

Sisterhood meets in the Lair Sunday School Room on **Tuesday, September 8**, at 7:00pm. Shelvie Foust will present the program, and all women of the church are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

There will be **Acolyte training** for 1st - 5th grade children on **Sunday, September 13, at 5:00pm**. Our Youth (grades 6-12) are also encouraged to participate as acolytes; but, this training is for children (grades 1-5) who are currently serving as acolytes and for any child interested in becoming an acolyte.

S.E.E. Kickoff and Kickball

Join us September 13 at 5pm as we begin our S.E.E. (Sunday Evening Ekklesia) Fall Schedule. Children and preschoolers activities begin at 5pm in the educational space of the main building, while adults have the option of these studies: Jeff Harris will lead (in the Activity Building) Adam Hamilton's "**Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today.**" Stephen Brady will lead (in the Rock House) "**Personal Finances from a Christian Perspective**" (based on principles of Dave Ramsey). **At 6:00pm we'll share a cookout, and from 6:30pm to 7:30pm we'll play Kickball in the main parking lot.** (S.E.E meets September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25, and November 8)

Bible Study resumes on **Wednesday, September 16**, at 10:00am in the Activity Building. We'll be using *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard. Bring a light dish to share as we enjoy a luncheon fellowship afterward.

Children's Choir begins **September 20** at 5:00pm. The children will meet every Sunday.

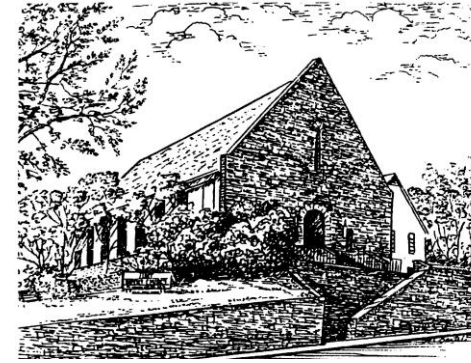
Save the Date! We'll gather on **September 20 at Harmon Field for worship at 10:30 and a picnic afterward.** Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. Stan Dotson (guitar) and Kim Christman (hammered dulcimer) will provide the music.

The **#GraceItForward Mission Day, Saturday, October 4**, is fast approaching, and many of you *have* volunteered to work. There are tasks for every age and skill level, so prayerfully consider how you can help that day, and sign up.

August 23, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 5,241	CBF Global Missions	\$163.77 (39.77 from VBS)
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,640	Lottie Moon Offering	\$ 10
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 205,583	GraceItForward	\$100
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 225,760		

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First Baptist Church

August 30, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering		Kay Greene
Words of Preparation		Jeff Harris
Prelude	<i>Fantasy in C Major</i>	J.S. Bach
Call to Worship		Candace Wilson
Teacher God,		
We come to worship you today.		
Enable us to build in your image,		
a strong foundation and a community of servants.		
Joined together,		
led by your word and encouraged by your spirit.		
As you hear us,		
Teach us to hear you. AMEN.		
Invocation		Wilson Edwards
†Hymn of Praise 599	<i>We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord</i>	CLONMEL
†The Passing of the Peace		Jeff Harris
The peace of Christ be with you.		
And also with you.		
Old Testament Reading	Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (p. 161)	Katie Cothran

Responsive Reading Psalm 1 Lawson Carter
 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.
 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

New Testament Reading	2 Timothy 3:14-17 (p. 203)	Ella Waldman
Gospel Reading	Mark 9:30-37 (p. 46)	Jeff Harris
Sermon	“A New Way of Living”	Jeff Harris
†Hymn of Response 601	<i>Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray</i>	DIADEMATA
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer		Candace Wilson
Music for Worship	<i>We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
Recognition of Those Working in Public School Systems		Candace Wilson
Litany for Education and Schools (see insert)		Candace Wilson
Recognition of Christian Education Teachers, Leaders, and Workers		Candace Wilson
Litany of Teaching and Learning (see insert)		Candace Wilson
Prayer of Blessing		Candace Wilson
†Hymn of Dedication	<i>We Thank You, God, for Teachers (see insert)</i>	LANCASHIRE
Presentation of Bibles		Candace Wilson
†Offertory Prayer		Dick Wilson

Offertory and Meditation	<i>Children’s Medley</i>	-arr. Gayden Sikes
†Doxology 253	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100 th
†Benediction		Candace Wilson
†Congregational Response	<i>May the Spirit Bind Us Together</i>	-Brad Stevens
	<i>(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.)</i>	
Postlude	<i>Toccata in E Minor</i>	-Johann Pachelbel
	†Standing, if you are able, please.	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 30	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Meeting for Parents of children in grades 1-5
Tuesday, September 1	10:30 am	WMU Group 1 Salad luncheon (note time)
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, September 2	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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.

Acolytes for today’s service are StorieLane Whiteside and Jonathon Edwards.

We thank today’s guest organist, Carole Bartol, for her worship music.

New Sunday School Class to be offered: If you are not presently attending Sunday School, this is a class for you! We hope this will be an intergenerational class for all ages, genders, and life-journeys. Baptists Today, among others, will be the main resource used in this class. The most important resources for the class, of course, will be you, the participants. Bring your curiosity and your questions! We will wonder and wander together. The format of the class will be discussion with Dick Wilson as lead-learner. The class will begin on **Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 am in the parlor.**

September 13 – A love offering will collected for Randy Hudson to help with medical expenses and handicap accessibility.

We Thank You, God, for Teachers (tune: LANCASHIRE)

We thank you, God, for teachers who help us learn your way,
Who show by their example how we can serve and pray,
Who find great joy in worship, who listen with concern;
For in their loving witness, they help us want to learn.

We thank you, God, for children and older people, too,
Who value times of learning and want to grow in you,
Who seek your precious kingdom and wisdom from above,
For wise ones of all ages still seek to learn your love.

We thank you, God, for families of every kind and size,
Who keep the vows they spoke when their children were baptized,
Who pray and read the Bible, who love and serve the poor;
They teach, by what they value, the way of Christ our Lord.

We thank you, God, for churches that welcome one and all,
That nurture every person in answer to Christ's call.
So fill us with your spirit, and give us life anew,
That we may help each other live faithfully in you.

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A Litany for Education and Schools

Leader: Today we recognize those involved in the public education of our children and youth. The call to be involved in this education is a high calling. Those who teach our children and youth help shape the future. We give thanks to a gracious God for the teachers, school administrators, counselors, school volunteers, support staff, cafeteria workers, school bus drivers and all others in our congregation who work in our schools.

People: **We celebrate your calling and pledge to support you and others in our community who are involved in the education of children and youth.**

Leader: Gracious God, we lift up to you all those involved in education in this community and in all the communities in our nation and world. Guide us, great God, that we will know the best way to show our interest and support for our students, teachers, and all those involved in education.

People: **We pray for wisdom and strength to make a positive difference in the lives of those in school. We pray for courage to explore new ways of supporting the people and institutions that teach our children and youth. We pray in the name of the great teacher, Jesus. Amen.**

LITANY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

God made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, promising that their descendants would number as the stars in the heavens and the sands on the shore. You are each one of those “stars,” one of those “grains of sand.”

We join our minds, hearts, and lives to tell the stories of our ancestors in the faith in this time and this place.

What else will you tell each other so that the generations following will keep the story alive?

We will tell them about people like us – sometimes fragile and fearful, funny and faithful – who lived to keep the covenant alive.

What else will you tell about God’s promise to keep the covenant?

We will tell of the fulfillment of God’s promise to send Christ into the world. We will tell how the Spirit works within our lives to guide us toward God’s hopes.

Your commitment to share what you know about God’s work in the world is an act of mind and heart. How will you covenant to learn and grow?

Because the life of faith is a family life, we dedicate ourselves to learn in community. Because the Bible is the story of your redeeming love, we commit to become life-time students of the Bible. Because music, art, scripture and prayer are ways we hear your stories, we will listen for God’s word to us each time we worship.

In all your learning and all your teaching, look for ways God’s grace has been present for you. Notice how the Christian faith helps you make sense of your lives and gives them meaning and purpose.

We celebrate all the learning that happens in classrooms and in the sanctuary, in meetings or in a study, on a lap or on our knees. We invite others to teach and learn with us.