

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, July 16	10:00	am	Worship
Monday, July 17	12:30	pm	Red Cross Blood Drive—Holy Cross
	1:00	pm	No Staff Meeting
	6:30	pm	Brotherhood—Calvert’s Kitchen
Tuesday, July 18	6:00	pm	No Deacons Meeting
Sunday, July 23	10:00	am	Worship

Acolytes for today’s service are Verae Upton and Durham McEntire.

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.

A Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, July 17, at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, from 12:30-6pm. For an appointment, please call (800) 733-3767.

Brotherhood meets at Calvert’s Kitchen in Columbus, Monday, July 17, at 6:30pm. All men of the church are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. A sign-up sheet is in the education foyer.

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 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 today.** All children who haven’t completed the third grade will have to be accompanied by a parent or adult.

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

Worship CDs—If you have missed a Sunday service, and want to hear the great music and wonderful message, a CD of the service is available in the church library. Please sign and date the card, and return CD the following week.

July 9, 2017			
Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 4,390	CBF Global	\$250
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 6,830	Lottie Moon	\$ 50
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 189,001		
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 191,240		

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
Renae 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

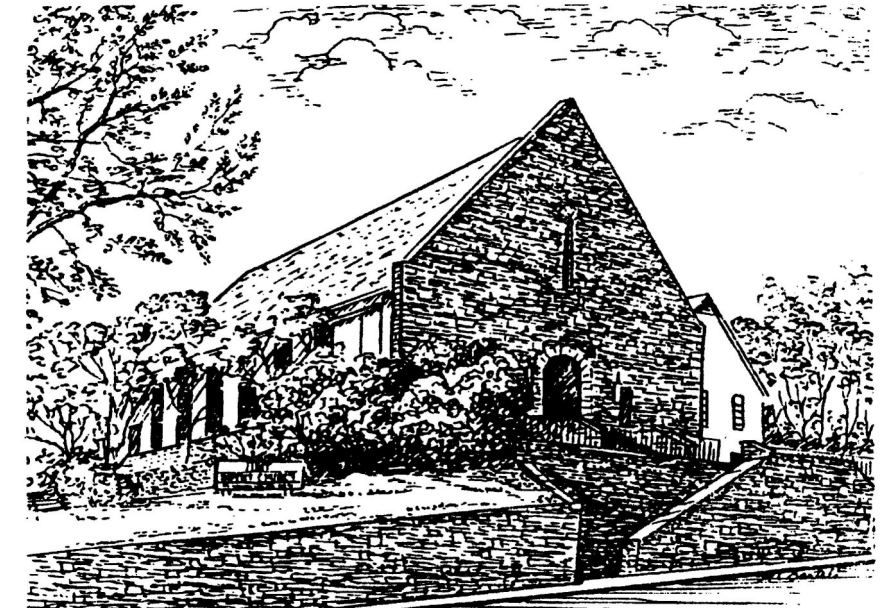
CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor
The Reverend Jim Hawkins, Minister of Music
Jaime Fitzgerald, Minister to Youth
Kay Greene, Pianist
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Tryon, NC**



July 16, 2017

Ten O’clock in the Morning

“So, You’re a Baptist. . .”

“There is nothing terribly difficult in the Bible - at least in a technical way. The Bible is written in street language, common language. Most of it was oral and spoken to illiterate people. They were the first ones to receive it. So when we make everything academic, we lose something.”
-Eugene H. Peterson

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017

Ten O'clock

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour

Prelude

Morning Voluntary

-Kenneth Peterson

Call to Worship

Jim Hawkins

Glory be to the Father:

**Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

And to the Son:

**eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God.**

Through him all things were made.

And to the Holy Spirit:

**the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

†Hymn 14

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

†Invocation

Harper Harris

†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)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

†Hymn 338

FOUNDATION

How Firm a Foundation

Reading Scripture Together

Jaime Fitzgerald

(Re-envisioning Baptist Identity: A Manifesto for Baptist Communities in North America)

We affirm Bible Study in reading communities rather than relying
on private interpretation or supposed 'scientific' objectivity.

**We believe that we are engrafted anew into God's
freedom whenever we gather around the open Bible,
because it is the truth of God's Word that sets us free**

(Rom 11:17; Jn 8:31-32).

Such freedom is a consequence, not a condition, of reading the
Scriptures.

**God therefore calls us to freedom through the faithful
and communal study of the Scriptures.**

(Jn 5:39; Acts 17:11).

Because all Christians are graciously gifted everyone has
something to bring to the conversation, but because some
members are specifically called "to equip the saints" everyone has
something to learn from those with equipping gifts (Eph 4:7-16).

**We thus affirm an open and orderly process whereby
faithful communities deliberate together over the
Scriptures with sisters and brothers of the faith,
excluding no light from any source.**

When all exercise their gifts and callings, when every voice is
heard and weighed, when no one is silenced or privileged, the
Spirit leads communities to read wisely and to practice faithfully
the direction of the gospel (1 Cor 14:26-29).

**We reject all forms of authoritarian interpretation,
whether they come from the ranks of the academy or
the clergy.**

Consequently, we deny that the Bible can be read as Scripture by
any so-called scientific or objective interpretive method (e.g.,
literal-grammatical, historical-critical, etc.) apart from the gospel
and the community in which the gospel is proclaimed.

**Scripture wisely forbids and we reject every form of
private interpretation that makes Bible reading a
practice which can be carried out according to the
dictates of individual conscience** (2 Pet 1:20-21).

We therefore cannot commend Bible study that is insulated from
the community of believers or that guarantees individual readers
an unchecked privilege of interpretation.

**We call others to the freedom of faithful and communal
reading of Scripture.**

Ephesians 4:7-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21

Joyce Scoggins

Anthem

Here We Stand, Lord

-Price/Besig

Sermon

“No Creed but the Bible”
(or How We Read Scripture Together)

Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 572

HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story

(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

Kevin Lynch

Offering and Meditation

-arr. Melody Bober

Be Still and Know

†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

Jaime Fitzgerald

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.

†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

-Vulpius/Pachelbel/Harris

For Me to Live is Jesus