

Acolytes for today's service are Mason Littlefield and Olivia Miller.

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 greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

The third Sunday of each month, we collect an offering for the Food Pantry of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. This offering directly helps feed hungry families in Polk County. You may give to this offering as you exit today.

**Love Offering for Hurricane Matthew victims** – CBF's Disaster Relief team is collecting monetary donations for those affected in Haiti, the Bahamas, Cuba, and the US. Envelopes for your offering are at the entrances to the sanctuary.

**Thanks to everyone who came out for #GraceItForward Mission Day!**

Brotherhood will meet at Calvert's Kitchen tomorrow, Monday, October 17, at 6:30pm. All men of the church are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

**FALL Into Place at Kid's Night Out**, October 21, 6-9pm, Tryon First Baptist Activity Building, for children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. RSVP and turn in your forms today, the deadline for the Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> event.

**Hooked! Fishing Event** – This is our last Hooked! event of the fall. We'll fish today at Tryon Estates Lake from 2-5pm. Snacks and drinks are provided. This is a great opportunity for all ages to come and participate (or just get a kick out of watching the kids catch fish).

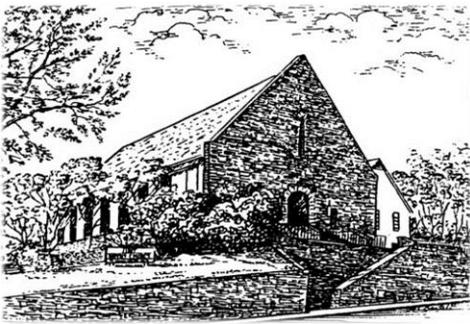
**S.E.E, Sunday, October 23** – Children (grades 1-5) and preschooler activities begin at 5pm in the educational space of the main building (Fall Party), and youth (grades 6-12) meet in the lower level of the Activity Building. Adults in the Activity Building will study Barbara Brown Taylor's "*The Luminous Web*." If you're meeting at the Rock House, the study will be Adam Hamilton's "*Half-Truths – God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*."

**Household Items Needed** - Many of you know Sheila Smith, who had to move back to her parents' home during her recent illness. Sheila is returning to the area at the end of the month, and her son will be coming to stay with her. They have need of many things - in her words, "Everything to sit, sleep, and cook." If you can help with new or used items in good condition, we're in need of the following: beds, chairs, cooking pots, utensils, dishes, rugs, etc. If you have any of these items, or would like to help, please contact the church office.

**October 9, 2016**

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 5,471	#GraceItForward	\$300
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	Food Pantry	\$ 20
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 271,780	SS Church	\$ 20
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 274,003		

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**AT**  
**WORSHIP**

October 16, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

**Music for Gathering** Kay Greene

**Ringing of the Hour**

**Prelude** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* -arr. Benjamin Culli

**Call to Worship** Candace Wilson

How beautiful is the word of the Lord!  
**How wise are God's commandments!**  
 Through the Lord's precepts, we gain understanding.  
**Through God's wisdom, we find truth.**  
 The Lord is our God; we are God's people.  
**Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!**

†**Hymn 56, Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** CWM RHONDDA

†**Invocation** Olivia Miller

†**Passing the Peace** Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Children's Time** "Mr. Skip" Williams  
 (Kindergartners and preschoolers may leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time.)

**Anthem** *Prayer for Tomorrow* -Allen Pote  
 (Combined Children and Youth)

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**Old Testament Reading**, Jeremiah 31:27-34 (p. 695) Candace Wilson

**Responsive Reading**, Psalm 119:97-108 (p. 546) Katie Cothran

They have almost made an end of me on earth; but I have not forsaken your precepts.

**In your steadfast love spare my life, so that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.**

The Lord exists for ever; your word is firmly fixed in heaven.

**Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

By your appointment they stand today, for all things are your servants.

**If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my misery.**

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

**I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts.**

The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your decrees.

**I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.**

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

**Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

**I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

**I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

**Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.**

†**Hymn 405**, *Have Faith in God* MUSKOGEE

**New Testament Reading**, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (p. 203) Jaime Fitzgerald

**Gospel Reading**, Luke 18:1-8 (p. 79) Jeff Harris

**Anthem** *The Journey Is Our Home* -Allen Pote

**Sermon** "Will He?" Jeff Harris

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

†**Hymn 337**, *I Know Whom I Have Believed* EL NATHAN  
(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** Elliott Whiteside

**Offertory and Meditation** *You Are My All in All* -arr. Cindy Berry

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

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

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

**Time for Gratitude and Blessing**

**Opportunities for Service** Jeff Harris

†**Benediction** Jeff Harris

†**Congregational Response**, *Here We Stand, Lord* -Price/Besig  
*Here we stand, Lord, Yours forever. You have called us to spread Your Word.  
Hand in hand, Lord, we'll serve together, sharing your light with all the world  
We are yours, Lord, here we stand.*

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†**Postlude** *The Solid Rock* -Bradbury/arr. Broughton

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 16	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	2:00	pm	Hooked! Fishing event, Tryon Estates
Tuesday, October 17	5:00	pm	Refuge
	10:30	am	Staff meeting
	6:00	pm	Deacons meeting
Wednesday, October 12	10:00	am	Bible Study –Activity Building
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:00	pm	Women's Bible Study – Rock House
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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