



Welcome

Sunday, January 5, 2025

First Baptist Church Begins Our 150th Anniversary Celebration!

Today begins our Sesquicentennial (150 year) celebration of First Baptist Church of Statesville. First Baptist Church was founded November 21, 1875. Our largest celebration will be on November 16, 2025, so mark your calendars for this special day. We will, however, be celebrating the entire year as we look at some of First Baptist Church's core values:

- January – Our Baptist Distinctives
- February – Our Church's Resilience
- March – Our Affirmation of Women
- April – Our Commitment to Christ
- May – Our Development of Leaders
- June – Our Focus on Missions
- July – Our Practice of Ministry
- August – Our Discipling All Ages
- September – Our Fellowship and Caring
- October – Our Priority on Worship
- November – Our Reaffirmation to Serve God: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

A Baptist Church: Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow

The first focus of our 150th Anniversary is our Baptist Heritage. Please join us each Sunday in January as we examine our Baptist distinctives.

January 5, 2025	<i>How Do You Spell Sesquicentennial?</i> <i>The Birth of First Baptist Church of Statesville</i> Matthew 16:13-19
January 12, 2025	<i>Priests In a Baptist Church?</i> I Peter 2:9-10
January 19, 2025	<i>People of the Book</i> II Timothy 3 rd 14-17
January 26, 2025	<i>A Free Church in A Free State</i> Matthew 22:15-22

Wednesday Night Study in January

Join us on Wednesday evenings in January as we take a closer look at our Baptist distinctives and how they differentiate us from other Christian denominations. If you've ever wondered what it means to be a Baptist this study is for you. Come explore our commonalities and distinctions with Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and others.



How Do You Spell Sesquicentennial? The Birth of First Baptist Church of Statesville

Part of the Series:

A Baptist Church: Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow

Dr. Nelson Granade

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¹³ *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”*

¹⁴ *They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”*

¹⁵ *“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”*

¹⁶ *Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”*

¹⁷ *Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

Matthew 16:13-19

How Do You Spell Sesquicentennial?

From Where Did We Come?

A Brief History of Statesville

A Civil War

A Few Faithful Baptists

A Mission Board and a Missionary (Rev. J.B. Boone)

What’s the Takeaway?

Founded on Missions – Continuing in Missions

Importance of Christian Education

Essential of Regeneration

Who is Jesus to You?