

A Service of Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

11:00 a.m.

To listen by phone:

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With Hearts and Voices

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

The Church at Work

Prelude *Thanks Be To God* Handel
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

*Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Come, all who thirst – come to the water!

People: We who long for life, we come to drink.

Leader: Dip your soul in the river of God's goodness;

People: We quench our thirst at God's well of grace.

Leader: For God is here among us, offering living water to all who would drink!

People: We worship our life-giving God!

*Invocation & Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

*Hymn 694 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN
(See back page)

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 17:1-7 William Underwood
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Call to Prayer *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Raney
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Morning Prayer Dr. Grammer

*Please stand as you are able

With Open Hands

*Hymn *Gentle Shepherd* GENTLE SHEPHERD
(See back page)

*Prayer of Dedication Dr. Grammer

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

With Minds Prepared

Duet *He's Got All Our Troubles...* Raney
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Sermon *Don't Stone the Messenger!* Dr. Grammer

With Obedient Feet

*Hymn 834 *Lord, Dismiss Us with your Blessing*
(See back page) SICILLIAN MARINERS

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Benediction Response *Threefold Amen* Traditional

Postlude *Sonata in A Major* Franck

This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year. Having celebrated the "birthday of the church" through the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission.

Prayer Reminder

CHURCH FAMILY: John Abbott, Jim Barnett, Alice Bowman, David Doss, Martha Drane, Jean and Boyd Gray, George Lester, Gene Medley, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton, Benny and Betty Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

In Christian Sympathy to Tom and Julie Hall and their family upon the death of Tom's sister, Martha Hall Haley on Monday, September 21. A funeral was held Friday, September 25 at Chatham Heights Baptist Church.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, September 27

9:00 a.m. The Open Church-Front Plaza

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Virtual & In-person

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship-Virtual & In-person

12:30 p.m. Business Meeting-Virtual

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 p.m. Midweek Check-in-Virtual

Thursday, October 1

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Virtual

8:00 p.m. Journey Small Group-Virtual

September Birthdays: 27 Melva Stultz, 29 Judy Epperly, 30 Mary Lewis Johnston

October Birthdays: 2 Ron Austin, 4 Morton Lester, Ronnie Garren, 8 Linda Penta, 17 David Collins, 20 John Collins, 23 Frances Weaver, 24 Annie Lee Ferrell, Steven Ball, 31 Mary Frances Gibbs, Joe Hundley.

Announcements

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions is a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia and the Baptist General Association of Virginia. The allocations of this offering this year are being redirected in a way that will allow us to focus on human needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis. Our church's goal to rise for this offering is \$1,500. Received to date: \$1,148.75.

Virtual Business Meeting Agenda- Today at 12:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee reports.
4. Vote on the slate of Nominating Committee members.

Grace Network Pumpkin Patch

First Baptist Church will be hosting Grace Network's Annual Pumpkin Patch sale again this year! The pumpkins have arrived and we are scheduled to work the pumpkin patch on Monday, October 5th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The Pumpkin Patch opened on September 26th and will run thru October 31st. The hours are: Monday-Friday 1:00-7:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00-5:00 p.m., and Sundays 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Seeking Furniture Donations!

We are looking to furnish a small classroom at the church for our new Journey Small Group (Young Adults) with cushioned chairs/sofas, tables, lamps ect. Do you have items at your home you aren't using any more? Give us a call!

Deacons of the Month

Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

September Deacons of the Month:

**Linda Dorr
Linda Read**

Hymn 694 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?—
grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near!
Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day,
daily on the manna feeding which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name;
fading is the world's best pleasure, all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Hymn *Gentle Shepherd* GENTLE SHEPHERD

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
for we need your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to—
who can help us face another day;
gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need you to help us find our way.

Hymn 834 *Lord, Dismiss Us with your Blessing*
SICILIAN MARINERS

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;
O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

First Music Academy is a new ministry of First Baptist's Music Ministry, led by Minister of Music Becky Collins. We want children and youth to learn music as an art, a discipline, and a way of loving God and neighbor. Beginning in August, music classes are being offered to our ELC students, and beginning September 10, children from FBC/FBC ELC can begin piano/voice lessons. To enroll, contact Becky Collins!

The Open Church is a relaxed gathering of worship and community that meets Sunday mornings, on the Front Plaza at 9:00 a.m. Come join us!

Grace Network October-December 2020 Food Assignment
Corn Bread Mix (i.e.: Jiffy)
Please drop the food off at the church.

Mission Focus for September and October
September's mission focus is the Chevis and Helen Horne Home. Due to COVID 19 restrictions we could not serve pizza to the residents, so we had pizza and a giant cookie delivered to the home by Papa John's Pizza. The ladies and staff were very appreciative.

The mission focus for October will be Samaritan's Purse Shoebox collections thru mid-November. Empty shoeboxes will be available for pick up in the church Narthex beginning the first week in October.



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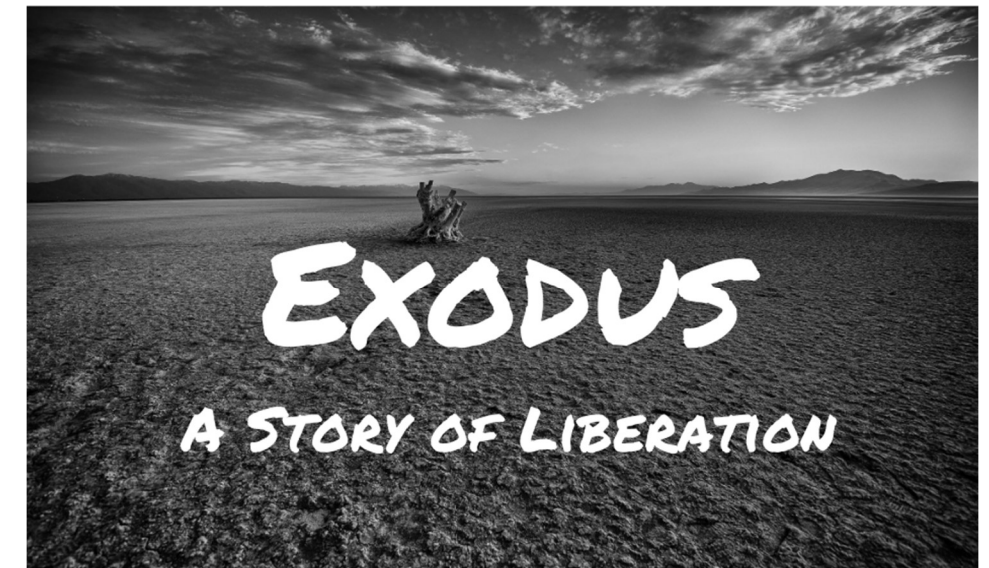
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Mission Statement:

The congregation of First Baptist Church, led by the Holy Spirit, covenants to worship Almighty God and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Consistent with the Great Commission, we will share our spiritual gifts beyond our doors with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.



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SERMON SERIES

August 23-October 18, 2020