

†Congregational Response *Jesus Messiah* -arr. Lloyd Larson
*Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.
All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you, all the glory to you, God,
the Light of the world.*
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†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Postlude *Festive Voluntary* -Robert Lau

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

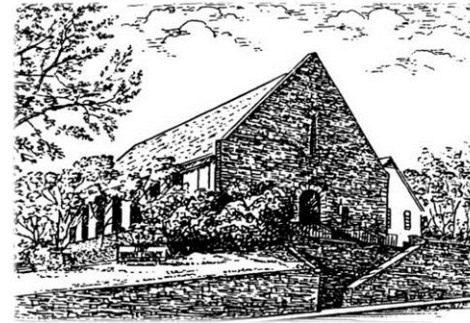
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| Sunday, April 24 | 10:00 | am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 | am | Worship |
| | 12:00 | pm | Quarterly Church Conference |
| | 3:00 | pm | Community Chorus Concert – Polk H.S. |
| | 4:00 | pm | Children’s Choir (grades 1-5) – note time |
| | 5:00 | pm | S.E.E. |
| Tuesday, April 26 | 6:00 | pm | Refuge |
| | 10:30 | am | Staff Meeting |
| Wednesday, April 27 | 6:00 | pm | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 | pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday, May 1 | 10:00 | am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 | am | Worship |
| | 4:00 | pm | WNCBF Spring Gathering – Ministry and Missions Fair, Calvary Baptist Asheville |
| | 4:00 | pm | Children’s Choir (grades 1-5) – note time |
| | 6:00 | pm | Refuge |

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.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

Acolytes for today’s service are StorieLane Whiteside and Hattie Jolley.

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| Weekly Budget Giving | \$ 5,490 | Food Pantry | \$193.90 |
| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ 6,683 | | |
| YTD Budget Giving | \$ 99,596 | | |
| YTD Budget Goal | \$ 106,928 | | |



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First Baptist Church

April 24, 2016

Eleven O’Clock in the Morning

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Worship of God

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Prelude *Let All Things Their Creator Bless* -Alfred V. Fedak

Call to Worship Candace Wilson

Come with what you have. For you who grieve this day
know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your heart.
Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

Come with what you have. For you who come with gladness
know that your melody will find harmony.
Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

Come with what you have. For you weighed down by too many 'shoulds' and
'what-ifs' know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.
Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

Come with what you have. For you who have the answers,
know that new questions await you.
Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

Come with what you have. For you who come seeking,
know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.
Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

†Hymn 208 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

†Invocation

Mona Kimble

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Passing of the Peace

Jeff Harris

†Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN'S

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

(Chorus)

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:

(Chorus)

All praise to the Father from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one:

(Chorus)

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(Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through membership, may come forward at this time.)

†Offertory Prayer

Cathy Johnson

Offertory and Meditation

This Is My Father's World

-arr. Larry Shackley

†Doxology 253

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Jeff Harris

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Opportunities for Service

Jeff Harris

Children's Time

Candace Wilson

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:1-6 (p. 249)

Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading

Psalms 148

Alex Tapp

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

†Hymn 613

The Servant Song

BEACH SPRING

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35 (p. 104)

Jeff Harris

Anthem

The Gift of Love

-Hal Hopson

Sermon

"Are You Recognizable?"

Jeff Harris

Looking Toward Summer

May

- May 15 Children's choir to present the drama "The Lost Boy: Jesus in the Temple" in worship.
Wiffleball and hotdogs, 4pm (Last S.E.E. of the Spring)
- May 21 Hooked! Fishing event at Derbyshire, 9am-noon (Saturday)
- May 22 Worship at Harmon Field, baptism, and picnic 10:30am, music by Phil and Gaye Johnson
Blue Ridge Ringers Bell Concert, FBC Sanctuary, 4pm
Refuge's End-of-semester party, 6pm

June

- June 6 Graduate Sunday
- June 12 Hooked! Fishing event, Tryon Estates, 2pm-5pm
- June 22-24 CBF General Assembly, Sheraton Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
- June 26 Dr. Bill Henderson preaching as part of FBC's 125th Anniversary Celebration
- June 29 PassportKids! Camp (6/29-7/2), Converse College, Spartanburg SC
- TBD Rafting (church-wide event)

July

- July 8-10 Backpacking Retreat
- July 22-24 Church-wide camping at the Davidson River
- July 31 Vacation Bible School (7/31-8/4)

August

- Aug 18 Carowinds (church-wide event)

S.E.E. - April 24, 5:00pm – Last night for the Acts and Comeback studies. If you're in Jeff's study, read the 3rd and 4th sessions in the Acts study guide. Stephen Brady's study, in the Rock House, is based on *The Comeback – It's Not Too Late and You're Never Too Far* by Louie Giglio. It is a study based on several characters in the Bible who made serious mistakes, yet God was able to use these imperfect individuals to further his Kingdom.

Community Chorus Spring Concert – Today, 3pm, Polk County High School. The Carolina Community Chorus is presenting their Spring program "The Great American Songbook." Tickets are \$10 each and can be bought from any Rotary Club member, or at the door. The chorus is under the direction of Ben Chumley. Ticket sales benefit the Rotary Club Scholarship program.

WNCBF Spring Gathering, May 1 – WNCBF is holding a Missions and Ministries Fair next Sunday, 4pm, at Calvary Baptist Church in Asheville. Kelly Brown will speak about challenges and blessings of Sylva's After School Ministry, with a question and answer session about mission initiatives. Food trucks will be available, so supper is at your convenience. For more information and directions, visit www.calvaryasheville.com or call (828) 253-7301.

Be the Voice for a Child - The Guardian Ad Litem office is looking for compassionate volunteers to advocate in court for abused and neglected children in the Polk/Hendersonville area. If you are interested in participating in this rewarding experience, please contact Kevin Blackwell at the Guardian Ad Litem office at 828-694-4215 or visit www.volunteerforal.org to sign up.

We need pictures! As part of First Baptist's 125th Anniversary Celebration, we are looking for pictures of weddings held in the sanctuary. Please submit a copy of your photos to Lib McKeller, Shirley Edwards, or the church office by May 15 so that we may have a display for June.

Special practices for Children's Choir – The Children's Choir will be presenting the musical drama "The Lost Boy: Young Jesus in the Temple" by Allen Pote and Tom S. Long on Sunday, May 15, during worship. There are some special times for rehearsals. Today's rehearsal starts at 4pm. Next Sunday, May 1, rehearsal is also at 4pm. Saturday, May 14 is the dress rehearsal. All participants should be ready to rehearse from 2pm-4pm.

Help needed for Hooked! Fishing events – We're in need of folks who might want to bake desserts for fishing events, or who would be willing to make food or pick it up and deliver it to where we're fishing. Please see Jeff Harris if you can help.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry. If you like working with teens and children, please see Candy Wilson or Jeff Harris.

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