

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, November 12	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	SEE, Children's Choir, Refuge
Monday, November 13	1:00 pm	Staff meeting
Tuesday, November 14	7:00 pm	Sisterhood
Wednesday, November 15	10:00 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Chancel choir rehearsal

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

SEE, tonight, 5pm. 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 . . ." Rachel Hawkins will talk about caring for the aging. Preschoolers will gather for mission activities. Children (grades 1-5) will gather for choir. Youth (grades 6-12) will gather for Refuge.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due today. There are paper shoeboxes and labels for you to fill a box for a girl or boy. Please enclose a \$9 check to "Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child" and fill the box with appropriate items.

Live Generously . . . Taking the Next Step, Oct 20—Nov 19.

Taking the Next Step is a Biblical, spiritual, and inspirational emphasis designed to enrich our understanding of what it means to live every day with gratitude and generosity. Too often, our giving is based on the need of the church to fund a budget, or out of a sense of obligation. *Taking the Next Step*, however, will help remind us that giving is an integral part of our own spiritual journey and relationship with Christ. We are asking each of you to consider a more intentional, personal response to God and to the ministries of our church in proportion to the gifts with which God has blessed you.

The Community Thanksgiving service is at the Congregational Church on Sunday, November 19, at 4pm. There will be a coffee reception at 3:30, prior to the service.

"Warming the View" is our November Mission Focus, and we are accepting gently used/new coats and blankets here at First Baptist. This year the community distribution will be on Dec. 9 at McGuinn's Store in Sunny View and Dec. 16 at Tim Edward's Landscaping in Mill Spring, so bring your coats and blankets soon! Sponsors of "Warming the View" this year are the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Burrell's Fuel, Parker-Binns Vineyard and Winery and Pure Country Weavers.

We will celebrate The Lord's Supper during worship on Christ the King Sunday, November 26.

You're invited! On December 3 at 5pm, a choir from Limestone College will perform in the sanctuary, and then we'll go to the Activity Building to celebrate our Annual Christmas meal. Please bring a covered dish, side, or dessert to share!

November 5, 2017

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 8,319	I Love My Church	\$ 100
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 6,830	Capital Campaign	\$ 100
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 300,381		
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 307,350		

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 located at the exits.

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS

Our November Mission Focus is to collect new or slightly used warm coats, hoodies, and blankets. Bring your donations here, and they will be given to "Warming the View" - at Polk County-wide collection centers for distribution in December (McGuinn's in Sunny View on December 9, and Tim Edwards' Landscaping on December 16).

OFFERING - NOVEMBER

Ellis Fincher, Jr.—Lead Deacon, Sue Thompson,
Stephen Brady, Sharon Burrell, Phil Scoggins

GREETERS—NOVEMBER

Gigi Covil and Charles McKeller—Front
Jodi Harris—Hall
Lane Price—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
The Reverend Jaime Fitzgerald, Minister to Youth
Kay Greene, Pianist
E. Leslie Raymond, Organist
John Spinks, Sexton

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November 12, 2017

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Live Generously . . . Taking the Next Step

November 12, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour John Spinks

Call to Worship Jim Hawkins

O God, teach us to be generous:
to serve you as you deserve to be served;
to live with gratitude and humility;
to give without anxiety or fear;
to remember that you are the source of all good gifts,
and that you have blessed us to be a blessing.

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth* -Kocher/Barden
Bell Choir

†**Hymn 44** *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

†**Invocation** Jodi Harris

†**Passing the Peace** Jeff Harris

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

Children's Time Jeff Harris

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

†**Hymn 640** *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

Psalm 118:1-9, 19-29 Jaime Fitzgerald

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!
Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the Lord say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered
me and set me in a broad place.
**With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can
mortals do to me?**

The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on
those who hate me.

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put
confidence in mortals.**

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put
confidence in princes.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter
through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me and have
become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and
be glad in it.

**Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech
you, give us success!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the
horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God,
I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures forever.**

A Word about Generosity Cathy Johnson

Anthem *Blessed Is the One* -Craig Courtney

Luke 21:1-4 (p. 82) Jeff Harris

Sermon "Hard to Beat" Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†**Hymn 60** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

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** Matthew Baker

Offering and Meditation -Schesische Volkslieder, 1842

Beautiful Savior
Bell Choir

†**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 of the Week Jaime Fitzgerald

†**Benediction** Jeff Harris

†**Congregational Response** OFFERING

We Lift Our Voices
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours:
we are an offering, we are an offering.

†**Postlude** *Now Thank We All Our God* -arr. Lloyd Larson

PRACTICING EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

We have copies of Robert Schnase's book "Practicing
Extravagant Generosity" available, and hope that you'll
take one. The suggested donation is \$5, but if you don't
have the money, please take a book anyway. Our daily
readings continue tomorrow.

NOV 13: Mark 12:42-44 (p. 71)

NOV 14: Deuteronomy 14:22 (p. 74)

NOV 15: Romans 12:1-2 (p. 77)

NOV 16: Colossians 3:9, 12, 14 (p. 80)

NOV 17: 2 Corinthians 9:11 (p. 83)

NOV 18: Acts 20:24 (p. 85)

NOV 19: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (p. 88)