

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, July 2	10:00	am	Worship
Monday, July 3	11:00	am	PASSPORTkids! Camp, Montreat
Tuesday, July 4	All	Day	Office Closed—Happy 4th of July!
Thursday, July 6			PASSPORTkids! return home
Sunday, July 9	10:00	am	Worship

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

**During the month of July, worship will be at 10am, and there will be no Sunday School.**

**“So, You're a Baptist. . .” (or Weaving Together a People)**

**July 2**—God Wants Free Believers  
(or Coercion Isn't Cool)

**July 9**—The Priesthood of All Believers  
(or Radical Pilgrims of Dissent)

**July 16**—No Creed but the Bible  
(or How We Read Scripture Together)

**July 23**—We Make Our Own Rules  
(or Let's Use Our Strengths to Make a Difference)

**July 30**—Baptism and The Lord's Supper  
(or Why They're More Important Than We Think)

**Save the date—We're going to Carowinds on July 26!** All Youth, Children, and Adults are invited. We'll leave via carpool on Wednesday, July 26, at 8am, from the Food Lion Parking Lot in Columbus, and return no later than 8pm that evening. Cost is \$30. **You must sign up and pay your \$30 by July 16.** We WILL NOT be using the water park that day, and all children who haven't completed the third grade will have to be accompanied by a parent or adult.

**Vacation Bible School**—Vacation Bible School is August 7-10, from 9am-12pm. Sign-up sheets which list ways you can help are in the Education Foyer. Please prayerfully consider participating.

### June 25, 2017

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 8,717	Baptist Retirement Homes	\$ 25
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 6,830	Food Pantry	\$ 25
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 177,842		
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 177,580		

**Welcome! We are grateful to worship with you today.**

If you are a guest, we hope you will experience God's love through our worship and among our congregation. If this is your first time with us, please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate later in worship. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer you in appreciation of your presence.

**Nursery Care** is provided for children from birth to three years during Worship and Sunday School.

**Children, ages 4-Kindergarten,** may remain in worship or may exit after the Children's Time for a special time of worship and play. Parents may join them, or stay for the remainder of worship.

**Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.**

**Baskets for recycling bulletins are at the church exits.**

### July Mission—Christmas Mission Offering

**“Christmas in July” is our monthly mission focus.** During the month of July, we'll collect for CBF Global Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Offering envelopes for this mission should be in your offering envelope boxes. There are also envelopes at the sanctuary entrances. Thank you for your donations!

### OFFERING - JULY

Phil Scoggins—Lead Deacon, Sandra Frady  
Franklin Williams, Susan Smith, Ellis Fincher Jr.

### GREETERS—JULY

Stephen Morris & Ashlyn Green—Front  
Rena Waldman—Hall  
Joyce Scoggins—Side

### DIACONATE

Elizabeth Burrell, Chair, Phil Scoggins, Vice-Chair,  
Ellis Fincher, Ron Frady, Danny Fox, Susan Smith,  
Phil Feagan, Keith Collins, Sadie McKaig

### CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor  
The Reverend Jim Hawkins, Minister of Music  
Jaime Fitzgerald, Minister to Youth  
Kay Greene, Pianist  
E. Leslie Raymond, Organist  
John Spinks, Sexton

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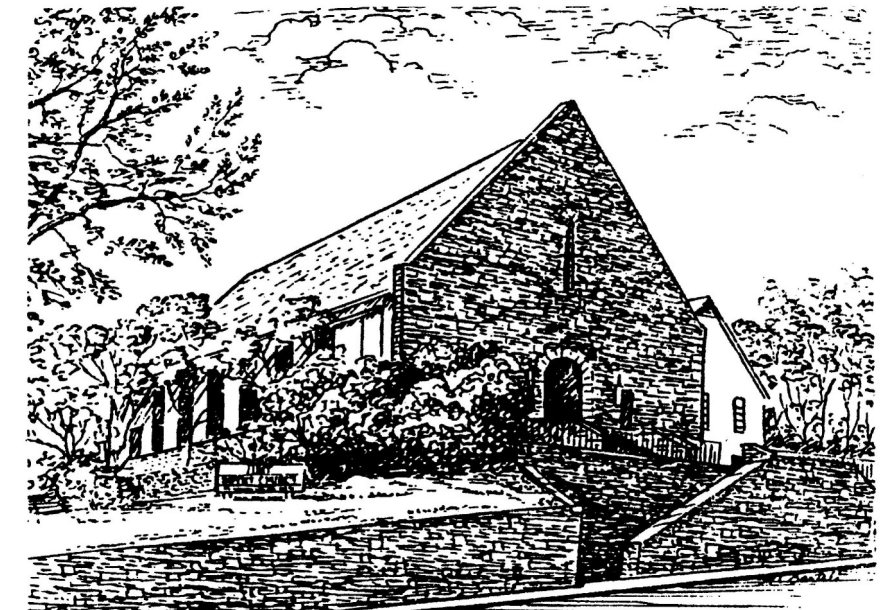
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## First Baptist Church Tryon, NC



July 2, 2017

Ten O'clock in the Morning

“So, You're a Baptist. . .”

“Religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced. It is not the prerogative of any power to compel people to conform to any religious creed or form of worship, or to worship, or to pay taxes for the support of a creed they do not believe. God wants free worshipers and no other kind.” -George W. Truett, Baptist Minister, 1920

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2017

Ten O'clock

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour

Prelude

-Raymond H. Haan

*Prelude on "Converse"*

Call to Worship (Galatians 5:13, *The Message*) Jim Hawkins

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life.

**Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom.**

Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; **that's how freedom grows.**

†Hymn 626

ST. ANNE

*In Christ, Our Liberty*

†Invocation

Beth McCallister

†Passing the Peace

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Children's Time

Jeff Harris, Jaime Fitzgerald

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

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Celebrating Religious Liberty

Jeff Harris

Magistrates are not by virtue of their office to meddle with religion or matters of conscience, to force or compel people to this or that form of religion.

(John Smyth, Baptist Minister, 1612)

**We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

No king nor bishop can or is able to command faith. That is the gift of God. To constrain princes and peoples to receive the one true religion of the gospel is wholly against the mind and merciful law of Christ.

(Leonard Busher, Baptist Layperson, 1614)

**We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

Every person ought to be left free with respect to matters of religion. The Holy Author of our religion needs no compulsive measures for the promotion of God's cause.

(General Committee of Baptists in Virginia, 1785).

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Religious matters are to be separated from the jurisdiction of the state, not because they are beneath the interests of the state but, quite to the contrary, because they are too high and holy and thus are beyond the competence of the state. God has appointed two kinds of government in the world, which are distinct in their nature, and ought never to be confounded together; one of which is called civil, the other ecclesiastical government.

(Isaac Backus, Baptist Minister, 1773)

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The notion of a Christian commonwealth should be exploded forever. . . . Government should protect every man in thinking and speaking freely, and see that one does not abuse another. The liberty I contend for is more than toleration. The very idea of toleration is despicable; it supposes that some have a pre-eminence above the rest to grant indulgence, whereas all should be equally free, Jews, Turks, Pagans and Christians.

(John Leland, Baptist Minister, 1790)

**We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

Government has no more to do with the religious opinions of men than it has with the principles of mathematics. Let every man speak freely without fear--maintain the principles that he believes--worship according to his own faith, either one God, three Gods, no God, or twenty Gods; and let government protect him in so doing.

(John Leland, Baptist Minister, 1791)

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Baptists believe in free churches within a free state. We believe religious liberty to be an inalienable human right and indispensable to human welfare. Profoundly convinced that any deprivation of this right is a wrong to be challenged, we condemn every form of compulsion or restraint in religion.

(The American Baptist Bill of Rights, 1939)

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†Hymn 299

CANONBURY

*Eternal God, May We Be Free*

Galatians 5:1-6; Matthew 22:15-22

Jaime Fitzgerald

Solo

*Hear My Prayer, O Lord*

-Antonin Dvořák

Jim Hawkins

Sermon

"God Wants Free Believers"  
(or Coercion Isn't Cool)

Jeff Harris

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 371

LAND OF REST

*I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord*

(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

Michael Baughman

Offering and Meditation

-arr. Melody Bober

*Faith of Our Fathers*

†Doxology 253, *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Jeff Harris

Our Father,

who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

PASSPORTkids Commissioning

Jeff Harris

As you go,

**We send you with our prayers and love.**

†Opportunities for Service

Jeff Harris

†Benediction

Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*We Are Called to Be God's People*

*We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,*

*Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.*

†Postlude

*Postlude on "Hyfrydol"*

-Jason Payne