



Jan Wuertz teaches music to FBC preschoolers.

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## From the Pastor...

“You better wear green or someone will pinch you!” That’s about all I knew about St. Patrick’s Day when I was a kid. It was just another fun day with some silly traditions. Little did I know that St. Patrick was a real person who made a difference for the Kingdom of God.

St. Patrick’s Day falls on a Sunday this year and it is a good time to learn a little about this Saint. Did you know that St. Patrick wasn’t Irish? That the original color for St. Patrick’s Day was blue? That there were never any snakes in Ireland? Or, that Leprechauns have nothing to do with St. Patrick?

The real story is one of strife and redemption. Patrick, who lived in northeastern England, was kidnapped by Celtic pirates when he was only sixteen. He spent many years as a poor slave herding cattle on the cold hillsides of Ireland. Though Patrick was raised in a Christian family, it was only under this oppression that his faith came alive.

After six years of captivity, Patrick escaped by walking 200 miles to the seacoast and begging his way onto a boat bound for Gaul (France). You would think that Patrick would never want to set foot in Ireland again, but he had a vision that “The Voice of the Irish” were calling him to return.

After studying for the priesthood and receiving permission, Patrick returned to the people he had once despised. Patrick had come to love these people who were outcast from his faith and culture. Instead of condemning them, he walked among them and told stories of the faith.

The once “heathen” island slowly transformed into a country of sincere Christians. By the end of Patrick’s life, the slave trade had disappeared in Ireland and the Irish began sending missionaries to other nations. As historian Thomas Cahill later noted, this once illiterate people “saved civilization.”

I hope you will join us this Sunday to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with your church. You can wear green if you like, but I promise no one will pinch you if you don’t. Together we will learn a little more about St. Patrick and how his example can inspire us still today.

*Nolan*

*<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:19-20



## Schedule

### Sunday, March 17

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Chili Lunch Fundraiser - Adams Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

### Monday, March 18

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, March 19

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

### Wednesday, March 20

- 9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study
- 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After School Program
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, March 21

- 11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon - FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, March 24

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

### Monday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, March 26

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

### Wednesday, March 27

- 9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study
- 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After School Program
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, March 28

- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

## FLC Activities Schedule

### Monday, March 18

- 9:00 a.m. Pickleball
- 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

### Tuesday, March 19

- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Wednesday, March 20

- 8:00 a.m. Pickleball
- 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After-School Program
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal

### Thursday, March 21

- 9:00 a.m. Pickleball
- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

### Friday, March 22

- 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

### Monday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. Pickleball
- 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

### Tuesday, March 26

- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Wednesday, March 27

- 8:00 a.m. Pickleball
- 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After-School Program
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### Thursday, March 28

- 9:00 a.m. Pickleball
- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

### Friday, March 29

- 11:45 a.m. Linedancers



## Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister  
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 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families  
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## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of March 3 & 10, 2019

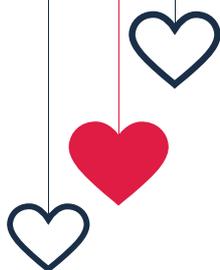
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Church in Bible Study . . . . .	139 . . . . .	126
Church in Worship. . . . .	175 . . . . .	219

## Financial Statistics

	March	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	70,296.00	406,836.00
Budget Receipts	28,228.00	350,621.00
Needed to Meet Goals	42,068.00	56,215.00
Alms (Eddie Steele Fund)	1,914.00	2,680.00
Designated	4,385.00	61,124.00

# Caregiver Support Group Begins Wednesday, March 20, 2019

CareNet Counseling will be offering a 6-week support group for caregivers of loved ones who have been diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's, beginning March 20. This group will offer tools and resources for caregiving and self-care, as well as a supportive space to share questions or concerns. Sessions will meet on Wednesday mornings, from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the Esther Sunday School Classroom. Space is limited to 12 participants. To register, please contact Kayley Crouch at 704-873-7231.



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## Worry or Prayer - Choose One

I'm sure you've heard it said, "If you pray there's no need to worry, and if you worry, there's no need to pray". If all Christians would take this to heart, I believe there would be a whole lot more joy in our lives. I found a poem that expresses this truth so well:

When we see the lilies  
Spinning in distress,  
Taking thought to  
Manufacture loveliness;  
When we see the birds all  
Building barns for store,  
Twill be time for us to worry—  
Not before!

If the pilot has come on board, why should the captain also pace the deck with weary foot? (Anonymous)

This week, let's do more praying and see if we don't do a lot less worrying.

His servant and your friend,  
Ginny Stikeleather

## Upcoming Events

### Operation Inasmuch Saturday, April 13, 2019

Be sure to mark your calendar for this wonderful day of service. There will be many projects and a place for all to serve. Be on the lookout for a list of projects. We will need many hands to make this day a success.



### Randy's BBQ Fundraiser for Belize Mission Trip Tuesday, April 23, 2019 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Plan to have dinner at Randy's BBQ in Statesville on Tuesday, April 23. A portion of all sales will go directly to our Belize Team. You may dine in or carry out. Be sure to tell them you are there for the fundraiser. Please be on the lookout for other opportunities to dine to donate to our Belize Team.



### Church Yard Sale Saturday, May 4, 2019 6:00 a.m.

Our Belize Team will host a yard sale to raise funds for the mission trip to Belize this summer. The team is collecting yard items now (no televisions). You may bring your donation to the church Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; or Sunday mornings.

### Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina Annual Gathering First Baptist Church of Greensboro, NC March 28-29, 2019

Leadership Institute  
with Tod Bolsinger  
FBC Greensboro  
March 28

Anniversary Celebration  
Revolution Mill  
March 28

Friday Gathering  
FBC Greensboro  
March 29





## Announcements

### CBF Misson Bites

#### Mission Bite 120: True Life

*Sonat had been a 13 year old boy when CBF field personnel came to his village to learn his language. Later, a Korean CBF partner church provided scholarship funds for Sonat and some of his friends to become some of the first college graduates from the "B" people group.*

*While in college, Sonat and those friends helped with the Bible translation, although he did not fully trust Christ until after the New Testament was printed in 2015. The New Testament, pictured above, is titled "True Life," since there are no words for "Bible" or "New Testament" in the B language.*

*More recently, the tiny B church decided to dub the Jesus Film into their language. Sonat was very excited. In a recent text to CBF field personnel, he wrote:*

*"Over the past few days I've helped with the Jesus Film recording. I've been amazed, feeling the power of God at work during the recording. God has helped us to read our lines with emotion, like real actors. That's hard for us, since none of us have done anything like this before. But God has been with us all the way."*

*Please pray for Sonat and the other B people, both Christians and pre-Christians, as they finish the Jesus Film recording.*

- Field personnel serving in Southeast Asia

#### Mission Bite 121: Making a difference across the border

*Our work on the border is all about collaboration and partnership! Students at the BSM at University of Houston put these food packets together for us. We delivered to Cynthia Aulds with our partner the Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking in Texas. She included information about human trafficking in each bag and delivered them to Laredo. Our friends at Pastor Lorenzo's church will deliver to displaced peoples on the other side of the border.*

*Later, Cynthia wrote us to tell us how the food packets were making a difference!*

*She received a text from one of Pastor Lorenzo's helpers: "We took some snack bags to the children and families on the bridge of Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas. There are families from Uzbekistan, Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua. Thank you and everyone for these snack bags. The children were so hungry. Thank you again. We truly appreciate these bags."*

*Displaced people are vulnerable to human traffickers. Each food packet has a list of questions that recipients can read and perhaps self identify as a victim. Later this month, we will be meeting with first responders in San Antonio to talk about tools that can help them identify victims. We also are working on a video that can be played on a loop in areas where displaced people may be, such as homeless shelters, care facilities and detention centers. And all of this is in partnership with others.*

Butch and Nell Green, CBF field personnel in Houston, Texas



#### Welcome to Our Church Family!

Vicky Dobbins joined our congregation at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 3. Vicky is scheduled to be baptized soon. Welcome to our church family!



Josh and Summer Snow joined our congregation by letter of transfer at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 10. Josh and Summer are pictured with their children, Tanner and Forde.

#### Have you Noticed...

Have you ever wondered what to do if you noticed any lights burned out, or windows not cleaned, or over-flowing trashcans, or anything that needed a little touching up? Well, now you can do something about it. All you need to do is fill out an "I Have Noticed . . ." card and drop it in the box located on the counter at the Welcome Center. This will help us with little projects that don't always get noticed right away by the staff. Your help and diligence will help keep FBC looking great.

#### Look Up Lodge Fundraiser Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:00 a.m. - Adams Hall

The Venture Students will host a chili and baked potato lunch to raise funds for their trip to Look Up Lodge this summer. Please come by Adams Hall immediately following the worship service to have lunch and make a donation. To-go plates will be available.

#### Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:00 a.m. - FLC

Our program this month will be presented by Glenn Fox, an accomplished keyboardist and voice musician. He has played with Harry Deal and the Galaxies and opened for Frankie Valli. He also played on the same venue as Glen Campbell and the Drifters, among other. He features music of all decades. Call the church office at 704-873-7231 no later than noon on Monday, March 18, to reserve your seat. Lunch is \$6.00 payable at the door.