



# THE INTERIM

*Zoe Devine plays in the bounce house at the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 15, 2017.*



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## From the Pastor..



Thank you for all your well wishes around pastor appreciation month, my birthday, and second anniversary as your pastor. That is a lot in one month, and I truly feel valued and blessed. Your many cards, calls, and hugs have meant so much to me. The ad in Sunday's paper was also a nice surprise.

It is such a blessing to serve as your pastor. Valerie and I both feel so fortunate to be at First Baptist Church of Statesville. Your many expressions of love and kindness continue to be an encouragement to us. I try to inspire those I serve, but the reality is that you all inspire me.

Serving as your pastor is a great opportunity. To be involved in the lives of God's people is a holy privilege. When you trust me to walk with you through difficult times or celebrate with you on special occasions, you honor me.

It humbles me to be counted among the great pastors who have served First Baptist Church of Statesville. Each one has brought particular strengths that God has used to accomplish great things. It is my hope that we continue to come together around our mission of loving Jesus Christ and making Him known.

I hope you are finding meaning in the sermon series "Knowing Jesus – The I Am Statements of John." In it we are focusing on the "knowing" side of our mission statement. Early next year we will focus on a sermon series entitled, "Making Jesus Known."

Just as you have blessed me as I have served you, I know our entire congregation will be blessed as we serve our community. Like Abraham, we are blessed so that we might be a blessing. Thank you again for the blessing you all are to Valerie and me.

If everyone who comes to First Baptist Church experiences the type of love you have shown us, they too will fall in love with our congregation. As I said Sunday, when you grow a great people, you'll grow a great church. Valerie and I are grateful to be a part of what God is doing at First Baptist Church.

*Nolan*

### Smile, You're On Camera!

Our new television cameras have arrived and been installed. Beginning this Sunday, we will have three cameras that are remotely controlled. Because they are digital, they will give better picture quality and allow us to post our services on our website. Because there are multiple cameras, we will have a lively recording. Thank you for giving to our "So All May See and Hear" campaign. These funds have made the new equipment possible.



## Schedule

### Sunday, October 29

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

### Monday, October 30

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, October 31

- 10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
- 6:00 p.m. Precept Study

### Wednesday, November 1

- 9:30 a.m. Precept Study
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
- 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 2

- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

### Sunday, November 5

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

### Monday, November 6

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, November 7

- 10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
- 6:00 p.m. Precept Study - Adams Hall

### Wednesday, November 8

- 9:30 a.m. Precept Study - Adams Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
- 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 9

- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

### Saturday, November 11

- 8:00 a.m. Church Work Day

## 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.....Minister of Christian Education & Administration  
 Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students  
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of October 15 & 22, 2017

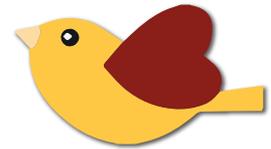
	10/15	10/22
Church in Bible Study	123	138
Church in Worship	187	197

## Financial Statistics

	October	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	66,956.00	66,956.00
Budget Receipts	50,361.00	50,361.00
Needed to Meet Goal	16,595.00	16,595.00
Alms	1,029.00	1,029.00
Designated	8,971.00	8,971.00

## Unsung Hero

### Brenda Falter



Next time you walk the halls of the church, be sure to notice the beautiful bulletin boards. Brenda Falter creates these bulletin boards each month. She sees that the boards feature important information about our upcoming events.



On Thursday afternoons, Brenda helps in the Clothes Closet ensuring shoppers check in properly and receive the items they need. She also attends the Tuesday morning sewing group.

Thank you for all you do to make First Baptist Church great!

Each issue of The Interim will feature a member that does great and often unrecognized things for FBC. If you would like to see someone recognized as an *Unsung Hero*, please e-mail Kayley Crouch at [kayley@statesvillefbc.org](mailto:kayley@statesvillefbc.org) or call 704-873-7231.



# Recipe for Prayer

I love You, Lord, because You hear and answer my prayers; because You bend down and listen, I will pray as long as I breathe. (Psalm 116:1-2 TLB) The Bible teaches us that in order to have our prayers answered, we must have all sin confessed, believe that God will answer, and pray for God's will. (Read Matthew 6:9-15 and James 5:14-18) When we pray, it might be good to do some self-examination to see if these three ingredients are "baked" into our petitions. If we sincerely pray in this way, God will surely answer, and it will spur us on to more prayer.

Could it be that we pray less because we don't see more answers to our prayers? Think about it!

His servant and your friend,  
Ginny Stikeleather

# Fall Festival!

Sunday, October 15, 2017





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**CBF Mission Bites**

**Bite 54: God was at work**

*"Last February, our church considered turning our Youth House into a Refugee Ministry but realized that we neither had the financial resources nor the manpower. However, conferences with the Wyatts and local pastors convinced us that with partnerships we could do this. God was at work, and all he needed was our willingness to join him. After the unanimous vote in July to offer up our Youth House, an avalanche of workers descended upon the deteriorating house and turned it into a warm, welcome home for "the least of these" coming to our shores. We are now partners in ministry, offering up what we have for God's use to benefit those who come to our country to make a new life for themselves."*

- Charles Allard, pastor of Crabtree Valley Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C., working alongside CBF field personnel Kim and Marc Wyatt

**Bite 55: Trusting the Lord with all her heart**

*"Where we live, ID cards record your religion. One day, Sarah told me that she is proud of Jesus and wanted to change the religion on her card to read Christian. It is a big deal to change your ID card. It is not illegal to be a Christian here, but it presents challenges. Regardless, on Tuesday she went to have it changed."*

*By Wednesday, a complaint had been registered against her at the school where she works. However, after interviewing several hundred of her students, not one had a complaint and she was cleared! Through this change, Sarah was trusting the Lord with all her heart (Proverbs 3:5-6). Please pray for Sarah's safety as she continues to live out her faith."*

- CBF field personnel serving in the Middle East



**Announcements**

**Church Work Day**

**Saturday, October 28, 2017 ~ 8:00 a.m.**

On this day, we will work on various projects throughout our church building. Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you are able to attend. We will have another work day on Saturday, November 11.

**Wednesday Evening Menus**

**November 1**

*cheeseburgers, potato wedges, & chocolate mousse*

*Children's Menu: same*

**November 8**

*chicken divan, salad, rolls, & cake*

*Children's Menu: grilled cheese & chips*

**All Saints Day**

**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

All Saints Day is the day we honor the saints who have gone before us. In particular, we remember those who have gone on to be with the Lord this past year. We encourage everyone to show our respect by being here this special Sunday. In particular, we encourage family members of those who will be honored to be present to receive a rose of recognition.

**Senior Adult Trip**

**Barn Dinner Theatre, Greensboro, NC**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

We will leave the church parking lot at 11:15 a.m. in a modern Christian Tours Bus and travel to the Barn Dinner Theatre for a delightful buffet and Christmas Show. We should arrive back at the church around 6:00 p.m. This high-energy holiday musical celebrating Disco & Pop from the 60s and 70s is sure to make your holiday season memorable. To sign up, obtain an informational sign-up sheet from Gale Hall. Then complete the sheet and turn it in with your check or cash to the church office or to Gale Hall or Loy Devine no later than November 1, 2017. Make the check payable to First Baptist Church in the amount of \$50 per person. For further clarification, call Gale Hall at 704-873-4029.

**\*\*Please note change of time of departure & arrival from an earlier announcement.**



*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.*

Philippians 1:3-5