

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, March 4	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship, Deacon Ordination
	12:00	pm	Heck-Jones Luncheon
	5:00	pm	Refuge
Monday, March 5	5:30	pm	Mission Team Meeting
Tuesday, March 6	10:00	am	WMU Group 1
	1:30	pm	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, March 7	10:00	am	Bible Study
	5:30	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

Today we celebrate the Deacon Ordination of Phillip Edwards.

Thanks to those who helped with the cleanup on Saturday.

The Annual Heck-Jones Luncheon and Fundraiser is today following worship. We'll meet at the Activity Building and enjoy soup, salad, cornbread, and homemade desserts provided by Sisterhood and the WMU.

Give the Gift of Food—You may give a food box to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry in memory or in honor of someone for Easter. The cost of each box is \$20. Envelopes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Turn your clocks ahead! Daylight Savings Time begins March 11.

Kid's Night Out, Friday March 23—in the Activity Building from 6-8:30pm. Learning, games, jokes, snacks—lots of activities for your children, ages K-5th grade! Please sign up by the deadline, March 18. If your children are already registered, contact Carol Batts at carolwb8@yahoo.com. Registration forms may be found in Sunday School rooms and the office.

The Children's Ministry Team will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday afternoon, March 25, at 4pm. We're asking for some help with donations of individually-wrapped candy (no peanut butter or nuts, please). You may bring candy to the church kitchen.

SEE Spring Semester "Different ways to pray"
 "When the church is no longer teaching the people how to pray, we could almost say it will have lost its reason for existence."
 —Richard Rohr

- March 11,** Different Ways to Pray: Intercessory
- March 25,** Different Ways to Pray: Centering Prayer
- April 8,** Different Ways to Pray: A Rule of Life
- April 22,** Restore, Renew, Reach Out: A presentation from the Capital Improvement Team

A Memorial Fund has been established at Foothills Housing Partnership, Inc. in memory of Barbara Batchler, a project that was dear to her, and which she helped establish. If you'd like to donate to the Barbara D. Batchler Memorial Fund, please make the check out to "Foothills Housing Partnership Inc." and send to their address at PO Box 32, Columbus, NC 28722.

February 25, 2018			
Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$	6,506	Annie Armstrong \$ 25
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$	8,068	
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$	56,865	
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$	64,544	

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.

FEBRUARY MISSION—HECK-JONES OFFERING

The Heck-Jones Offering supports the missions and ministries of WMU, which include Habitat for Humanity, Camp Mundo Vista, a women's prison retreat, Christian Women's and Men's Job Corps, and a retreat for the wives of new ministers. This year's theme is "Fan the Flame", and the goal for WMU of NC is \$400,000. Our goal at FBC is \$1,000. We'll celebrate with a luncheon after worship on March 4.

OFFERING - MARCH

Ellis Fincher Jr.—Lead Deacon, Sue Thompson, David Thompson, JT Johnson, Franklin Williams

GREETERS—MARCH

Lane and Merry Price—Front
 Ashlyn Green—Hall
 Franklin Williams—Side

DIACONATE

Phil Scoggins, Chair
 Keith Collins, Vice Chair
 Susan Smith, Recorder
 Danny Fox, Phil Feagan, Sadie McKaig
 Don Batts, Phillip Edwards, Beth McCallister

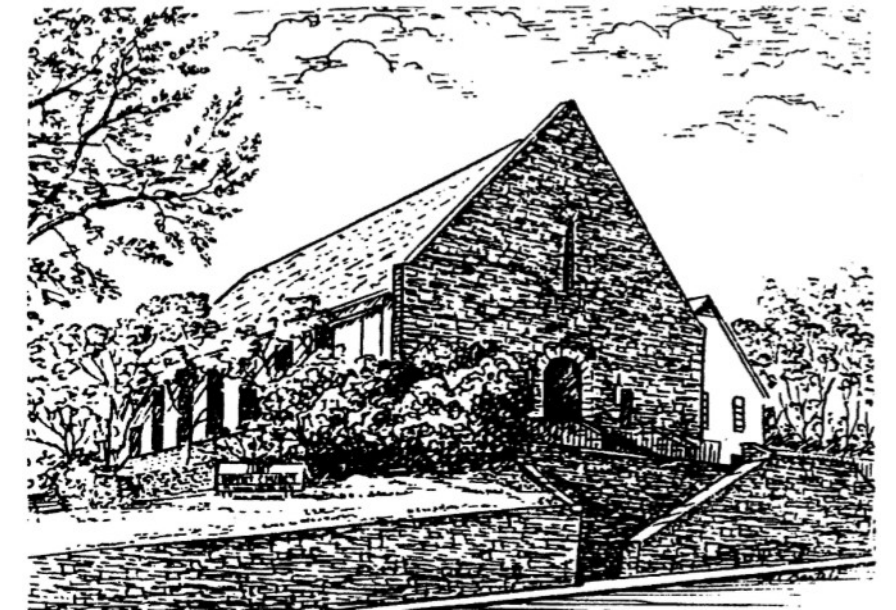
CHURCH STAFF

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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March 4, 2018

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Third Sunday in Lent

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour John Spinks

†**Congregational Introit** PATRICIA
O How He Loves You and Me

*O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could He give?
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!*

Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Skies* -Smith

Call to Worship Jeff Harris

Return to the Lord your God,
for God is gracious.
Confess to the Lord your God,
for God is merciful.
Repent to the Lord your God,
for God is slow to anger.
Praise the Lord your God,
for God abounds in steadfast love.
Worship the Lord your God,
For God alone is worthy.

†**Hymn 221** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

†**Invocation** Jim Hawkins

†**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 47** HYMN TO JOY
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Psalm 146 Don Batts

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.
**When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that
very day their plans perish.**
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the
Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is
in them;

**who keeps faith for ever; who executes justice for the
oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.**
The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord
loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the
widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
**The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all
generations. Praise the Lord!**

Confession of Sin Jaime Fitzgerald

God, you command us to love You with all of our heart, soul, and
mind. You command us to love our neighbors as ourselves. You
command us to clothe the naked and to feed the hungry. We
understand that we do love You, we do help to clothe the naked and
feed the hungry, but only when it fits into the puzzle of our already
busy calendars.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right
spirit within me.**

God, your scripture tells us not to worry about tomorrow and not to
store up for ourselves treasure on earth, but that is so much easier
said than done. We sometimes are hesitant to give more because we
fear not having enough for our families. We clothe others with hand-
me-downs and feed others with leftovers.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast
love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my
transgressions.**

We watch and read the news and feel lost, as though we do not have
resources available to help order the chaos that is all around. We tell
ourselves that we have nothing to offer. We save more and give less
to ensure we do not go without. We forget that you, God, our
sustainer, is with us all of our days and that You will provide for our
every need.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a
willing spirit.**

Silence

Words of Forgiveness, Psalm 103:8, 12-14 Jeff Harris

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in
steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he
removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for
his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For
he knows how we were made; he remembers that we
are dust.

Choral Anthem -Tomlin
Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Mark 12:13-17, 38-41 (p. 50) Jeff Harris

Sermon "New Math"
(Tuesday) Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Deacon Ordination of Phillip Edwards

Do you, members of this church, confirm the call of God to our
brother Phillip as a deacon in the service of Jesus Christ?
We do.

Will you support and encourage him in this ministry?
Gladly, we will.

Response from the Candidate Phillip Edwards

Laying on of Hands

†**Hymn 611** *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY
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** Cathy Johnson

Offering and Meditation *My Jesus, I Love Thee* -Ellis

†**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** PATRICIA
O How He Loves You and Me

*Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show;
What He did there brought hope from despair:
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!*

Postlude *Here I Am, Lord* -Schutte
†Please stand if you are able.

The Last Week: A Lenten Journey

March 4, Mark 11:20-13:37, Tuesday
March 11, Mark 14:1-11, Wednesday
March 18, Mark 14:12-71, Thursday
March 25, Mark 15:1-41, Friday
March 26, Noonday Prayer
March 27, Noonday Prayer
March 28, Noonday Prayer
March 29, Maundy Thursday Worship, 6pm
March 30, Good Friday Worship, noon
April 1, Mark 16:1-8, Easter Sunday