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THE INTERIM

From the Pastor...

Last week I had a nightmare that only three people showed up to worship! Of course, this was from my anxiety about it being a holiday weekend in the summer. Both tend to cause lower attendance. Thankfully, we had a good attendance despite my anxiety.

I'm glad my bad dreams don't usually come true, but I wish some of my good dreams could come true. A pastor's nightmare is no one showing up. A pastor's hopeful dream is everyone showing up! I know neither one is likely, but I'm asking you to make a good dream come true.

I want everyone who cares about the future of First Baptist Church of Statesville show up for worship on Sunday, September 14, 2025, and stay for a snack lunch and congregational visioning meeting after worship.

At this meeting we will discuss the core values of our congregation. In other words, we will explore what is most important to us. We start with these foundations, because we need them to build our future. It will be a fun and energizing time!

As long as I'm pushing my hopes and dreams, I want you to do even more at our 150th Celebration, Sunday, November 16, 2025. On that day, I want you to show up and bring others with you! Help us invite anyone who has been a part of our history or wants to be a part of our future.

It might sound a little grandiose for me to ask you to make my dreams come true, but I have an even bigger hope. I pray that the flourishing future of First Baptist Church becomes your dream too! If that's the case, then I won't have to worry about you showing up to help it come true.

Schedule

Sunday, July 13

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, July 16

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Thursday, July 17

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, July 20

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, July 21

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, July 23

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Thursday, July 24

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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A Message From Minister of Missions Elizabeth Kilby

Thank you so much for your donations of mac and cheese and meat. We hit our goal 2.5 weeks early!

We are excited about the things to come for Operation Inasmuch on August 23 and other opportunities to serve this fall.

We have been in prayer for the flooding in Texas and know their needs are just beginning to start. When we are able to help them move forward, you will be made aware. If you would like to donate to CBF Texas for their Disaster Relief please make note on your check "Texas Disaster". As a church we have already given \$1,000 towards this effort.

Elizabeth Kilby



Spiritual Statistics

	6/29	7/6
In Person	170	184
Live Stream	16	27
Sunday School	88	82

Financial Statistics

	July	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	62,687.00	811,013.00
Budget Receipts	19,308.00	755,276.00
Goals Not Met	(43,380.00)	(55,738.00)
Alms	1,147	12,789
Designated	386	77,764

Passport Youth Camp

June 22-27, 2025





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Announcements

A Note of Appreciation from Gennady & Mina Podgaisky

First Baptist Church Statesville,

Thank you for your support, love, care, and financial support, for our ministry to Ukrainians.

It has been 3 years since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Our goal was and is, to thank each person, church, organization, and foundation that gave to the CBF Ukraine Relief Fund, even if it takes us several years to do so. The war has forced us to relocate from Kyiv, Ukraine to Krakow, Poland. We continue our ministry to and with Ukrainians and refugees from Ukraine in other countries. Thank you, on their behalf and ours for your solidarity, care, love, and prayers. They are needed like never before!

Serving Christ with You,
Gennady & Mina Podgaisky



Vacation Bible School July 28 - August 1

Come on the wilderness adventure of True North Vacation Bible School, July 28-August 1!

Explore trusting Jesus with Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and more!

Register now at www.fbcstatesville.org.

Congregational Visioning Session Sunday, September 14, 2025

We've spent a lot of time during our Sesquicentennial Celebration focusing on our past and present ministries. It is now time to look forward as well! Please plan to be present Sunday, September 14, 2025, for the first of four congregational visioning sessions.

After worship, we will have a quick lunch followed by a time of exploring our core values. Michael Cheuk, a consultant with the Center for Congregational Health, will lead our time together. We need your input, so please make plans to attend.

Upcoming Events

Jubilee Sunday
July 27

Promotion Sunday
August 17

Wednesday Evening Activities Resume
August 20

Operation Inasmuch
August 23

Parents Night Out
September 5

Congregation Visioning Session
September 14

150th Anniversary Celebration
November 16

Parents Night Out
December 5

Christmas Music Program
December 14