

**Ash Wednesday** service will be from 6:00pm-6:30pm **Wednesday, February 10.**

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program at Tryon Fine Arts Center has been rescheduled for **Saturday, February 13 at 6:00pm.** Please come to support our Children's Choir and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King.

**S.E.E. Sunday, February 14 at 5:00pm:** We 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 who made serious mistakes, yet God was able to use these imperfect individuals to further his Kingdom.

**Bible Study** takes place on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Activity Building, and we will continue studying *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard. Please join us, and bring a light dish to share for lunch after the study.

**Save the Date!** Sisterhood and the WMU are sponsoring the annual **Heck-Jones Luncheon on Sunday, February 14** (Valentine's Day), following worship. This is a great meal of ham, green beans, macaroni and cheese, pineapple casserole, rolls, drinks, and homemade desserts. It's also a great opportunity to contribute to the Heck-Jones Offering. The profits go to NC WMU, which supports missions such as Baptist Nursing Fellowship, the Red Box Prison Ministry, and Baptist Children's Homes.

Wanna go  **Skiing**? The youth group is heading to Wolf Ridge on **February 20-21.** The price will be \$100 per person for skiers and \$115 for snowboarders, and that includes lodging, which is a nice 3 story town home; lift ticket, rentals, snow tubing on Sunday morning, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Even if you are not a youth, we'd love to have you join us at Wolf Ridge. Pricing is: \$60 to ski and \$75 to snowboard. Please contact Rev. Harris if you're interested. A \$50 deposit is due by February 1, and the balance is due on or before Feb. 20.

**January 17, 2015 (No Services on Jan 24 due to inclement weather)**

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 5,653	Food Pantry	\$ 160.75
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683		
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 16,307		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 26,732		

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*First Baptist Church*

January 31, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

*The Worship of God*

Music for Gathering		Kay Greene
Opening Words		Jeff Harris
Prelude	<i>Come, We That Love the Lord</i>	-R. Lowry/J. Kerr
Call to Worship		Candace Wilson
	O Sing to the Lord a new song; <b>Sing to the Lord, all the earth!</b> For behold, I am doing a new thing, says your God. <b>And this we long to see and embrace.</b> Do not be afraid, says your God. <b>We come to worship God with expectancy and hope!</b>	
† Hymn of Praise	<i>Called To Be a Church (see insert)</i>	NETTLETON
† Invocation		Jack Fox
† Passing of the Peace		Jeff Harris
	The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>	
Children's Time		Jeff Harris
	(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)	
Old Testament Reading	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (p. 327)	Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading                      Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20                      Phil Scoggins

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

**In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

**I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

**You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

**When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.**

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

**The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

**You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

New Testament Reading                      Galatians 5:13-25 (p. 180)                      Jeff Harris

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

†Hymn of Dedication 382                      *God, the Father of Your People*                      HOLY MANNA

†Offertory Prayer                      Ellis Fincher

Offertory and Meditation                      *Jesus Loves Me*                      -arr. Cindy Berry

†Doxology 253                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Anthem                      *I Will Sing a Sunday Song*                      -Pepper Choplin

Gospel Reading                      Luke 9:51-56 (p. 69)                      Jim Richardson

Sermon                      "Passing Through Samaria"                      Jim Richardson

†Hymn of Response 489                      *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*                      I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

†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                      *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*                      -Adam Mason

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, January 31	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship – Jim Richardson preaching
	5:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:00 pm	Refuge
Monday, February 1	5:00 pm	Mission Team Meeting – Rock House
Tuesday, February 2	10:00 am	WMU Group 1
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, February 3	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, February 7	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	11:50 am	Quarterly Church Conference
	5:00 pm	NO Evening activities

If you are a guest, we are grateful you are here. Please complete a welcome card, which can be 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.

**We welcome the Reverend Dr. Jim Richardson to First Baptist Church.** Jim is a graduate of Mars Hill College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was the pastor at First Baptist Church from 1974-1979. Since retiring in 2007, Jim has served as an interim pastor for four churches in the area. He and his wife Carol have three adult sons and two granddaughters.

Acolytes for today's service are Caitlin Britton and Jack Fox.

The **Finance and Endowment Committee** will briefly meet in the parlor after worship.

**Church committees should plan on meeting in the next few Sundays to elect a chairperson.** If your committee hasn't met yet, please contact the church office to set up a time for a meeting. 2015 Chairpersons should have their yearly report to the office by February 5

Today is a **Fifth Sunday**, where we collect the "**I Love My Church**" Offering.

We'll celebrate the Lord's Supper and have a Quarterly Church Conference on **February 7.**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**Bereavement Team** – provides meals to bereaved families. Some team members cook food, and others cook and serve food.

**Nursery Team** – provides support and assistance to the nursery ministry of FBC.

**Social Team** – makes preparations for all church-wide or special social events, such as the Annual Christmas Dinner, Annual Meeting, etc.

**Greeter Team** – warmly welcomes people as they enter the church, provides bulletins, etc.

**Visitation Team** – visits the hospitalized, homebound, and those living in nursing homes.

**Mission Team** – facilitates, encourages, and implements mission education and opportunities.

**Youth Ministry Team** – provides support and assistance to the youth ministry of FBC.

**Children's Ministry Team** – provides support and assistance to the children's ministry of FBC.

**Children's Church Team** – provides weekly worship experience for children age 4 years to kindergarten.

**Firewood Team** – supports the firewood ministry of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry.

## Called To Be a Church

Called to be a church accepting  
All with open hearts and minds,  
Thriving as a church connecting  
God's beloved 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 power in loving deed.

Sent to hear, to help make meaning;  
O'er the whole wide world to roam  
Out of step and place yet being  
Welcomed children in God's home.

Called to draw the circle wider.  
Wider still, none stands alone.  
Challenged to embrace the stranger,  
Those outside are now our own.

Nurtured in the soil of giving,  
Dying seeds for love are sown;  
Sent to heal, in grace now living,  
God-with-us is our shalom!

-Richard Grenville "Dick" Wilson  
[tune: Nettleton, 8.7.8.7.D]

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