

We welcome our guest organist, Dana Carter. Dana has a BM from Lawrence University in Appleton, WI, and an MCM from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. She has 45 years of experience playing the organ. Dana moved to the Hendersonville area seven years ago and loves the mountains.

Today is Food Pantry Sunday. Please consider donating generously as you leave today.

**Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow!** VBS for ages 4 - grade 5, will be June 16-19, Monday-Thursday, 5:30-8:30 pm. A light supper will be served each evening. The theme for this year is **Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God (W.O.W.)**. You can register by calling the church office or online at <http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/FirstBaptistChurchofTryon>.

The Brotherhood of Tryon First Baptist meets at the Activity Building on **Monday, June 23**, at 6:30 pm. John Spinks is in charge of the program, and will provide the meal. Cost of the meal is \$5 and a sign-up sheet for those attending is in the Sunday School foyer. Please make plans to attend this meeting. All men of the church are invited to be a part of this fellowship. Come and bring a friend!

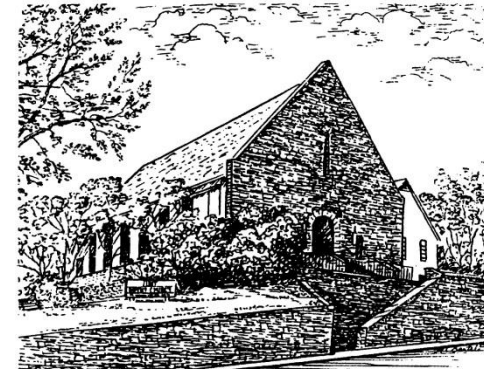
The Thermal Belt Habitat for Humanity ReStore needs volunteers. For more details, please contact the church office.

Reminder: Sunday, June 29 is "I Love My Church" Sunday.

June 8, 2014

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 5,034	Weekly Non-Budget Giving	\$25
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,674	Office Supplies	\$25
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 140,262		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 153,502		

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*First Baptist Church*

June 15, 2014

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

First Sunday after Pentecost

*The Worship of God*

The Music for Gathering		Kay Greene
The Words of Preparation		Jeff Harris
The Prelude	<i>Meditation on 'Diademata'</i>	-Charles Callahan
The Call to Worship		Candace Wilson
<p>In mystery and grandeur  <b>we see the face of God.</b>          In earthiness and the ordinary  <b>we know the love of Christ.</b>          In heights and depths  <b>and life and death:</b>          the spirit of God  <b>is moving among us.</b>  <b>Let us praise God!</b></p>		
The Invocation		Wilson Edwards
†The Hymn of Praise 247	<i>Come Thou Almighty King</i>	ITALIAN HYMN
†The Passing of the Peace		Jeff Harris
<p>The Lord be with you.  <b>And also with you.</b></p>		
The Children's Time		"Mr. Skip" Williams
(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for children's church after The Children's Time.)		

The Responsive Reading Psalm 149 Susanna Ashworth  
 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
**Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**  
 Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.  
**For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.**  
 Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.  
**Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,**  
 to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,  
**to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,**  
 to execute on them the judgment decreed.  
**This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!**

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Jeff Harris

The Dedication of Vacation Bible School Leaders and Workers  
 The Presentation of Leaders and Workers Candace Wilson

VBS Leaders and Workers: **We ask you to pray for us as we seek God's help. We ask you to pray for all those whose lives will be touched, and we ask you help us to be inviting and welcoming to the neighbors, relatives, and friends who join us at Worship of Wonders Vacation Bible School.**

The Prayer Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Dedication *Go Down, Moses* GO DOWN MOSES  
 When Israel was in Egypt's land; let my people go, oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.  
**REFRAIN:** Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land. Tell old Pharoah, let my people go.  
 No more shall they in bondage toil, let my people go, let them come out with Egypt's spoil, let my people go. (*Refrain*)  
 The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go, to lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go. (*Refrain*)  
 Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go, and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go. (*Refrain*)

†The Offertory Prayer Phil Scoggins

The Offertory *Be Still and Know* -arr. Mark Hayes

†The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

The Scripture Reading Exodus 8:1-15 (p. 53) Jeff Harris

The Music for Worship *Werde Munter* (tune by J. Schop, 1664) -arr. Percy Whitlock

The Sermon Power, Plagues, and (other) Problems Jeff Harris

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

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 *Toccata* -Eugene Gigout

†Standing, if you are able, please.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, June 16	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School Begins
Tuesday, June 17	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
	7:00 pm	NO Sisterhood meeting
Wednesday, June 18	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
	7:00 pm	NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, June 19	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Sunday, June 22	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, June 23	10:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Brotherhood – Activity Building
Tuesday, June 24	6:50 pm	Deacons meeting – Rock House
Wednesday, June 25	6:00 pm	NO Evening Activities
Friday, June 27	All day	Spirituality Backpack trip – Roan Mtn.
Sunday, June 29	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship, with “Roger Williams”

If you are a guest, we offer you a warm welcome, and hope you will experience a meaningful time of worship. As your offering today, please complete a welcome card, found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate.

## What's Happening this Summer . . .

### **Two Great Opportunities for Summer Sabbath:**

Backpacking trip in the Roan Highlands, **June 27-29.**

Church Camping Trip at Orchard Lake in Saluda, **August 15-17**

**Roger Williams is coming to Tryon** - Roger Williams, the founder of the very first Baptist church in America, First Baptist Church of Providence, RI (he also founded the state of Rhode Island), was a staunch advocate for religious liberty and the separation of church and state. Even though Williams died in 1683, he's planning a trip to First Baptist Church of Tryon. The Rev. Robert Randolph, retired pastor and chaplain from the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, will present an in-character monologue of Roger Williams during worship on **June 29**. You will not want to miss this opportunity for worship and education.

### **PassportKids!, July 6-9 at Converse College**

FBC Tryon is heading to the historic **Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA** on **July 17**. We'll share a meal in Abingdon before watching a matinee performance of "Welcome Back to Ivy Gap" (a comedy centered on the First Baptist Church of Ivy Gap). We'll travel via charter bus so the ride will be comfortable and enjoyable. The trip will cost \$40, which will cover your ticket and transportation costs. There's plenty of room on the bus so feel free to bring a friend. A sign-up sheet is located in the education foyer.

FBC is going to **Carowinds** on **July 22!** We will depart at 8:00 am and return no later than 6:00 pm. The cost is \$40 per person and includes an all-day pass to the park and transportation to and from Tryon on a charter bus. Children who haven't completed the third grade must be accompanied by a parent. Today is the last day to sign-up. Let's fill the bus that day and have a great outing with our church family.

**Adult and Youth Sunday School** will meet in the Activity Building during July. Because we are exploring significant passages of the Old Testament in worship, we will use this time to explore the Ten Commandments.

## With deep gratitude . . .

Most days I enjoy being a pastor. After all, in what other vocation is one expected to think and talk about such an extravagant thing as God? But like all vocations, ministry has its ups and downs. There are days and seasons that are hard and there are those that are beautiful and exhilarating.

"Pastoring" is a vocation better experienced than explained. I can tell you what it is like to rub ashes on someone's forehead while saying, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." But unless you've done it, you can't fully understand the humbling holiness of such a moment. I can tell you about conversations with a dying person, and how the closeness of death removes pretension and trivia from the room. But unless you've shared those words and held those hands it is hard to grasp the sacredness of the situation.

There are days, however, when you wonder why in the world you chose this kind of life. Superficiality and shallowness rear their ugly heads and you feel like everything you do is in vain. Lack of commitment to the life and ministry of the local church makes you question your sanity. And you can't help but think there are some church folks who wouldn't recognize Jesus if he hit them in the head with a hammer. That's usually when it occurs to me that there are plenty of times in my own life, when I don't recognize Jesus either, and I'm a trained professional. (Professional, by the way, doesn't necessarily mean that you particularly skilled at something, it simply means you get paid.)

And that's when I remember that I didn't really choose this kind of life; instead, this kind of life chose me. Or to say it a different way, I believe that God called me to this kind of life. To some that sounds like an arrogant claim, and to others it sounds completely ridiculous. I understand both perspectives. But somehow, when Paul says to the Corinthians (I Corinthians 1:27) that God chose the foolish to shame the wise and the weak to shame the strong then it all seems totally believable to me—that God actually chooses people like you and me to be God's representatives in the world.

There are people and occasions that solidify God's choosing, and I must say that you are such people, and that your support and generosity during my Doctor of Ministry journey is such an occasion. You have supported and affirmed me in this endeavor from day one and I cannot adequately thank you. The abundance of your recent love offering is beyond generous, and I want you to know that I am grateful. I am grateful for your support and affirmation. I am grateful for your friendship. I am grateful that God has called us together for ministry. Now don't go and get the "big head" but you really are a wonderful congregation! I look forward to what God has in store for us.

With deep gratitude,

*Jeff*