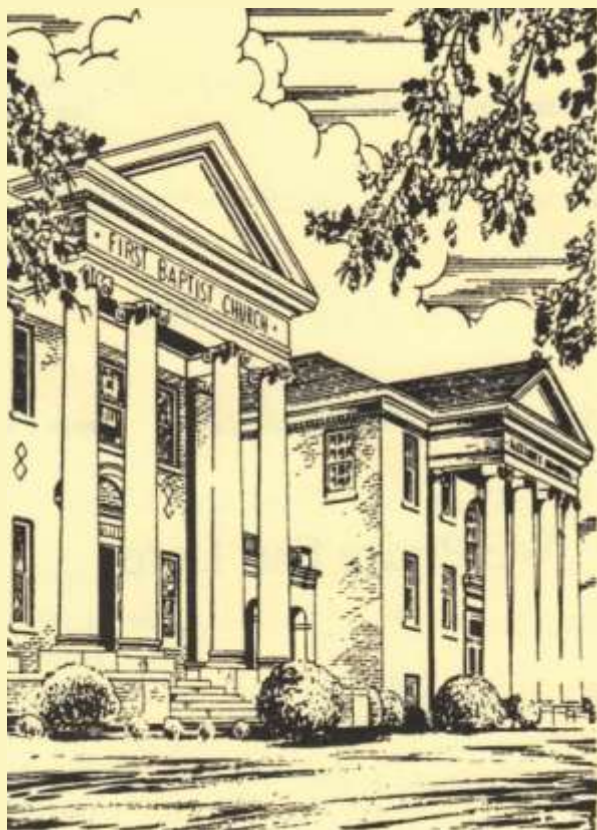


*First Baptist Church
Forest City, NC
May 9, 2010*



*We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard,
so that you also may have fellowship with us.
And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son,
Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:3)*

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Gathering

An Invitation to Worship Phillip Greene, piano
Welcome to Worship Tony Spencer

Praise

Introit 57 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* VLEUGEL

Dedication

Litany of Dedication

Leader: We come to dedicate ourselves to God.

Parents: We, as parents, come to dedicate ourselves to God.

Leader: What can we affirm about our children?

People: They are made in the image of God and are God's children by creation.

Leader: As they grow, how will we show them they are God's children?

People: We will love and include them in the life of this church family.

Leader: As they grow into childhood, what will we tell them about our faith?

People: We will tell them about Abraham, the father of our faith, about Sarah, the mother of Isaac, about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage, about Ruth's example of faithfulness, about the Israelite hope for the Messiah, about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery, and about the history of the church as the people of God.

Leader: What will we expect of our children?

People: We look forward to the day they openly declare their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Leader: Do you, the parents of these children, promise to raise them in Christian homes, teaching them about Jesus, bringing them to church, and nurturing their love of God?

Parents: Yes, we do.

Leader: And do you, the family of First Baptist Church, pledge to create a place where these children can know and love God, and do you pledge to support and nurture these parents?

People: Yes, we do.

Leader: May we please God in these actions.

People: May we please God.

Prayer of Dedication Barry Keys

Congregational Response 84 *Children of the Heavenly Father*
TRYGGARE

Proclamation

Children's Time Brandi Powers

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-6

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* Rutter
Combined Youth and Sanctuary Choirs

Sermon *The Altar of Bad Choices* Barry Keys

Stewardship

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Chatham

The Gathering . . . Going Forth

Benediction