

**S.E.E. for January 24, at 5:00pm:** We will continue to meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Jeff's study will be the book of Acts - *Gathering a community. Breaking down walls. Spreading the word. Taking a stand.* These four phrases organize this study of Acts and will guide readers through a world alive with God and God's mighty deeds. All of us who have "drunk too deeply at the wells of reason and rationality" will once again pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe. Stephen Brady will lead a study in the Rock House based on *The Comeback – It's Not Too Late and You're Never Too Far* by Louie Giglio. It is a study on several characters in the Bible who made serious mistakes, yet God was able to use these imperfect individuals to further his Kingdom.

**Bible Study** takes place on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Activity Building, and we will continue studying *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard. Please join us, and bring a light dish to share for lunch after the study.

**Church committees for 2016**, schedule times to meet, to elect new chairpersons. Please contact the church office with the time you'd like to meet. **Chairpersons for 2015 committees**, submit yearly reports to the church office by **January 28, 2015**.

**Coat Drive** – We are collecting new and used coats. There is a large collection box in the closet opposite the Lair Sunday School classroom. Each time the box is full, the coats will be taken to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. Give the gift of warmth!

**January 10, 2015**

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 4,995
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 10,654
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1891-2016  
 "Celebrating 125 years of Ministry"

*First Baptist Church*

January 17, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Second Sunday after Epiphany

*The Worship of God*

Music for Gathering		Kay Greene
Opening Words		Jeff Harris
Prelude	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	-Gordon Young
Call to Worship		Danny Fox
We have come to worship God, the living God, <b>Who calls prophets and teachers and servants to bear witness.</b> We have come to praise God, the almighty God, <b>Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.</b> We have come to worship God, all-gracious God, <b>Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.</b> All glory to God!		
† Invocation		Matthew Baker
† Hymn of Praise 495	<i>Serve the Lord with Gladness</i>	LEE
† Passing of the Peace		Jeff Harris
The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>		
Children's Time		"Mr. Skip" Williams
(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)		

Responsive Reading Psalm 103:6-18 Erin Fox  
 The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.  
**He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.**  
 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
**He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**  
 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
**For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;**  
 as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.  
**As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**  
 For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.  
**As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;**  
 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.  
**But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,**  
 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 12:1-11 (p. 164) Susan Smith

Scripture Reading Acts 6:1-7 (p. 118) Jeff Harris

Deacon Ordination of Danny Fox and Susan Smith  
 Do you, members of this church, confirm the call of God to our brother Danny / sister Susan as a deacon in the service of Jesus Christ?  
**We do.**  
 Will you support and encourage him / her in this ministry?  
**Gladly, we will.**

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

†Hymn of Dedication 613 *The Servant Song* BEACH SPRING

Offertory Prayer Mona Kimble

Offertory and Meditation *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* -arr. Cindy Berry

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

Gospel Reading John 2:1-11 (p. 90) Jeff Harris

Solo (Sandy Frady) *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* -Traditional Spiritual

Sermon Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Response 277 *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response *May God Give You Peace* -arr. Pepper Choplin  
*(May God give you peace through every trial. May God give you courage for every mile. May God give you comfort and be your friend, and give you life eternal, life without end.)*  
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†Postlude *Fugue in C Major* -J.S. Bach

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, January 17	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
	6:00	pm	Refuge
Monday, January 18	All	day	Church office closed
	10:30	am	Visitation Committee meeting – Lair room
Tuesday, January 19	6:30	pm	Brotherhood – Calvert's Kitchen
	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
	6:00	pm	Deacons Meeting – Rock House
Wednesday, January 20	10:00	am	Bible Study – Activity Building
	6:00	pm	Bell choir rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel choir rehearsal

If you are a guest, we are grateful you are here. Please complete a welcome card, which can be 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.

Acolytes for today's service are Harper Harris and Sydney Waldman.

We thank Sandy Frady for her music this morning.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As part of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, **Jim Richardson**, pastor of First Baptist Church Tryon from 1974-79, will be preaching in worship on January 31<sup>st</sup>. **Daryl Maxwell** will preach on April 10, and **Bill Henderson** will preach June 26.

There's a brief meeting of the **House and Grounds Committee** in the parlor today, immediately after worship. **Ushers and Greeters Team** will meet in the Lair Sunday School Room after worship today. **Visitation Team** will meet in the parlor on **Monday, January 18**, at 10:30am. The **Finance Committee** will meet in the parlor after worship next **Sunday, January 24**.

**Brotherhood** will meet at Calvert's Kitchen at 6:30pm on Monday, January 18.

**Children's Choir** to participate in Martin Luther King service at Tryon Fine Arts Center, at 6:00pm on Saturday, January 23, sponsored by the Tryon Friendship Council. The event is free to the public, so come out to enjoy this community tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. King.

**Save the Date!** Sisterhood and the WMU are sponsoring the annual Heck-Jones Luncheon on Sunday, February 14 (Valentine's Day), following worship. This is a great meal of ham, green beans, macaroni and cheese, baked pineapple, rolls, drinks, and homemade desserts. It's also a great opportunity to contribute to the Heck-Jones Offering. The profits go support NC WMU.

**Wanna go Skiing?** The youth group is heading to Wolf Ridge on February 20-21. The price will be a \$100 per person for skiers and \$115 for snowboarders, but that will include lodging (which is a nice 3 story town home), lift ticket, rentals, snow tubing on Sunday morning, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Even if you are not a youth, we'd love to have you join us at Wolf Ridge. Pricing is: \$60 to ski and \$75 to snowboard. Please contact Rev. Harris if you're interested in the trip. A \$50 deposit is due by Feb 1, with the balance to be paid on or before February 20.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**Bereavement Team** – provides meals to bereaved families. Some team members cook food, and others cook and serve food.

**Nursery Team** – provides support and assistance to the nursery ministry of FBC.

**Social Team** – makes preparations for all church-wide or special social events, such as the Annual Christmas Dinner, Annual Meeting, etc.

**Greeter Team** – warmly welcomes people as they enter the church, provides bulletins, etc.

**Visitation Team** – visits the hospitalized, homebound, and those living in nursing homes.

**Mission Team** – facilitates, encourages, and implements mission education and opportunities.

**Youth Ministry Team** – provides support and assistance to the youth ministry of FBC.

**Children's Ministry Team** – provides support and assistance to the children's ministry of FBC.

**Children's Church Team** – provides weekly worship experience for children age 4 years to kindergarten.

**Firewood Team** – supports the firewood ministry of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry.