

The Worship of God

August 5, 2018

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

As we gather to worship, may our sorrows be lifted, our joys engaged, our hopes energized; that our living may reflect the beauties of freshness, wholeness, and love divine.

Early Announcements as the Church Gathers to Worship

Prelude

“Chaconne”

Louis Couperin

Choral Introit

“Then I Shall Live As One Who’s Been Forgiven”

arr. Freeman

Opening of the Bible

Sydney Hall

Call to Worship

Spencer Hall

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

People: For the Lord is our God and we are God’s people.

Leader: Let us open our ears

People: That we may hear the word of God.

Leader: Let us open our eyes

People: That we may see the presence of God.

Leader: Let us open our minds

People: That we may understand the will of God.

All: As we sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation!

Hymn No. 50

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children’s Time

Christian Greetings

Belize Testimonies

Sarah Hall, Tori Houser, Zoey Mize

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 92: 1-4

Hymn No. 101	“My Jesus, I Love Thee”	GORDON
Gospel Lesson	Luke 8: 1-8	
Morning Prayer		
Anthem	“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”	Lejoski
Sermon	“The Good Soil”	Dr. Ray N. Howell III
Hymn No. 520	“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”	TRUST IN JESUS
Offertory Prayer	William Fulbright	
The Offertory	“Peace in Our Time, O Lord”	Price/Phillips
Doxology	OLD HUNDREDTH	
Choral Benediction	“Lord, May Thy Peace Rest Upon Us”	arr. Freeman
Postlude	“Postlude in F”	M.G. Fischer

Today’s Lay Reader is Linda Engstrom

Musicians for Today’s Service

Beverly Khemlani, Organist	The Sanctuary Choir
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Welcome New Members

Last Sunday we joyfully welcomed Grace Myers and Hailey Walker into the membership of First Baptist Church. Grace is the daughter of Jon and Eryn Myers and Hailey is the daughter of Brian and Wendy Walker. Grace and Hailey were baptized in Belize.

Budget Update

Received last week: \$4,851.30

Year-to-date deficit as of June 30th, \$31,628.09

Next Sunday is commitment Sunday. We will hear about different ways for you to help your church.

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

This Week at First Baptist

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor

Annual Church Picnic

Our Church Picnic follows the worship service today in the fellowship hall.

WS Dash Baseball

Join us for an exciting night of WS Dash Baseball this Friday night, August 10th. Tickets are only \$11 and include food. Contact Ruth Mitcham today at (336)250-3014 for more details.

Book Bags and School Supplies

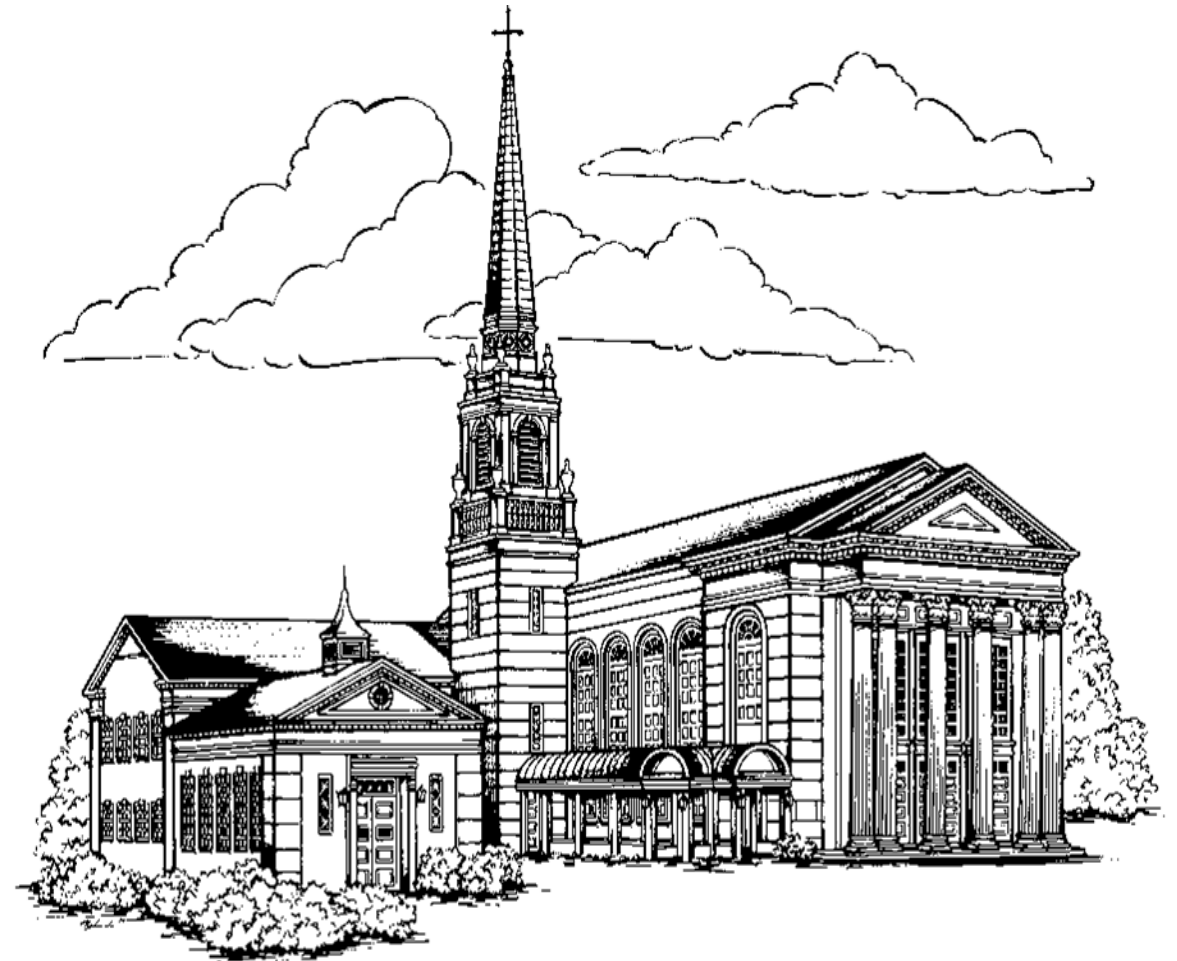
Next Sunday is the deadline for School Supplies and Book Bags. You can make a big difference in a child's life. Bring your gifts by next Sunday, August 12th.

August 5th **Bed Babies**-M/M Nathan Houser; **2-4 Year Olds**-Kelly Wright/Katie Hartley

August 12th **Bed Babies**-M/M Dale Frank; **2-4 Year Olds**-Sandra Blackwelder/Crystal Alexander

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