

# ***you will be my witnesses***

-- (Acts 1:8)

## **First Baptist Church at Worship**

October 25, 2009

Ten Forty-five O'Clock in the Morning

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### **Assemble In God's Name**

#### **Gathering Songs**

*"Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the truth," said he.*

*"Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see."*

***"Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the truth," said he.***

***"Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see."***

– Marilyn Houser Hamm, 20<sup>th</sup> century

*O for a thousand tongues to sing, **Blessed be the name of the Lord!***

*The glories of my God and King, **Blessed be the name of the Lord!***

***Blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord!***

***Blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord!***

*I never shall forget that day, **Blessed be the name of the Lord!***

*When Jesus washed my sins away, **Blessed be the name of the Lord!***

***Blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord!***

***Blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord***

– Charles Wesley, 18<sup>th</sup> century

*What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart!*

*I have light in my soul for which long I had sought, since Jesus came into my heart!*

***Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart,***

***Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.***

– Rufus McDaniel, 20<sup>th</sup> century

#### **Greeting and Call to Worship**

*The Lord be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts.*

***We lift them to the Lord.***

John Hewett

#### **+ Hymn 43**

***"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"***

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#### **+ The Peace**

*The peace of the Lord be with you.*

***And also with you.***

John Hewett

#### **+ Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,***

***world without end. Amen, Amen.***

GREATOREX

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session after a brief prayer with Dr. Hewett

## Proclaim God's Word

Psalm 34

David Mosely

spoken:

*I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall always be on my lips.  
My soul shall glorify the Lord; the lowly shall hear and be glad.  
Come, extol the Lord with me; together let us exalt God's name.  
I sought the Lord, and God gave ear to my voice; from all my fears God set me free.  
The helpless called; the Lord heard their prayer; God rescued them from their distress.  
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.*

sung:

*"O Taste and See"*

by R. Vaughan Williams

The Choral Scholars; Sarah Poindexter, soloist; Taylor Vancil, conductor

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;  
blest is the man that trusteth in him.*

– KJV, 1611

A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 10:46-52

John Hewett

*The Gospel of our Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

Song

LAND OF REST

*A blind man sat beside the road to Jericho one day  
With empty cup and empty eyes, when Jesus passed that way.  
He heard them shouting Jesus' name; his buried hope leapt high!  
"Have mercy, Son of David, stop! In pity hear my cry!"  
And Jesus heard his desp'rate cry: "What would you have me do?"  
"Lord, will you stoop and touch my eyes, my blinded sight renew?"  
Then Jesus spoke, and it was done! "Rise up! Receive your sight!"  
The man once blind got up and walked with him who is the Light!  
O Christ, we come with empty hearts, with eyes by doubt made blind,  
And pray you will not pass us by till faith and hope we find.  
Come, Light from Light, restore our sight that we, the blind, may see.  
Then help us walk each day with you and serve you faithfully.*

– Herman Stuempfle, 20<sup>th</sup> century

Sermon

*"Believing Is Seeing"*

John Hewett

## Give Thanks To God

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

+ Hymn 499

*“Lord, I Was Blind”*

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First Baptist Church of Monroe welcomes all persons to participate in the full range of our services, programs, ministries and mission activities. Membership is open to anyone professing faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Persons may offer themselves as candidates for membership by profession of faith and baptism, by statement of previous conversion and baptism, or by transfer of membership from another church. Membership may be requested in writing or during regular worship services. If you wish to present yourself for membership today, come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and our minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+ Offertory Prayer

Joe Litaker

*All loose change received in October will benefit the YWCA and their many helping-hand programs that have served 25 million people in 122 countries around the world. Please give as you are able.*

Offertory

*“Amazing Grace”*

setting by Keith McCutchen

The Chancel Choir; Zack Morris, soloist

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.  
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me on.  
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.*  
— John Newton, 18<sup>th</sup> century

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

*Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.*

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

+ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning the offering to the Chancel  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Go In God's Name**

+ Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

+ Hymn 347

*“Tell His Praise in Song and Story”*

HOLY MANNA

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

*“Toccata on ‘Amazing Grace’”*

by Christopher Pardini

+ Those who are able may stand

Personal Listening Devices are available for worship. Request one from an usher.

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

*John H. Hewett, Senior Minister*

*Paul M. Sims, Minister*

*Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister*

*Timothy Belflowers, Organist*

*David Mosely, Ministry Intern*

*Sarah Poindexter, Ministry Intern*

*Taylor Vancil, Ministry Intern*

*The Chancel Choir*

*The Choral Scholars*

*Joe Litaker, Deacon*

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

*Christina Kale, Robin Haas, Ginny Brock*

*The sanctuary flowers are given by the grandchildren  
of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Copple, Jr. to the glory of God and in their loving memory*

## **Trunk or Treat**

This Saturday, October 31, 5:30 p.m., we hope to fill our parking lot with cars and kids for this year's Trunk or Treat. Volunteers will be needed to help throughout the event (contact Pat Herrell). We also need a lot more candy to be donated (place in marked bin in the Gathering Area). Bring a lawn chair as there's no need to stand throughout the event. Last year we had around 800 people for Trunk or Treat. What a wonderful outreach opportunity. There's something each of us can do.

## **Something New For This Year's Fall Bazaar**

The annual Fall Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 7. Invite someone to attend with you. Items available for sale will include all types of casseroles, homemade cakes/pies/candy/cookies/breads, etc., craft items, Christmas decorations and so much more. Something new for this year -- Santa will be at the Bazaar! Parents, bring your children and camera. You can take your child's picture with Santa for a donation of your choice. Proceeds will be given to Crisis Assistance Ministry.

## **Mission Blitz - Saturday, November 14**

Sign up on the Missions Board across from the Choir Room to help with one of the projects for this one-day mission blitz in our community. A **Celebration Feast** will follow on Sunday, November 15 following morning worship.

## **Union Baptist Association Annual Session**

The Annual Session will be held here at First Baptist this Tuesday, October 27. The first session will be at 2:30, with dinner to follow at 5:30. The second session will begin at 7:00.

## **Faith in Fiction Book Club**

You are invited to join the members of the Book Club for their meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Pat Conroy's book *South of Broad* will be reviewed and discussed.

