

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Rev. Josh Powers

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Gracious and loving God, in the waters of baptism you name us and claim us and make us your own. Thank you for the gift of new life and for the invitation to experience that life in the community of your church. Fill us with your Spirit, call deeply to our hearts, and lead us to more fully and faithfully follow Jesus. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions, that we may be your hands and voice in a world so hungry to experience good news. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Responsive Reading

LEADER: Blessed are you God, who draws us from the water in birth and rebirth, who claims us with a love from which nothing can separate us.

PEOPLE: Come now, God, and send your Spirit among us. From your infinite love, mercy and grace, strengthen these, your children.

LEADER: Fill their souls with the power of Your Spirit, so that through faith, You will come to reside in their hearts.

PEOPLE: May love be the rich soil where their lives take root.

LEADER: May it be the bedrock where their lives are founded so that, together with all your people, they will gain wisdom and understanding that your love is infinitely long, wide, high and deep, surpassing anything they have or will ever experience.

PEOPLE: Sisters and brothers, let us remember who we are; let us remember our own baptism.

LEADER: Know once again that you are claimed by God forever. There is no reason any longer to be afraid.

PEOPLE: The Spirit moves among us. Let us worship and praise God! AMEN

SPECIAL MUSIC... “Been Through the Water”..... John Beard

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Brennan Cripps Hollis Cripps Joel Powers Layla Smith Tyler Smith

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

PASTOR: Do you, _____, by your baptism, profess faith in Christ as your Savior and Lord? And do you commit yourself to faithfully serve Him?

CANDIDATE: I do.

PASTOR: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to pray for, to give encouragement to, and to help _____ serve Christ through our congregation?

CONGREGATION: We do.

PRAYER Pastor

HYMN ... “Baptized in Water” 449

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE..... Rebecca Blake

OFFERTORY HYMN... “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”.....440

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Usher

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Hebrews 11:1-16; 12:1-2*.....Molly Abbott and Reggie Jackson

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain’s. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts.⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.⁷ By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

ANTHEM ... “Again and Again”Choir

SERMON Pastor

CLOSING HYMN... “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”497

BENEDICTION Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Dwight Saunders' Team

NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Barbara Smith, Mary Williams, Angel Robinson

NEXT SUNDAY Chris and Barbie Blake

CALENDAR

THURSDAY ...

11:00 a.m. Community Meal

NEXT SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Supper Teams Meeting

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, George Lythacum			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner, Karen Dailey, Janet Maness				Bob Moore	nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Don Britt	nephew
	Tony Lawson	friend	Candy/Rodney Loflin	John Covington	brother
	Toni Atchison	sister		Curtis Holt	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Wesley Culler	friend
Rebecca, Jimmy Blake	Jennifer Hoyos	daughter		Lois Loflin	mother
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Barbara Lythacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law		Melissa Green	daughter
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
			Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
			Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		

Our Love and Sympathy ... to friends and family of Angie and Don McCaskill.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,398.00

Monthly budget needs \$10,393.00

Last week's offering\$3,512.55

July offering \$10,794.50