We rejoice Malik Miller and Wilson Edwards, who made decisions of faith last Sunday. We look forward to their baptisms.

Please remember the "I Love My Church Offering" today (a Fifth Sunday). This is a great opportunity to practice generosity and thanksgiving.

First Baptist Church is having an outside clean-up day on **Saturday**, **December 5**, starting at 8:00am. We welcome anyone who would like to help tidy up the grounds.

The Security team will meet briefly in the parlor after worship next **Sunday**, **December 6**.

Give the Gift of Food – Because we are no longer using live poinsettias in the sanctuary due to allergy concerns, you may give a food box to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry in memory or in honor of someone. The cost of each box is \$20. Envelopes are provided for this and may be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

There are still a few cards on the Angel Tree in the narthex. On the back of the Angel card, you will find an ID#, child's or senior's first name, and wished-for items. Please enter your name and telephone number beside the number of the Angel you selected on the sheet below the tree. Gifts should be a minimum of \$25.00. Wrap your gifts, put the Angel ID# and recipient's name on each one. Please take all gifts to the 4-H Center on **Wednesday**, **December 2**, between the hours of 9am and 4pm, or bring them to the church and leave in the narthex closet.

Don't miss the Community Chorus Christmas concert! The date is **Sunday, December 13**, at 3:00pm, at the Polk County High School auditorium. The cost of a ticket is \$10, and you may get them from any Rotary Club member or Bob and Judy Lair. The proceeds from the concert go to fund Rotary Club scholarships for music students.

If you enjoyed hearing Pepper Choplin, and want to hear more, please visit our church library. We have copies of three of his CDs. Check out something from our Christmas display. Remember that our library is self-service - please leave the signed check-out card in the wooden tray.

Coat Drive – we are still collecting coats, sweaters, and hoodies – new or used. There is a large collection box in the closet opposite the Lair Sunday School room. Each time the box is full, we will take the coats to Thermal Belt Outreach. Give the gift of warmth this year!

November 15, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 8,027	YTD Budget Giving	\$ 300,197
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,640	YTD Budget Goal	\$ 312,080

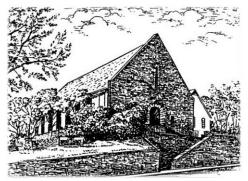
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First Baptist Church

November 29, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning
First Sunday of Advent

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Prelude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus -Robert Thygerson

Choral Call to Worship Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn - Haugen

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Whiteside Family

This is the day we begin our journey to the Child, his Mother, and the manger.

May we kindle God's light as we journey together.

It is a journey shrouded in a fading sun and a growing uncertainty as the world turns cold. And we journey anyway.

May we kindle God's light as we journey together.

We journey because we are drawn to God's light at the end: it is God's promise, borne into our lives.

May we kindle God's light as we journey together.

This is the day we begin our journey.

May we kindle God's light within us, as we journey together. Amen.

Sung Response

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;

Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

Opening Prayer

Good and gracious God, God of darkness and light, God of hope and fear, help us take one step closer to you, toward the joy of unity with you. In this candle light, show us that the power of hope silences doubts and fears. Take this light, small but mighty, and magnify it within us until our hope chases away all shadows from our church, our community, our nation, and our world. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise 76

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

† Passing of the Peace

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Candace Wilson

(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 698)

Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

Beth McCallister

†Postlude

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p. 194)

Jeff Harris

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Dedication 85	The First Nowell	THE FIRST NOWELL
Offertory Prayer		Dan Kimble
Offertory and Meditation	n The Father's Love Blooming	-arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
†Doxology 253	Praise God, from Whom All Blessir	ngs Flow OLD 100th
Gospel Reading	Luke 17:11-19 (p. 78)	Jeff Harris
Anthem	Waiting	-Pepper Choplin
Sermon	"Living in the Future"	Jeff Harris
†Hymn of Response 95	Go, Tell It on the Mountain	GO TELL IT
†Benediction		Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response Christians All, Your Lord is Coming PLEADING SAVIOR Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand.

Let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.

Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS									
Sunday, November 29	10:00	am	Sunday School						
	11:00	am	Worship						
Tuesday, December 1	10:30	am	WMU Group 1						
	10:30	am	Staff Meeting						
Wednesday, December 2	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal						
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal						
Saturday, December 5	8:00	am	Church cleanup day (outside	e)					
Sunday, December 6	10:00	am	Sunday School						
	11:00	am	Worship (Advent II – Peace)					
	12:00	pm	Security team meeting - Par	lor					
	5:00	pm	Annual Christmas Dinner						

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.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

 $\label{lem:conditional} A colytes for today's service are Elliot Whiteside and Oliviah Miller.$

Thank you, First Baptist!

Dear Tryon First Baptist Church – Thank you so much for the money that you gave us to help with Randy's medical expenses and the remodeling of our house. Words can never express how thankful we are for the many friends during this difficult time. Please keep us in your prayers as Randy continues with his rehab at the Shepherd Center and we prepare for him to come home. May God Bless each of you. Love, Randy & Anita Hudson

To Our Tryon First Baptist Family – We will miss everyone greatly, and want to thank the congregation for all of your friendship over the years at TFBC. We also appreciate the support and care for Keaton and Kanah as we welcomed them into our family. We will all miss this church! Love, the McCall Family – Christy, Kevin, Keaton, and Kanah.

Tryon First Baptist has shown me the meaning of church "family." Although many church members did not have the chance to meet my Dad, it did not stop you from sending cards, and more importantly, prayers our way. You cannot know how much your thoughtfulness has meant to our family. To have a pastor, and church members travel all the way to Tabor City in a monsoon, to show their kindness, is overwhelming. With appreciation, Lora Baker and family.

Thanks for the beautification project! I want to thank the six hard-working folks, and the thoughtful kindness that was shown to us of keeping our residence in order. It brings joy to my heart to see such an unselfish, Christian act of kindness that each of you did for us. May God richly bless you for your hard work and generosity.

-Ruth and Harold Taylor

You're Invited!



What: The Annual Christmas Dinner

When: Sunday, December 6, 5:00pm

Where: The Activity Building

Please join us for our Christmas Dinner in the Activity Building on December 6, at 5:00pm. The Social Committee will provide ham, chicken tenders, rolls, and beverages. The congregation is asked to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts. The children's choir will sing, we'll play some silly games – it will be a great time of fellowship and fun.