

Bible Study resumed **Wednesday, January 7, 10am.** We are using *Making Sense of the Bible--Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Adam Hamilton. Bring a light dish and we'll share a meal afterward.

S.E.E. starts January 11, 5pm. Jeff Harris will lead a conversation titled *We Could be Wrong—Examining Moral and Ethical Issues from a Christian Perspective.* Contentious issues continue to divide churches and communities, but is there another way to approach these complex dilemmas? Can the church offer a better way forward than our tired binary (right/left) thinking? Join us for a series of respectful conversations modeling deep thinking and humility. Stephen Brady will lead a study (in the Rock House), from Louie Giglio's *Passion* series. His first study will be *The Symphony*, with words of inspiration and encouragement set to a backdrop of astronomy. The first meal we'll share will be pizza.

- January 11 Capital Punishment
- January 25 Abortion
- February 8 War, Violence, and Pacifism
- February 22 Politics, Parties, and the Separation of Church and State
- March 8 Race
- March 22 Creation Care and the Environment
- April 12 Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage
- April 26 Homosexuality
- May 17 Concluding Conversation

Red Cross Blood Drive tomorrow, January 12 – 12:30pm-5pm in Activity Building.

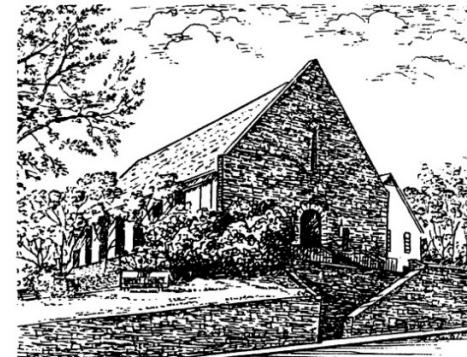
Deacons, mark your calendars! There will be a Deacon Retreat in the Rock House on Saturday, January 17, from 9am until noon.

Brotherhood is sponsoring a coat drive during the winter months. The collection box is located in the closet across the hall from the Lair Sunday School classroom and will be taken to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry each time it is full.

January 4, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving	\$	5,002
Weekly Budget Goal	\$	6,640
YTD Budget Giving	\$	5,002
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First Baptist Church

January 11, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Baptism of Jesus

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* -arr. Dale Wood

Call to Worship Candace Wilson

Over water your Spirit moved in the beginning of Creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Christ.

Under water we are buried with him in death, and raised from water we are resurrected with him in new life.

Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence are made known in Christ.

Make us his faithful followers.

Invocation Shelvie Foust

†Hymn of Praise 42 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* FOREST GREEN

†Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time Mr. "Skip" Williams
 (Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-7 (p. 636) Jeff Harris

Responsive Reading Psalm 29 Caitlin Britton

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

New Testament Reading Acts 19:1-7 (p. 132) Candace Wilson

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Dedication 518 *Shall We Gather at the River* HANSON PLACE

Offertory Prayer Lawson Carter

Offertory and Meditation *The Shepherd* -arr. Cindy Berry

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

Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11 (p. 40) Jeff Harris

Anthem *Down By the Jordan* -Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Sermon "Thrown In at the Deep End" Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Response 576 *Take the Name of Jesus With You* PRECIOUS NAME

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†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.)

Postlude *In Christ Called to Baptize* -ST. DENIO, arr. Ruth Duck

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 11	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	4:30	pm	Children's Choir parents' meeting
	5:00	pm	S.E.E.
	6:00	pm	Refuge
Monday, January 12	12:30	pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
	7:00	pm	Mission Team Meeting
Tuesday, January 13	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, January 14	10:00	am	Bible Study – Activity Building
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00	am	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Saturday, January 17	9:00	am	Deacon Retreat – Activity Building
Sunday, January 18	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	pm	Worship
	5:00	pm	Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
	6:00	pm	Refuge

Acolytes for today's service are Hayden Blackwell and Harper Harris.

If you are a guest, we are grateful that you are here. Please complete a welcome card (found in the pew pocket) and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written word of greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence with us today.

The following Committees will meet briefly after worship **today**, to choose a chairperson for 2015:

Ushers and Greeters Committee (Lair SS classroom); **Finance Committee** (library).

The following Committees will meet briefly after worship on **Sunday, January 18: Visitation Committee** (Lair SS classroom); **House and Grounds Committee** (library); **Bereavement Committee** (choir room).

Church committees for 2015, schedule times to meet, to elect new chairpersons. Please contact the church office with the time you'd like to meet. **Chairpersons for 2014 committees**, submit yearly reports to the church office by **January 25, 2015**.

Offering Envelopes for 2015 are ready, and may be picked up today. The boxes are labeled and on the counter in the church kitchen.