

**S.E.E. for March 22, 5pm.** *We Could be Wrong—Examining Moral and Ethical Issues from a Christian Perspective.* Upcoming topics: **March 22** - Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage; **April 12** - Homosexuality; **April 26** - TBD; **May 17** - Concluding Conversation. Stephen Brady will lead a study in the Rock House, from Louie Giglio's *Passion* series.

An Easter Egg Hunt for Preschool and Elementary Children will be held **Sunday, March 22.** Children are asked to bring a basket/bag for eggs and to meet at the Amphitheater at the Tryon Fine Arts Center at **3:30 pm.** We will have snacks, games, and the egg hunt. We are collecting individually-wrapped candy (no peanuts please) and plastic eggs. Donation boxes can be found at the church entrances.

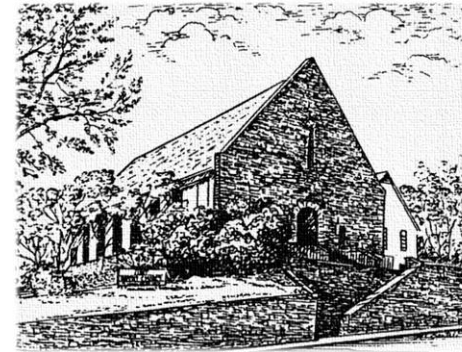
Scholarship Applications and renewal forms are available for any church member attending or returning to college. The forms are available in the office and must be completed and returned by **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Scoggins.

**On Maundy Thursday, April 2** we'll meet in the Activity Building to share the Passover Seder. Passover is the oldest and most important of Jewish religious festivals, commemorating God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and his creation of the Israelite people. On the night before his death, Jesus shared a similar meal with his disciples, and from this meal Jesus initiates our practice of Communion. We'll begin the night at 6pm with a covered-dish meal, at 6:40pm we'll share the traditional elements of the Seder, and we'll conclude with Communion. It's a great way for us to remember Jesus' last night before his Crucifixion. (This service is kid-friendly, and a great way to teach our children about these important traditions.)

**“Wanna go fishin’?”** In 2014 our church was fortunate to receive a \$1,000 gift from Bill Stillerman of the Baptist Retirement Homes in memory of his brother, David Stillerman, to initiate a “fishing project for children.” The gift will be renewed each year for five years. Bill wanted our church to have this gift to assist in establishing an outdoor program to benefit Tryon First Baptist children and community children. We met last Sunday to brainstorm for the program, which begins this month, and are asking for donations of fishing gear and supplies.

March 1, 2015  
 Weekly Budget Giving \$ 6,537  
 Weekly Budget Goal \$ 6,640  
 YTD Budget Giving \$ 54,359  
 YTD Budget Goal \$ 66,400

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# First Baptist Church

March 15, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Fourth Sunday in Lent

## The Worship of God

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

Introit *Bless the Lord* -Myrin/Redman/Larson

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

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Call to Worship Candace Wilson

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it! Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!**

Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.

**O give thanks to God for such unswerving love, for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.**

Prelude *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* -arr. Lloyd Larson

Invocation Charley Dusenbury

†Hymn of Praise 4 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

†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          Numbers 21:4-9 (p. 138)          Jeff Harris

Responsive Reading          Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22          Malik Miller

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble** and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;**

he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.**

And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

New Testament Reading          Ephesians 2:1-10 (p. 182)          Candace Wilson

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

†Hymn of Dedication 143          *What Wondrous Love Is This*          WONDROUS LOVE

Offertory Prayer          Elizabeth Burrell

Offertory and Meditation          *God So Loved the World*          -arr. Don Wyrzten

†Doxology 253          *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*          OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Gospel Reading          John 3:14-21 (p. 91)          Jeff Harris

Children's Choir Anthem          *A Prayer for Tomorrow*          -Alan Pote

Sermon          "Whether You Like it or Not"          Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Response 407          *Because He Lives*          RESURRECTION

†Benediction          Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response          *Here I Am, Lord*          HERE I AM, LORD

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

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Postlude          *In Dir Ist Freude (In Thee Is Gladness)*          -J.S. Bach

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, March 15	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	Children's Choir
	6:00	pm	Refuge
Monday, March 16	6:30	pm	Brotherhood – Activity Building
Tuesday, March 17	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, March 11	10:00	am	Bible Study
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thursday, March 19	9:00	am	CBF General Assembly – Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte
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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.

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

Easter Lilies can be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones. They are double-stemmed lilies wrapped in foil, and the purchase price is \$10. There are pew envelopes for your order. Orders will be taken today through Wednesday, **March 18**, the deadline.

**The third Sunday each month, we collect an offering for the Food Pantry of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry.** This offering directly helps to feed hungry families in Polk County. You may give to this offering as you exit this morning.

We will continue to collect coats until the end of the month. If you're doing spring cleaning, please consider donating new or lightly used warm coats, sweaters, and hoodies so that we can forward them to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries. The Brotherhood thanks you for your gifts of warmth.

**Brotherhood** will meet **March 16** at 6:30pm in the Activity Building. All men of the church are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. Phil Scoggins has the meal and the program. If you plan to eat (cost is \$5), please be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet in the education hallway.

**Bible Study - Wednesday - 10am - Activity Building.** We are using *Making Sense of the Bible--Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Adam Hamilton. Books are available. This week we will be reviewing **chapters 19-21**. Bring a light dish and we'll share a meal afterward.