

First Baptist Church at Worship

“You Will Be My Witnesses” (Acts 1:8)

September 13, 2009

Eleven O’Clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary *“Meditation on ‘When I Survey’”* by Robert Lau

Greeting and Call to Worship John Hewett

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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*I love the Lord, because God has heard
my voice and my supplications.*

***Because God inclined his ear to me,
I will call on God as long as I live.***

*What shall I return to the Lord
for all God’s bounty to me?*

***I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.***

***I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God’s people.***

Let us worship God.

+ Hymn 95 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* CORONATION
 stanza 1 - all stanza 4 - men
 stanza 2 - women stanza 5 - all
 stanza 3 - choir

+ Invocation Sara Spahr Stubbs

+ The Peace John Hewett
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

+ Gloria Patri GREATOREX
*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.*

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session

The Word

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a

David Mosely

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116 – *“I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”* setting by Richard Smallwood

after the soloist sings stanza 1, the congregation is invited to sing stanzas 1 and 2

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A Reading from the Epistles: James 3:1-12

John Hewett

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 8:27-38

Sarah Poindexter

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Rebuking Jesus”

John Hewett

Responding

Anthem

“Christus Paradox”

setting by Alfred Fedak

The Chancel Choir

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.

You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,

Shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier’s toss,

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God’s side.

You, who preach a way that’s narrow, have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and our life.

– Sylvia Dunstan, 20th century

Confession of Sin

Taylor Vancil

Lord Jesus, you asked your disciples,

“Who do you say that I am?”

We would like to be like Peter and answer,

“You are the Messiah.”

But we confess that it is much easier to say we follow you than to do it.

We accept more readily the ways of the world than the strange Way of the cross.

We love the lovely and lovable.

We promote our own interests more easily than we deny them.

We seek our own gain before that of others.

We aim to save our lives, not lose them.

Forgive us, Lord Christ.

Teach us to be faithful regardless of the cost.

Remind us that when we give ourselves to others we give ourselves to you. Amen.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn 213

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

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

Ray Casner

All loose change received in September will benefit the Literacy Council, a local agency whose mission is to improve the quality of life of individuals by teaching them to read, write, speak and understand the English language. Please give as you are able.

Offertory

“Day by Day”

by K. Lee Scott

The Chancel Choir

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Thanks be to thee, Lord Jesus, for all the benefits which thou hast won for us;

For all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us,

O merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother.

– Richard of Chichester, 13th century

Concerns of the Congregation

John Hewett

The Discipline of Silence

Prayers of the People

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.*

Sending

+ Commission and Blessing

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

by Henry Purcell

+ Those who are able may stand

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

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~ All worshipers are encouraged to complete the Attendance Register located at the end of each pew. ~

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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
Jessica Bachelder, soloist
The Chancel Choir
David Mosely, Ministry Intern
Sarah Poindexter, Ministry Intern
Taylor Vancil, Ministry Intern
The Choral Scholars
Ray Casner, Deacon*

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

Christina Kale, Robin Haas, Nancy Sumrow, Jennifer Hissam

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Gary and Judy Jewell
to the glory of God and in loving memory of their grandson, Luke*

This Week at FBC

Sunday, September 13

- 9:30 AM** Bible Fellowship
- 10:45 AM** Preschool Extended Session
- 11:00 AM** Service of Worship
- 12:00 PM** College Lunch/Bible Study
- 5:00 PM** Youth Group
- 5:45 PM** Student Choir
- 6:30 PM** Snack Supper
- 7:00 PM** Chancel Ringers

Monday, September 14

- 10:30 AM** Song Service at Brian Center
- 2:00 PM** Poovey/Denmark Group
- 6:30 PM** TOPS

Tuesday, September 15

- 9:30 AM** Craft Club

Wednesday, September 16

- 4:30 PM** Children's Baptism Class
- 5:30 PM** Fellowship Meal
 - Buffet: spaghetti/salad/garlic bread*
 - Kid's meal: same as buffet*
- 6:15 PM** Music Time (ages 3-4)
 - Music Makers (K-grade 1)
 - Children's Choir (grades 2-5)
 - Youth Discussion
 - Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 PM** Macedonia Mission Report
- 6:45 PM** Mission Friends (age 3-K)
 - Girls' Missions (grades 1-5)
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- 7:30 PM** Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 17

- 8:00 AM** Young-at-Heart Trip to Flat Rock

Wednesday Night Meals

The Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals will resume this week. The meal will be served from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 for age 12-adults, and \$2.50 for children 11 and under (maximum of \$15 per family). If you would like permanent reservations and do not have them, please call the church office. Those desiring week-to-week reservations (or to cancel a reservation) should call the church office by noon on Tuesdays. Volunteers are needed to help serve and cleanup once per month. To volunteer, call Marsha Sexton in the church office. Those volunteering receive their meal free on the night they serve.

Baptism Class

Parents of children age 8-12 are reminded that their Baptism Class begins this Wednesday. This seven-week experience will be taught by Dr. Hewett on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30. If you have not registered your child, please call the church office.

Young-at-Heart Trip

Young-at-Heart members will enjoy a trip this Thursday to the Flat Rock Playhouse for the matinee performance of “*Around the World in 80 Days.*” The group will leave from the church at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to go, please call the church office by noon tomorrow.

Blood Drive

The Monroe Lions Club and First Baptist will sponsor a Blood Drive on Friday, September 18 from 2:30-7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. To make an appointment, please call the church office.

Hymn Festival

“*Telling the Story*”, a Hymn Festival about Jesus’ Life and Ministry, will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. It will be led by Mary Louise Bringle, Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Brevard College and President of the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada. It will feature our Chancel Choir and Choral Scholars, and the Men’s Chorus and Women’s Chorus of Wingate University.

WMU Leadership Training

The annual training session will be held on Monday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Union Baptist Association Resource Center. A light meal will be served prior to the training session.

Book Club

At their September meeting, members of the Faith in Fiction Book Club chose the book, *The Guernsey Literacy and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrow, for review and discussion at their October 1st meeting. For November, they have chosen the book *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy for review.

Needs for the Fall Bazaar

Donations of gallon-size Ziploc freezer bags as well as 8 x 8 aluminum pans are needed for the casseroles for this year’s Bazaar. Please place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area.