

For the Worship of Almighty God

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Service of Deacon Ordination

February 10, 2019

11:00 a.m.

WITH HEARTS AND VOICES

Welcome Bill Sapp

Prelude *Toccata in C* Pachelbel
Baxter Jennings, organist

*Call to Worship Bill Sapp

Leader: The noise of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears.

People: Call us into your way of life, O Lord.

Leader: The complaints of others settle in our minds and cloud our vision.

People: Lead us into your vision of life, O Lord.

Leader: The cries of the poor, the oppressed, and the outcast pierce our hearts.

People: Guide us in your example of living for others, O Lord.

Leader: Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with your love, O Lord.

People: May we be your hands and feet in the world, worshipping, loving, and serving together.

*Invocation & 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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

*Hymn 578 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 6: 1-13 (pg.591)

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.

*Gospel Lesson Luke 5: 1-11 (pg.893)

The Gospel of our Lord; Praise be to you, O Christ.

WITH OPEN HANDS

*Hymn 295 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

Prayer of Dedication Ross Gale

Offertory *I Will Tell the Wondrous Story* arr. Held

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*Hymn 809 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

WITH TEACHABLE MINDS

Anthem *Lord, Here Am I* John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me,
And I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission
Appointed for me, What is my labor,
And where it shall be. Master, Thou callest,
And this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, To take up the cross;
Willing to suffer Reproaches and loss; Willing to follow,
if Thou will but lead; Only support me With grace in my need.
Master, Thou callest, And this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living or dying, I still would be Thine, Yet I am mortal
While Thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
Pity, and bring me again to the light. Master, thou callest,
And this I reply "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I, here am I."

Sermon *A Sending God* Rev. Grammer

WITH SERVING HEARTS

A Word about our Deacon Ministry Bobby Moore
Deacon Chair

RECOGNITION OF LIFE DEACONS

At First Baptist Church, we honor those deacons who serve among us for at least two terms (6 years) and who have reached 75 years of age as Life Deacons. This honor applies whether the person continues in ministry and service or is no longer an active deacon. We are grateful to have so many wonderful, gifted servants in this role.

CURRENT LIFE DEACONS

John Roger Abbott	James E. Fetter	William Jerry Perdue
Jim Barnett	Howard Fringer	Hal Prillaman
John Burgess	Juanita Gauldin	Jean Rood (Active)
Robert Canupp	Armand F. Harrell	Earl Simpson
John. R. Crouch	David Lewis	Bruce Spencer
Drury David Doss	Marvin Midkiff	Clifford Rood (Active)
Joseph N. Engle	Betsy Miers	

NEW LIFE DEACONS

Ruth R. Dandridge (active)
Robert G. Moore (active)
Jean Rood (active)

THE ORDINATION AND COMMISSIONING OF NEW DEACONS

We ordain and commission two new deacons to our deacon body here at First Baptist Church. These new deacons will provide spiritual, physical, and emotional care for members of our congregation, assist the pastor in shepherding the flock, and offer leadership in our community of believers. This sacred task is one blessed by the congregation for those accepting this call into servant ministry.

OUR NEW DEACONS

Darnell Cockram Errol Wallace

COVENANT OF THE DEACONS AND CONGREGATION

Minister: For our new deacons, so that all may know your willingness and desire to take upon yourselves this servant leadership position, please share with us your covenantal promise of care.

Deacons-Elect: *We believe that we have been called by God and this Church to the office of Deacon. We promise, according to our ability and God's grace, to serve our church faithfully, in word and in deed, as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Minister: For our current deacons, as our newly-ordained deacons join you in your mission, do you, deacons of First Baptist Church, bless and honor their commitment of service among you?

Ordained Deacons: *As active, ordained deacons, we covenant with these deacons ordained here today to live out Christ's call to serve one another in love.*

Minister: As members of this congregation, do you join with these servants of God as willing participants in God's Kingdom through First Baptist Church?

Congregation: **We do. We give thanks to God for these deacons and the ministry before them. For deacons in active service and those being ordained, we pray God's grace upon them as they serve this church, and upon us as we receive their ministry.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Our new deacons being ordained will sit at the front of the church. If you feel led, please come to the front and place your hands on each of our new deacons and offer a prayer or word of support. This act of laying on of hands symbolizes the invocation of the Holy Spirit into someone's life. May our hands and our prayers bless these new servants as they begin their good work among us as deacons in 2019.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Grammer

WITH OBEDIENT FEET

*Hymn 670	<i>Rise Up, O Saints of God!</i>	FESTAL SONG
*Benediction		Rev. Grammer
*Benediction Response	<i>Amen</i>	Larson
Postlude	<i>Chaconne in D minor</i>	Pachelbel

Rev. John Fulcher, guest music director

Join us for a reception! Immediately following worship today, please come to the bell tower to celebrate our new deacons with fellowship and food!

Today is the Fifth Sunday After Epiphany in the Christian year. Epiphany (January 6) celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The Season of Epiphany continues this emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry. The liturgical color for the season is green, representing new life and growth.

Active Deacons 2019

Crystal Darden	Stephens Turner
Gary Darden	Cliff Rood
Ronnie Garren	Ruth Dandridge
Joe Hundley	Errol Wallace
Roslyn Wingett	Jean Rood
Linda Dorr	Darnell Cockram
Bobby Moore-Chair	Linda Moore
Linda Read	

Who's My Deacon? If you have not yet connected with your assigned deacon this year, please feel free to contact the church office to find out who is assigned to you/your family for this year. The deacon will be in touch by phone/mail/email to get to know you soon, if they have not already!

PRAYER REMINDER

CHURCH FAMILY: John Abbott, Alice Bowman, John Floyd, Jean and Boyd Gray, George Lester, Mary Lou McGoldrick, Betty Minter, Amber Nowlin, Betty Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton, Benny Shires, Roy Thomas, Gayle Williams.

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Martha Crawley in the loss of her sister, Nancy Arrington.
Dean Johnston in the loss of his mother, Helen Johnston.

The Family and Friends prayer reminder list is now located in the narthex on the welcome table for you to pick up.

MISSIONARY PRAYER: Pat and Mich, Persian Ministry. Pat and her husband, Mich, serve among Persian-speaking people worldwide and across the East coast of the United States through a creative ministry of technology. Pat's goals are to bear witness to Jesus Christ, cultivate beloved community, serve the Global Church, and assist with poverty and migration issues.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, February 10

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Reception in the Bell Tower

Monday, February 11

10:00 a.m. Knitting Ministry
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Reh

Tuesday, February 12

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 13

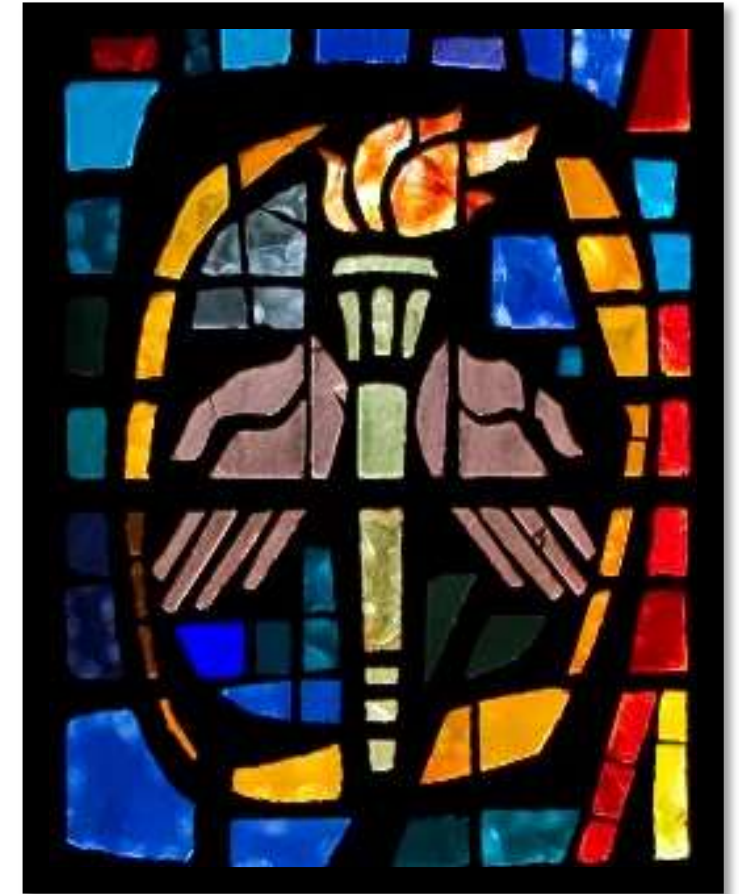
10:00 a.m. Library Committee meeting
6:00 p.m. PUBLIC Theology

Thursday, February 14

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Acts

IN APPRECIATION: GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Jim Turner and Esta Wilson by Helen Dandridge. **FLOWER FUND:** A gift has been given in memory of Jim Turner by Helen Wright. **GRACE NETWORK:** A gift has been given in memory of Jim Turner by Marie Dalton. A gift has been given in memory of Esta Wilson by Helen Wright.

First Baptist Church



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Mission Statement:

The congregation of First Baptist Church, led by the Holy Spirit, covenants to worship Almighty God and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Consistent with the Great Commission, we will share our spiritual gifts beyond our doors with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.