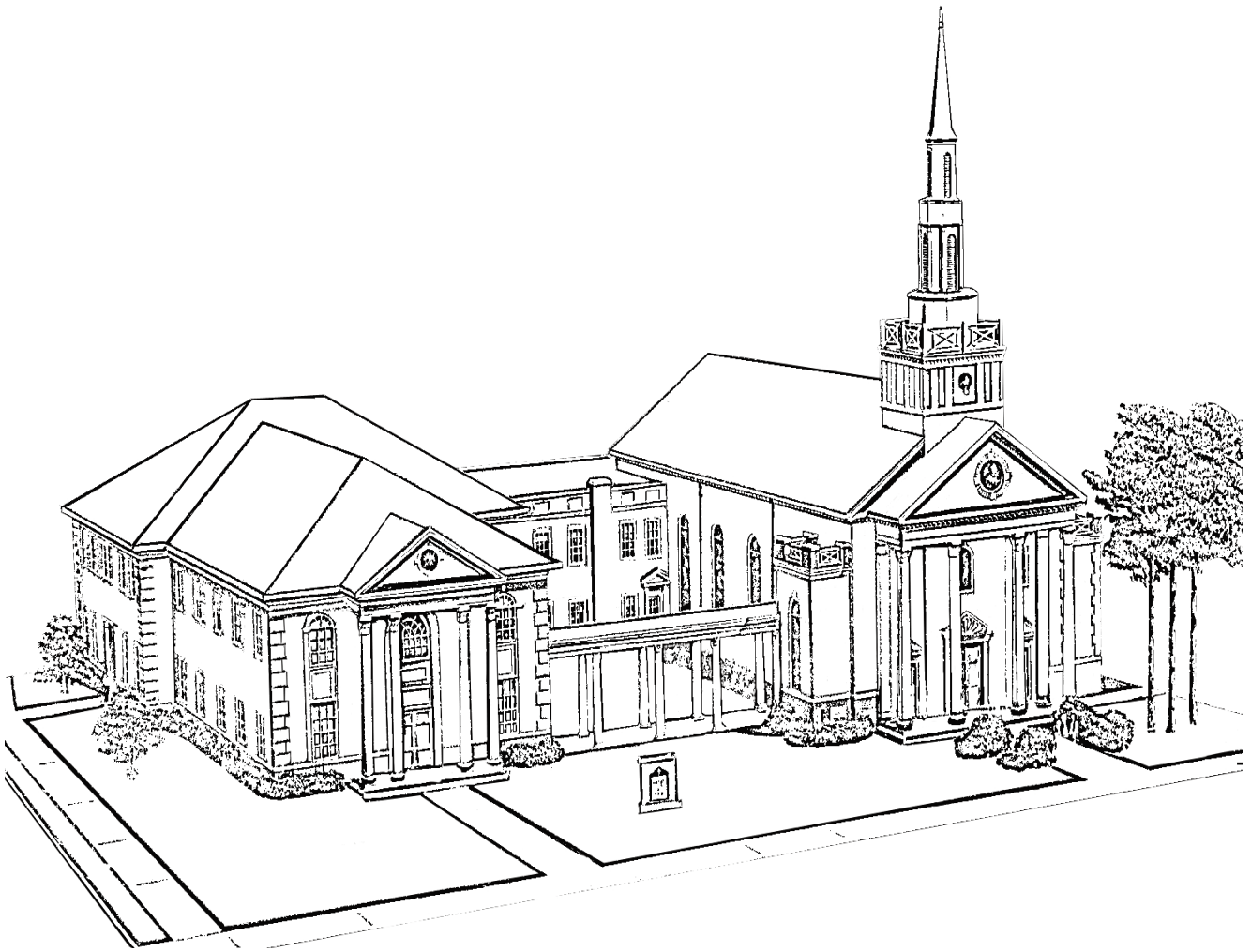


# *First Baptist Church*



*Whiteville, North Carolina*

*September 14, 2014*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 14, 2014

**Morning Worship**

**Ten Fifty Five A.M.**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Rev. Eddie Fort

**Called Church Conference for Deacon Nomination**

Mr. Carlton Prince

**Meditation**

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.  
You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,  
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.  
You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,  
sometimes startling and unexpected,  
sometimes still and quiet,  
but always dwelling among us.

**Prelude**

*Praise to the Living Lord*

Mrs. Leslie Bergbower  
Gerald Peterson

**Call to Worship**

*All the Earth Sing Praise, Alleluia*

The Chancel Choir  
arr. Hal Hopson

**Invocation**

Rev. Jeff Roberts

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 39** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

MARION

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. 399**

*Believers All, We Bear the Name*

The Chancel Choir  
EDGE

**A Prayer for Today**

Congregation

Leader: Everlasting God, you are the source of our common life.

People: You bring us together; you send us apart; and you bring us  
together again.

Leader: You are faithful to us when we seek your presence. You are faithful  
to us when we don't know which way to turn in our wandering. You  
are faithful to us when we are nonchalant in our attention to you.

**People:** In the lean times and in the abundant times, remind us that all time is your time.

**Leader:** In the meantime, help us recognize what is essential to our common life as a community of faith. Your voice is our map. We know that we live in the secure hand of your promise for a redemptive future.

**People:** As we travel together, help us live and serve as your people.

**Leader:** May we listen carefully when we hear you calling:

“Live now.”

“You are the church.”

“You are on mission with me.”

“You need each other.”

“Christ needs your hands and feet in the world.”

**People:** God, empower us for the future with all we need to be your church today. Amen.

\* Offertory Hymn, No. 383    *We Are God’s People*    SYMPHONY

\* Offertory Prayer    Mr. Tom Stanley

Offertory

*Grace and Peace to You*

Mrs. Bergbower

Ben Logan

\* 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.*

Worship through Song

*Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem*

The Chancel Choir

arr. Walter Ehret

Sermon

“Doing Church in the Meantime”

Rev. Roberts

John 1:47-51

John 13:33-38

\* Hymn of Commitment, No. 613

BEACH SPRING

*The Servant Song*

\* Benediction

Dr. Sasser

\* Choral Response

*God Be with You*

The Chancel Choir

arr. Dale Wood

**\* Postlude**

*Sonatina*

Mrs. Bergbower  
Jacob Schmitt

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Jerald and Judy Gore.

We welcome Rev. Jeff G. Roberts as our guest minister today. Rev. Roberts an Intentional Interim Minister, and Conflict Resolution Facilitator has joined with his wife, Beanie, in their retirements, in answering the further Call of God, to minister with ten different Baptist churches during their interim times between Pastors. They are the parents of three grown children and the grandparents to their six children. Jeff and Beanie make their home in Angier, NC.

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

Today's Responsive Prayer was copied and adapted from *Prayers & Litanies for the Christian Seasons*, Smyth & Helwys Publishing Inc., Macon, GA, 1999.,

**WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, September 14**

- 9:45 a.m.** Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m.** Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 10:55 a.m.** Called Church Conference/ Morning Worship  
Children's Worship
- 5:00 p.m.** Youth/ Parent Meeting and Cookout

**Monday, September 15**

- 9:00 a.m.** Staff Meeting
- 11:00 a.m.** WMU Flora Heath Prayer Group salad luncheon

**Tuesday, September 16**

- 11:00 a.m.** Singing Seniors
- 7:00 p.m.** Deacon's meeting

**Wednesday, September 17**

- 4:30 p.m.** Children's Handchimes (Grades 3-5)
- 5:00 p.m.** Children's Choir
- 5:45 p.m.** Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m.** Wednesday Night Bible Study
- 7:15 p.m.** Chancel Choir

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