

Acolytes for today's service are Harper Harris and Caitlin Britton.

An **Easter Egg Hunt** for Preschoolers and Children will be at the home of Phil and Hilda Pleasants on **Sunday, April 6**, at 3:00 pm. We will hunt eggs (with prizes), enjoy a snack, and participate in an egg toss and other games. We are collecting individually wrapped candy. Collection boxes are in the church kitchen and narthex.

Vacation Bible School coming soon! VBS for ages 4 - grade 5, is scheduled for June 16-19, Monday-Thursday, 5:30-8:30 pm. The theme for this year is **Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God (W.O.W.)**. At *W.O.W.*, we will help children experience how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God through dramas, crafts, games, activities, music, and hours of fun! Please mark your calendar today and consider how you can be involved in this special week of learning and fun.

Join us tonight, **March 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 led by Jeff Harris in the Activity Building ("Sermon Talk", Genesis 15:1-15-21). Paula and Phillip Edwards will prepare the meal, and a nursery will be provided. Refuge begins at 6pm.

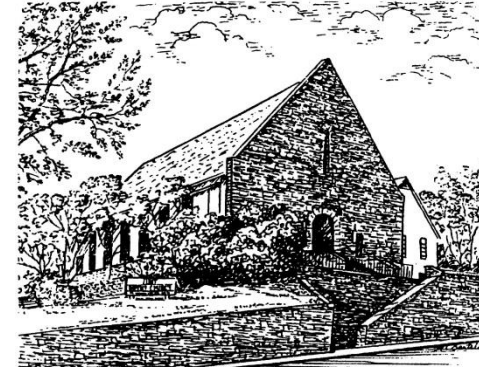
If you have ever served as a Deacon at First Baptist Church, you are invited to a Deacon Retreat on **Saturday, April 5**, from 9:00am-2:00pm. Eddie Hammett, church consultant and clergy coach, will lead the retreat. Lunch is provided.

March Mission Emphasis: Stewardship of the Church. Thanks to all who turned out yesterday to tidy up the grounds and buildings. We are collecting the following items for Thermal Belt Outreach Food Pantry this month: macaroni and cheese, beef stew, peanut butter, vegetable oil, and cereal. You may bring donations of food to the Lair SS Room, or deliver them to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, 134 White Drive, Columbus.

March 16, 2013

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 5,859	Weekly Non-Budget Giving	\$ 329
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,674	YTD Non-Budget Giving	\$ 3,730
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 59,635	YTD Total Giving	\$ 63,365
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 73,414	TBOM Food Pantry	\$ 154

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First Baptist Church

March 23, 2014

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

The Third Sunday in Lent

The Worship of God

The Music for Gathering Kay Greene

The Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

The Bells for Worship *Glorious Is Thy Name* -arr. By Duane Plash

The Call to Worship

Come, all who need help!

**Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.**

Come, all who desire blessing!

**Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Come, all who long for salvation!

**Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.**

The Invocation Susanna Ashworth

†The Hymn of Praise 34 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

†The Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris
 The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

The Words of Stewardship Ellis Fincher, Jr.

The Responsive Reading Genesis 12:1-20 Trey Dusenbury

Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to reside there as an alien, for the famine was severe in the land.

When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai,

‘I know well that you are a woman beautiful in appearance; and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, “This is his wife”; then they will kill me, but they will let you live.

Say you are my sister, so that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared on your account.’

When Abram entered Egypt the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. When the officials of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. **And the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female slaves, female donkeys, and camels.**

But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. So Pharaoh called Abram, and said, ‘What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?’

Why did you say, “She is my sister”, so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and be gone.’

And Pharaoh gave his men orders concerning him; and they set him on the way, with his wife and all that he had.

The Confession of Sin Jeff Harris

The Choral Response *The Power of the Cross* OH, TO SEE THE DAWN
(The congregation is asked to join the choir when directed.)

This, the power of the cross; Christ became sin for us; took the pain, bore the shame – we stand forgiven at the cross.

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The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Candace Wilson

†The Hymn of Dedication 564 *Make Me a Channel of Blessing* EUCLID

†The Offertory Prayer Marian Corn

The Offertory *How Great Thou Art* -arr. Anna Laura Page

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

The Music for Worship *God, Your Word* David L. Ray

The Scripture Reading Genesis 15:1-21 (p. 11) Jeff Harris

The Music for Worship *Sing to the Lord a New Song* -Purdy and Taylor

The Sermon Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Response 74 *O God Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

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 *O, Come to Him* -Rohan/Dengler

†Standing, if you are able, please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 pm	Worship
	5:00 pm	S.E.E.
	6:00 pm	Refuge
Monday	10:30 am	Staff meeting
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study - Activity Building
	6:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri 3/28-Sat 3/29	all day	General Assembly - Greensboro
Sunday 3/30	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	NO Children’s Choir, NO Refuge at 6
Monday 3/31	10:30 am	Staff meeting
Tuesday 4/1	10:00 am	WMU Group 1
Wednesday 4/2	10:00 am	Bible Study – Activity Building
	6:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 4/5	9:00 am	Deacon Retreat with Eddie Hammett
Sunday, 4/6	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt – Pleasants Farm
	5:00 pm	NO Children’s choir
	6:00 pm	Refuge
