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November 16, 2025

## From the Pastor...

It's finally here! Our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is this Sunday, November 16, 2025. Over 250 people have already RSVP'd, and more are calling each day. It's going to be a wonderful celebration.

Tony McDade will be here to preach and several of our former staff members will be present as well. We also have many former members coming to join us. It's turning into a regular homecoming celebration.

As I've preached through our historical core values, I've learned much about First Baptist Church and hope you have as well. What stands out most to me is our legacy of ministry.

Each generation has done things differently, but we have always found creative ways to minister to our community and beyond. Our legacy isn't any one ministry, but our ability to adapt and share the gospel in every age.

In other words, our strength is our ability to adapt and thrive in every generation. This Sunday we will celebrate all the versions of ministry we've done over the last 150 years, but we will also pivot to looking to our future.

The best way to honor our legacy is to build on what others have done. Come celebrate with us this Sunday. Join us for Bible Study at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:00 a.m., and the Celebration Luncheon at 11:15 am. Then get ready to impact the next 150 years!

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## Schedule

### Sunday, November 16

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:00 150th Anniversary Luncheon

### Monday, November 17

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, November 19

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,  
Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 20

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:15 a.m. After Worship Sunday School

### Monday, November 24

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, November 26

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

No Wednesday Evening Activities

### Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed

### Friday, November 28

Church Office Closed

## 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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## Announcements

### Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, November 20, 2025

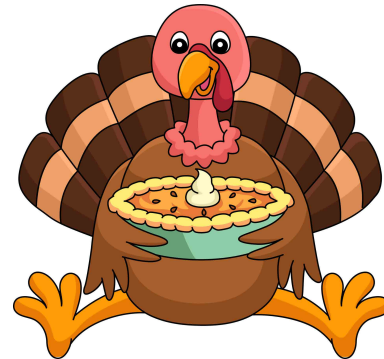
The Gospelairens will be featured at the Seniors Luncheon November 20 at 11:00 a.m. The menu includes baked potatoes, salad, and dessert. Cost is \$6.00 payable at the door. Please make your reservation by Monday, November 17.

### November Alms Offering

The November Alms offering to be split between the Yokefellow Ministries and Iredell Christian Ministries. The offering was around \$3000 and the church made an addition so each organization received 2000.

### Food Pantry Needs

Yokefellow Ministries and Iredell Christian Ministries are in need of turkeys. Please consider donating a turkey someone in need will have Thanksgiving dinner.



## Spiritual Statistics

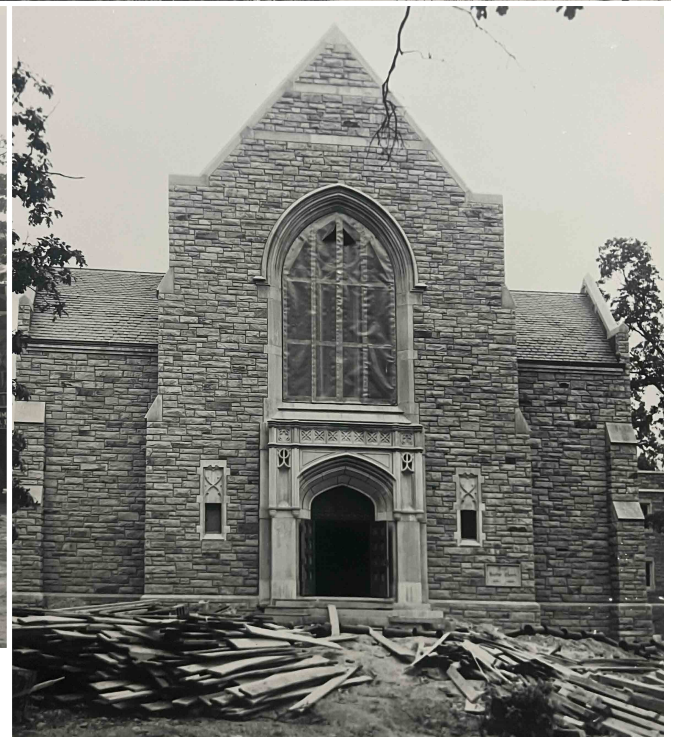
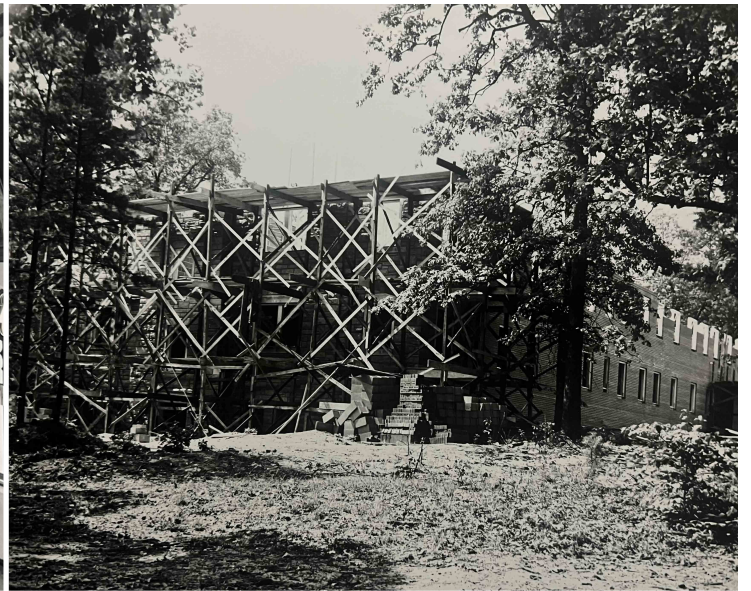
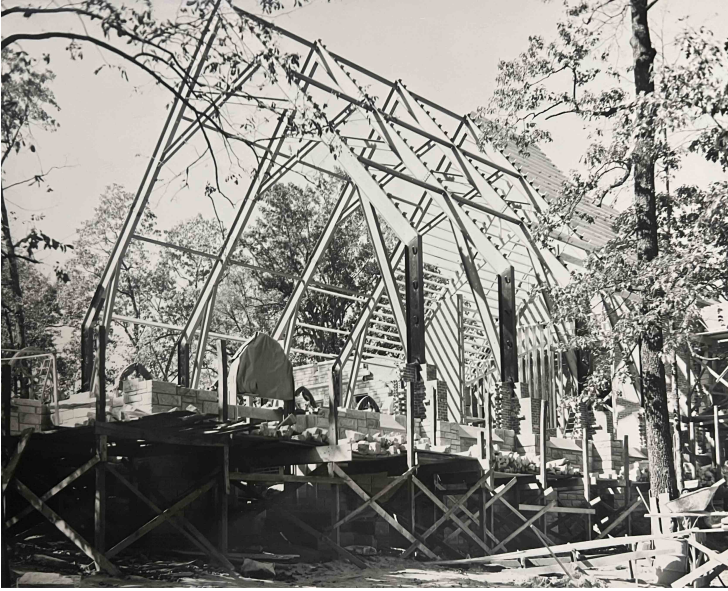
	11/2	11/9
In-Person .....	223	172
Online .....	14	9
Sunday School .....	95	88

## Financial Statistics

	October	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	83,308.00	83,308.00
Budget Receipts	58,207.00	58,207.00
Goals Not Met	(25,101.00)	(25,101.00)
Alms	1,803.00	1,803.00
Designated	11,188.00	11,188.00



# Construction of our Sanctuary







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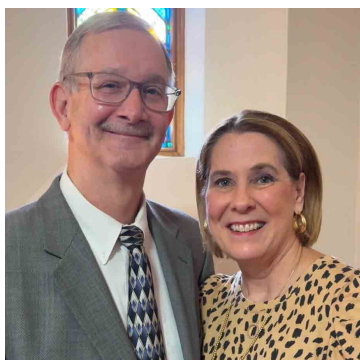
### White Christmas

**Saturday, December 6, 2025**

We are looking forward to White Christmas on Saturday, December 6. We can't do this event without your thoughts, prayers, and support. As of right now we have 98 children we will provide Christmas for this year. If you would like to volunteer for the day please arrive at 8:00 am on December 6 in the Family Life Center. If you would like to make a financial donation, please mark it "White Christmas" and put it in our offering boxes, or mail in a check.

Between now and then, our food pantries are supporting those with loss of benefits. They still also need our prayers. Our grocery stores have now put turkeys on sale. If you are able, please purchase a turkey and donate it to Yokefellow or Iredell Christian Ministries.

### Welcome to our Church Family!



Richard and BJ King joined our congregation at the worship service on Sunday, November 9. Welcome to our church family.



Jacob Hill joined our congregation on at the worship service on Sunday, November 9. He is pictured with his wife Anna and their children.

### Choir Anthem

This Sunday's Sanctuary Choir anthem is a very special piece of music. It was commissioned by FBC in honor of our 150<sup>th</sup>. The anthem was composed by renowned church music Joseph Martin (incidentally, a relative of our own late Teddie Hall). Here is what Mr. Martin has to say about this piece:

"I have put together a montage of hymns that speak to the faithfulness of God and the church. In the opening, I created an original song to embrace the theme. Following this original material you will notice the inclusion of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past", "Great Is Thy Faithfulness", and "God of Grace and God of Glory" along with "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord". These beautiful hymns are placed in this particular order to show the gentle progression from past to present to future, and they are sequenced to reflect the journey of the church. In "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord," I rewrote the lyrics to reflect the theme of your 50th Anniversary, "Serving God Yesterday, Today, and Forever." I hope you and your church will find this piece unique and affirming as you celebrate your special day."

It is my hope that you will all enjoy this new piece of music and reflect on what this church has meant to all of us yesterday, today, and forever!

