

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. Devices for hearing assistance are available in the narthex.

Acolytes for today's service are Laney Littlefield and Durham McEntire.

Congratulations are extended to Carrie Greene and Grayson Donahue, who were married at First Baptist on Saturday, November 7.

S.E.E. - Join us tonight at 5pm for S.E.E. (Sunday Evening Ekklesia). Fall Schedule: Children and preschoolers have activities at 5pm in the educational space of the main building. 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. This is the last S.E.E. of the year, and we'll resume in January.

Our November Mission is a coat drive which continues through the winter months. The collection box is located in the closet across the hall from the Lair Sunday School Classroom, and coats will be taken to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry each time the box is full. Please bring new or used coats, sweaters and hoodies of any size, so we can help spread the gift of warmth.

Brotherhood will not meet in November or December.

Community Thanksgiving Service – Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, November 22, at 4pm in the First Baptist sanctuary. This will be a joint service with other churches in the community. Come and bring a friend!

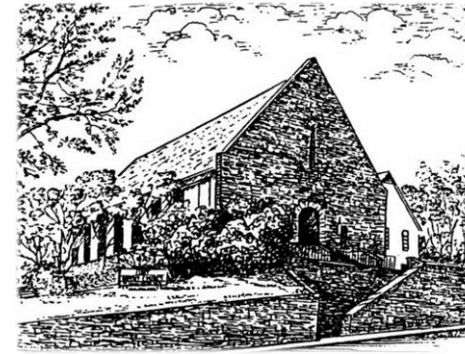
Generous • Thankful • Faithful (November 1, 8, 15, and 22)

God has generously given us life, love, family, friends, forgiveness, hope, salvation, and so many other good gifts. How do we live as thankful, faithful stewards of these gifts? How do we live generously in a world of scarcity?

November 01, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 8,446	Church Scholarships	\$ 100
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,640	SC Flood Relief	\$ 50
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 278,078		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 292,160		

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First Baptist Church

November 8, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering		Kay Greene
Words of Preparation		Jeff Harris
Prelude	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	-Franklin Ritter
Call to Worship	(Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 MSG)	Candace Wilson
	"Be generous: Invest in acts of charity. Charity yields high returns. Don't hoard your goods; spread them around. Be a blessing to others."	
Invocation		Rollins Carter
† Hymn of Praise 604	<i>Come, All Christians, Be Committed</i>	BEACH SPRING
† Passing of the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.	Jeff Harris
Children's Time	(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)	"Mr. Skip" Williams
Old Testament Reading	1 Chronicles 29:14-19 (p. 380)	Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading Psalm 24 Joyce Scoggins
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up
their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**
They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God
of their salvation.
**Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of
the God of Jacob.**
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the
King of glory may come in.
**Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in
battle.**
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the
King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (p. 173) Jeff Harris

Generous • Thankful • Faithful Ellis Fincher

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

† Hymn of Dedication *Jesus Sat and Watched the Crowd* HENDON

Jesus sat and watched the crowd
At the temple treasury.

Some that day were rich and proud,
Making sure that all could see
Their great generosity.

Then a widow came along
Who had nothing she could spare.
Yet her faith in God was strong
And she gave as few would dare:
All she had, she chose to share.

Just a penny, nothing more,
Yet Christ said her gift was best.
What a risk, for one so poor!
What rich faith her gift expressed!
Trusting, giving, she was blest.

Lord, you see the way we live;
All within our hearts, you know.
Like that widow, may we give.
Trusting you, our gifts will grow
And our joy will overflow.

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Offertory Prayer Billy McFarland

Offertory and Meditation *What A Beautiful World* -Ruth E. Schram

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

Gospel Reading Mark 12:41-4, Mark 4:21-25 Jeff Harris

Anthem *The Blessing Riddle* -Pepper Choplin

Sermon “A Concrete Step Toward Generosity” Jeff Harris

† Hymn of Response 605 *Because I Have Been Given Much* SEMINARY

† Benediction Jeff Harris

† Congregational Response *May God Give You Peace* -arr. Pepper Choplin
*(May God give you peace through every trial. May God give you courage for every mile. May
God give you comfort and be your friend, and give you life eternal, life without end.)*
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† Postlude *For All the Blessings of the Year* -David H. Hegarty

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 8	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	S.E.E.
	6:00	pm	Refuge
Monday, November 9	7:00	pm	Sisterhood
Tuesday, November 10	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, November 11	10:00	am	Bible Study
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
