

Join us tonight, **February 23, at 5pm**, for S.E.E. (Sunday Evening Ekklesia), with activities for the whole family. The Children's Choir (grades 1-5), preschoolers, and adults will meet at 5pm. There are two adult studies – one led by Stephen Brady (*"The Case of Christ"* study by Robert Strobel), in the Rock House; and one by Jeff Harris in the Activity Building (*"Sermon Talk"*, based on Genesis 8:1-9:17). Chuck and Denise Britton will prepare the meal of an Italian casserole, salad, bread, and dessert. A nursery will be provided. Refuge begins at 6pm.

The Bible Study group will start a new study on **Wednesday, February 26**, entitled *"Falling Upward: A spirituality for the Two Halves of Life"* by Richard Rohr. Study books are available upon request.

Next Sunday is Baptist Men's Day. Jerry McAtee will preach, and the men of the church are invited to participate in worship by singing in a men's choir that morning. Practice will be immediately following worship **today, February 23**, and again at 9:30am (before Sunday School) **next Sunday, March 2**.

Save this Date – Sunday, March 2, 4pm – We will be hosting the Gardner-Webb University Concert Choir, under the direction of Paul J. Etter. Rehearsing four times per week, students perform challenging choral music from all historical periods. In addition, the Concert Choir tours abroad every four years. The choir has performed in Carnegie Hall, toured Europe, the Holy Land, Egypt, and Costa Rica. Come and bring a friend to hear this outstanding group!

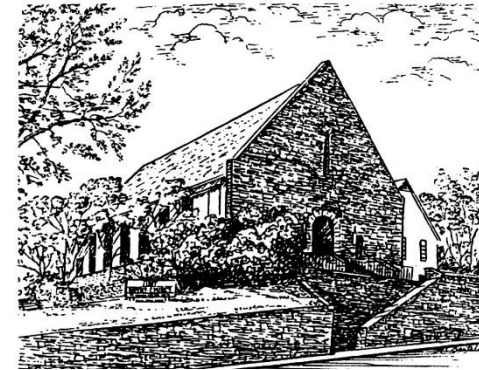
Ash Wednesday Service will be **Wednesday, March 5**, at 6:00pm. Join us for this meaningful service, then cross the street and have a meal with us as we conduct our Annual Business Meeting.

Brotherhood continues to collect coats Thermal Belt Outreach. We have collected 155 coats so far! A box for donated coats is in the hall closet across from the Lair SS classroom.

February 16, 2013

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 4,330	Weekly Non-Budget Giving	\$2019
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,674	YTD Non-Budget Giving	\$3011
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 35,780		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 46,718		

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First Baptist Church

February 23, 2014

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

The Worship of God

The Music for Gathering		Kay Greene
The Words of Preparation		Jeff Harris
The Prelude	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	-Carol Parson
The Call to Worship		Candace Wilson
	Let us praise God the Creator, who is filled with glory and power—with holiness and splendor; Let us worship God the Savior, who is filled with love and compassion—with justice and peace; Let us experience God the Spirit, who fills us with faith and joy—with love and eternal life.	
The Invocation		Billy McFarland
†The Hymn of Praise 6	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	ST. DENIO
†The Passing of the Peace		Jeff Harris
	The Lord be with you. And also with you.	
The Children's Time		Jeff Harris
	(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for children's church after The Children's Time.)	

The Responsive Reading Genesis 6:11-14, 17-22; 7:17-24 Mona Kimble

Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence.

And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth.

And God said to Noah, ‘I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.

But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.

And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive.

Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them.’

Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him. The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.

And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.

He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth.

Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark.

And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred and fifty days.

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Dedication 405 *Have Faith in God* MUSKOGEE

†The Offertory Prayer Phil Pleasants

The Offertory and Meditation *O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go* - Phillip Keveren

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

The Scripture Reading Genesis 6:5-8 (p. 5) Jeff Harris

The Music for Worship *The Gift of Love* -Hal Hopson

The Sermon “Heartbroken” Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Response 618 *God, Whose Purpose Is To Kindle* HOLY MANNA

The Benediction Jeff Harris

†The Congregational Response “We Go In Peace” -Keith Christopher
We go in peace, we go in love, we go with grace and mercy from the Lord above to tell the world this very thing: that Jesus Christ is Lord and King, Jesus Christ is Lord and King!

The Postlude *The Ancient of Days* -Robert J. Powell

†Standing, if you are able, please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	12:00	pm	Men’s Day Choir rehearsal - sanctuary
	5:00	pm	S.E.E.
	6:00	pm	Refuge
	Monday	10:30	am
Wednesday	10:00	am	Bible Study - Activity Building
	6:00	pm	Bell Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 3/2	9:30	am	Men’s Day choir rehearsal - sanctuary
	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Baptist Men’s Day
	4:00	pm	Gardner-Webb Concert Choir
	6:00	pm	No Refuge
	Monday 3/3	10:30	am
Tuesday 3/4	7:00	pm	Mission Team meeting – Rock House
	10:00	am	WMU Group 1 – Lair SS Room
Wednesday 3/5	10:00	am	Bible Study – Activity Building
	6:00	pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	6:30	pm	Annual Meeting and dinner
	Sunday, 3/9	10:00	am
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	5:00	pm	S.E.E.
	6:00	pm	Refuge

Acolytes for today’s service are Verae Upton and Jonathon Edwards.