

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, March 19	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Refuge
Monday, March 20	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, March 21	6:00 pm	Deacons
Wednesday, March 22	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Acolytes for this morning's service are Wilson Edwards and Malik Miller.

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.

God's Righteousness—A Lenten Journey through Romans. 3/19: Hope, 3/26: Harmony, 4/2: Roll Call.

CBFNC Spring Gathering, March 30-April 1. The Annual Gathering itself is Friday, March 31, at First Baptist Hickory, from 8:30am-8:15pm. The Spring Gathering features worship, workshops, exhibits, and fellowship, with Susan Sparks as the keynote speaker.

The Children's Ministry Team will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 9, at 4pm. We're asking for some help with donations of individually-wrapped candy (no peanut butter or nuts, please). You may bring candy to the church kitchen.

Don't forget your cans! Bring all aluminum cans (in bags, please) to church, and put your bag in the back of Dr. Bob Lair's pickup truck. The money collected for the scrap aluminum goes to provide resources for Guatemalan children.

Scholarship Applications and Renewal forms are in the church kitchen. We also have forms for Camp Scholarships. Please fill out a form and return it to the church by April 2, 2017.

Give the Gift of Food – Because we no longer use live Easter lilies in the sanctuary, you may give a food box to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry in memory or in honor of someone for Easter. The cost of each box is \$20. Envelopes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Spring Flowers for Easter Sunday—Please bring spring flowers and greenery on Easter Sunday, April 16, to decorate the outside cross, and proclaim that Christ has risen!

March 12, 2017

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 3,775	Capital Campaign	\$ 225
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 6,830	Dress-A-Kid TES	\$ 355
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$73,049	Easter Food Box	\$ 40
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$75,130	Annie Armstrong	\$ 50

Welcome! We are grateful to worship with you today.

If you are a guest, we hope you will experience God's love through our worship and among our congregation. If this is your first time with us, please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate later in worship. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence.

Nursery Care is provided for children from birth to three years during Worship and Sunday School.

Children, ages 4-Kindergarten, are invited to exit worship after the Children's Time for a special time of worship and play. Parents may join them, or stay for the remainder of worship.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

Baskets for recycling bulletins are at the church exits.

March Mission Opportunity Dress-a-Kid for Tryon Elementary School

We'll be collecting monetary donations (no clothing, please) to help buy socks, coats, underwear and shoes for children in need, and to replenish the Clothing Closet at Tryon Elementary when these items dwindle. You may use the envelopes at the sanctuary entrances, or you may designate "Dress-a-Kid" on your check's memo line. Thanks for your generosity.

OFFERING - MARCH

Ellis Fincher, Jr.—Lead Deacon, Sue Thompson
JT Johnson, Danny Fox, Ed Justice

GREETERS—MARCH

Lane and Merry Price—Front
Ashlyn Green—Hall
Franklin Williams—Side

DIACONATE

Elizabeth Burrell, Chair, Phil Scoggins, Vice-Chair,
Ellis Fincher, Ron Frady, Danny Fox, Susan Smith,
Phil Feagan, Keith Collins, Sadie McKaig

CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor
Jaime Fitzgerald, Minister to Youth
The Reverend Jim Hawkins, Interim Minister of Music
Kay Greene, Pianist
E. Leslie Raymond, Organist
John Spinks, Sexton

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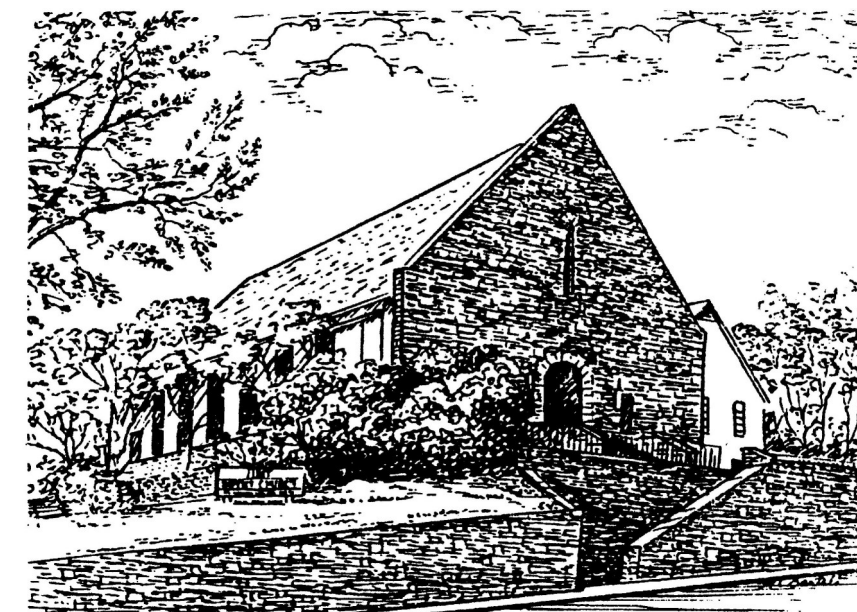
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First Baptist Church Tryon, NC



March 19, 2017

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Third Sunday in Lent

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour

John Spinks

Prelude

-Mary McDonald

Meditation on "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters,
the extravagant love of God has called us together.

**For long before we were even aware of it,
God knew us.**

God had already chosen us to be part of His
family—children of God!

And having chosen us, God called us;
and having called us, God justified us;

and having justified us, God gave us his glory!

What extravagant love is this!

So come, let's worship God together!

†**Hymn 60**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

†**Invocation**

Malik Miller

†**Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Jeff Harris

Children's Time

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

Jaime Fitzgerald

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A Confession of Sin

Jim Hawkins

Holy God, giver of life and forgiver of sin,

We come to you now with hope –

Hope that you will always love us,

Hope that you will not hold our sin against us,

Hope that you will turn us around from what is evil,

Toward what is good.

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will.

We have broken your law.

We have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors.

We have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Walk with us in this holy season, and help us

To look clearly at our lives and the world,

That we may be reflections of your love and mercy.

Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Anthem

By The Gentle Waters

-Cindy Berry

Assurance of Forgiveness (Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Hear the good news!

Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Romans 8:18-28

Jaime Fitzgerald

Romans 8:31-39; 15:13

Jeff Harris

†**Hymn 338**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Sermon

"Hope"

Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†**Hymn 535**

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

HYFRYDOL

(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**

Marian Corn

Offering and Meditation

-arr. Crystal D. Clay

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

†**Doxology 253**, *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Opportunities for Service

Jeff Harris

†**Benediction**

Jeff Harris

†**Congregational Response**

Christ, Be Our Light

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

†**Postlude**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

-Mary McDonald