

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

April 18, 2010

The Third Sunday of Easter

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

John Hewett

The Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Organ Voluntary

"Theme and Variations on 'Land of Rest'"

by Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

Paul Sims

+ Hymn 250

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LLANFAIR

+ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

John Hewett

+ 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 after a prayer with Dr. Hewett

The Word

First Lesson

Acts 9:1-20

John Hewett

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 59 — *"I Will Joyfully Sing"*

setting by Mary McDonald

sung by the Chancel Choir

I will joyfully sing in the morning, I will joyfully sing all the day.

I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day.

I will lift up my eyes in the morning, for the Lord will not turn me away.

I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day.

The Easter Gospel

John 21:1-19

Fred Simpson

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responding

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn 558

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

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

Paula Lee

All loose change received in April will benefit FoodPks4Kids, which provides food and snacks on weekends for school children who might otherwise go hungry. Please give as you are able.

Offertory

"Move Me"

by Richard Alan Henderson

Move me, move me, move me to do thy will

Commissioning for Operation Inasmuch

Vickie Tuggle

+ Easter Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning the offering to the Chancel

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

– The Venerable Bede, 8th century

Sending

+ The Peace

John Hewett

*The peace of the Risen Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+ Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*The Spirit of Christ says, "Get up and go."
Go and extend God's circle of love,
go and offer a healing touch to the world,
go and celebrate Spirit's presence in all.*

*Our eyes have been opened
and we are filled with new visions of the way.
We will go where the Spirit of Christ leads.*

+ Spiritual

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*
2. *I'm gonna work*
3. *I'm gonna pray*
4. *I'm gonna sing*

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

"Festive Flourish on 'Old Hundredth'"

Fred Bock

+ Those who are able may stand

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

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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

The Chancel Choir

Paula Lee, Deacon

Fred Simpson, Reader

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are Robin Haas and Angie Baskins

Variety Show

The annual Variety Show will take place tonight at 6:30 in the basement. Cost is \$5.00. Dessert will be available following the show for a donation of your choice. Money raised will be used to help purchase a heavy-duty sewing machine for a family within the Roma Church in Macedonia. This machine will help the family support itself through a new business and help provide sewing training to others within the village.

Operation Inasmuch

Participate in our one-day community mission blitz coming Saturday, April 24. As part of Operation Inasmuch, we are one of many churches promoting Christ's love through community mission projects all over North Carolina. This ministry allows living Christ's teaching of, "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." All ages and abilities within our congregation will have opportunities to be part of this day. These include prayer opportunities, a yard sale, construction/home repair, painting projects, yard work, craft projects, office support, photography, lunch preparation, child care and more. Sign up after worship today.

Special Collection Needs:

Yard Sale Donations – put aside items now for our yard sale. Bring sale items to Room 305 through Thursday, April 22.

Small Rolling Suitcases – This is a special project for children being undertaken by our Craft Club.

Yarn, Knitting Needles and Materials – As part of Operation Inasmuch, we will be collecting these items to assist the Roma Community within Macedonia.

Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room is most important as we will make decisions that will impact our future. We will hear reports from the Treasurer, Clerk, Nominating Committee, and Boards of Deacons, Trustees, Missions and Christian Education.

Coming on Wednesday Nights in May and June

Dr. Hewett will lead a study entitled ***I AM SECOND*** on Wednesdays at 6:30 during May and June. It is a movement meant to inspire people of all kinds to live for God and for others. The authentic stories of ordinary people will provide insight into dealing with typical struggles of everyday living. These are stories that give hope to the lonely and the hurting, help from destructive lifestyles, and inspiration to the unfulfilled. You'll discover people who've tried to go it alone and failed. Find the hope, peace, and fulfillment they found through ***I AM SECOND***.

NC Baptist Children's Homes

In support of our Baptist Children's Homes, we are collecting all types of canned foods and paper products for their annual Food Roundup. Please place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area by the end of April.

Missions-in-Motion

A Mission Action Team for Wednesday evenings

May 5 - June 16

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Watch the newsletter for more details!

