

We warmly welcome Margaret Hudgins to the First Baptist family. Margaret joined the church by letter of transfer on January 11, 2015.

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

**Brotherhood** will meet **January 19** at 6:30pm in the Activity Building. Phil Scoggins is in charge of the meal, and the program, entitled "Angels." All men of the church are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. If you plan to eat (cost is \$5), please be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet.

**S.E.E. for January 25, 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.

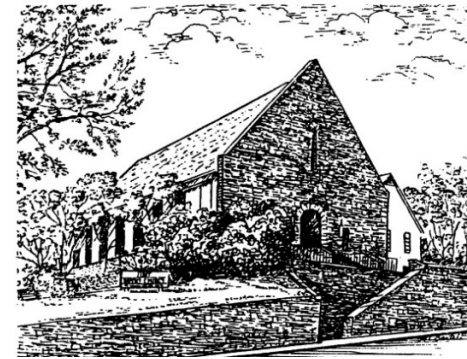
**January 25** - Abortion; **February 8** - War, Violence, and Pacifism; **February 22** - Politics, Parties, and the Separation of Church and State; **March 8** - Race; **March 22** - Creation Care and the Environment; **April 12** - Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage; **April 26** - Homosexuality; **May 17** - Concluding Conversation  
Stephen Brady will lead a study (in the Rock House), from Louie Giglio's *Passion* series.

Does your prayer life need a lift? Check out the daily devotion books and books on prayer in our library.

**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 11, 2015  
 Weekly Budget Giving \$ 4,973  
 Weekly Budget Goal \$ 6,640  
 YTD Budget Giving \$ 9,975  
 YTD Budget Goal \$ 13,280

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# First Baptist Church

January 18, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning  
 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## The Worship of God

Music for Gathering		Kay Greene
Words of Preparation		Jeff Harris
Prelude	<i>Come, We that Love the Lord</i>	-Lowry/Kerr
Call to Worship		Candace Wilson
Let us worship the One who calls us. <b>Here we are, ready or not,                  called by the One who lived and died                  and rose to live again among us.</b> Here we are, ready or not, bringing our everyday selves, to praise and to pray, to know the Holy One in the midst of our lives. <b>Let us worship the One who calls us.</b>		
Invocation		Katie Cothran
†Hymn of Praise 4	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	TO GOD BE THE GLORY
†Passing of the Peace		Jeff Harris
The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>		
Children's Time		Jeff Harris
(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)		

Old Testament Reading      1 Samuel 3:1-10 (p. 240)      Jeff Harris

Responsive Reading      Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18      Danny Fox  
 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**  
 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.  
**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**  
 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**  
 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**  
 My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**  
 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!  
**I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.**

New Testament Reading      1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (p. 160)      Candace Wilson

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

†Hymn of Dedication 502      *Open My Eyes, That I May See*      SCOTT

Offertory Prayer      Alice Tennant

Offertory and Meditation      *Jesus Calls Us*      -arr. Gail Smith

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

Gospel Reading      John 1:35-51 (p. 90)      Jeff Harris

Anthem      *Here I Am, Lord*      -Schutte/Schrader

Sermon      "Come and See"      Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Response 290      *I Am Thine, O Lord*      I AM THINE

†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      *Sonatina (For God's Time is the Best)*      -J.S. Bach

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, January 18	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
Monday, January 19	6:00	pm	Refuge
	all	day	Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day
	6:30	pm	Brotherhood
Tuesday, January 20	10:30	am	NO Staff Meeting
	6:50	pm	NO Deacons Meeting
	10:00	am	Bible Study – Activity Building
Wednesday, January 21	6:00	pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00	am	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	10:00	am	Sunday School
Sunday, January 25	11:00	am	Worship
	12:00	pm	Quarterly Church Conference
	5:00	pm	SEE
	6:00	pm	Refuge

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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.

Acolytes for today's service are Verae Upton and Wilson Edwards.

Today is Food Pantry Sunday. Please give generously as you exit.

**The following Committees** will meet briefly after worship today to select a new chairperson(s): **Visitation Committee** (Lair SS classroom); **House and Grounds Committee** (library); **Bereavement Committee** (choir room); **Nursery** (pre-school classroom).

**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**, please 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.



**Sisterhood is sponsoring a "party with a purpose"  
on Saturday, January 24 from 10 - noon.**

**We will be cutting out shoes (from old denim jeans and 100% cotton fabric and milk jugs) to be sent to Uganda. This program is called *Sole Hope*.**

*Dru and Asher Collie (formerly of Asheville, now living with their two children in Uganda) are leading this program which is two-fold.*

- 1. Without shoes, children get "jiggers" in their feet and their feet become infected. The shoes prevent this. There is no charge for the shoes given to the children.*
- 2. Women in Uganda who sew together the shoes we cut are paid \$10.00 for each pair of shoes so they have income to provide for their own families.*

- You can help by joining us with your fabric scissors and/or pinking shears on Saturday, January 24 from 10 to noon (followed by a soup lunch).**
- You can donate \$10 to pay for a pair of completed shoes (make checks payable to *Sole Hope*.)**
- You can donate old denim jeans and/or 100% cotton fabric.**

**Contact Judy Lair or Di Greene if you have questions.**

**A Special Thank You from Kathy Ashley**



I would like to thank each person who took a child's name from the Stocking Tree at Christmas (to benefit children from Tryon Elementary School), as well as the folks that gave money for me to buy gifts, and the people who kept me in their prayers as I shopped. Without your blessings and donations, we would not have helped eighty-two children! Together, we made a big difference in those lives.

I asked one mother "if she could have one thing, what would she want for herself?" Her answer was "a warm sweater." I asked if she meant sweater or coat? She said she had neither, nor did her husband. Thanks to our coat drive, I was able to find a warm coat for both. We have a wonderful and caring congregation, and I am glad to be a member. God bless each and every one of you.

*—Kathy Ashley*