

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON**

Sunday, September 24	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	4:00	pm	Nominating Committee
	5:00	pm	SEE
Monday, September 25	1:00	pm	Staff meeting
	3:00	pm	Capital Campaign Team
Wednesday, September 27	10:00	am	Bible Study
	5:30	pm	Bell Choir
	6:30	pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 28	12:00	pm	Stewardship Committee
Saturday, September 30	8:30	am	Outdoor workday at FBC

**Acolytes for today's service** are Laney Littlefield and Luke Miller.

**We welcome Donis Schweizer and thank her for her music.**

**If you would like to help the victims of Hurricane Irma, please designate your offering as "Hurricane Relief."** We will give this money to Florida Baptist Disaster Relief, as they are already on the ground providing aid to those in need.

**SEE, September 24**—Sunday Evening Ekklesia (SEE) offers spiritual formation opportunities for all ages at 5pm on second and fourth Sundays during the school year. The adults will gather in the Activity Building for a study called "Life Happens . . ." Mason Jackson will talk about end-of-life care and organ donation. Preschoolers will gather for mission activities. Children (grades 1-5) will gather for choir. Youth (grades 6-12) will gather for Refuge.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10am.** We are reading David Gushee's new book: *Still Christian: Following Jesus Out of American Evangelicalism* and would love for you to join us.

**Outdoor Clean Up/Work Day, September 30, 8:30am.** Come and help us spruce up the church grounds next Saturday. We'll start around 8:30 and end around noon.

**Hooked! Fishing Event, October 1, Tryon Estates Lake, 3pm.** We'll fish from 3pm-6pm, and supply fishing equipment, instruction, drinks, and a light dinner. We do ask that at least one parent be present with children. Bring a friend or three, and please let Jeff know if you plan to attend.

**#GraceItForward Food Collection**—We need donations of food items, and prefer that serving portions are for 5 or more. Collection totes for food will be next to the Lair Sunday School room. Needed: Canned green beans, canned sweet potatoes, boxed mac and cheese, canned fruit, pudding cups, and brownie mix. Those items will be sorted, boxed, and delivered on October 21, #GraceItForward day.

**Kid's Night Out—October 6, 6pm-8:30pm.** Kid's Night Out is a program for K-5th graders with a planned theme, pizza supper, and a chance for adults to have a night out, too. Registration forms are due by Sunday, October 1. If you're already registered your child and nothing has changed, just contact Carol Batts to let her know your child will attend.

**September 17, 2017**

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 5,387	Hurricane Relief	\$ 570
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 6,830	Audio/Visual Fund	\$ 50
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 252,593	#GraceItForward	\$ 25
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 259,540	Youth Ministry	\$ 25

**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.**

**SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS**

We're gearing up for our #GraceItForward, and September's Mission Focus is on recruiting volunteers willing to commit themselves to work on Saturday, October 21. There will be work for all ages—some home repair, yard work, "A Neighbor's Heart Free Garage Sale", food collection and delivery, nursing home visits, gifting McDonald's gift cards, and gifting change at the laundromat. Please prayerfully consider how you can spend your time and talents to benefit our community. More information will be forthcoming, along with sign-up sheets for projects.

**OFFERING - SEPTEMBER**

Elizabeth Burrell—Lead Deacon, Ron Frady, Shelvie Foust, Jeff Miller, JT Johnson

**GREETERS—SEPTEMBER**

Brian and Jennifer Jones—Front  
Jodi Harris—Hall  
Nancy Brady—Side

**DIACONATE**

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

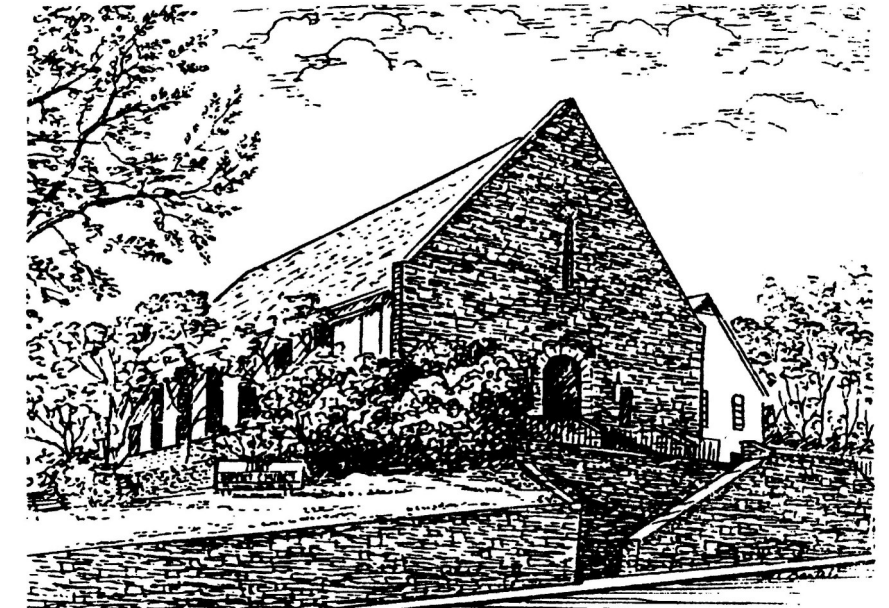
**CHURCH STAFF**

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  
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**September 24, 2017**

**Eleven O'clock in the Morning**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

Eleven O'clock

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour

Prelude

-arr. Don Michael Dicie

*Morning Has Broken*

Call to Worship

Jim Hawkins

Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

**Gather us in, the weak and the strong.**

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

**Gather us in, the young and the old.**

Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

**Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.**

Gather us in, and fill us with the Spirit.

**Gather us in, to worship and wonder.**

Gather us in, to know of God's love.

†Hymn 638

NUN DANKET

*Now Thank We All Our God*

†Invocation

Phil Feagan

†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 79

FOREST GREEN

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

Psalm 146

Reva Williams

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live,

**I will sing praises to my god all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes,

**In mortals, in whom there is no help.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

**Whose hope is in the Lord their God,**

Who execute justice for the oppressed,

**Who give food to the hungry.**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Ruth 1:1-18 (p. 236)

Jaime Fitzgerald

Anthem

-David Lantz

*Come Flood This Heart of Mine*

Donis Schweizer, violin

Sermon

Jeff Harris

"Ruth and Naomi"

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 613

BEACH SPRING

*The Servant Song*

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

Katie Cothran

Offering and Meditation

-Jay Ungar

*An Ashokan Meditation*

†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.

Opportunities for Service

Jeff Harris

†Benediction

Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response

WEAVE

*Weave*

*Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love.*

*Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together, together in love.*

†Postlude

-arr. Robert J. Powell

*I Am Bound for the Promised Land*

### Three Sermons on Three Sets of Old Testament Characters

September 10

Cain and Abel

September 17

David and Bathsheba

September 24

Ruth and Naomi

### World Communion, October 1, 11am

Come celebrate The Lord's Supper with us—it's World Communion, and we'll be sharing the bread and cup with Christians around the globe. Afterward, we'll have a covered-dish luncheon in the Activity Building. We encourage you to bring your favorite international dish (Italian, Mexican, Swedish, German, Chinese, etc.), but we won't turn down any Southern cuisine, either. We hope you'll join us!

### Attention!

#### #GraceItForward Worship, October 15

We'll be worshiping at 10am on Sunday, October 15. At around 10:30am, we'll take our worship into the community as we engage in different ministry opportunities. There is no Sunday School on October 15.