



Mrs. Sheila's class counts the (chocolate) gold coins the mysterious leprechaun left in the classroom St. Patrick's Day.

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From the Pastor...



Because He lives, I can face tomorrow! These powerful words from Bill Gaither capture Easter. They remind us that God is the God of life. God created life, and when we chose death, God transformed death back into life. Easter is God saying that death cannot stand. It cannot have the final word.

Because we know that even death cannot stop us, we are free to live life in Christ. As Paul said, "Death has been swallowed up in victory!" (I Corinthians 15:54c). During Lent we have focused on dying with Christ. Easter reminds us that it is even more important to live in Christ.

We are Easter people. Our faith is one of hope and future. No matter what is happening in our lives, Jesus resurrection offers us hope. It is the power that can transform our lives. I'm inspired to see lives being transformed within our congregation and those changes are transforming our church!

I look forward to celebrating my first Easter with you and trust you will join us this Sunday. I also encourage you to bring family and friends who need a word of hope. Easter, however, isn't just one day – it is a new way of life. So please plan to be with us each Sunday of Eastertide as we examine The Power of Easter.

- Dr. Nelson Granade, Senior Pastor

Eastertide Sermon Series

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Empowers Us to Reorient Our Lives

John 20:1-18

It's easy to get turned around in life - especially when we go through difficulty. Easter is God's answer to the crucifixion. It reorients us away from death to eternal life. Easter is the true north for Christians. This sermon will point us past a confusing world toward the in-breaking Kingdom of God.

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Easter Empowers Us to Live United

I John 1:1-2:2

Unity is found in finding a purpose higher than any of our differences. Sharing the good news of the power of resurrection is the highest calling of all. Join us as we begin our Eastertide journey of exploring the power of Easter as found in I John

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Easter Empowers Us to Live More Purely

I John 3:1-10

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Easter Empowers Us to Live Generously

I John 3:16-24

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Easter Empowers Us to Live Lovingly

I John 4:7-16

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Easter Empowers Us to Live Victoriously

I John 5:1-5

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Easter Empowers Us to Live Eternally

I John 5:9-13

Schedule

Sunday, March 27

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast - FLC
10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, March 28

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, March 29

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, March 30

No Wednesday Evening Activities

Thursday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, April 1

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Sunday, April 3

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Tuesday, April 5

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, April 6

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal - FLC
5:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study - FLC
5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Yoga
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, April 8

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, April 9

5:00 p.m. FBC's Got Talent

Weekday Preschool Registration Now Underway

Our Weekday Preschool began fall registration on Tuesday, March 1. Current families and church members are guaranteed placement if forms are submitted before open registration begins on March 14. If you have, or know of, a child who will be around 18 months to 5 years old by August 31, please contact Renae Keesbury, Director, for further information. She can be reached weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and noon at 704-873-7231, ext. 209 or at renae@statesvillefbc.org.

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of March 13 & 20, 2016

3/13

Church in Bible Study	111	142
Church in Worship	187	218
8:30 a.m. service	48	65
10:55 a.m. service	139	153

Financial Statistics

Weeks of March 13 & 20, 2016

3/13

Budget - Received	17,983.00
Alms	0.00
Designated - Received	310.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 3/13/16	
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 3/20/16	
Budget for 2015-2016	
Weekly Budget Needed	
Budget Needs To Date	
Budget Given to Date	
Behind Budget	
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date	
Alms Received-Year to Date	
Total Giving-Year to Date	

Sound System Fund

Sign Up For Your Church Directory Photo!

We are in the process of putting together a new church directory. Portraits will be taken Mondays, April 11 & 18 and Wednesday, April 13. To sign up, please see Kaye Daniel Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center or 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. at the Welcome Center. Photo dates are April 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 25.

Reflections of a Believing Thinker

Reflections of a Believing Thinker - short essays by Dr. Larry Gregg, our Interim Minister of Christian Education, are available on the website! Look for the link under the Members tab or the Staff tab.

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....	Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....	Minister of Music & Worship
Ms. Melissa Wilson.....	Minister of Children & Families
Dr. Larry Gregg.....	Interim Minister of Christian Education
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....	Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Prayer Centered in the Will of God

James 4:3 says, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures." Prayer is a time of submitting our lives to the lordship of Christ. How then can we bring our own selfish desires and activities to God's throne and expect His blessing?

One of our greatest problems is that we have a generation of self-seeking, manipulative Christians. We have learned the methods of the world and tried to mingle them with the method of God. Many well-meaning believers initiate an idea or ministry without consulting the Father. Mass-marketing techniques and appeals for funds are used to launch ministries. Things often go well until we reach the limits of human ability. Then we begin to pray fervently for God's assistance.

But God refuses to answer. He had nothing to do with self-motivated and self-initiated prayer in the beginning, and He has nothing to do with it now. The windows of heaven are open only to prayer that is initiated and centered in the will of God rather than the will of man.

Father, forgive me for the selfishness of my prayers! So often I enter into Your presence without considering my motives. I only have gifts and abilities because You have placed them within me. They belong to You and I have grossly misused them. May I slow down to seek Your heart so that whatever idea or plan I may have comes from Your heart instead of my own! Help me to draw upon Your power and ability, continually submitting my will to Yours.

Adapted from The Prayer Factor by Sammy Tippit.

New Wednesday Evening Schedule Begins April 6

5:00 p.m. ~ Family Night Meal

5:45 p.m. ~ Joint Prayer Time

6:00 p.m. ~ Study Groups

Options:

Authentic Faith - The Letter of John

Leader: Dr. Nelson Granade

Location: Fellowship Hall

You might have heard a young person say, "Get real!" There is so much fakeness about our culture and people are longing for authenticity. John has these same concerns for the early church. This study will examine John's words to the early church and apply these truths to life today.

Biblical Truths and Contemporary Applications

Leader: Dr. Larry Gregg

Location: Adams Hall

How do you apply ancient scripture in modern times? This is a question for all people of faith, but especially those who teach. This study will help you understand the Bible's historical context and translate those truths for today.

You will learn how to read the Bible and let the Bible read you.

Serving as a Leader at FBCS

Leader: William Barnard

Location: Heritage Hall

Have you ever considered being a leader at our church? This study is designed to help you be a more effective leader by exploring the book Jesus on Leadership. It will also help you understand the expectations of leadership at First Baptist Church of Statesville. The class is open to everyone, but especially those who are considering deacon ministry.

It is limited to the first twelve people to sign up.

Building a Strong and Healthy Family

Leader: Dr. Wayne Wilson, Director, CareNet Counseling of Statesville

Location: Activities Room (Beside Fellowship Hall)

Families are the building blocks of a strong church and a healthy society. Yet there are tremendous pressures on families today. This group will focus on strengthening the various relationships within families in order to bring health to the entire system. All types of families will benefit from this study and you are welcome to participate individually or with others in your family.



Message by: **Dr. Nelson Granade**

Worship with us Sundays 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.

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Announcements

Welcome to Our Church Family!

Sandy Clements made a profession of faith at the 10:55 a.m. service Sunday, March 13 and is a candidate for baptism.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 2016

10:00 a.m. ~ Family Life Center

Please join us for a morning full of fun and fellowship! We will begin in the Family Life Center for a story and cookies. We will then move to the church lawn to hunt for eggs! In the event of rain, we will hunt the eggs in the gym. Please invite all your friends! We need help filling the eggs with goodies.



Precept Bible Study

It's time to begin signing up for Precept Bible Study, the Gospel of John, part 2. JOHN, PART 1 IS NOT A PREREQUISITE FOR JOHN, PART 2! You can begin at any point. We will begin on April 5 (Tuesday, 6 pm-8 pm), and April 6 (Wednesday, 9:30 am-11:30 am). Both classes are the same, so if you miss one you can attend the other. The target dates for finishing are May 31 and June 1. If you haven't yet participated in Precept, we invite you to discover the joy of digging out the truths of scripture for yourself. Please sign up in the Welcome Center today!

Building & Grounds Team Work Day

Saturday, April 23, 2016 ~ 7:30 a.m.

The Building & Grounds Team is planning a campus work day to complete the following items.

1. Remove concrete sidewalk and build forms for the new sidewalk between Adams Hall and the upper parking lot. We will hire a contractor to pour and finish the walk way.
2. Replace gym lighting fixtures. There are currently 6 out of 24 fixtures out in the gym. We plan to update the lighting to an LED fixture.
3. Add additional outside lighting to the east side of the sanctuary to match the lights currently on the west side.
4. Remove the speakers out of the bell tower. The old chime system used speakers (4) mounted on the top of the bell tower. During a recent high wind event, the speakers were blown off and damaged the roof inside the bell tower. These speakers must be removed before the roofers can repair the damage.

Join the Building and Grounds Team as we make improvements and repair needed items around our beautiful campus. We would like to know if you are coming so call the church office (704-873-7231) to sign up or e-mail Clayton Cline at clayton@statesvillefbc.org.

Coffee Rotation Sunday, April 3

Emanons Class

Clothes Closet Rotation Thursday, March 31

Phil Crowder & Jesse Jackson

Thursday, April 7

Bob Turnipseed & Peggy Koepnick

Holy Week at FBC

The Stations of the Cross will be in the Sanctuary with guides for individual worship.

Friday, March 25, 2015

Community Good Friday Service
12:00 p.m.

First ARP Church

Dr. Nelson Granade will deliver the sermon

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

Brunch
9:30 a.m. ~ Family Life Center

Worship
10:55 a.m. ~ Sanctuary

FBC's Got Talent

Saturday, April 9, 2016 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ FLC

Tickets are now available! \$5.00 will reserve your seat, but we will be accepting donations at the door. Men, please prepare a cake for a contest! This will be a wonderful night of fellowship and fun while we support our Belize Mission Team!

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to the family of Dr. Frank Campbell, former pastor of FBC-Statesville, in his death on March 22, 2016.