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# Welcome

Sunday, July 31, 2022

*Together in Christ: Living, Learning, Serving*

## Jubilee Sunday

Today we will honor our members that have been part of our congregation for 50 or more years and our members who are 90 or more years of age.

## Jerusalem Marketplace VBS

August 1—5, 2022

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Smell the fresh, warm bread; weave a basket of reeds; make clay pots...Can you hear the music echoing through the Marketplace? Engage all senses as you transport your church to a different time and a fresh experience—and walk with Jesus today! Register your child today: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/52510b>. You may also call the church office at 704-873-7231.

## Family Movie Night

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

6:00—8:00 p.m.

Families with children of all ages are invited to a Family Movie Night. We will watch *The Secret Life of Pets*. Parents are invited to stay and watch the movie or you may drop your children off. Popcorn will be provided.

## Deacon Ministry Team Nominations

We are accepting nominations for our Deacon Ministry Team. All nominees will be invited to attend an orientation session at which the pastor and members of the Deacon Ministry Team review the qualifications and duties of deacons. All nominees who attend the orientation and are willing to continue in the process shall be placed on a ballot and the congregation is advised of the names of the nominees at least two weeks prior to the election. The congregation shall vote by ballot on Sunday, October 2 on the members of the Deacon Ministry Team. Current members of the Deacon Ministry Team include: Crystal Beale, Jerry Campbell, Nancy Deal, Ben Faulkenberry, Bill Henderson, Steve Koontz, Mike McLain, Jeff Templeton, and Alan Williams. Jerry Campbell, Nancy Deal, and Bill Henderson will complete their terms in December 2022. The newly elected deacons will begin to serve January 2023.

You may nominate members to the Deacon Ministry by filling out this form and placing it in the offering plate. You may also call the church office at 704-873-7321 or e-mail [kayley@statesvillefbc.org](mailto:kayley@statesvillefbc.org).

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# *Ruth – Grace Upon Grace*

Part of the Series “Wise Women of the Bible”  
Dr. Nelson Granade  
Sunday, July 31, 2022

*<sup>6</sup> When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup> With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.*

*<sup>8</sup> Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. <sup>9</sup> May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”*

*Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud <sup>10</sup> and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.”*

*<sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—<sup>13</sup> would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord’s hand has turned against me!”*

*<sup>14</sup> At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.*

*<sup>15</sup> “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”*

*<sup>16</sup> But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” <sup>18</sup> When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.*

Ruth 1:6-18

## **Grace – The Character Behind the Scenes**

**The Death of Naomi’s Husband and Sons** (Grace Amidst Grief)

**Ruth’s Choice to Stick to Naomi** (Grace in Faithfulness)

**The Generosity of Boaz** (Grace in Compassion)

**Boaz Steps Up** (Grace in Responsibility)

**God Brings New Life** (Grace in New Birth)

**We Are Called to Show Grace in Our Lives**