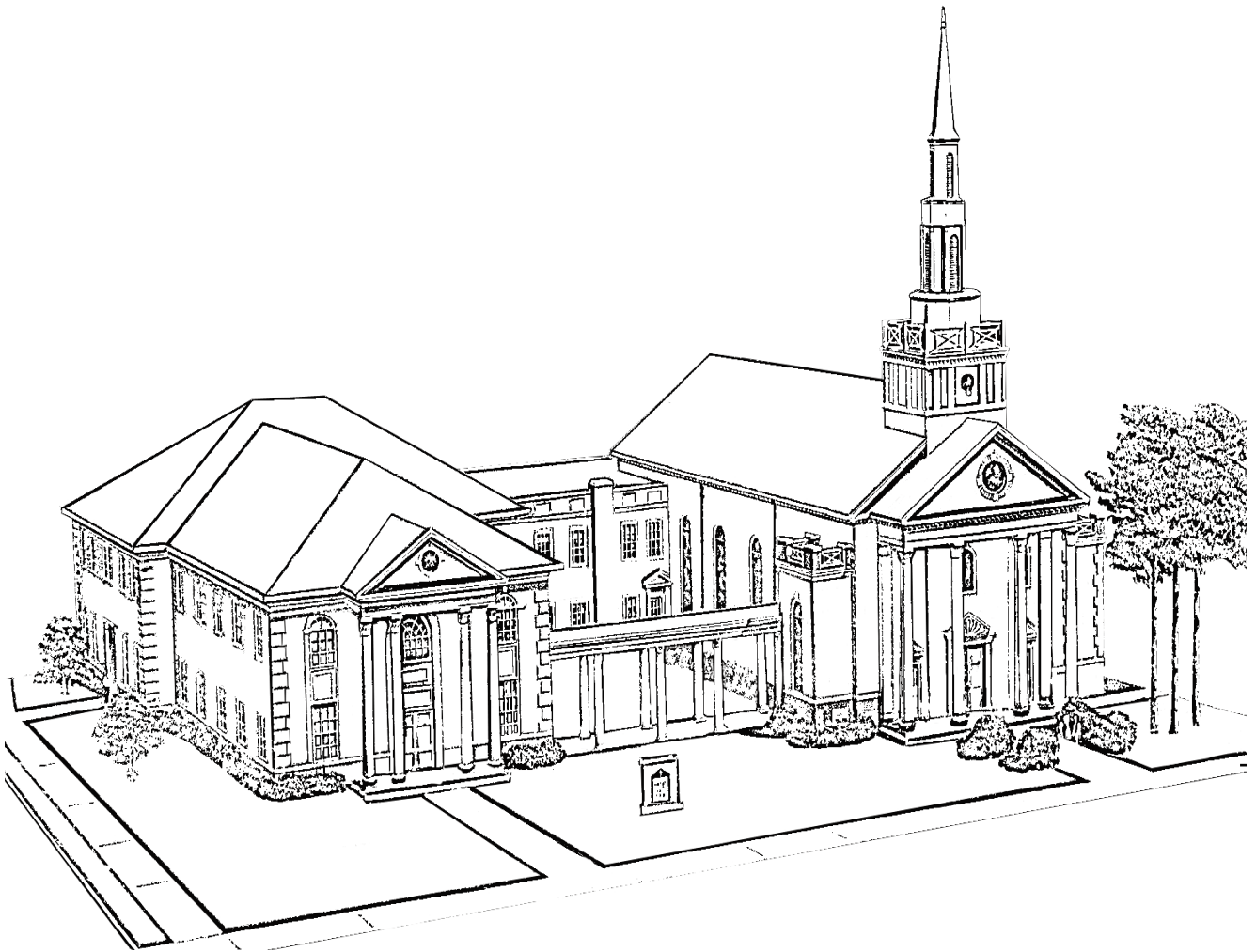


# *First Baptist Church*



*Whiteville, North Carolina*  
*September 21, 2014*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 21 2014

Morning Worship

Ten Fifty Five A.M.

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Rev. Eddie fort

**Meditation**

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

**We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,  
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,  
sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

**We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

**Prelude**

*Prelude in F Major*

Mrs. Leslie Bergbower

Vincent Lubeck

**Call to Worship**

*Praise the Lord, the King of Glory*

The Chancel Choir

CHARLES

**Invocation**

Rev. Robert Saunders

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 20**

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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. 410**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

(Stanzas 1-3)

VILLE DU HAVRE

**The Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 55:6-11

Congregation

Leader: Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

People: let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and  
to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Leader: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,  
says the LORD.

**People:** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Leader:** For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

**People:** it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

- \* Offertory Hymn, No. 73** ST. ANNE  
*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*
- \* Offertory Prayer** Mr. Emory Worley  
**Offertory** Mrs. Bergbower  
Felix Mendelssohn  
*Andante Tranquillo*
- \* 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** The Chancel Choir  
John Corina  
*Come Let Us Tune Our Loftiest Song*
- Sermon** Rev. Saunders  
"When God Delays"  
Psalm 13
- \* Hymn of Commitment, No. 502** SCOTT  
*Open My Eyes, That I May See*
- \* Benediction** Rev. Saunders
- \* Choral Response** The Chancel Choir  
Gordon Young  
*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*
- \* Postlude** Mrs. Bergbower  
Henry Purcell  
*Echo Alleluia*

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Walker family in honor of Sylvia Walker.

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

We welcome Rev. Sandy Saunders as our guest minister today. Rev. Saunders served as program Director of the Fayetteville YMCA 1970-78. He served as Pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church 1976-80. Rev. Saunders served as Associate Pastor of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church 1980-2006. Presently he is a Trustee for the Baptist Children's Homes of NC. He is a Graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana with MDiv. Since retiring in 2006 he has served several churches as Interim Pastor. He has also been a volunteer and substitute teacher at Van Story Hills Elementary School in Fayetteville

## **WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE**

### **Sunday, September 21**

- 9:45 a.m.** Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m.** Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 10:55 a.m.** Morning Worship  
Children's Worship
- 5:15 p.m.** Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m.** Youth Bible Study

### **Monday, September 22**

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

### **Tuesday, September 23**

- 11:00 a.m.** Singing Seniors

### **Wednesday, September 24**

- 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.** Church Conference and Budget Discussion
- 7:15 p.m.** Chancel Choir

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