

**Bible Study - Wednesday - 10am - Activity Building.** We are using *Making Sense of the Bible--Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Adam Hamilton. Books are available. This week we will be reviewing **chapters 13-15**. Bring a light dish and we'll share a meal afterward.

**S.E.E. for February 22, 5pm.** *We Could be Wrong—Examining Moral and Ethical Issues from a Christian Perspective.* Join us for a series of respectful conversations modeling deep thinking and humility. Upcoming topics: **February 22** - Politics, Parties, and the Separation of Church and State; **March 8** - Race; **March 22**—Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage; **April 12** - Homosexuality; **April 26** - TBD; **May 17** - Concluding Conversation. Stephen Brady will lead a study in the Rock House, from Louie Giglio's *Passion* series.

**Mark Your Calendars!** We're less than two weeks away from our Annual Meeting, which begins with a meal. The date is Wednesday, March 4, at 6pm in the Activity Building. Meat, bread, and beverages will be provided – please bring side dishes, salads, and desserts. This is when Tryon First Baptist reviews the last year's activities.

We welcome Sydney Waldman to the First Baptist Family. Sydney joined by profession of faith last Sunday, February 15, and will be baptized at a later date.

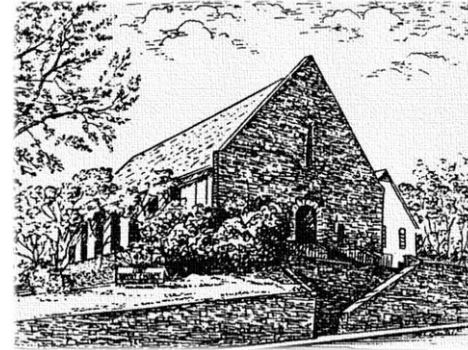
We were grateful to collect \$945 for the Heck Jones Offering. We will continue to receive this offering - which benefits mission projects for WMU of North Carolina - through the end of the month.

February 15, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving \$ 4,568  
 Weekly Budget Goal \$ 6,640  
 YTD Budget Giving \$ 35,979  
 YTD Budget Goal \$ 46,480

Heck Jones Offering \$945  
 Choir Fund (Memorials) \$50  
 Food Pantry \$256  
 Offering Envelopes \$ 5

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*First Baptist Church*

February 22, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

First Sunday in Lent

*The Worship of God*

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

Choral Introit *Bless the Lord* -Myrin/Redman/Larson

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

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Call to Worship Candace Wilson

Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives, and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert, and the beckoning power of sweet fruit, and the vain promises of the world, we need you, God.

**We need you, God.**

Because we see the broken before the whole, and the half empty cup, and the unfinished task, and the thirst in freedom's quest, we need you, God.

**We need you, God.**

Because we trust in what we can see, and we are blinded by our prejudices, and we do not know what we do not know, we need you, God.

**We need you, God.**

Because our need for correctness exceeds our need for truth, and our excuses preempt the cry of the wounded, and our celebration of blessing is mindless of those displaced, we need you, God.

**We need you, God.**

Because you came among us, and breathed into our sinewy souls, and healed our pain and let us wound you, and loved us to the end, and triumphed over all our hatred, we need you, God.

**We need you, God.**

Prelude *I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)* -David Haas

Invocation StorieLane Whiteside

†Hymn of Praise 247 *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

†Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris  
 The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Children’s Time Jeff Harris  
 (Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children’s Church after the Children’s Time)

Old Testament Reading Genesis 9:8-17 (p. 7) Jeff Harris

Responsive Reading Psalm 25:1-10 Dave Graham  
 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**  
 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.  
**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**  
 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.  
**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**  
 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O Lord!  
**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**  
 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.  
**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22 (p. 227) Candace Wilson

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

†Hymn of Dedication 217 *Oh, How I Love Jesus* OH HOW I LOVE JESUS

Offertory Prayer Marian Corn

Offertory and Meditation *Lead Me to Calvary* -arr. V. Labenske

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

Gospel Reading Mark 1:-9-15 (p. 37) Jeff Harris

Anthem *Lenten Meditation* -Althouse

Sermon “The Importance of Wilderness” Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Response 276 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ANGEL’S STORY

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*  
*I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

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Postlude *Pleading Savior* -David Paxton

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, February 22	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	SEE
Tuesday, February 24	6:00	pm	Refuge
	10:30	pm	Staff Meeting
	6:50	pm	Deacons’ Meeting
Wednesday, February 25	10:00	am	Bible Study
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, February 28	7:15	am	Ski trip (Food Lion Columbus)
Sunday, March 1	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	Children’s Choir (grades 1-5)
Wednesday, March 4	6:00	pm	No Refuge
	6:00	pm	Covered dish meal
	6:30	pm	Annual Meeting
Thursday, March 5	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

If you are a guest, we are grateful that you are here. Please complete a welcome card (found in the pew pocket) and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written word of greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence with us today.

The acolytes for today’s service are Ella Waldman and Laney Littlefield.

**The Social Committee** will meet in the parlor after worship **today**, to plan for upcoming events. This meeting is important, so please plan to attend.