Bible Ava Leigh Fulbright

Theme Interpretation

Scripture Lesson John 10:10

Call To Worship

Leader: God created us to live full and beautiful lives!
People: Jesus came so that everyone would have life and have it in its fullest.
Leader: This week we learned that life is wild and precious, wild and wonderful, wild and free and wild at heart.
People: We experience this wild life when we follow Jesus.
Leader: Who taught us to love one another as he has loved us.
People: God created us to live full and beautiful lives!
Leader: Jesus came so that everyone would have life and have it in its fullest.

Hymn No. 17 *Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him* AUSTRIAN HYMN
Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings

Passport Report

Scripture Lesson Matthew 6: 26

Hymn No. 115 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADER'S HYMN

Scripture Lesson Matthew 28: 20

Morning Prayer

Scripture Lesson John 8: 32

Hymn No. 543 *Christ Beside Me* BUNESSAN

Scripture Lesson John 13:34

Anthem *God is Our Refuge* Allen Pote

Sermon "This Wild Life" Dr. Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 576 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

Offertory Prayer Lane Gilliam

Offertory *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* Jeanne Shaffer

Doxology *Praise God the source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.*

Choral Benediction *God Be With You 'til We Meet Again* arr. Freeman

Postlude *Marche Solennelle* Louis Niedermeyer

The church has individual hearing assistance devices for anyone to use during services; just ask an usher.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Church Picnic and Casual Sunday - July 31

We will celebrate Vacation Bible School on Sunday, July 31, beginning with a Casual Sunday. The Bible School children will sing in the service and we are introducing a new Men's Ensemble. Following the worship service we will have our annual church picnic in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a great Sunday of good fellowship, worship, and delicious food!

First Six Months Statements

Individual contribution statements for the first six months of 2016 have been prepared and are available for pick up. They are in the hallway near the History Room. When you receive your statements look for any corrections or changes. If there are any questions, please contact Sherri Salinas by phone (336-245-1261) or email sherri@fbcllex.org.

Friends of Children

Baptist Children's Home Saturday Workday

Make a difference in just one day. The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina will sponsor a Saturday Workday at Mills Home in Thomasville on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Projects will be available for all ages from painting to planting. You can work side by side with the BCH's boys, girls and staff. Tours of the campus will be provided. A free lunch will be available. Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Work projects will be from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Lunch starts at noon. For more information or to pre-register contact Alan Williams at 336-474-1277 or awilliamsd@bchfamily.org. You can also register online at www.bchfamily.org/foc.

Week's Schedule

Sunday, July/17

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Parlor

Wednesday, July/20

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	VBC Volunteer Meeting	Fellowship Hall
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Extended Sessions:

July 17: Bed Babies: Savannah Kepley & Whitney Brooks **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Cory Kehl **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz

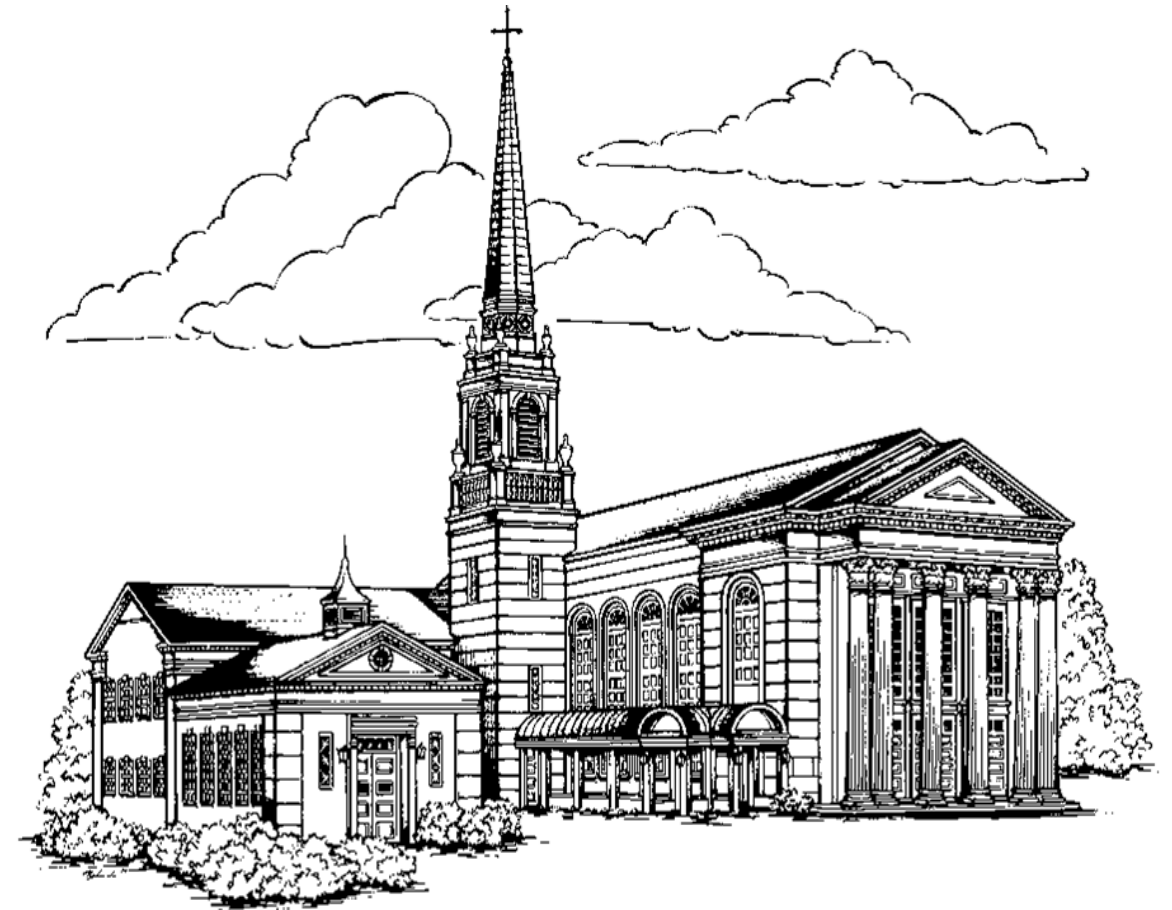
July 24: Bed Babies: M/M Jim Skotthy **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Lee Davis **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Alyson Honeycutt & Grace Upton

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