**Our May Mission Focus** is support for Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. is a church related not-for-profit organization committed to providing quality care and a meaningful way of life for residents and staff. There are envelopes for donations and other information at the church entrances and large medicine bottles to collect your loose change, which will be used to pay for medications. Thank you for helping to improve the lives of our elders who lack the resources needed for a quality life.

**Hooked** The David Stillerman Fishing Project of FBC Tryon

We'll go fishing at these times and places, and hope that you can join us:

May 31, at Derbyshire/Lake Sandy Plains, 4-7pm

June 28, Tryon Estates, 4-7pm

July 19, White Oak Mountain, 4-7pm

Aug 23, Derbyshire/Lake Sandy Plains, 4-7pm

Sept 20, Tryon Estates, 4-7pm

Please RSVP to 828.859.5375 or tryonfirstbaptist@gmail.com

**Brotherhood** will meet at 6:30pm tomorrow at the Fincher's shed. All men of the church are encouraged to come and bring a friend. Cost of the meal is \$5. There is a sign-up sheet in the education hallway.

There is a **Red Cross Blood Drive** in the Activity Building tomorrow, May 18, from 12:30pm to 5:30 pm.

**Vacation Bible School 2015** is scheduled for August 2-6 (Sunday-Thursday). The theme is *G-Force: God's Love in Action*. It is a mission-focused VBS in which children will explore putting their faith into action. If you are interested in helping in any way with VBS planning or helping during the week of VBS, please contact Candy Wilson.

#### May 10, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving \$ 5,235 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$15 Weekly Budget Goal \$ 6,640 Baptist Retirement Home \$11 YTD Budget Giving \$ 114,680 YTD Budget Goal \$ 126,160

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# First Baptist Church

May 17, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

Prelude Sweet Hour of Prayer -Dale Wood

Call to Worship Candace Wilson

Come all God's people! Let us gather to praise our Mighty God!

With joy we celebrate and give thanks for God's faithfulness.

Come all God's people! Let us gather to sing to our Glorious God!

With joy, and with all creation, we celebrate the powers of our King.

Come all God's people! Let us gather to worship and honour God!

With joy we celebrate the wonderful deeds of our God and King, and in reverent awe, we bow in worship and praise of our God. Amen.

Invocation StorieLane Whiteside

†Hymn of Praise 161 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

†Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you.

And also with you. Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen indeed!** 

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

New Testament Reading Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (p. 113) Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading Psalm 1 Stephen Morris Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

## but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

### The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

### for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

†Hymn of Dedication 198

\*At the Name of Jesus\*

WYE VALLEY

Offertory Prayer Reva Williams

Offertory and Meditation Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee -arr. Cindy Berry

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

Epistle Reading 1 John 5:9-13 (p. 231) Jeff Harris

New Testament Reading John 17:6-19 (p. 107) Jeff Harris

Anthem How Can I Keep from Singing?—American Folk Hymn arr. by Andy Beck

Sermon "Praying for You" Jeff Harris

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response Crown the Resurrection Day -arr. K. Christopher

Please sing when directed: Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;

Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee. And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Postlude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name -arr. Benton Price

	CAL	ENDA	R OF EVENTS
Sunday, May 17	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	4:00	pm	Tale of Three Trees presented at LaurelHurst
	5:00	pm	Game night and Cookout
Monday, May 18	12:30	pm	Red Cross Blood Drive – Activity Building
	6:30	pm	Brotherhood – Fincher's Shed
Tuesday, May 19	10:30	am	Staff meeting
	6:00	pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, May 20	10:00	am	Bible Study
	6:00	pm	NO Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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 leave.

**The Children's Choir** drama "The Tale of Three Trees" will be presented again this afternoon at LaurelHurst at 4pm. Children should plan to meet at LaurelHurst at 2:30pm to practice.

**SEE Cookout and Games tonight!** Join us for the last SEE of the Spring at 5:00pm for the annual wiffleball game and other outdoor games. We'll have a cookout of burgers and hot dogs at 6:00pm.

**Bible Study - Wednesday - 10:00am – Activity Building.** We will be discussing questions about theology submitted by class members. Please join us for a lively discussion, bring a dish, and share a meal.