

Nedra & Jim Van Zee, Mac & Evelyn Funderburk, and Carolyn & Bob Dellinger enjoy some fellowship at the Jubilee Sunday luncheon on Sunday, July 31.



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From the Pastor...



A lot has happened since I became your pastor last October. We called Larry Gregg to be our Minister of Christian Education and he has helped launch two new Sunday School classes. We called Justin Cox to be our Minister to Students and he has brought stability and depth to our youth ministry. We raised over \$150,000 to purchase a new sound system and create new signage around the church. We look forward to having these things this fall. We also took a major step last week to come together in one worship service at 10:00 a.m. each week.

This is actually much more than I hoped to accomplish in my first year. In fact, I usually advise new pastors not to change anything for at least a year. The things we have accomplished, however, were challenges that our church needed to address. It was certainly not just my leadership that enabled us to do so much in such

a short amount of time. It has been your trust and willingness to take risks for the sake of the church that have brought us this far. I believe our congregation was ready and waiting for the opportunity to move forward into God's calling.

With all of that said, **I believe it is now time to settle in and focus on our day to day ministry.** While all of the "big" things have been happening, we have also been focusing on the "little" details that make a church work. On Sunday, August 28, we will be presenting and commissioning those who will serve on our ministry teams for the coming year. These are the people who will help focus our work and provide opportunities for us all to find a place in ministry. We will also be presenting our new budget during September and will be getting you more information in the future.

It's such an encouragement to see our congregation come together and meet so many challenges so quickly. I look forward to being your pastor in some "ordinary" days as we turn our focus to the everyday work that provides a solid foundation for ministry. This fall I will focus my preaching on how to be church to "one another" as we share our lives together in service. You are a wonderful congregation and a great church! I look forward to many years of shared ministry and can't wait to see what God will do with His people known as First Baptist Church of Statesville.

Nedra

Commissioning Service Sunday, August 28, 2016

During the worship service, we will commission our ministry teams for the 2016-2017 year. Please keep these teams in your prayers:

- Adult Ministry Team
- Caring Team
- Special Events Team
- Prayer Ministry Team
- Member Training Team
- Wedding Team
- Women's Ministry Team
- Student Ministry Team
- Children's Ministry Team
- Medical Equipment
- Operation Inasmuch
- Prison Ministry
- White Christmas
- Building & Grounds
- Worship Ministry
- Missions Team
- Clothes Closet
- Homebound Ministry Team

Schedule

Sunday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, August 22

10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
12:30 p.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, August 23

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

Wednesday, August 24

12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study - Adams Hall

Thursday, August 25

9:00 a.m. Yoga

Friday, August 26

12:30 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Sunday, August 28

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Promotion Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, August 29

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

Tuesday, August 30

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

Wednesday, August 31

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, September 1

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

Friday, September 2

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

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
Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Weeks of August 7 & 14, 2016

Church in Bible Study 148 153
Church in Worship. 164 202

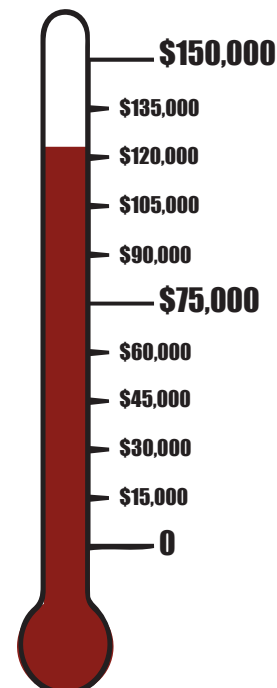
Financial Statistics

Weeks of August 7 & 14, 2016

	8/7	
Budget - Received	20,931.00	8,298.37
Alms	435.00	450.00
Designated - Received	1,605.00	897.00
Sound System	4,355.00	450.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 8/7/16		27,326.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 8/14/16		10,095.37
Budget for 2015-2016		893,174.00
Weekly Budget Needed		17,176.42
Budget Needs To Date		790,115.46
Budget Given to Date		686,861.76
Behind Budget		(103,253.70)
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		98,485.44
Alms Received-Year to Date		7,300.50
Total Giving-Year to Date		914,143.70
So All May See & Hear		121,496.00

So All May See & Hear

Given



Lord, Fix Me

Lord, I pray as if I expect You to “fix” everything that seems wrong in my little world. But, if You did that, how would I grow? You didn’t fix everything for Paul—or even for Your own Son. The hardships they endured led them to death. Am I entitled to less? They died as giants. Most of us, I fear, will die as dwarfs. Teach us to pray, “Not my will, but Thine be done.” Not, “fix my circumstances”, but, “fix me”. Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said it so well in Romans 5:2-5: “And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit Whom He has given us.” Always know that God has His eye on the thermometer and His hand on the thermostat, and remember His promise in Isa. 43:2, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

Summer Fun at FBC

Vacation Bible School ~ Look Up Lodge ~ Jubilee Sunday





Message by: Dr. Nelson Granade

Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 a.m. this summer.

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Announcements

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Gay Suther and family in the death of her brother, William Young Davis, Jr. of Kings Mountain on August 3, 2016.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Doris Lingerfelt in the death of her sister, Ann Southards, of Shelby on August 7, 2016.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Chris Simon and family in the death of his grandmother, Anderson Rash, on August 4, 2016.

Precept Bible Study ~ John Part 3

**Begins Tuesday September 13 ~ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. &
Wednesday, September 14 ~ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

It's time once again to sign up for Precept Bible Study. John Part 3 will cover the Last Supper, an in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' High Priestly prayer, His crucifixion, and resurrection. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 13 (6:00-8:00 p.m.), and Wednesday, September 14 (9:30-11:30 a.m.). We will break for Thanksgiving and Christmas on November 15 and 16 and finish up in January. Note: John Parts 1 and 2 are NOT required. John Part 3 is a complete study in itself. The study will be led by Ginny Stikeleather and Caroline Bentley. Please sign up in the Welcome Center today for a great time of fellowship, discussion, and learning.

Clothes Closet Rotation

Thursday, August 25

Jeff Templeton & Bob Boroughs

Thursday, September 1

Jeff Templeton & Bob Turnipseed

2016 - 2017 Budget

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Budget Presented to Congregation

Sunday, September 11, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m.

The Business Management Team will be available for questions in Adams Hall.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Second Congregational Budget Discussion

Sunday, September 18, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Budget Approved by Congregation in Worship Service

Promotion Sunday ~ August 28, 2016

Do not miss this very special Sunday! The children will move to their new Sunday School classes. The sixth graders will join the students on the Venture Hall, and the first graders will receive a new Bible! This is also a great opportunity to enroll in Sunday School! You won't want to miss it!

