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From the Pastor...

We are in the Season of Pentecost. It began on June 9 when we celebrated Pentecost Sunday, and lasts until Advent begins December 1. The purpose of this season is to help us focus on the presence of God's Spirit in our lives and in the life of our church.

So how do we practice a Spirit-filled life?

First, we realize that God's Spirit is upon us. Christ promised His followers that the Spirit would come (Acts 1:8) and Peter told us that if we repent of our sins, we will receive the Spirit (Acts 2:38). The Spirit is alive and with us; we only need to turn toward God and receive this gift.

Second, we obey and do the work of the Spirit. Jesus told us that the Spirit would empower us to be his witnesses (Acts 1:8). The Spirit is given so we can do the work of Christ, not follow our agenda. Jesus said we show the spirit when we proclaim the good news to those in need (Luke 4:8). We follow the Spirit when we do the work of Christ.

Third, we grow in the Spirit when we let God teach us truth. As Jesus tells his disciples goodbye, he reminds them that the Spirit will continue to teach them (John 16:13). In fact, the Spirit is often called "The Spirit of Truth," and one of the Spirit's primary roles is to open the Scripture and teach us of Jesus' way. When we learn to walk in the Truth, we are walking in the Spirit.

Fourth, we experience the Spirit when we find God's comfort in our trials and use our experiences to bring comfort to others. The Spirit is often referred to as the Comforter. Paul tells the Corinthian Church that God "comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble" (II Corinthians 1:4). When we admit our need for the Spirit, we open the door to our healing and the healing of those around us.

Pentecost has the potential to be a life giving season for our church, but only if we truly experience the presence of the Spirit. Please join me in praying our church might come alive in the Spirit this Pentecost Season. We have not been left alone, but given God's very Spirit to comfort, teach, guide and empower us for the work of God.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.*

Acts 1:8



Schedule

Sunday, June 23

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

Monday, June 24

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 25

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, June 26

12:00 p.m. Lunch Hour Bible Study - Adams Hall
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, June 27

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 2

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, July 3

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!

Church Office Closed

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of June 9, 2019

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Church in Bible Study144

Church in Worship.....219

Note: Statistics for Sunday, June 16 will be printed in the next issue of The Interim.

Financial Statistics

	June	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	64,145.00	671,324.00
Budget Receipts	45,124.00	613,814.00
Needed to Meet Goal	19,021.00	57,510.00
Alms	681.00	4,953.00
Designated	9,350.00	140,405.00

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, June 24

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Tuesday, June 25

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, June 26

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

Thursday, June 27

9:00 a.m. Pickleball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, June 28

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Monday, July 1

9:00 a.m. Pickleball

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Tuesday, July 2

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

Thursday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 5

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

ATHENS
 Paul's Dangerous Journey
 to Share the Truth

July 22 - 26, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Register Today!
www.statesvillefbc.org
VBS for ages 3 - Grade 5

Join us in ancient Athens, where we'll explore what life was like for the Apostle Paul on his dangerous journey to share the truth. You'll create cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Paul, and eat some snacks. Plus, you'll meet lots of fun friends!

Honoring James Martin's 10 Years of Ministry at FBC

Sunday, June 9, the choir hosted a reception to honor Minister of Music James Martin and his family for his 10 years of ministry at our church. Our congregation is so grateful for all James and his family do for FBC.



Be Persistent in Prayer

Have you ever prayed about something and, when you didn't see an answer right away, given up, thinking you had prayed wrongly or that what you asked for just wasn't God's will? The Bible teaches us (in fact, Jesus taught) to persist in prayer. Remember the story of the widow and the unjust judge? (Luke 18:1-8) Jesus told this parable to his disciples to show them that they should ALWAYS pray and NEVER give up! Several years ago one of my Sunday School class members gave me a beautifully painted rock on which were the letters: "P-U-S-H"—Pray Until Something Happens. I keep it in my "quiet place" where I read God's Word and pray every morning. It reminds me that my heavenly Father is always listening, and that He wants me to ask and keep on asking. I believe that when I "pray until something happens," God sees faith. Read the gospels. You will find that nothing impresses Jesus more than faith. In the parable in Luke 18, the judge who answered the widow's plea was an unjust judge. How much more will our just and righteous God answer us when we cry out to Him?

Each Monday morning we meet at the church for prayer from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Won't you join us?

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather



Announcements

CBF Misson Bites

Mission Bite 133: With Full Confidence

Rafif is a precocious 5-year-old Iraqi Muslim girl who weekly runs into the library to greet me with a big hug. I first met her last year when she was a part of the Ready for School program and learning her colors, shapes and numbers.

Last fall she entered pre-K and is learning to read and write. After Christmas she asked me to find her books with sight words in them, and she read to me. She then told me she wanted to read to the group at story time. With full confidence she read aloud the simple book.

A few weeks ago, Rafif and her family moved to another city. I'm happy to have known her, experienced her huge smile and hugs and am privileged to be a part of her early learning. I'm sad to see her go, but pray that she remembers that I, as well as other Christians, love her and welcome her family.

- Karen Morrow, CBF field personnel serving in Fort Worth, TX

Mission Bite 134: Loving with God's Love

Recently I assisted a Karenni refugee family make a medical appointment and made sure they had the right address.

Thirty minutes after the appointment time, I received a call from the doctor asking if the family was coming. I called and discovered the family had walked into the wrong office on the same floor. They were in the process of getting costly physical exams and vaccinations they didn't need!

After a couple more calls, I got them to the right doctor and the director of the wrong medical office waived the fees for the exams they had finished, but had to charge \$225 for two vaccinations!

Because we have so many relationships with service providers and officials in the community, the doctor we knew could call us when something went wrong. Without that call, the Karenni family would have paid \$1,000 for medical services they didn't need.

As CBF ministers, the Karenni, Chin and Karen refugees know we love them with God's love, welcoming and ministering in ways that help them survive and get stronger in America. Sometimes even the simplest of tasks go wrong for immigrants and refugees with expensive consequences, but God's love and presence can turn things around and move us all in the right direction.

- Steve Clark, CBF field personnel serving in Louisville, Ky..

A Note of Appreciation from James Martin

Thank you, church family, for the wonderful celebration of our 10 year anniversary at FBC. I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve such a loving congregation. Your outpouring of love and support throughout the years, and especially on this past Sunday, is much appreciated. Debi and I are grateful for your gifts and for your continued friendship.

James Martin

Sound System in Sanctuary

If you are interested in learning to run the sound board during the Sunday morning worship services, please contact James Martin at 704-873-7231 or jmartin@statesvillefbc.org.



Lunch & Bible Study

Wednesdays - 12:00 p.m. - Adams Hall

Join us this summer on Wednesdays for lunch and Bible study. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. at a cost of \$5.00. Dr. Nelson Granade will lead the study on the book of Philippians.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Belize Mission Trip

July 6-13

Vacation Bible School

July 22-26

Jubilee Sunday

July 28

