

Financial Report

Receipts	6/30	2013	Requirements
Budget	\$ 9,951	\$ 151,597	\$171,725
Non-Budget	10	\$ 12,294	N/A
Totals	\$ 9,961	\$ 163,891	N/A

The I Love My Church offering collected last Sunday totaled \$3,508.00.

Looking ahead: There will be a Quarterly Church Conference immediately following worship on Sunday, July 28.

“So, you’re a Baptist . . . ”

During this month, adults and youth, grades 6-12, will gather for a combined Sunday School experience in the activity building. “So, you’re a Baptist . . . ” will explore the good, bad, and the ugly of being a Baptist. In an increasing post-denominational age, when folks know very little about their denominational heritage, and could care about it even less, it is important to understand the unique history and contributions of our Baptist kinfolk. Please join us for this time of education and fellowship.

- July 7 Grassroots Faith
- July 14 Glory Be . . .
- July 21 Go therefore and make disciples
- July 28 God nor government coerces faith

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First Baptist Church

July 7, 2013

Eleven O’Clock in the Morning

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God

The Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

The Prelude

‘Nearer’ Medley

-Janelle A. Clark

The Litany in Celebration of Religious Liberty

Jeff Harris

Magistrates are not by virtue of their office to meddle with religion or matters of conscience, to force or compel people to this or that form of religion. (John Smyth, 1612)

We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.

No king nor bishop can or is able to command faith. That is the gift of God. To constrain princes and peoples to receive the one true religion of the gospel is wholly against the mind and merciful law of Christ. (Leonard Busher, 1614)

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Every person ought to be left free with respect to matters of religion. The Holy Author of our religion needs no compulsive measures for the promotion of God’s cause. (General Committee of Baptists in Virginia, 1785).

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Everyone must give a personal account to God, and therefore all people ought to be at liberty to serve God in a way that each can best reconcile to his own conscience. (John Leland, 1791).

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Religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced. It is not the prerogative of any power to compel people to conform to any religious creed or form of worship, or to worship, or to pay taxes for the support of a creed they do not believe. God wants free worshipers and no other kind. (George W. Truett, 1920).

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Baptists believe in free churches within a free state. We believe religious liberty to be an inalienable human right and indispensable to human welfare. Profoundly convinced that any deprivation of this right is a wrong to be challenged, we condemn every form of compulsion or restraint in religion. (The American Baptist Bill of Rights, 1939).

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The Invocation Elizabeth Burrell

†The Hymn of Praise 382 *God, the Father of Your People* HOLY MANNA

†The Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Children’s Time Candace Wilson
(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for children’s church after The Children’s Time.)

The Responsive Reading of Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 Kim McFarland
In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Dedication 628 *A Servant of the Least* DIADEMATA

†The Offertory Prayer JT Johnson

The Offertory and Meditation *The Church’s One Foundation* -Mark Hayes

†The Doxology 253 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

The Scripture Reading I Peter 2:2-10 (p.222) Candace Wilson

The Solo (Julie Miller) *Grace Alone* -S. Brown/J. Nelson

The Sermon *Why Do I Say I Am Baptist?* Candace Wilson

†The Hymn of Response 399 *Believers All, We Bear the Name* FOREST GREEN

†The Benediction Jeff Harris

†The Congregational Response *May the Spirit Bind Us Together* -Brad Stevens
(May the Spirit bind us together as we build this house of faith; One in heart and one in spirit may we grow; May we raise our voices in witness; May our lives reflect Thy grace; One in heart and one in spirit as we go, as we go.)

The Postlude *Recessional from “The Royal Fireworks”* -G.F. Handel
†Standing, if you are able, please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Refuge
Monday	10:30 am	NO Staff Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	NO Chancel Choir tonight
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 pm	Worship
	5:00 pm	Refuge – Guest Speaker

If you are a guest, we offer you a warm welcome and hope you will experience a meaningful time of worship. As your offering today, please complete a welcome card, found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate.

Acolytes for today are Caleb Anagnos and Ashlyn Green.

The Brotherhood will meet on **Monday, July 15th** at 6:30pm in the Activity Building. John Spinks will be in charge of the meal and the program. Cost of the meal is \$5 and a sign-up sheet is posted in the SS foyer. Jeff Byrd, of CooperRiis, will be the guest speaker. Please join us for this informative meeting. All men of the church are invited. Come and bring a friend!