

<i>The Worship of God</i>		
July 1, 2018	Religious Liberty Sunday	
<b>The Gathering</b>		
Every man must give an account of himself to God, and therefore every man ought to be at liberty to serve God in that way that he can best reconcile to his conscience . . . . It would be sinful for a man to surrender that to man which is to be kept sacred for God.		
John Leland, Colonial Virginia		
Preacher		
<b>Pre-Service Music</b>		
Jim Barton		
<b>Prelude</b>	“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”	arr. Robert J. Hughes
<b>Choral Introit</b>	“Our Fathers’ God to Thee”	arr. Freeman
Opening of the Bible		Emma Jolly
<b>Call to Worship</b>		
Grace Myers		
Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.		
<b>Congregation: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy!</b>		
Leader: We gather as a free people in a free land,		
<b>Congregation: To worship our God who is our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay.</b>		
<b>Hymn No. 419</b>	“God of Our Fathers”	NATIONAL HYMN
Lighting of the Christ Candle		
<b>The Children’s Time</b>		
<b>Christian Greetings</b>		
<b>Old Testament Lesson</b>		
Psalm 33: 1-12		
<b>Hymn No. 417</b>	“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”	AMERICA
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		
Dan Hamrick		
<b>The Offertory</b>	“Prelude on MANNHEIM”	Andrew Fletcher

Doxology	OLD HUNDREDTH	
Gospel Lesson	John 8: 31-35	
Morning Prayer		
Anthem	“America the Beautiful”	Buryl Red
Monologue	“The Land of the Free”	Dr. Ray N. Howell III
Hymn No. 416	“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”	BATTLE HYMN
Choral Benediction	“May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”	arr. Freeman
Postlude	“God Bless Our Land”	John Sciveyner

Today’s Lay Reader is Dr. Beverly Fulbright

<b>Musicians for Today’s Service</b>	
Beverly Khemlani, Organist	Sanctuary Choir
<b>Budget Update</b>	
Received last week: \$5590.10 Year-to-date deficit as of May 31 <sup>st</sup> : \$40,357.61	

<b>FBC-Friends</b>
Are you receiving a weekly email from FBC-Friends? If not, please send us your email address.
<b>Passport</b>
Our children and youth have an exciting and busy summer! Last week, four of our children spent the week at Passport Kids in Lynchburg, Virginia where they learned that God is enough for us. Four of our youth are leaving today for Passport Choices at Greensboro College. At Passport Choices, they get to choose between activities like drama, art, learning about environmental stewardship, and missions. Please pray for our youth as they travel this week.

### **This Week at First Baptist**

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.  
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Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room  
Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor

### **July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Church Offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

### **Belize Mission Supplies Needed**

We are collecting supplies for the Youth Mission trip to Belize. We need sidewalk chalk, tennis balls, Nerf balls, and 4 oz. bottles of bubbles. A collection box is located in the the downstairs lobby. Soccer balls and bean bags have been provided for the trip. Please help us prepare for this important mission.

### **Book Bags**

We will be collecting book bags and school supplies this summer for deserving children in Lexington and Davidson County.

### **Right Now Media**

Right Now Media is an online resource featuring literally thousands of Christian videos, Bible Studies, Leadership Enrichment, Parenting, Money Management and more. Our Deacons are providing this great resource to our congregation for a year. You will soon be receiving an email asking you to join this resource. There is no cost to you; this is a gift to our church from our Diaconate.

July 1<sup>st</sup> **Bed Babies**-Libby Foster/Courtney Foster; **2-4 Year Olds**-Wendy Skotthy/Alyson Honeycutt/Grace Upton

July 8<sup>th</sup> **Bed Babies**-M/M Don Watson; **2-4 Year Olds**-M/M Cory Kehl

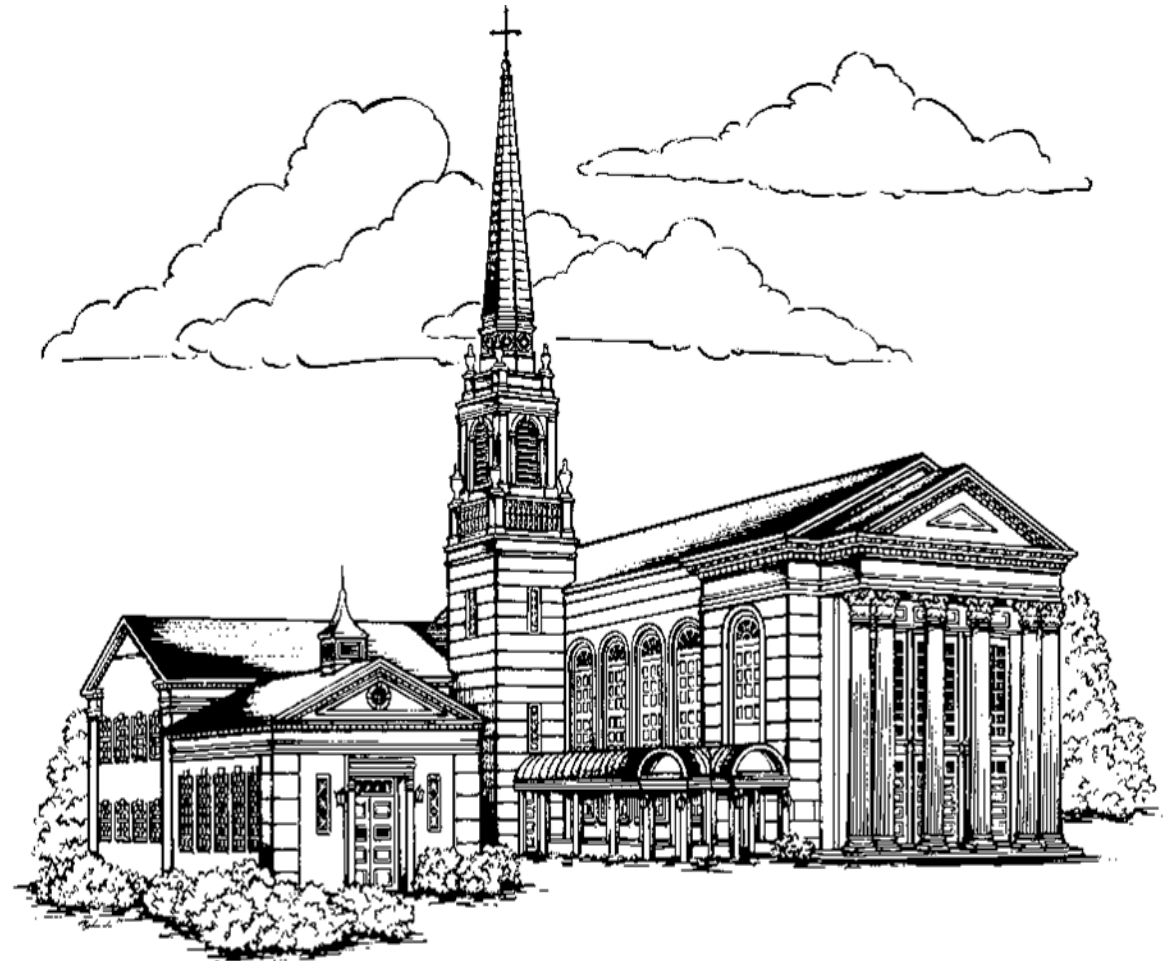
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