

The Worship of God

January 29, 2012

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

THE GATHERING

When love appears, it is like a river suddenly springing forth in a parched land. When love makes its entrance, two separate hearts entwine gracefully, like ivy around holly. When love casts its spell, two people behold their destiny in the eyes, the arms, the hearts of each other. When love proclaims its presence, it is like a fountain rising in the desert, and all the people come for refreshment and renewal in its life-giving waters.

Garth House

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude on HYFRYDOL* Henry Coleman

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels* BRIDEGROOM
Opening of the Bible Savannah Rhodes

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Today, the words of God come to us, in love,

People: Inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

Minister: Today, the Word of God comes to us, in faith,

People: Inviting us to trust in the One who knows us, to place our hope, in the One who saves us.

Minister: Today, the Word of God comes to us, in hope,

People: Inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

† HYMN NO. 558 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 36

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, we must confess that our love is not what we would hope. We are so focused on ourselves, the needs of others dim in our eyes. We secretly rejoice in the miseries of those around us, knowing that they must have done something to deserve such lives. We push our families and friends away by insisting they do everything our way. Forgive us, Faithful Deliverer. Rescue us from ourselves, so we might become your people. Touch us with the faith, the hope, the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might be made whole.

MORNING PRAYER

Minister: God's love never ends! Now, we know we are forgiven; now, we know we are healed.

People: Now, we can bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things. Thanks be to God Amen.

† HYMN NO. 68 *Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty* BEACH SPRING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 13

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson

SERMON *A More Excellent Way* Dr. Ray Howell III

† HYMN NO. 710 *We Are Called to Be God's People* AUSTRIAN HYMN

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Ayre* Arcangelo Corelli

† DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION NO. 708

Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

POSTLUDE *Voluntary VI* John Stanley

† Those Who Are Able Please Stand

Today's Lay Reader is Phyllis Penry

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organist

Sanctuary Choir

The Deacons of the Week are Sandra Snyder and Alan Williams.

Celebration Of Marriage

R.N. Hardin and Kay Mathis will be married immediately following today's worship service. You are cordially invited to stay for the ceremony.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of R.N. Hardin and Kay Mathis.

A Healthier You - Family Night

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 1

Dr. Katie Twomley - Cardiologist

Be sure and sign up for Family Night dinner and come and hear our gifted speaker share with us how we can live a healthier life.

Communion

Sunday, February 5

11:00 A. M. Worship Service

“Souper Bowl Sunday”

February 5

Tickets: \$6.00 Each or \$20.00 Family Limit

Menu: Joyce’s Vegetable Soup, PBJ or Pimento Cheese Sandwich and Brownies

The Youth’s annual “Souper Bowl” lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. All proceeds will benefit our Youth Ministry.

***First Baptist Church
Annual Church Retreat 2012
April 20 - 22***

***North Carolina Baptist Assembly Grounds
Fort Caswell, North Carolina***

Cost is \$96.00 per person * Includes two nights lodging and three meals.

Single room rate: \$120.00.

Children 2 years - 5 years \$16.00.

Children staying with parents 6yr - youth \$32.00.

Youth a separate deposit and cost.

Make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

DEPOSIT: HALF OF THE TOTAL COST DUE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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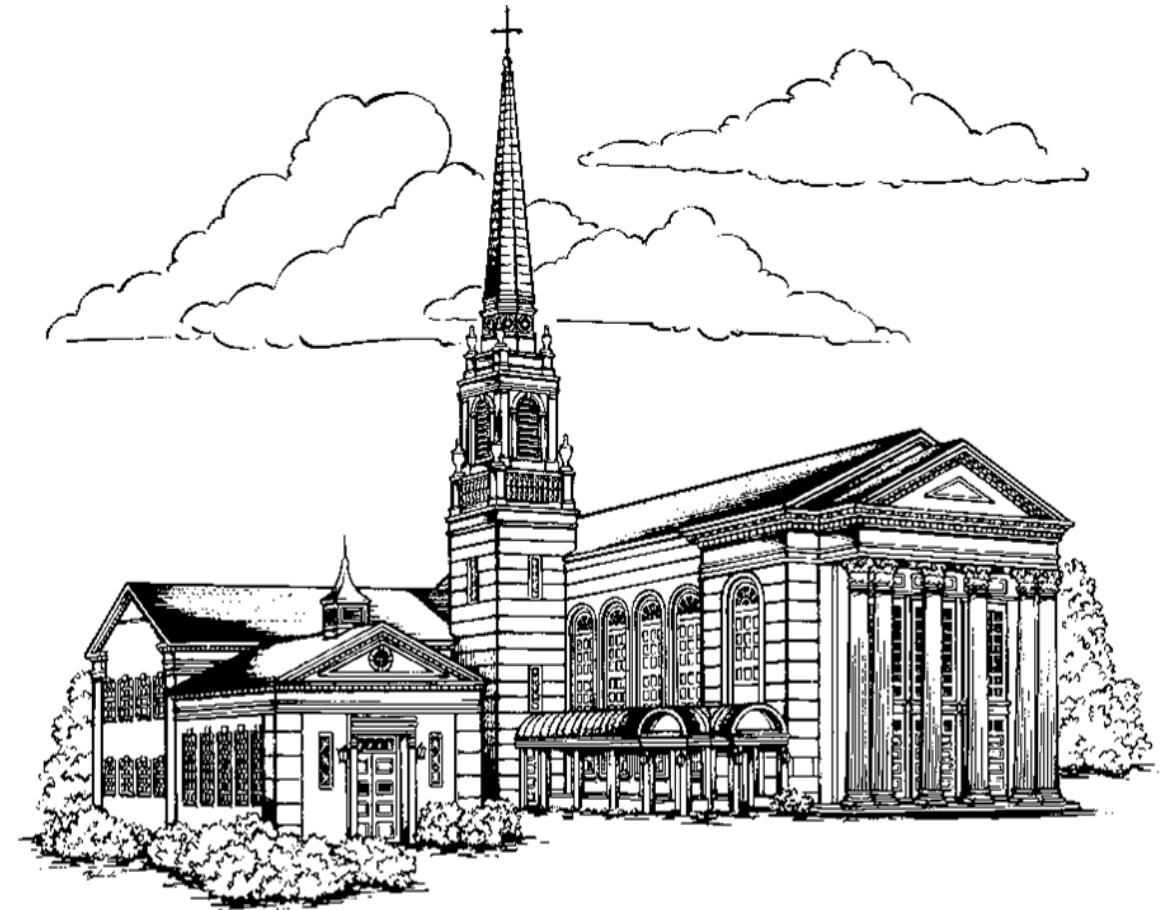
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Martha Best Children’s Center Director

Announcements

Sunday, 1/29

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry Conference Room
(All are welcome to attend)

Monday, 1/30

5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal Music Suite
7:00 p.m. Winter Bible Study Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 1/31

10:30 a.m. Winter Bible Study Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, 2/1

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Senior Adult Singers Music Suite
5:15 - 6:15 p.m. *Dinner (children first) Fellowship Hall
5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Joyful Singers (Ages 4 - 1st Grade) Room 206
Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5) Music Suite
6:30 - 7:15 p.m. GA's (Grades 1 - 3) Room 228
GA's (Grades 5 & 6) Room 212
RA's Room 225
Mission Friends Room 206
Prayer Shawl Ministry Parlor
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Middle & High School Youth The ATTIC
Church Fellowship (A Healthier You) Fellowship Hall
(Dr. Katie Twomley - Cardiologist)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Music Suite

*Menu: Beef Tips over Rice, Gingered Carrots, Slaw, Salad Bar, Fruit Pie

Children: Chicken Tenders

Either complete reservation cards found in the pew backs and available in the office or call the information line or church to sign up

RSVP by Monday Noon.

Extended Sessions:

January 22: Bed Babies - M/M Richard Baxley

Toddlers/2 Year Olds - M/M Bryan Lingerfelt

3 & 4 Year Olds - M/M Dave Thornhill

January 29: Bed Babies - Carol Stutts-Wall & Donna Azzolini

Toddlers/2 Year Olds - M/M Thomas Jolly

3 & 4 Year Olds - Tina Wall & Jack Davis

HVAC Pledge Cards

HVAC Pledge Cards are still available in the church office. We hope you will make a pledge for the next two years to pay off our debt.

Martha Best Children's Center

A Silent Auction/Valentine's Day Lunch will be held to benefit the Martha Best Children's Center Scholarship Fund. Items/Services are needed for the auction which will be open Sunday, 2/12 - Wednesday, 2/15. Please contact Jean Ashley if you are willing to donate. Tickets for the lunch are \$10.00 and may be purchased after Church on Sundays, on Wednesday nights or from the MBCC office through Thursday, 2/8/12. All proceeds will help provide child care for families in financial crisis.

Sixteenth Annual Bible Study Field Trip

Savannah, Georgia

You are invited to join us for the 2012 Bible Study Field Trip to Savannah, May 7 - 10. We will have an action-packed, exciting, fun and educational four days in one of the South's most beautiful cities. Complete details are now available in the church office and there are openings, but hurry, they won't last long!

Baptists Today

Baptists Today subscriptions are due for renewal. The price remains \$18.00 if we have 25 subscriptions.. Call the church office if you wish to renew.

Ministry Opportunity - CHILL

Lexington City Schools and area churches are beginning the second CHILL program. The start date is February 6th from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. This is an after school tutoring program. Many of you have been trained and volunteering and you will be contacted. A new training time will be held in the near future. If you would like to participate please contact Tommy to be a part of the training and volunteer base.

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