

Looking toward Fall . . .

S.E.E. and Refuge begin tonight, September 14, at 5:00pm. Our study will be led by Dr. Donald Berry, Professor of Religious Studies at Gardner-Webb University and Director of the Global Missions Resource Center. We will explore world religions, starting with Islam tonight. Dr. Berry will also cover the topics of Pluralism (September 28), Latter Day Saints (October 12), Jehovah's Witnesses (October 26), and Scientology (November 9). The S.E.E. meal tonight will be hamburgers with all the fixin's, provided by Phil and Paula Edwards.

The Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Monday, September 15.** The event will be in the Activity Building, and will run from 12:30pm until 5:00pm. You can register by calling 894-2700. Please bring your photo ID or Red Cross ID.

The **Brotherhood** meets at 6:30pm in the Activity Building **Monday, September 15,** to hear a program by Paquito Dona on his recent trip to Lithuania as a member of the Air Force Reserve. Bob Scruggs is in charge of the meal (cost is \$5). All men of the church are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

A **Chancel Choir Retreat** is scheduled this **Saturday, September 20.** The choir will meet from 10:00am until 3:00pm to rehearse Christmas music. Lunch will be provided. If you'd like to raise your voice in song for Christmas, please join us!

Children's Choir begins **September 21** at 5:00pm. The children will meet every Sunday.

Save the Date! Church picnic and worship on **September 28, Harmon Field.** Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share.

The **Church-Wide Mission Day, Saturday, October 4,** is fast approaching, and many of you *have* volunteered to work. There are tasks for every age and skill level, so prayerfully consider how you can help that day, and sign up.

September 7, 2014

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 5,526	I Love My Church	\$110
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,674		
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 220,300		
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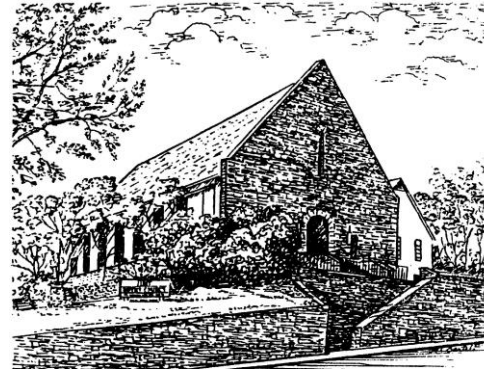
Minister of Music and Christian Formation

Kay Greene, Pianist

E. Leslie Raymond, Organist

Sandy Frady, Handbell Choir Director

John Spinks, Sexton



First Baptist Church

September 14, 2014

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God

The Music for Gathering Kay Greene

The Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

The Prelude *The Journey* -Dvořák/Martin

The Call to Worship Candace Wilson

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells with each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

The Invocation Lawson Carter

†The Hymn of Praise 7 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

†The Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Children's Time "Mr. Skip" Williams
(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for children's church after The Children's Time.)

The Responsive Reading Psalm 111 Ben McEntire
Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

#GraceItForward

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Dedication 507 *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families* NETTLETON

†The Offertory Prayer Elizabeth Burrell

The Offertory and Meditation *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* -arr. V.T. Courtney

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

The Scripture Reading Ruth 1:1-19 (p. 237) Jeff Harris

The Anthem *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* -Dale Wood

The Sermon "Ruth" Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Response 495 *Serve the Lord with Gladness* LEE

†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 *Life More Abundant* -Ted Nichols
†Standing, if you are able, please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 14	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	3:00	pm	Nominating Committee Meeting - parlor
	5:00	pm	Acolyte Training – Sanctuary
	5:00	pm	SEE
Monday, September 15	6:00	pm	Refuge
	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
	12:30	pm	Red Cross Blood Drive – Activity Bldg
Tuesday, September 16	6:30	pm	Brotherhood
	6:50	pm	Deacons meeting – Rock House
Wednesday, September 17	10:00	am	Bible Study – Activity Building
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
Saturday, September 20	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	10:00	am	Chancel Choir retreat/rehearsal
Sunday, September 21	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	Children's Choir resumes (grades 1-5)
Monday, September 22	6:00	pm	Refuge
	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, September 24	10:00	am	Bible Study – Activity Building
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 28	10:00	am	NO Sunday School
	10:30	am	Worship/Picnic at Harmon Field
	5:00	pm	S.E.E.
	6:00	pm	NO Refuge

The acolytes today are Laney Littlefield and Ella Waldman.

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.

There will be **Acolyte training** for 1st - 5th grade children **tonight, September 14**. This will take place at 5pm during Children's Choir. Our Youth (grades 6-12) are also encouraged to participate as acolytes; but this training is for children (grades 1-5) who are currently serving as acolytes and for any child interested in becoming an acolyte.