

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON**

Sunday, September 17	9:30 am	Sunday Coffee and Catch-Up
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, September 18	6:00 pm	Deacons
Tuesday, September 19	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 20	11:00 am	Bible Study

We welcome Mickey Pierce as the newest member of the First Baptist Family!

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 as you exit today.

**Questions From the Congregation  
Summer Sermon Series**

- Sept 10 The Forgiveness of God
- Sept 17 What Forgiveness is Not
- Sept 24 Forgiveness and Reconciliation

SEE Fall 2023

SEE offers formation opportunities for all ages.  
We begin at 4pm and share a meal at 5pm.

Sept 10 Kickoff and Kickball, Sept 24, Oct 8 , Oct 22, Nov 12

- Music and Movement—Toddlers—Main Church
- Children’s Choir—K-5th Grade—Main Church
- Youth—6th-12th grade—Lower Activity Building
- Adults—Upper Activity Building

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**September 10, 2023**

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 5,349	Capital Campaign	\$ 85
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 8,322	Wildfire Relief	\$ 600
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$293,920		
YTD Plan Goal	\$307,914		

Total Received for Capital Campaign (through August) \$1,205,248.87  
Remaining balance on Construction Loan \$240,556.12

**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. Nursery is provided during church for children ages 0-2, and Children’s Church is provided for children ages 3 to 5. Children’s Church begins after the Children’s Time. Light refreshments are available in the Gathering Space after worship.

**September Mission Focus—Grace It Forward**

We are collecting canned and boxed food items for our #GraceItForward Food Delivery on October 14. Please bring these items to church with you, and make note of portion sizes—most families consist of 5-7 members. We are providing food for 20 families, and have need of the following staples: 38 oz. Canned Green Beans, 24 oz. Boxed Mac and Cheese, 29 oz. Canned Fruit, 33 oz. Pudding Cups, 16 oz. Brownie Mix, Parboiled Rice, Cooking Oil, Black Beans, Flour and Corn Tortillas, Canned Tomatoes. Serving portions for 5 or more are preferred. We can also use some more help with packing and delivery on October 14. Sign up if you’re willing to help, and thank you for helping feed those in our community!

**GREETERS**

Elizabeth Burrell and Katy Wall, Sanctuary Door  
Shelvie Foust and Sadie McKaig, Lobby Entrances

**OFFERING**

Elizabeth McCallister (Lead Deacon), Billy McFarland,  
Phil Pleasants, Di Greene

**NURSERY WORKERS**

Merry Price and Jodi Harris

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Carolyn Baughman

**ACOLYTES**

Tilly Harris and Gabriel McKaig

**DIACONATE**

Ellis Fincher Jr., Lane Price, Susan Smith, Di Greene, Rachel Hawkins,  
Phil Scoggins, Justin Lay, Beth McCallister, Alice Tennant

**CHURCH STAFF**

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor  
Wendi Arms, Minister of Music  
Kay Greene, Pianist  
E. Leslie Raymond, Organist  
John Spinks, Sexton

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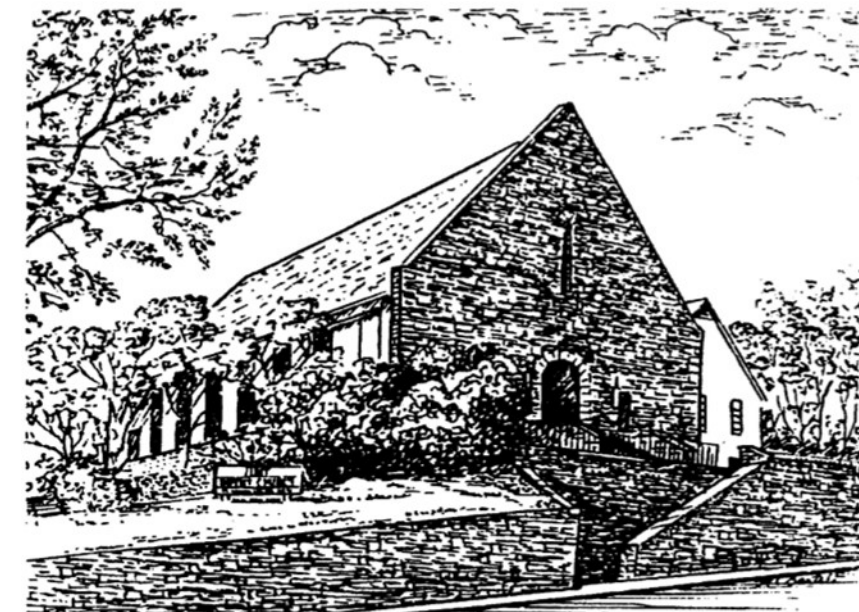
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
TRYON, NC**



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

ELEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2023                      Eleven O'clock

Music for Gathering                      Kay Greene

Welcome and Passing of the Peace                      Jeff Harris  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Trinity Ring                      John Spinks

Call to Worship                      Jeff Harris  
Praise the Lord!  
**With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!**  
Praise the Lord!  
**Never forget the good things God has done for us.**  
Praise the Lord, all the earth—  
everyone, everywhere!  
**We too will praise the Lord!**

Voluntary    *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*    -A. Mason

Invocation                      Hugh Porter

†Hymn 310    *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*    HYMN TO JOY  
Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.

Children's Time                      "Mr. Skip" Williams  
Kindergartners and preschoolers may leave for Children's Church after the  
Children's Time.

Psalms 103:6-14                      Di Greene

The Lord works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
**He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.**  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
**He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.**  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
**For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love towards those  
who fear him;**

as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes 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 Response    *Grace Greater than our Sin*                      MOODY  
*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Matthew 18:25-35, p. 16                      Reva Williams  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Luke 19:1-10, p. 63                      JT Johnson  
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Anthem                      *You Are Mine*                      -Haas, arr. Hayes

Sermon                      "What Forgiveness is Not"                      Jeff Harris

Offering and Meditation                      -arr. Stevens  
*Have Thine Own Way, Lord / Be Still, My Soul*

†Doxology                      OLD 100TH  
*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. Amen.

†Hymn 422    *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*                      HYFRYDOL  
Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our  
church through membership, may come forward at this time.

†Benediction                      Jeff Harris

†Choral Response    *May the Spirit Bind Us Together*                      -Stevens  
*May the Spirit bind us together as we build this house of faith;  
One in heart and one in spirit may we grow;  
May we raise our voices in witness;  
May our lives reflect Thy grace;  
One in heart and one in spirit as we go, as we go.*

Postlude                      *O God Beyond All Praising*                      -Holst/Page  
†Please stand if you are able.