

“Christmas in July” is our monthly mission focus. During the month of July, we’ll collect for CBF Global Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Envelopes are at the church entrances. Thank you for your donations!

You're invited to join us for camping at the Davidson River, July 22-24. Campsites are \$54 for the weekend, and can accommodate RVs, although there are no hookups. Sites can accommodate up to 8 people. You should also bring your own drinks and snacks.

- Friday dinner will be “bring your own food” (a grill will be available). We’ll share that meal at 7pm.
- Saturday breakfast is provided.
- Saturday lunch is “bring your own food.”
- Saturday dinner is provided (hot dogs and hamburgers).
- Sunday breakfast is “bring your own food.”

VBS at FBC is Aug 1-4 (Monday-Thursday), 6-8:15 pm. This year’s theme is “Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love.” If you would be willing to help with VBS, please contact Candy Wilson. Registration forms are in the church office, or you may register.

Summer Sabbath Opportunities (sign-up sheets are in the education hallway):

- Backpacking Retreat, July 8-10
- Camping at the Davidson River, July 22-24
- Carowinds, July 26
- Asheville Tourists Baseball Game, August 7

July Sabbath-There will be **no** Sunday School during the month of July. Worship will begin at 10am. There will be children’s church activities during worship. We hope this “change of pace” will encourage rest, renewal, and attendance.

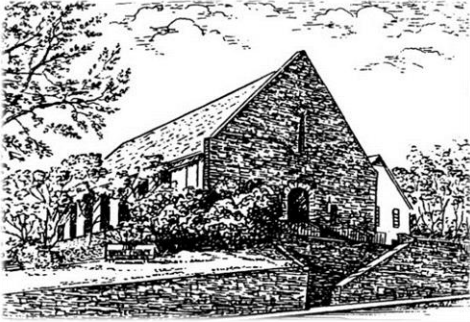
We need pictures! We would like to borrow pictures from FBC life and events for our 125th Anniversary. Please write on the back of the picture your name, name of folks in the picture, name of event, and date of event. Please bring the pictures to the church office so we may scan and return them to you.

Put it on your calendar—The 125th Anniversary Celebration of FBC Tryon is October 2, at 10:30am. Help us spread the word by inviting folks who have been a part of FBC to join us on October 2.

June 26, 2016

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 4,520	CBF Global	\$50
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	Food Pantry	\$25
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 167,645		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 173,758		

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1891-2016
Celebrating 125 years of Ministry
“... with glad and generous hearts”

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AT
WORSHIP

July 3, 2016

Ten O’Clock in the Morning

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Prelude *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* -David H. Hegarty

Call to Worship (Galatians 5:13, *The Message*) Candace Wilson

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life.
Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom.
 Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love;
that's how freedom grows.

†**Hymn 629, *God of Our Fathers*** NATIONAL HYMN

†**Invocation** Sadie McKaig

†**Passing the Peace** Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Children’s Time Jeff Harris

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

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading, Galatians 5:1, 13-14 (p. 180) Candace Wilson

Litany in Celebration of Religious Liberty Katie Cothran

Magistrates are not by virtue of their office to meddle with religion or matters of conscience, to force or compel people to this or that form of religion. (John Smyth, 1612)

We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.

No king nor bishop can or is able to command faith. That is the gift of God. To constrain princes and peoples to receive the one true religion of the gospel is wholly against the mind and merciful law of Christ. (Leonard Busher, 1614)

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Every person ought to be left free with respect to matters of religion. The Holy Author of our religion needs no compulsive measures for the promotion of God’s cause. (General Committee of Baptists in Virginia, 1785).

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Everyone must give a personal account to God, and therefore all people ought to be at liberty to serve God in a way that each can best reconcile to his own conscience. (John Leland, 1791).

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Religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced. It is not the prerogative of any power to compel people to conform to any religious creed or form of worship, or to worship, or to pay taxes for the support of a creed they do not believe. God wants free worshipers and no other kind. (George W. Truett, 1920).

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Baptists believe in free churches within a free state. We believe religious liberty To be an inalienable human right and indispensable to human welfare.

Profoundly convinced that any deprivation of this right is a wrong to be challenged, we condemn every form of compulsion or restraint in religion. (The American Baptist Bill of Rights, 1939).

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†**Hymn, *This Is My Song*** (please see insert) FINLANDIA

Gospel Reading, Luke 20:20-26 (p. 82); Luke 6:31 (p. 64) Jeff Harris

Duet *That Glad Reunion Day* -Adger M. Pace
(Duet: John and Laura Spinks)

Sermon “Already Blessed” Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†**Hymn 628, *A Servant of the Least*** DIADEMATA
(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** Jodi Harris

Offertory and Meditation *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* -arr. Cindy Berry

†**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

†**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** *The Day Thou Gavest* -J. Wayne Kerr

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 3	10:00	am	Worship
Monday, July 4	All	day	Office closed – Independence Day
Tuesday, July 5	10:00	am	WMU Group I – Lair SS Room
	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
Friday, July 8	All	day	Spirituality/Backpack trip (7/8-7/10)
Sunday, July 10	10:00	am	Worship

Acolytes for today’s service are Harper Harris and Luke Miller.

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 greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

We thank John and Laura Spinks for their duet during worship.

THIS IS MY SONG

Verses 1 and 2: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993
Verse 3: Susan Briehl

FINLANDIA
Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957
Arr. by Marty Haugen



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2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o - cean,
3. Teach us to sing, O God of all cre - a - tion,
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun-light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
a song of hope for o - cean, sky, and pine.
This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
but oth - er lands have sun-light, too, and clo - ver,
Teach us to walk the way that ends di - vi - sion,
here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine.
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
till ev - 'ry land and na - tion love en - twines.
But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
Then will all peo - ples see your glo - rious vi - sion:
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
the world at peace, be - lov - ed and di - vine.

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