

*Dawn Smith Jordan entertains at the
FBC Women of Faith gathering on
September 22, 2022.*



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From the Pastor...

Sometimes we get so focused on bad news, that we forget how much good is going on in the world. Last Wednesday evening we focused on prayer, I noted that the best way to begin prayer is with praise and thanksgiving. When we do so, it elevates our minds to a more positive outlook.

Yes, God cares about our needs and that too is a part of prayer; but it is secondary to experiencing the grace of God in prayer. One of the primary benefits of prayer is connecting with One who is far greater than our self. Praise reminds us that God is more powerful than we can imagine and can handle what is beyond our strength.

Likewise, when we begin prayers with thanksgiving, it enables us to see what God is already doing. No one likes to be asked for more when what we've already done hasn't been acknowledged. Counting our blessings has always been a remedy for depression and self-centeredness. Everyone likes to be appreciated, even God; and that appreciation benefits us as well.

In the spirit of praise and thanks, I'd like to name a few wonderful things God is doing at First Baptist Church of Statesville:

- Our Wednesday nights meals are going great. Our volunteer cooks are serving up some delicious meals and we are all grateful.
- You have been faithful with your giving, and we finished the year far ahead of budget, which will enable us to strengthen our reserves and help our community more.
- Our children and youth are growing spiritually. Melissa tells me each week of good things happening with our young people.
- Our senior adults had a great kick off luncheon and more are ahead.
- The Women of Faith event was a huge success with our own ladies and many from our community being inspired.

I know that I haven't covered it all and I encourage you to add to this list. Be sure to thank God for God's blessings and to thank fellow church members for their work as well.

I appreciate your worshiping with us in-person or on-line as we continue to seek *The Way of Jesus*. I encourage you to join us on Wednesday evenings as we explore this way even deeper and more practically. If you're wondering, the other parts of prayer we discussed Wednesday follow the acronym P.R.A.Y. – Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield.

Schedule

Sunday, October 9

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
 Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream
 Vote on Redistribution of Funds

Monday, October 10

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 12

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 13

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, October 16

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson

Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, October 17

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 20

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
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 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
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A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

We just turned into fall and we are already looking forward to winter, spring, and summer. Please put the following dates on your calendar.

Saturday, December 10: White Christmas

Saturday, April 22: Operation Inasmuch

July 7 through the following week: Summer Mission Trip.

For White Christmas we will have multiple ways to serve. You can serve on the set up team, collect and sort food, buy gifts for the families, provide items for the parents to stuff a stocking for their children, or be a buddy for the shoppers.

As with COVID calming down a little bit we are excited that it will be hosted back in the gym this year, and hope to have the participants come in and pick up the gifts, and make an individualized stocking for their children should they choose. We will have sign ups for shopping for the families on Sunday, October 30 and Sunday, November 6 to get a head start on our volunteers. That way we can get the family names to you as soon as we receive them. Gifts will be due Sunday, December 4 and we will have a wonderful day as a community on Saturday, December 10 as we have White Christmas that morning.

Thank you for all your encouragement, thoughts, and prayers.

Elizabeth

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of September 25 & October 2, 2022

	9/25	10/2
Live Stream Views.	19	18
In-Person.	144	121
Sunday School.	110	88

Financial Statistics

	September	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	69,206.00	869,311.00
Budget Receipts	116,192.00	1,138,679.00
All Goals Met	46,647.00	269,368.00
Alms	1,008.00	13,516.00
Designated	6,473.00	145,535.00

**FBC Women of Faith
Guest Speaker: Dawn Smith Jordan
September 22, 2022**





Announcements

Redistribution of Funds

Because we have a surplus a funds, the Business Management Team and the Deacon Ministry Team recommends we redistribute our funds to prepare for hard times and to share with our community. We discussed this redistribution on Wednesday, October 5. We will vote on this without discussion at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 9.

Wednesday Evening Menus

The meal is served 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$5.00/adult and \$4.00/child. You DO NOT need a reservation.

October 12
breakfast for dinner

October 19
lasagna

Deacon Election Results

On Sunday, October 2, our congregation voted by ballot to elect Sherry Ashley, William Barnard, and James Foushee to the Deacon Ministry Team. They will begin to serve January 1, 2023.



All children are invited for a evening of trunk or treating! Sign up to decorate your car now! We will also need LOTS of candy! Please pick up an extra bag while you're out!

Fall Sermon Series The Way of Jesus

Christianity is more than just a set of beliefs. It is also a lifestyle. To be a Christian means we follow the Way of Jesus. We seek to live our lives as Jesus lived His. The Way of Jesus is a way of:

Humility (10/9)

Forgiveness (10/16)

Perseverance (10/23)

Righteousness (10/30)

Sorry and Joy (11/6)

Sharing (11/13)

Thanksgiving (11/20)

Hope (11/27)

Peace (12/4)

Joy (12/11)

Love (12/18)

