A drive-by parade celebrated Vester Boone's 95th birthday on August 21, 2020.
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From the Pastor...

"You've got to be flexible!" I still remember those words spoken by my supervisor when I was a Baptist Student Union Missionary to Maryland after my sophomore year of college. He spoke it to a group of thirty excited young adults who were eager to get to work sharing God's love.

To help us remember to be patient with changes, he gave us each a rubber band and told us to wear it on our wrist the entire summer. Anytime we got frustrated by the unexpected, we were supposed to pull the rubber band and remind ourselves to flex with the adjustments.

Since some of us were a little mischievous, it didn't take long for someone to reach over and pull their neighbor's rubber band and let go. When the "pop" and "ouch" rang out, our supervisor said, "And that's the second thing. Sometimes being flexible hurts."

I've thought about that wise missionary's advice several times during the COVID Crisis. We had a lot of great plans as a church and suddenly we couldn't do many of them. We've tried to remain flexible, but it hurts not to be able to see folks and/or carry out the ministries we'd hoped to undertake.

With all the changes and necessary precautions, it seems almost futile to plan much. Still, I also remember that old adage, "to fail to plan is to plan to fail." Therefore we are arranging to add back more of our ministries after Labor Day. We might have to adjust and change, but we're going to do our best.

Beginning September 13, 2020 we will have three options for Sunday School. The first two options will be online. We will release a recorded lesson at 7:00 a.m. each Sunday that you can watch anytime at www.statesvillefbc.org. Or, the Horizons Class has graciously invited us all to join their Zoom lesson at 8:45 a.m. each week (link on website as well).

The third option is new and in person. We will have one large Sunday School Class at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center Fellowship Hall featuring a rotation of teachers. All are welcome to attend this Bible Study, but you must wear a mask and keep six feet of distance while in the building.

All of these options will use the same material, so you can choose whichever one best fits your schedule each week. If you don't have a Sunday School book, you can come by the church and pick one up during office hours. These are three great opportunities to grow in your faith.

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Schedule

Sunday, August 30
9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Live Stream
10:00 a.m. Worship
Monday, August 31
8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball
Wednesday, September 2
8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study - Zoom
Thursday, September 3
8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
Sunday, September 6
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Monday, September 7
Labor Day
Church Office Closed
Wednesday, September 9
8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study - Zoom
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening To-Go Meals
Reservation Required
Thursday, September 10
8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday School Zoom Links

Youth
https://zoom.us/j/498935664?pwd=dzZXSHVwTmRZW-jc2cldpbXJKam1Fdz09
Meeting ID: 498 935 664
Password: FBCSYOUTH

Horizons
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74224580015?pwd=N-FVWRzJKc040c3daajdSbytpNnVtUT09
Meeting ID: 742 2458 0015
Password: 0NDGPa

Crosswalk
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5836118334?pwd=SHhFZzd-FZll4ZVRGdW95Mzh3THlCdz09
Meeting ID: 583 611 8334
Password: 3760

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Happy Birthday

September 1
Phil Mills
September 2
Peggy Sykes
Catherine Taylor
September 3
Tyler Williams
Kelly Wilson
September 4
Leigh Brown
Damon Spearman
September 5
Jerry Campbell
Bauer Snow
September 6
Sarah Johnson
Ruth Shankle
September 7
Kim Allen
September 8
Brenda Johnston
Amanda Tompkins
September 9
Merritt Elliott
September 10
Emily Ashley
Patricia Fyfe
Bertty Watts
September 12
Angie Roberts
September 13
Kathy Johnson
Brad Kathman
Emily Mullins
Wanda White
September 14
Terri Helms
September 15
Renee Barker
William Simon
Danny Stikeleather
September 16
Dennis Lackey
Lillie Laws
September 17
Madi Pendleton
September 19
Curtis Abell
September 20
Brenda Baler
Michael White
September 21
Sherry Ashley
Mackenzie Barker
Will Eckliff
Ted Evans
September 25
Jan Hudgins
Mary Hunt
Georgie Jones
Lillian Marsh
September 26
Mary Hayes
September 27
Ben Faulkenberry
James Hunter
Jackson Wimpy
September 28
Rob Crain
Ashley Edwards
September 29
Beth McDaniel
September 30
Betty Grant

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of August 16 & 23, 2020

	8/16	8/23
In-Person	59	46
Live Stream Views	63	75

Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	80,837.00	808,368.00
Budget Receipts	45,709.00	758,352.00
Need to Meet Goals	35,128.00	50,016.00
Alms	210.00	5,237.00
Designated	25.00	64,936.00

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After hearing your comments "Under the Oak," we are also bringing back our Wednesday evening "FBC To-Go Meals." You can pick up your food under the portico beginning Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Remember, you must make a reservation by 10 am on Monday. You can email Christine@statesvillefbc.org, leave her a voice mail or use the Remind App.

Thank you for your continued flexibility as we seek safe and effective ways to be Church during a pandemic. Please call us if you have any needs or just want to talk. We love hearing from you and miss being able to be together an a whole congregation.

Your Very Best Day

Today is your very best day and tomorrow will be even better, and the next day, and the next! No, I don't know what your tomorrow holds, or mine, but I know Who has them all planned (Ps. 139:16), and He has planned nothing but good for His children. Every day is the day the Lord has made. Every day we are to rejoice and be glad in it! (Ps. 118:24) Oh, but Satan so often interferes with God's plans, you say. True, but who is bigger in your life, Satan or God? Polycarp, when being burned at the stake for being a Christian, rejoiced that God counted him worthy for the task. No matter what the weather is, the state of the nation, sickness or health, riches or poverty, Jesus said He came to give us abundant life. I believe we must do our part by waking up each morning with a prayer on our lips and a determination in our heart to make today better than yesterday.

Lord, I give You this day. It will be my very best as I submit to You and follow where You lead, listening, obeying, sharing, serving, and if need be, suffering, for You. When and if I lay my head on my pillow tonight, may I know You better and love You more than I did yesterday.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?
Psalm 27:1

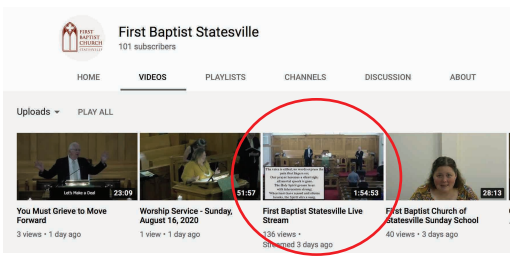
Live Stream Worship Services Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

1. Open your web browser and go to www.statesvillefbc.org.

2. Click on the Watch Online box.

3. Click on the Direct Link to Live Stream.

4. Click the current Live Stream to begin viewing the worship service.



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CBF Mission Bites

Mission Bite 194: Student.Stay...Going Places

The COVID-19 lockdown led to making videos of "Davar: Bridging to Literacy" games. Making these videos led us to request Student.Go (or, in this case, Student.Stay) interns. And when we needed a puppet for the videos, God had already prepared the solution.

Marshall Ellis, one of our two interns, has a love for puppets! He made "Albert" for use in the Davar videos. In August, he plans to rejoin his family in Brussels, just 3 hours from us. He has volunteered to continue helping while he is there.

In his own words, "I am loving this program and process and I think potentially growing these videos would be a fantastic experience . . . Thank you for letting me do this."

We pray for all of the Student.Go interns as they develop and grow through their service and partnership with CBF field personnel.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

-Mary van Rheenen, CBF field personnel, Westervoort, Netherlands

FBC Cookbooks

FBC cookbooks are available for purchase in the church office. Cost is $5.00.

First Grade Bible Presentation
Sunday, September 13, 2020

The first graders will be presented with a Bible during the worship service on Sunday, September 13.

Announcements

2020-2021 Ministry Budget

It is time to approve our 2020/21 Ministry Budget. Members will receive a copy in the mail next week along with the discussion and adoption timeline. Please look for this letter and let us know if you don't receive one. Copies will also be available in the church office.

Special Speaker Labor Day Sunday
September 6, 2020

We welcome Rev. Shane Nixon who will be our guest preacher on the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. He is the Chaplain at Cadence Senior Living in Clemmons, NC. Shane will be following up on Dr. Granade's series, "Lessons from Exile," by talking about his own personal experience of exile.

FBC To-Go Meals Resume
Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Our FBC To-Go Wednesday Night Meals will resume Wednesday, September 9! Pick up will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Adams Hall entrance. Meals are $6.00/ plate. The menus will be in the Sunday announcements and texted to those using the Remind App. Reservations can be made the following ways:

Standing Reservation: If you plan to 'dine' with us every week, standing reservations are your best choice. Please call Christine at the church office or send her an email: christine@statesvillefbc.org or join the Remind App! If you are unable to come one week, please notify Christine with a call, email, or text in the Remind app.

One-Time Reservations: Call or email Christine before Monday at 10:00 a.m., or join the Remind App! If you already signed up for the Remind App last year, you don't need to do anything.

Remind App Sign Up: Text @fbcsmeals to 81010. You will get a text on Sunday with the menu, and you can place your order. Example: 2 adults 3 kids

Christine will confirm reservations each week by text, email or a call. If you have any questions, please call Christine at 704-873-7231 or email her at christine@statesvillefbc.org