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From the Pastor...

Someone recently asked me, "What's the next big thing at First Baptist Church?". I immediately answered, Vacation Bible School! VBS is July 24-28 and it is one of our biggest events of the year. So, it is an all hands on deck occasion!

For Vacation Bible School to be successful requires everyone's participation. You don't even have to have kids; you just have to care about them. Remember, Jesus embraced children and called upon us to do so as well (Mark 10:16).

Here are some ways you can make VBS a success:

- Pray for the children and our workers.
- Invite friends, family, and neighbors.
- Help decorate before VBS.
- Volunteer to help – we have places for all skill levels.
- Bring your children and grandchildren.

This year's VBS theme is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light!" Kid's will blast off into space to learn about God's universe. Themes for each day include:

- When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light! (John 8:12)
- When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light! (Romans 12:16)
- When good things happen, shine Jesus' light! (Psalm 100:1)
- When people are sad, shine Jesus's light! (John 14:1)
- When people need help, shine Jesus' light! (Matthew 5:16)

Thank you for all you do to support the ministries of First Baptist Church of Statesville! I know we can count on you to make VBS great!

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STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

July 24-28, 2023

We will launch on a cosmic quest where we'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world.

Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

Register at
www.statesvillefbc.org

Schedule

Sunday, July 16

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, July 17

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, July 19

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, July 20

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, July 23

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, July 24

9:00 a.m. Stellar VBS

Tuesday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Stellar VBS

Wednesday, July 26

9:00 a.m. Stellar VBS

Thursday, July 27

9:00 a.m. Stellar VBS

Friday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Stellar VBS



Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Announcements

Wednesday Noon Study

This summer we will study the book of Psalms and learn how the psalmist gives us various ways to pray. Hilda Lee will be preparing a light lunch to serve at noon each day (\$4.00 cash) and our Bible study will be from 12:15 – 12:45 pm.

July 19: Turning to God as King
 (Lunch: Chef's Salad & Death by Chocolate)

July 26: No Noon Study due to VBS

Jubilee Sunday

July 30, 2023

During the worship service, we will celebrate our members that have been part of our congregation for 50 or more years and those that are 90 or more years of age.

Directory Photos Retakes

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

The directory photo retake day has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 1. Please be sure to make your appointment at www.ucdir.com. Church code: nc432
 Church Password: photos

Deacon Ministry Team Nominations

We will begin collecting nominations for our Deacon Ministry Team in August. Please be in prayer for those you wish to nominate. Current members of the Deacon Ministry Team are Sherry Ashley, William Barnard, Crystal Beale, Ben Faulkenberry, James Foushee, Steve Koontz, Mike McLain, Jeff Templeton, and Alan Williams.

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of July 2 & 9, 2023

	7/2	7/9
Live Stream Views.	24	24
In-Person.	132	128
Sunday School.	69	73

Financial Statistics

	July	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	60,275.00	779,805.00
Budget Receipts	35,534.00	722,612.00
Goals Not Met	(24,741.00)	(57,193.00)
Alms	755.00	11,900.00
Designated	298.00	56,499.00

Youth Camp - June 25-30, 2023





A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

We are back from Kentucky. What a whirlwind trip we had! We were able to work on two homes. One right beside the home we gutted after flood relief in the fall. Mrs. Wilma is hoping to move home again within the next month after a year being displaced. She has never been away from her sister this long and is ready to be home. We painted, put up crown molding, fixed a window, and cleaned.

At Mrs. Liz's house we worked on various parts of her home - repaired plumbing, fixed and replaced air vents, and created window seats. With your generosity, we were able to buy her a new stove. (Just ask anyone on the trip about her old stove).

We had a great time being together. We got to worship with Eolia Baptist Church, heard a great sermon by Drew Baldwin, and enjoyed our lodging at Eolia Christian Community Outreach, where at night we learned some new card games, grew closer as friends and had some great conversations.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

