

Bible Study resumes Wednesday, January 7, 10am. We will be using *Making Sense of the Bible--Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Adam Hamilton. Bring a light dish and we'll share a meal afterward.

S.E.E. starts January 11, 5pm. Jeff Harris will lead a conversation titled *We Could be Wrong—Examining Moral and Ethical Issues from a Christian Perspective*. Contentious issues continue to divide churches and communities, but is there another way to approach these complex dilemmas? Can the church offer a better way forward than our tired binary (right/left) thinking? Join us for a series of respectful conversations modeling deep thinking and humility. Stephen Brady will also lead a study, with details to follow soon. The first meal we'll share on January 11 will be pizza.

January 11 Capital Punishment

January 25 Abortion

February 8 War, Violence, and Pacifism

February 22 Politics, Parties, and the Separation of Church and State

March 8 Race

March 22 Creation Care and the Environment

April 12 Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage

April 26 Homosexuality

May 17 Concluding Conversation

December 28, 2014

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 17,192	Heifer International	\$ 196
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,674	GraceItForward	\$ 80
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 348,726	VBS for 2015	\$150
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 347,048	CBF Global Missions	\$ 20
		Lottie Moon	\$ 20
Food Pantry	\$20	Rock House Gift	\$465

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First Baptist Church

January 4, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

Prelude *What Star Is This (Puer Nobis)* -Thomas Gieschen

Call to Worship Candace Wilson

Light! Light, light and more light!

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

And the glory of God has risen upon you.

Nations shall come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your rising.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,

Wise men came from the East, saying:

Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

For we have seen his star in the East,

And have come to worship him.

Invocation Ella Waldman

†Hymn of Praise 113 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

†Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time Mr. "Skip" Williams

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

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 654) Jeff Harris

Responsive Reading Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Wilson Edwards
 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
 May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
 May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.
For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 183) Jeff Harris

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

†Hymn of Dedication 105 *Child in the Manger* BUNESSAN

Offertory Prayer Dick Wilson

Offertory and Meditation *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* -Marylinn Ham

†Doxology 100 (Refrain) *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!* GLORIA

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 7) Jeff Harris

Anthem *When the Angels' Song is Silent* -Mary Kay Beall

Sermon "An Epiphany of Sorts" Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Response 117 *As With Gladness Men of Old* DIX

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response *Where the Promise Shines*
 (Lead us on, lead us on, to a morning where the promise shines. Lead us on, lead us on, to a morning where the promise shines.)

Postlude *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* -Lloyd Larson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 4	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
Monday, January 5	7:00	pm	Mission Team Meeting
Tuesday, January 6	10:00	am	WMU Group 1
Wednesday, January 7	10:00	am	Bible Study – Activity Building
	6:00	am	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Sunday, January 11	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	S.E.E. begins
	6:00	pm	Refuge

Acolytes for today's service are Katie Cothran and Jonathon Edwards.

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.

Brotherhood is sponsoring a coat drive during the winter months. The collection box is located in the closet across the hall from the Lair Sunday School classroom, and will be taken to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry each time it is full.

Refuge is sponsoring a mission to raise money for livestock through the Heifer International Program. Refuge greatly appreciates your help. You may leave your donation in the offering plate or the church office. If you have questions, talk with Phillip Feagan or a Refuge youth.

Church committees for 2015 need to find times to meet and elect new chairpersons. Please contact the church office with the time you'd like to meet.

Offering Envelopes for 2015 are ready, and may be picked up today. The boxes are labeled and on the counter in the church kitchen.