

Financial Report

Receipts	11/17	2013	Requirements
Budget	\$ 4,105	\$ 255,115	\$310,914
Non-Budget	739	\$ 22,714	N/A
Totals	\$ 4,844	\$ 277,829	N/A

Philippine Typhoon Relief - \$455, Food Pantry \$214

The Community Thanksgiving service will be at Holy Cross Episcopal Church this evening, **November 24, at 7pm.** Local pastors and preachers (including Pastor Harris) are participating. A choral anthem will be presented by a combination choir from area churches, with Candace Wilson directing. Come and celebrate Thanksgiving tonight!

Because of the Community Thanksgiving service, the children will meet for lunch and choir practice at noon today. Also, the Refuge group will not be meeting this evening.

Mark your calendars! On **December 8** at 5pm, the children will present their Christmas program, entitled "The Reluctant Innkeeper." After the children's program, we'll go to the Activity Building for our Annual Christmas Dinner.

Join us for worship on **Sunday, December 15**, as the choir presents the cantata *Celebrate the Child* by Tom Fettke. You can also come with us at 5pm as we go Christmas caroling, followed by the traditional Christmas salsa and chips at Mr. Juan's.

Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary – You may purchase poinsettias in honor or in memory of someone, by filling out a designated pew envelope (available this Sunday and next) and placing it in the offering plate, or by bringing it to the church office. These poinsettias will be used for decoration during Advent and may be taken home following Worship on Christmas Eve. Each 8" poinsettia will have (3) blooms and be wrapped in foil. The cost is \$15.00. Deadline to purchase poinsettias is **Wednesday, November 27th.**

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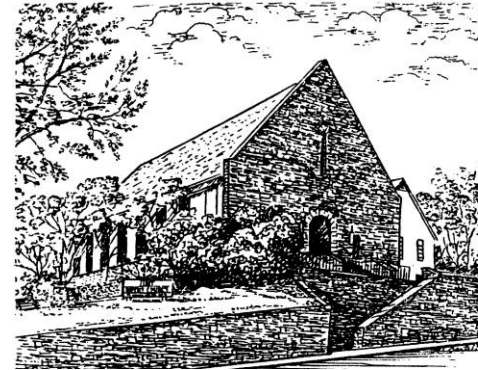
The Reverend Candace Wilson,
Minister of Music and Christian Formation

Kay Greene, Pianist

E. Leslie Raymond, Organist

Sandy Frady, Handbell Choir Director

John Spinks, Sexton



First Baptist Church

November 24, 2013

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Christ the King Sunday

The Worship of God

The Music for Gathering Kay Greene

The Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

The Prelude *Voluntary on 'Kremser'* -Gordon Young

The Call to Worship Candace Wilson

Come at dawn!

Come at noon!

Come late in the day!

Come to the vineyard,
where the last and the first
harvest God's good fruit together.

Come!

The Invocation Marian Corn

†The Hymn of Praise 637 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGES WINDSOR

†The Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Children's Time Skip Williams

(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for children's church after The Children's Time.)

The Responsive Reading of Psalm 145:1-13 Katie Cothran

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Dedication 639 *As Men of Old Their First Fruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

†The Offertory Prayer Phillip Edwards

The Offertory and Meditation *Blessings Medley* -Nancy Muskrat

†The Doxology 253 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

The Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-16 (p. 24) Jeff Harris

The Music for Worship *A Harvest Anthem* -F.P. Green/M. Archer

The Sermon "Receivers in the Vineyard" Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Response 330 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* NEW BRITAIN

†The Benediction Jeff Harris

†The 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.*)

The Postlude *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* -Nicolai/Ritter
†Standing, if you are able, please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Children's choir luncheon/practice
	6:00 pm	NO Refuge
	7:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving – Holy Cross
Monday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 pm	No Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	No Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	All day	Office closed – Happy Thanksgiving!
Thursday	10:00 am	Sunday School
December 1	11:00 am	Worship – First Sunday of Advent
	4:30 pm	Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
	6:00 pm	Refuge Christmas Party
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
December 2	7:00 pm	Mission Team Meeting
	10:30 pm	WMU Group 1
December 3	6:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal
December 4	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

If you are a guest, we offer you a warm welcome and hope you experience a meaningful time of worship. Please complete a welcome card from the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate.

Acolytes today are Katie Cothran and Hayden Blackwell.

We are still taking donations for typhoon relief. CBF is partnering with Conscience International to help distribute drinking water to victims in the Philippines, who experienced one of the strongest typhoons in history. Envelopes are provided for your donations.

Advent Devotionals are available for you. Entitled "A Calendar of Devotions 2013," by Deborah Westbrook, the devotional booklets are in the narthex, and at sanctuary exits.

Please note: We will resume our Bible Study on January 8, 2014.

Christmas Mission Opportunities

The Stocking Tree (sponsored by Sisterhood) will be in place in the narthex/vestibule on Sunday, December 1 and Sunday, December 8. Fifty names of needy children from Tryon Elementary School will be on the tree (these are what we call "Kathy's Kids"). *Please sign the list when you take a name.* The clothes and gifts for the children need to be at Tryon Elementary School office by 2pm on Monday, December 16.

Angel Tree - Our Church is participating in the Angel Tree mission again this year, and the Angel Tree is in the narthex. On the back of the Angel card, you will find the ID# with child or senior's first name, along with items wished for. Gift should be a minimum of \$25. Please enter on the sheet beneath the tree your name and telephone number beside the number of the Angel you selected. Wrap your gift(s); put the Angel ID# and recipient's name on each one. Please turn in all gifts at the 4-H Center on Saturday, December 7, between the hours of 9am and 4pm, or bring them to the Church and leave in the narthex closet.

Heifer International – The youth are raising money to buy animals for communities in need. You may donate to Heifer International during the Annual Christmas Dinner on December 8.

Christmas Missions Offering – Even though we collected money for CBF Global Missions and Lottie Moon during “Christmas in July,” you may still contribute to those missions during Advent. Envelopes are available upon request.

Coat Drive - Brotherhood will continue to collect coats, sweaters, and hoodies through the cold months. A large box for coats is in the downstairs hallway, across from the Lair SS Room.

Recycled Shopping Bags - Thermal Belt Outreach has an ongoing need for plastic shopping bags, especially during this holiday season. We will continue to collect bags in the recycle container by the Lair SS Room.



Advent and Christmas 2013

December 1
11:00am
4:30pm
6:00pm

First Sunday of Advent
Worship
Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
Refuge Christmas Party

December 8
11:00am
5:00pm

Second Sunday of Advent
Worship
“The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper,” presented by the Children's Choir, in the TFBC Sanctuary.
Christmas Dinner to follow in the Activity Building.
Please bring side dishes, salads, and desserts.

December 12
8:00am

“A Christmas Story” - The Barter Theater, Abingdon, VA

December 15
11:00am

3:00pm
5:00pm

Third Sunday of Advent
“Celebrate the Child,” a cantata by Tom Fettke, performed by the Chancel Choir.
Community Chorus Concert, Polk County High School
Christmas Caroling – meet at church, end caroling with a meal at Mr. Juan's.

December 22
11:00am

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Worship

December 24
5:00pm

Christmas Eve Worship
(with candlelight and communion)

December 25

Merry Christmas! (Office closed 12/25 and 12/26)