

The Children's Choir will be presenting the musical drama "The Lost Boy: Young Jesus in the Temple" by Allen Pote and Tom S. Long next Sunday during worship. There will be no practice today (Mother's Day). Saturday, May 14, 2-4pm is the dress rehearsal. The children will repeat their performance at LaurelHurst, May 22, at 2:30pm.

Brotherhood meets Monday, May 16, at 6:30. This month, the meeting will be at Fincher's Shed. All men of the church are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. Please sign up for this event.

Hooked Fishing event is Saturday, May 21, at Derbyshire, from 2-5pm (note time change). Everyone is welcome! You do not need fishing equipment (you can certainly bring your own if you wish), experience, or a license. We will supply fishing equipment, instruction, drinks, and a light dinner. We do ask that at least one parent be present with children.

Special Worship at Harmon Field, May 22 – We will be worshipping at Harmon Field at 10:30am on Sunday, May 22. Phil and Gaye Johnson are providing the music, and we'll celebrate the baptisms of Brian and Angela Radaker. Bring a covered dish to share afterward, as we've reserved both the covered and inside picnic pavilions.

Blue Ridge Ringers in concert, May 22, 4pm – This is an exciting bell choir concert you won't want to miss! The Blue Ridge Ringers are WNC's premier community handbell ensemble, using 61 handbells and handchimes which span five octaves. The bell choir is under the direction of Robert Currier, and the concert consists of widely varied music and features Crystal Smith on clarinet and Joella Newberry on flute. Come and invite a friend to this special concert in our sanctuary!

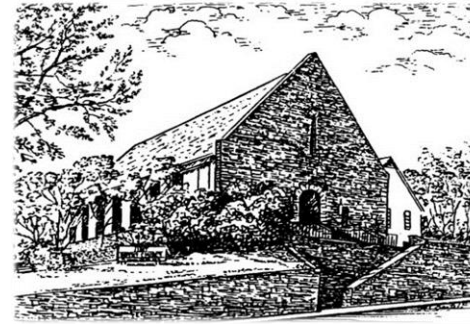
We need pictures! As part of First Baptist's 125th Anniversary Celebration, we are looking for pictures of weddings held in the sanctuary. Please submit a copy of your photos to Lib McKeller, Shirley Edwards, or the church office by May 15 so that we may have a display for June.

Sign-up sheets for FBC's summer activities are on the bulletin board in the education hallway. We encourage you to come to one or all of the activities listed.

VBS at FBC is scheduled for Aug 1-4 (Monday-Thursday), 6-8pm. This year's theme is "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love." We need your help. We are looking for preschool teachers and leaders. For children grades 1-5 we need activity center leaders in Bible storytelling, crafts, recreation, and missions. We also need adult guides for age-level groups, an assembly leader, supply coordinator, and publicity coordinator. If you would be willing to help with VBS in any of these areas, please contact Candy Wilson.

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 7,171	SS Church	\$20
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	Food Pantry	\$30
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 114,231	I Love My Church	\$200
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 120,294		

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First Baptist Church

May 8, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

The Ascension of Our Lord

The Worship of God

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Prelude *An Ascension Canticle* -Valeriy Antonyuk

Call to Worship Candace Wilson

Come and worship, people of God!

Let's celebrate with songs of praise!

For our God – the Most High – is seated on his holy throne.

Sovereign over all the earth!

Let's worship God together.

†Hymn 200 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* DIADEM

†Invocation Charley Dusenbury

†Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Children's Time Jeff Harris

(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading Acts 1:1-11 (p. 113) Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading Psalm 93 Di Greene

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

†Hymn 406 *The Solid Rock* THE SOLID ROCK

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 182) Candace Wilson

Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53 (p. 88) Jeff Harris

Anthem *Make a Joyful Noise* -arr. by Taylor Davis

Sermon “For Better or Worse” Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn *O Christ, When You Ascended* (please see insert)
(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 Wilson Edwards

Offertory and Meditation *It Is Well with My Soul* -Cindy Berry

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

Litany of Thanks for Mothers (please see insert) Jeff Harris

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer Jeff Harris

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Opportunities for Service Candace Wilson

†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,

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†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Postlude *We Know that Christ is Raised* -J. Wayne Kerr

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 8	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
Tuesday, May 9	5:00	pm	NO Evening Activities – Mother’s Day
	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, May 10	7:00	pm	Sisterhood
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 14	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:30	am	Wood splitting/stacking at TBOM
Sunday, May 15	2:00	pm	Children’s Choir Dress Rehearsal
	10:00	am	Sunday School
Monday, May 16	11:00	am	Worship – “The Lost Son” presented in worship by Children’s Choir
	6:30	pm	Brotherhood – at Fincher’s Shed

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.

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

Our May Mission Focus is support for Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. is a church-related not-for-profit organization committed to providing quality care and a meaningful way of life for residents and staff. There are envelopes for donations and other information at the entrances to the sanctuary, as well as large medicine bottles to collect your loose change, which will be used to provide medications for those needing assistance. Thank you for helping to improve the lives of our elders who lack the resources needed for a quality life.

O Christ, When You Ascended

LANCASHIRE

O Christ, when you ascended, you took your rightful throne;
Your time on earth had ended – yet we weren't left alone.
You reign o'er earth and heaven; your Spirit guides our way.
Your prayers uphold your people; you lead your church each day.

We look at earthly rulers and see what they command;
We note their years of power, the borders of their land.
Yet, Lord, you are not bounded by things like time and space;
Your reign is never-ending, you rule in every place.

We're tempted, Lord, to leave you in stories nicely told;
Sometimes we don't believe you and say your ways are old.
Sometimes we feel so lonely and live in doubt and fear –
But your ascension means, Lord, you're present with us here.

It's often quite a challenge to follow in your Way;
We're easily distracted! It's hard, Lord, to obey.
Sometimes we give you Sundays – an hour, maybe two –
But your ascension means, Lord, all life belongs to you.

One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are fully known;
One day this world of sinners will bow before your throne.
One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name;
On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.

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The Litany of Thanks for Mothers

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

Thanks be to God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

Thanks be to God for my mother!

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

Thanks be to God for the mothers of the past.

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

Thanks be to God for the mothers of today.

For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

Thanks be to God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

Thanks be to God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

Thanks be to God for the mothers who are so strong.

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

Thanks be to God for the mothers in spirit.

We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them and You in everything we do. Amen.

Looking Toward Summer

May

- May 15 Children's choir to present the drama "The Lost Boy: Jesus in the Temple" in worship.
Wiffleball and hotdogs, 4pm (Last S.E.E. of the Spring)
- May 21 Hooked! Fishing event at Derbyshire, 2-5pm (Saturday)
- May 22 Worship at Harmon Field, baptism, and picnic 10:30am, music by Phil and Gaye Johnson
Children present "The Lost Boy" at Laurelhurst, 2:30pm
Blue Ridge Ringers Bell Concert, FBC Sanctuary, 4pm
Refuge's End-of-semester party, 6pm

June

- June 5 Graduate Sunday
- June 12 Hooked! Fishing event, Tryon Estates, 2pm-5pm
- June 16 Rafting trip – French Broad River (sign-up sheet)
- June 22-24 CBF General Assembly, Sheraton Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
- June 26 Dr. Bill Henderson preaching as part of FBC's 125th Anniversary Celebration
- June 29 PassportKids! Camp (6/29-7/2), Converse College, Spartanburg SC

July

- July 8-10 Backpacking Retreat
- July 22-24 Church-wide camping at the Davidson River (sign-up sheet)
- July 26 Carowinds (sign-up sheet)

August

- August 1-4 Vacation Bible School
- August 7 Asheville Tourists Baseball Game (sign-up sheet)