

Acolytes for today's service are StorieLane Whiteside and Hattie Jolley.

Annual Meeting and Meal – March 2, at 6:00pm. Bring a side dish or salad and share in a time of fellowship and celebration. Meal starts at 6pm, and the meeting begins at 6:30pm.

Heck-Jones offering – Thank you for supporting WMU missions in North Carolina. We received \$1,027 in donations and will continue to collect this offering through today.

S.E.E. for tonight, 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's study, in the Rock House, is 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. 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.

We need volunteers! **The House and Grounds Committee** is having a church-wide clean-up day on Saturday, March 12, starting at 8:00am and ending at noon. Come and help us spruce up!

The family of Mike Greene would like to thank our church family for their visits, meals, cards, and expressions of Christian love and sympathy after the death of Mike's father, Charles Greene.

February 21, 2015

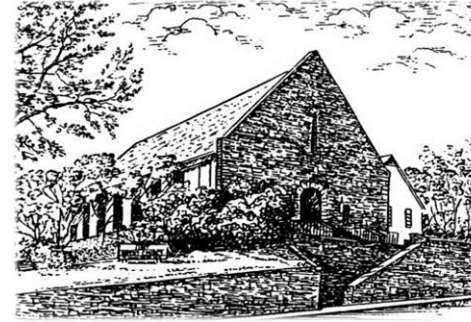
Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 6,691	Food Pantry	\$ 304.75
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	Baptist Retirement Homes	\$ 47.51
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 48,623	Heck-Jones Offering	\$ 145.00
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 53,464		

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First Baptist Church

February 28, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Third Sunday in Lent

The Worship of God

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering		Kay Greene
Prelude	<i>Glorious Is Thy Name</i>	-McKinney/Littleton
Call to Worship		Jeff Harris
The Lord be with you.		
And also with you.		
Who are you?		
We are the people of God.		
Who made you?		
God, our Creator, made us.		
Where do you live?		
We live in God's good world.		
Why are you here?		
We are here to worship God.		
Then let the worship begin!		

Choral Response	<i>Jesus Messiah</i>	-arr. Lloyd Larson
<i>Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.</i>		
<i>The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.</i>		
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† Invocation		Charley Dusenbury
† Hymn of Praise 56	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	CWM RHONDDA
† 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)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1-9 (p. 650) Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading Psalm 63:1-8 Stephen Brady

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (p. 162) John Spinks

Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9 (p. 74) Jeff Harris

Sermon "The Merciful Gardener" Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Silence

Bells for Worship *Surely the Presence* -Lanny Wolfe/arr. E. Clarke

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

†Hymn of Dedication 61 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

(Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through membership, may come forward at this time.)

Offertory Prayer Alyssa Fincher

Offertory and Meditation *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* -arr. Crystal D. Clay

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

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Opportunities for Service Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response *Jesus Messiah* -arr. Lloyd Larson

Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you, all the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.

Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

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†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Postlude *Before You, Lord, We Bow* -Benjamin Culli

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 28	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
	5:00 pm	SEE
Monday, February 29	6:00 pm	Refuge
	6:00 pm	Education Committee – Lair SS Room
Tuesday, March 1	10:00 am	WMU Group 1
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, March 2	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Annual Meal – Activity Building
	6:30 pm	Annual Business Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 6	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 pm	Worship
	5:00 pm	Children's choir (grades 1-5)
	6:00 pm	Refuge

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.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VISITATION

The Visitation Team is gathering supplies to take to nursing home residents and our homebound members, and we need your help. Needed items are listed below. Boxes are located in Dr. Lair's and Phil Scoggins' Sunday School classrooms. This will be an on-going project, so please remember this list as you do your weekly shopping.

Emery boards
Nail clippers
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Lipstick
Clip-on earrings
Necklaces / Bracelets
Deodorizers for rooms
Comb / Brush / Hairpick
Dry shampoo
Soap / Body wash
Handkerchiefs
Kleenex
Wipes
Vaseline for lips
Lotion
Socks
Blush / Face Powder
Bibs
Lap Quilts / Throws / Lap Blanket
Shawls / Scarves
Activity
Notecards
Pens
Stamps
Baby Dolls
Adult coloring books and coloring pencils
Find-a-word / Crossword puzzle books

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