



ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Worship at First Baptist Church typically includes a mixture of scripture and song, prayer and proclamation, with various sacred rituals woven in to deepen our understanding of God's love and our calling to reflect that love in our daily lives. Today's service includes all these elements with an extra measure of ritual. We begin with the celebration of baptism, a ritual which marks our formal entrance into the body of Christ, and end with the dedication of a child, a ritual which marks our commitment to nurture children in faith. We also experience another ritual moment in recognizing Lin Carter at the end of his thirteen-year tenure of ministry at First Baptist Church. Though this transition in his role among us brings mixed emotions, it does seem appropriate that he ends his time formally guiding us in Christian discipleship on a Sunday when we celebrate two central rituals of the Christian journey. The texts we read, all coming from the lectionary, seem equally appropriate, as the Isaiah passage talks about looking to the rock from which we were hewn, the Romans passage talks about living transformed lives, and the Matthew passage includes Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah and Jesus' promise to build a church against which the Gates of Hades will not prevail. The sermon explores the latter part of this Gospel text, what it means for the Gates of Hades not to prevail against the church, and the anthem echoes its central claims. We depart to serve as witnesses to the truths we proclaim here through word and song, to put feet on our prayers, to live each day as Jesus people, increasing the love of God and neighbor.

YOUTH KICKOFF, for students in grades 6-12 and their parents, will take place tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

BLOCK PARTY will be held this Wednesday, August 30. We'll gather in our parking lot from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. for an evening of live music, inflatables, and activities. Food Truck, *BBQN4U*, will be selling BBQ pork and chicken, hot dogs, burgers, etc.

MEAL RESERVATIONS may be made on the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)) under the Food and Faith section, by email ([jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by **noon on Fridays (please note the new deadline)**. Menu for September 6: Sloppy Joes, Peas, French Fries, Garden Salad and Dessert.

REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES will resume on September 6. Please remember to make meal reservations no later than **Friday, September 1**.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: *Evensong*. On Wednesday, September 6, the Discipleship Committee will lead this evening prayer service, including lighting of candles, Scripture reading, shared litanies, silent reflection, hymn singing, and guided prayers.

DEACON NOMINATIONS will be received on Sunday, September 24. If you are eligible but do not wish to be considered, contact Denise Arnold (919-832-4485, ext. 200) by noon on Wednesday, September 6.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD KIOSK will be available on Wednesdays to pay for Centerpoint meal. Wayne Hager will be on hand to assist with first-time users.

SHOWING OF THE FILM, *The Ties that Bind*, will be held on Sunday, September 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please see "From the Pastor" in the August 4 issue of *First Foundations* for more details.

### Calendar Highlights August 27–September 3

- Sun, August 27  
 Family Promise Families (through 9/2)  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship, Baptism (S)  
 Japanese Worship (227)  
 12:15 Lin Carter Reception (Lewis Building Lobby)  
**5:30 Youth Kickoff (FH)**
- Mon, August 28  
 5:30 Personnel Committee (CR)  
 5:45 Finance Sub-Committee (L)
- Tues, August 29  
 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)  
 5:30 Toy Joy Kickoff Meeting (CR)  
 6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
- Wed, August 30  
 10:00 Clothing Ministry open  
 5:00 Block Party (Parking Lot)  
 6:30 Properties Committee (CR)  
 7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, August 31  
 11:00 Library Committee (L)  
 1:00 Clothing Ministry open
- Sun, September 3  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship (S)  
 Japanese Worship (227)

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

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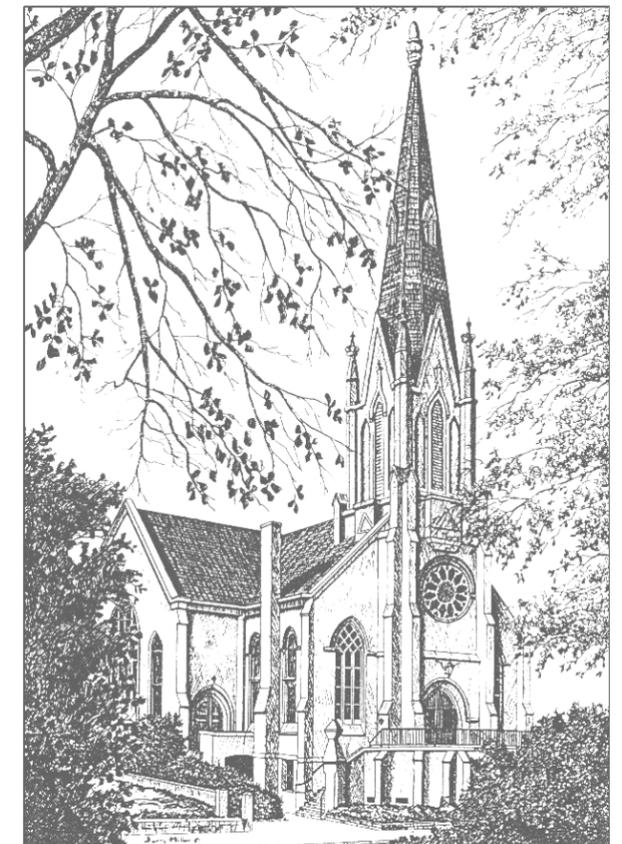
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