

**First Baptist Church meeting at Harmon Field**

**May 22, 2016**

**Ten-Thirty in the Morning**

**The Worship of God**

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Opening Duet *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* Phil & Gaye Johnson

Call to Worship Jeff Harris

Almighty God, in the waters of baptism you have transformed us, marking us as your children, and recreating us through the work of your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Shower us once more with your grace that we might be renewed in your spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Invocation Candy Wilson

Hymn *Shall We Gather At the River* HANSON PLACE

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *(Refrain)*

'Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *(Refrain)*

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *(Refrain)*

Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Scripture Reading Romans 6:3-4 Angela Radaker

Duet *This is My Father's World* Phil and Gaye Johnson

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:26-28 Brian Radaker

Duet *For the Beauty of the Earth* Phil and Gaye Johnson

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Jeff Harris

Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise:  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home:  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger; Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
 Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
 Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Meditation "Deep Water" Jeff Harris

Celebrating the Baptisms of Brian and Angela Radaker

Duet *Let's Go Down to the River to Pray* Phil and Gaye Johnson

Hymn *Amazing Grace* NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
 I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now, I see.

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've first begun

Benediction and Blessing of the Meal Jeff Harris

**We are grateful to have Phil and Gaye Johnson provide music for worship.**

Thanks to the Social Committee for hosting today's picnic.

**"The Lost Boy: Young Jesus in the Temple"** will be presented at LaurelHurst by the Children's Choir today at 2:30pm. Children should arrive at 1:15pm to practice.

**Blue Ridge Ringers in concert, today, 4pm** – This will be an exciting bell choir concert you will not want to miss! The Blue Ridge Ringers are WNC's premier community hand bell ensemble, using 61 hand bells and hand chimes spanning five octaves. The bell choir is under the direction of Robert Currier, and the concerts consists of widely varied music and features Crystal Smith on clarinet and Joella Newberry on flute. Come and invite a friend to this special concert in our sanctuary!

**May 29 is a Fifth Sunday**, when we receive the **"I Love My Church"** Offering.

**June 5 is Graduate Sunday.** High school and college graduates will be recognized during worship.

**VBS at FBC is scheduled for Aug 1-4** (Monday-Thursday), 6-8pm. This year's theme is "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love." We need your help. We are looking for preschool teachers and leaders. For children grades 1-5 we need activity center leaders in Bible storytelling, crafts, recreation, and missions. We also need adult guides for age-level groups, an assembly leader, supply coordinator, and publicity coordinator. If you would be willing to help with VBS in any of these areas, please contact Candy Wilson.

**Sign-up sheets for FBC's summer activities** are on the bulletin board in the education hallway at the church. We encourage you to participate in one or all of the activities.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, May 22	10:30	am	Worship at Harmon Field
	2:30	pm	Children's choir presents "The Lost Boy" at LaurelHurst
	4:00	pm	Blue Ridge Ringers concert at FBC
	6:00	pm	Refuge at Thermal Belt Outreach
Tuesday, May 24	10:30	am	Staff meeting
	7:00	pm	Scholarship committee meeting - parlor
Wednesday, May 25	6:00	pm	Bell Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 29	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship – I Love My Church offering
Monday, May 30	all	day	Office Closed – memorial day

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