

**Acolytes for today's service are Harper Harris and Ella Waldman.**

**The Scholarship Committee** will meet briefly in the parlor after today's worship.

**Heck-Jones offering** – Thank you for supporting WMU missions in North Carolina. We received \$1,167 in donations and are grateful for your support.

**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by an hour next Saturday! Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13.**

### Holy Week Schedule

- March 20 Palm Sunday, 11am  
March 21 Noonday Prayer, noon (This is a brief service – a mini Sabbath if you will – usually about 15 minutes, for prayer and reflection as we move closer to the cross.)  
March 22 Noonday Prayer  
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March 24 Maundy Thursday, 6pm (We will gather in the Activity Building for a potluck meal at 6pm, and will move into a time of worship at 6:40pm, which will include foot washing/hand washing and The Lord's Supper.)  
March 25 Good Friday, Noon-3pm (There will not be a community Good Friday service this year, so we are having our own. The sanctuary will be open from noon until 3, and you are invited to drop in for a silent time of worship based on the Stations of the Cross. Someone will be there to guide you in the right direction. The service should take about 20 minutes. God times to stop by would be 12:00pm, 12:20pm, 12:40pm, 1:00pm, etc.)  
March 26 There are no scheduled services today, but try and find time for quiet reflection, a walk in the woods, fasting, etc. Do something to mark this day as sacred.  
March 27 Easter Sunrise, 7am, Tryon Fine Arts Center Amphitheatre, with breakfast to follow.  
Sunday School, 10am  
Easter Celebration, 11am

### February 28, 2015

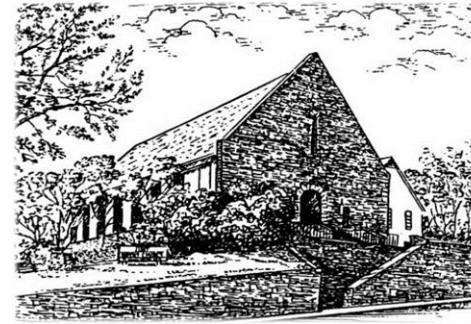
Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 5,679	Heck-Jones Offering	\$140
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683		
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 54,302		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 60,147		

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## First Baptist Church

March 6, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Fourth Sunday in Lent

## The Worship of God

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Music for Gathering Kay Greene  
Prelude *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* -Chas. Callahan  
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!

- 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.*

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- † Invocation Lawson Carter  
† Hymn of Praise 537 *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* WONDROUS STORY  
† 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

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-7 (p. 76)

Responsive Reading Psalm 32:1-5 Danny Fox

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Scripture Reading Luke 15:8-10 (p. 76)

Responsive Reading Psalm 32:6-11 Danny Fox

**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-32 (p. 76)

Anthem *Is There Room for a Sinner?* -Pepper Choplin  
(Paula Edwards and Alex Tapp, duet)

Sermon "Welcome to the Party" Jeff Harris

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

Time of Testimony Frances Wray

Silence

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

†Hymn of Dedication 312 *Softly and Tenderly* THOMPSON  
(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 Sadie McKaig

Offertory and Meditation *Jesus Paid it All* -arr. Ruth E. Schram

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

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

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†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Postlude *Festive March* -David Lasky

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 6	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	Children's Choir (grades 1-5)
Monday, March 7	6:00	pm	Refuge
	5:30	pm	Mission Team – Rock House
Tuesday, March 8	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, March 9	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 12	8:00	am	Outside cleanup day

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Mission Team** is meeting in the Rock House on **Monday, March 7, at 5:30pm.** They are hosting Mary Edwards, who represents “Be A Voice 4 Kids”, an organization dedicated to helping the victims of child sexual abuse. The group provides resource referrals, peer support to survivors, and prevention education. This meeting is open to everyone, and we encourage you to attend.

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!

An Easter Egg Hunt for Preschool and Elementary Children will be held **Sunday, March 20.** Children are asked to bring a basket/bag for eggs and to meet at the Tryon Fine Arts Center Amphitheater at **4:00 pm.** We will have snacks, games, and the egg hunt. **We are collecting individually-wrapped candy (no peanuts please) and plastic eggs, and need them by next Sunday, March 13.** Donation boxes can be found at the church entrances.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** – The Red Cross is holding a blood drive on Monday, March 14, at Holy Cross Church. The hours are from 12:30pm-5:00pm. An appointment can be made by calling Pam Irby at the Red Cross Office, at (828) 231-3055.

**Easter Missions Offering** – During the month of March, we are collecting donations for the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** and **CBF Global Missions.** If you have offering envelopes, those designated envelopes are in your box. If not, they are available at the sanctuary entrances.

**Give the Gift of Food** – Because we are no longer using live Easter lilies in the sanctuary due to allergy concerns, you may give a food box to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry in memory or in honor of someone for Easter. The cost of each box is \$20. Envelopes are provided for this and may be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

**Brotherhood** meets at 6:30pm, **Monday, March 21,** at Calvert’s Kitchen in Columbus. All men of the church are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. There is a sign-up sheet in the education hallway.

**Scholarship Applications and Renewals** are available for 2016, and can be found on the kitchen counter in the church. Please have them filled out and back to the church office by no later than April 10.

## PARTNERS IN PRAYER IN BOSNIA

Your prayer support for the Bosnian mission is a way our church can enhance the spread of the Gospel. Please be in prayer for the concerns listed below:

- Syrian refugee corridor in Serbia and Macedonia – providing food, water to women and children who are the majority of refugees
- Church planting in Bihac
- House groups who minister in their neighborhood and in Sarajevo
- Orphanage in Tuzla
- School for children with special needs
- Home for senior citizens
- Youth who have family problems because of their Christian faith
- The Puja family as they seek to serve Christ in a non-Christian world
- Mission outreach in Croatia and Ukraine
- Veldin and Emino, whose family give them problems for being Christian