

The Worship of God

July 5, 2009

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Religious Liberty Sunday

THE GATHERING

Today we celebrate two invitations: One, the invitation by a nation which says, "Give me your tired, poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free," and Second, the invitation of a Savior who says, "Come to me, all you that are weary, and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *God Bless Our Land* Scriveyner

CHORAL INTROIT *When In Our Music God Is Glorified* ENGELBERG
Opening Of The Bible Caroline Pyle

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

People: In freedom we gather, in freedom we worship, in freedom we sing to the Lord.

Minister: Let us sing a song of justice,

People: For this and every nation.

Minister: Let us sing a song of peace,

People: For this and every land.

Minister: Let us sing a song of love,

People: For this and every people.

Minister: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

All: In freedom, let us sing to the Lord, the God of all creation.

† HYMN NO. 419 *God of Our Fathers* NATIONAL HYMN

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 5: 26 - 42, Galatians 5: 1

CALL TO PRAYER *Peace In Our Time* Price

MORNING PRAYER

† HYMN NO. 429 *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY

LITANY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Minister: Baptists have never been party to oppression of conscience.

People: Our contention is not for more toleration, but for absolute liberty.

Minister: There is a wide difference between toleration and liberty.

People: Toleration implies that someone falsely claims the right to tolerate.

Minister: Toleration is a concession, while liberty is a right.

People: Toleration is a matter of expediency, while liberty is a matter of principle.

Minister: Toleration is a gift from people, while liberty is a gift from God.

People: It is the consistent and insistent contention of our Baptist people, always and everywhere, that religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced.

Minister: And that it is not the prerogative of any power, whether civil or ecclesiastical, to compel anyone to conform to any religious creed of worship.

All: God wants free worshipers and no other kind.

ANTHEM *Distant Land* Rutter

SERMON *Years of Freedom* Rev. Tommy Wilson

† HYMN NO. 433 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. Hughes

† DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Let There Be Peace On Earth* Miller - Jackson

POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Mouret

†Those Who Are Able Please Stand

Today's lay reader is Lori Gilliam

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

Pray with the Prayer Ministry for Economic Healing

Father, guide us as we seek to earn our bread, since we know it is only by your empowerment that we will succeed.

Deuteronomy 8: 18, II Thessalonians 3: 12

Announcements

Sunday, 7/5

9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry
(All Are Welcome To Attend)
No Youth Activities

Conference Room

Wednesday, 7/8

No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Youth Activities

Tuesday, July 7

Youth work day. Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch money.

July 10 - 12

Summer Sizzler Weekend for all Youth

Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 10. Supper is provided.

Meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, July 11. Lunch is provided.

Meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, July 12. Lunch is provided.

Jr/Sr - Senior Adults

Friday, July 17 - Gold Hill Tour

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 approximately

Sign-up sheet in classrooms or call the church



Discovering Jesus as "The Living Water"

Vacation Bible School

FBC - Lexington, NC - Sunday, July 19 - Picnic/VBS 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Monday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

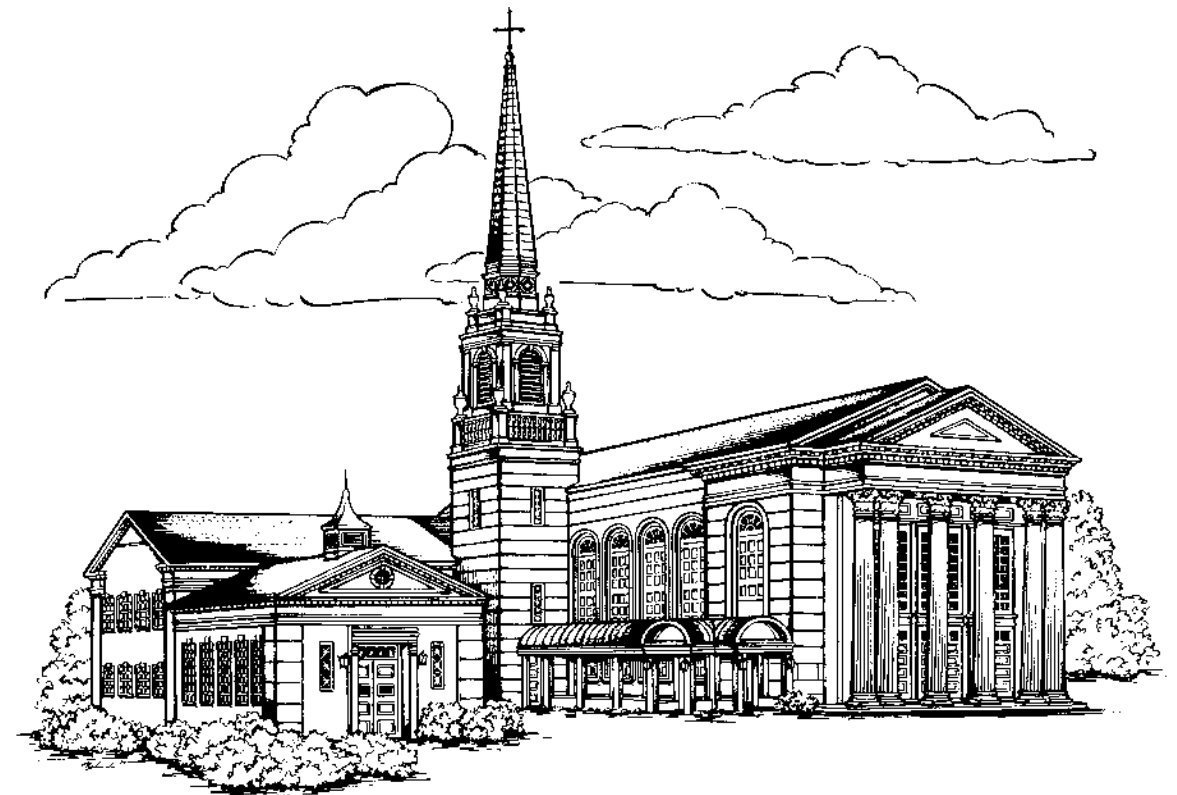
Registration: Registration Forms are printed on the back of the newsletter, available on line at the church website or pick up a form in the church office.

T - Shirts: You can purchase a T - Shirt for \$5.00. An order form is part of the Registration Form. Last Day to purchase: Sunday, July 5.

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