

Coat Drive – We are collecting coats, sweaters, and hoodies – new or used. There is a large collection box in the closet opposite the Lair Sunday School classroom. Each time the box is full, we will take the coats to Thermal Belt Outreach. Give the gift of warmth this year!

Children’s Choir (grades 1-5) resumes rehearsal tonight at 5:00pm. There’s a meeting for the parents of the Children’s Choir at 5:50pm tonight.

Baptism on January 10 – Please join us in celebrating the baptisms of **Malik Miller** and **Wilson Edwards**.

January S.E.E. schedule – S.E.E. resumes Sunday, January 10, at 5:00pm, and will continue to meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Jeff’s study will be the book of Acts - *Gathering a community. Breaking down walls. Spreading the word. Taking a stand.* These four phrases organize this study of Acts and will guide readers through a world alive with God and God’s mighty deeds. All of us who have “drunk too deeply at the wells of reason and rationality” will once again pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe. Stephen Brady will lead a study in the Rock House based on *The Comeback – It’s Not Too Late and You’re Never Too Far* by Louie Giglio. It is a study on several characters in the bible that made serious mistakes - yet God was able to use these imperfect individuals to further his Kingdom.

Bible Study will start Wednesday, January 13 at 10:00am (in the Activity Building), and will continue studying *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard. Bring a light dish to share for lunch after the study.

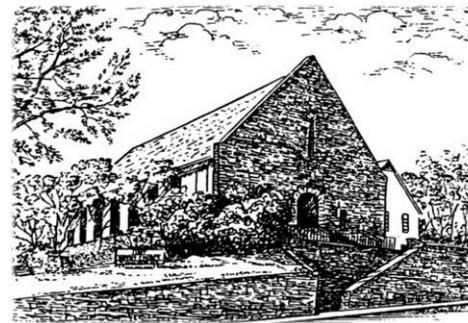
Brotherhood meets at Calvert’s Kitchen at 6:00pm on Monday, January 18.

Thank you for another generous offering on December 27!

December 27, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 25,646	Music Ministry Fund	\$1400
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,640	Christmas Food Boxes	\$ 40
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 368,446		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 345,280		

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1891-2016 Celebrating 125 years of Worship

First Baptist Church

January 3, 2016

Eleven O’Clock in the Morning

Second Sunday of Christmas

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering		Kay Greene
Words of Preparation		Jeff Harris
Prelude	<i>’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime</i>	-Lani Smith
Call to Worship		Candace Wilson
	Praise be to God, Creator of time and space! Who has set eternity in the human heart. Who gives us today in which we can be happy and do good. Today, in which we can eat and drink and find satisfaction. Today, which is a gift from God. Let us worship the One who makes everything beautiful in its time. For everything God does will endure forever. Forever and ever. Amen.	
Invocation		Katie Cothran
† Hymn of Praise 586	<i>We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations</i>	MESSAGE
† 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 Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (p. 589) Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading Psalm 8 Wilson Edwards

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

New Testament Reading Revelation 21:1-6a (p. 249) Jeff Harris

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

†Hymn of Dedication *Called to be a Church (see insert)* NETTLETON

Offertory Prayer Alice Tennant

Offertory and Meditation *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* -arr. Marilyn Ham

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:36-40 (p. 28) Jeff Harris
Matthew 28:18-20 (p. 36)

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

Sermon "Out of Step and Uncool" Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Response 74 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

†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 *Let All Together Praise Our God (Lobt Gott, ihr Christen)* -J. Eggert

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 3	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	Children's choir (grades 1-5)
Tuesday, January 5	5:50	pm	Children's choir parents' meeting
	10:00	am	WMU Group 1
Wednesday, January 6	10:30	am	No Staff Meeting
	6:00	pm	Bell choir rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel choir rehearsal
Sunday, January 10	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship, Baptism
	5:00	pm	S.E.E.
	6:00	pm	Refuge

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.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

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

Offering Envelopes – 2016 Offering Envelopes are in the Sunday School classrooms and the Sunday School foyer.

Ministry Teams--You may sign up in the Sunday School foyer, or you may mark your choice on the green half-sheet and place it in the offering plate.

Called To Be a Church

Tune: NETTLETON

Called to be a church accepting
All with open hearts and minds,
Striving as a church connecting
God's belov'd of wondrous kinds,

Challenged by the Christ of friendship
To enlarge what we received,
Learning love is more than kinship,
Broader than we first believed;

Nurtured by God's caring Spirit,
Serving all who live in need,
Word-in-flesh – we truly touch it:
God's own pow'r in loving deed.

Sent to love, as sisters, brothers,
Welcomed children in God's home;
Not for self, but for all others,
Live the word of God's shalom!

-Richard Grenville "Dick" Wilson
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