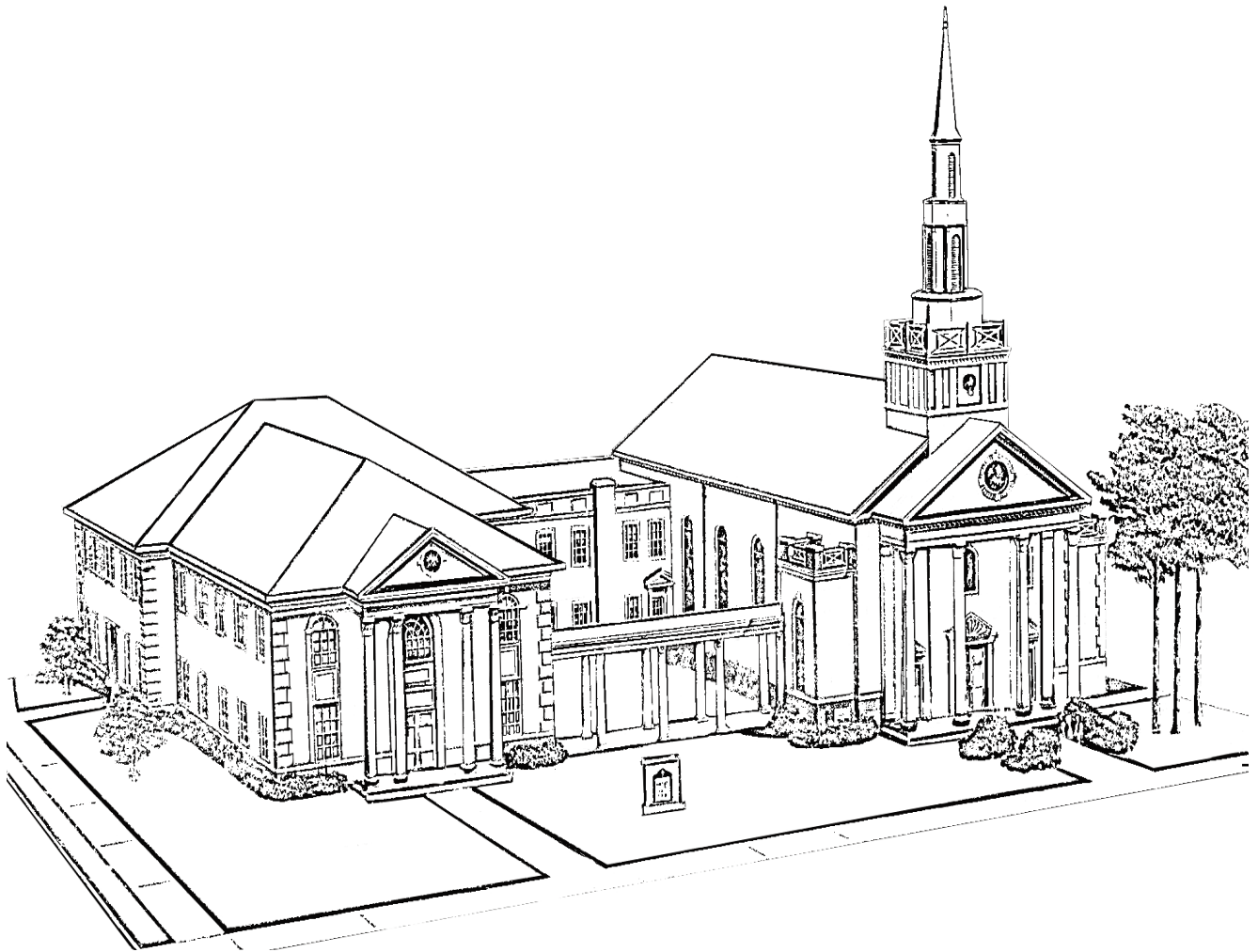


# *First Baptist Church*



*Whiteville, North Carolina*

*August 24, 2014*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

July 20, 2014

**Morning Worship**

**Ten Fifty Five A.M.**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Rev. Eddie Fort

**Meditation**

O Lord, our God, you are always more ready to give your good gifts to us than we are to seek them, and you are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**Prelude**

Mrs. Leslie Bergbower

*Word of God, Across the Ages*

arr. Robert Hughes

(Please turn to hymn no. 262 to reflect on the words to this hymn.)

**Call to Worship**

*O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

The Chancel Choir

Randy Edwards

**Invocation**

Rev. Corbin Cooper

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 161**

DIADEMATA

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon on the last stanza of this hymn. Children first grade and younger who wish may attend Children's Worship.

**Children's Sermon**

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

**Hymn No. 176**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADER'S HYMN

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 103:1-5, 11-13, 21-22

Congregation

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit,

Leader: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**People:** For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him, as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**Leader:** As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

**People:** Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his people that do his will.

**Leader:** Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

**People:** Bless the LORD, O my soul.

\* **Offertory Hymn, No. 219** ORTONVILLE  
*Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned*

\* **Offertory Prayer** Mrs. Lauren Cole  
**Offertory** Mrs. Bergbower  
*My Story, My Song* arr. James Mansfield

\* **Offertory Response, No. 253** OLD 100TH (altered)  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Epistle Reading** Hebrews 2:1-4 Rev. Cooper

**Worship through Song** The Chancel Choir  
*Take Now My Voice* Douglas Nolan

**Sermon** “A Generation of By-Passers” Rev. Cooper

\* **Hymn of Commitment, No. 306** SEYMOUR  
*Depth of Mercy*

\* **Benediction** Rev. Cooper

\* **Choral Response** The Chancel Choir  
*For Thine Is the Kingdom* Burly Red

\* **Postlude** Mrs. Bergbower  
*Be Joyful in the Lord!* Mark Jordan

The flowers are given by the Woman's Missionary Union that was organized on August 22, 1879, with three charter members, Mrs. S.E. Memory, Miss Pink Inman, and Miss Fannie Memory. The small beginning accomplished large undertakings, contributions to foreign missions, the building fund, plastering of the walls, and purchase of the church bell.

Today's meditation was copied from *The Worship Sourcebook*, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2004.

Our guest minister today is Dr. Corbin Cooper. He is a retired minister following 31 years serving with the Baptist State Convention of NC and several pastorates. In 1955 he began serving with First Baptist Church as youth director and missions pastor for the Columbus Baptist Mission. That same year he became the first pastor of the newly organized Trinity Baptist Church. He met and married Joann Ashley of Whiteville. Following public schools in Eden, NC, he completed studies at National Business College, Roanoke, Va., Mars Hill University, Wake Forest University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and North Carolina State University. They currently live at the Penney Memorial Retirement Community in Florida.

## **WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE**

### **Sunday, August 24**

- 9:45 a.m.** Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m.** Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 10:55 a.m.** Morning Worship  
Children's Worship

### **Monday, August 25**

- 9:00 a.m.** Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, August 27**

- 6:30 p.m.** Guest speaker, Rev. Corbin Cooper

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