Stephen Morris became a member by profession of faith on Sunday, September 27. Sydney Waldman and Luke Walker have previously made a profession of faith. Please say a word of encouragement and greeting to our newest members of the First Baptist family.

S.E.E. - Join us next Sunday at 5pm for S.E.E. (Sunday Evening Ekklesia) Fall Schedule. Children and preschooler activities begin at 5pm in the educational space of the main building, while adults have the option of these studies: Jeff Harris will lead (in the Activity Building) Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*. Stephen Brady will lead (in the Rock House) "Personal Finances from a Christian Perspective" (based on principles of Dave Ramsey). We'll share a meal at 6:00pm. S.E.E meets October 11 and 25 and November 8.

Save the Date – Next Sunday, October 11! Dr. Guy Sayles, former pastor of First Baptist Church Asheville, will present "Learning from Hard Experiences", an exploration of how difficult realities--like cancer and its treatment--can lead us to deeper faith and to a more meaningful life. We'll begin our time together in the Activity Building at 9:30am. Guy is a gifted preacher and writer who will help us think deeply about life, faith, and suffering.

Sisterhood will meet **Tuesday**, **October 13 at 7 p.m.** The program will be provided by Di Greene and refreshments will be provided by Marian Corn. All women are invited to meet in the Lair SS Classroom.

Serve, Eat, Play on October 18 — We have a chance to join with other churches in our community for an afternoon of service and fun at Harmon Field. The afternoon starts at 4pm with the annual CROPwalk, followed by a potluck supper and an evening of games for all ages. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and enjoy their fellowship. Put on your best walking shoes and bring a dish to share!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Randy Hudson's Love Offering. We are happy to report that \$2,766.40 was collected for help with Randy's medical expenses and home modifications.

September 27, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 4,934	Food Pantry	\$166
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,640	#GraceItForward	305
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 235,138		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 258,960		

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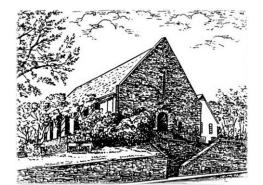
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Minister of Music and Christian Formation

Kay Greene, Pianist

E. Leslie Raymond, Organist

John Spinks, Sexton



First Baptist Church

October 4, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Opening Words

Romans 6:3-4 (p. 147)

Jeff Harris

Prelude

Can God Spread a Table in the Wilderness? - Joseph Martin

Prayer from the Water

Jeff Harris

Baptismal Hymn 364 Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine MARYTON Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine, On these baptismal waters shine; And teach our hearts, in highest strain, To praise the Lamb for sinners slain.

Baptism of Stephen Morris

We love Your name, we love Your laws, And joyfully embrace Your cause; We love Your cross, the shame, the pain, O Lamb of God, for sinners slain.

Baptism of Sydney Waldman

We sink beneath the water's face, And thank You for Your saving grace; We die to sin and seek a grave with You, beneath the yielding wave.

Baptism of Luke Walker

And as we rise with You to live, O let the Holy Spirit give The sealing unction from above, The joy of life, the fire of love. Call to Worship

Today we gather around God's table from near and far

We are the People of God!

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

We are One in God's Spirit!

We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

For we are the people of Redemption!

He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

Invocation StorieLane Whiteside

†Passing of the Peace

Candace Wilson

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Responsive Reading Psalm 133 Caitlin Britton How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

New Testament Reading Galatians 3:26-28 (p. 179) Candace Wilson

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Candace Wilson

†Hymn of Dedication Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed DUKE STREET

Wonder of wonders, here revealed; God's covenant with us is sealed, And long before we know or pray, God's love enfolds us every day.

This child of God, though young or old, we welcome now into Christ's fold, to know with us God's loving care; here all our joys and sorrows share.

Here in this practice may we see God's grace unbound, for all, for me! May we respond with joyful praise in loving service all our days.

Our vows of faith we now renew, stretch wide our sights to global view, and claim with Christians far and near a larger family held dear.

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Offertory Prayer Phil Scoggins Offertory and Meditation Jesus is Lord of All -arr. Gayden Sikes †Doxology 253 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100th Gospel Reading John 17:20-23 (p. 107) Jeff Harris Anthem Hear Your People Singing -Pepper Choplin "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" **Jeff Harris** Sermon Celebration of the Lord's Supper (please see insert) Jeff Harris †Hymn of Response 371 I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord LAND OF REST †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 O Lord, You Know Me Completely (O Dios tú me conoces) –Hal Hopson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
Sunday, October 4	10:00	am	Sunday School	
	11:00	am	Worship – World Communion, Baptisms	
	5:00	pm	Children's Choir	
	6:00	pm	Refuge at Robert & Margot Carter's home	
Tuesday, October 6	10:00	am	WMU Group 1	
	10:30	am	Staff Meeting	
Wednesday, October 7	10:00	am	Bible Study	
	6:00	pm	Bell Rehearsal	
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday, October 10	10:00	am	Chancel choir Rehearsal	
Sunday, October 11	9:30	am	Combined Sunday School – Activity Building	
	11:00	am	Worship – Guy Sayles preaching	

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 is World Communion. We'll commemorate the Lord's Supper for World Communion and observe the baptisms of Stephen Morris, Sydney Waldman, and Luke Walker.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may,

not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,

but because you need mercy and help.

Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.

Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.

Come and meet the risen Christ, at this table, with these people.

Litany of Confession

O Lord, open our minds to see ourselves as you see us, and from all unwillingness to know our weakness and our sin,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From selfishness; from wishing to be the center of attraction;

from seeking admiration; from pride and arrogance;

from unwillingness to listen to others; from resentment of criticism,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From love of power; from jealousy;

from taking pleasure in the weakness of others,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the weakness of indecision; from constant fear of what others are thinking of us; from fear of speaking what we know is true, and doing what we know is right,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From possessiveness about material things and people; from carelessness about the needs of others; from selfish use of time and money;

from all lack of generosity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From laziness of conscience; from lack of self-discipline;

from failure to persevere; from depression in failure and disappointment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From failure to be truthful; from pretense and acting a part;

from hypocrisy; from all dishonesty with ourselves and with others,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From impurity in word, in thought, and in action;

from failure to respect the bodies and minds of ourselves and others; from any kind of addiction,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From hatred and anger; from cynicism; from lack of sensitivity and division in our community; from all failure to love and to forgive,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From failure to see our sin as an affront to God;

from failure to accept the forgiveness he offers,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:9)

Words of Institution

We give thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this is remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.