

S.E.E. - Join us tonight at 5pm for S.E.E. (Sunday Evening Ekklesia) Fall Schedule. Children and preschooler 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). We'll share a meal at 6:00pm. S.E.E meets October 25 and November 8.

Disaster Relief Offering-For the next two Sundays you can help South Carolina flood victims (CBF of SC), and Syrian Refugees (Baptist World Alliance), by designating an offering to either of these disasters (or both). Envelopes are provided at the entrances for your convenience – you may check which offering to give to, or designate one (or both) on the memo line of your check.

Sisterhood will meet **Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m.** The program will be provided by Di Greene and refreshments will be provided by Marian Corn. All women are invited to meet in the Lair SS Classroom.

Serve, Eat, Play on October 18 – We have a chance to join with other churches in our community for an afternoon of service and fun at Harmon Field. The afternoon starts at 4pm with the annual CROPwalk, followed by a potluck supper and an evening of games for all ages. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and enjoy their fellowship. Put on your best walking shoes and bring a dish to share!

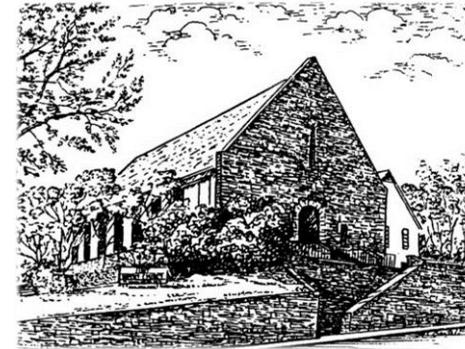
Brotherhood meets in the Activity Building on Monday, October 19. Bob Scruggs is in charge of the meal and the program. All men of the church are welcome, and encouraged to bring a friend. If you wish to partake in the meal, there is a sign-up sheet in the education hallway.

Upstate Stand Down 2015 –Stand Down is a community of volunteers and participants brought together to inspire and invigorate homeless veterans and veterans at risk. Their goal is to provide opportunities, services, and inviting person-to-person contact so each veteran can muster the energy and initiative needed to renew and/or rebuild his or her life. The event is **Thursday, October 22**, at the **Spartanburg Expo and Event Center**. The event runs from 9:00am until 4:00pm. All volunteers are welcome. Contact David Thompson at 894-5620 for more information.

October 4, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 17,028	Food Pantry	\$ 20
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,640	#GraceItForward	\$ 120
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 252,163	School Supplies	\$ 25
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 265,600		

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First Baptist Church

October 11, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

Prelude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* -Gordon Young

Call to Worship Candace Wilson

We worship God, not because we are strong,
but because we are weak.

We kneel, not because we're humble,
but because we're proud.

We pray, not because we have the answers,
but because we seek them.

We come here, because in this place we have found,
mercy and healing and hope.

Invocation Jonathon Edwards

†Hymn of Praise 32 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

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

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:28-31 (p. 635) Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading John 15:1-11 Laura Spinks

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.

He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.

Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me as I abide in you.

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my

Father's commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

Scripture Reading Romans 8:35, 37-39 (p. 150) Jeff Harris

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

†Hymn of Dedication 54 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Offertory Prayer Ellis Fincher

Offertory and Meditation *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* -arr. Cindy Berry

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

Anthem *Refuge* -Keith Christopher

Scripture Reading Psalm 102:1-11, 23-28 (p. 533) Guy Sayles

Sermon "In the Middle of the Night" Guy Sayles

†Hymn of Response 208 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†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.

†Postlude *Laudes Domini* -Barnby/Powell

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 11	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School – Activity Building
	11:00 am	Worship – Guy Sayles, guest preacher
	5:00 pm	S.E.E.
Tuesday, October 13	6:00 pm	Refuge
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
	12:00 pm	Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday, October 14	7:00 pm	Sisterhood
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal
Friday, October 16	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Refuge Lock-In – Fincher's Shed
Sunday, October 18	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	4:00 pm	Serve, Eat, Play at Harmon Field (no Children's Choir or Refuge tonight)

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.

Acolytes for today's service are Verae Upton and Luke Walker.

We welcome The Reverend Dr. Guy Sayles, former pastor of FBC Asheville, as our guest preacher. Guy is a gifted writer, speaker, and consultant. He serves on the religion and philosophy faculty at Mars Hill University, is an adjunct member of the faculty of the Divinity School at Gardner Webb University, and a consultant affiliated with the Center for Healthy Churches.

The Finance Committee will have a lunch meeting in the pastor's office on **Tuesday, October 13, at 12pm.**