

Piper, Max, & Boomer Lewis  
enjoy the luncheon on  
Jubilee Sunday, July 22.  
Max has been a member of  
FBC for over 50 years.



# THE INTERIM

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## From the Pastor...



I'm excited that we will soon start back our Wednesday evening programs. Our staff and lay leaders have been busy improving our activities. In fact, we have totally revamped how we will do things and think you will find our new Wednesdays to be both enjoyable and meaningful. The new schedule begins Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Over the summer we have worked to enhance three key areas: meals, children's ministries and discipleship opportunities.

### Improved Meals

After speaking to a number of our members, we have come up with a new system to make our Wednesday Fellowship Meals better. First, our cooks have identified our most popular menus and will focus on serving those items we all enjoy. Second, we've developed a team of volunteers who will set up before the meals, provide a warm welcome and serve you a generous portion. Third, we are expanding our serving time to go from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. This will enable our working folks to enjoy their meal when they are able to get here. Cost for the meal will remain the same: \$6.00 adults, \$5.00 children and a maximum of \$22.00 per family.

### Exciting New Children's Ministry – Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesdays is the name of our new Wednesday after-school and evening ministry. Volunteers will be picking up children from several local elementary schools and bringing them straight to First Baptist Church. Once they get here they will enjoy several fun activities including: snacks, homework time, recreation and missions. The kids will then join their families for dinner followed by children's choir. So when our evening ends at 7:00 p.m., parents will pick up kids who have been fed, done their homework, exercised, learned new songs, experienced missions and grown in their faith!

If you would like for your child, grandchild, or any of their friends to be part of Wonderful Wednesdays, please contact Melissa Wilson to enroll them. If you would like to join the team of volunteers, there are opportunities for drivers, snack providers, homework helpers, recreation leaders, mission teachers and music assistants. Volunteers are being asked to give one Wednesday a month. As always, our children's volunteers must have a background check before working with children, so please volunteer quickly.

### Multiple Discipleship Opportunities

This fall we will offer three Wednesday discipleship opportunities designed to enrich your spiritual and family life. These will begin at 6:00 p.m. and you are welcome to choose whichever best fits your needs.

First, Larry Gregg and Nelson Granade will be teaching a class entitled, *Footsteps of Jesus*. Since not everyone will be able to travel to the Holy Land in January, Larry and Nelson will provide a "virtual" Holy Land trip that highlights key events in scripture and the places where they occurred. This class will help you better understand scripture by providing you with strong background in the geography, terrain and culture of the land of the Bible.

Second, William Barnard will be teaching *Jesus on Leadership*. This class will explore the servant leadership model of Jesus. It will strengthen your faith and equip you to serve more effectively within our church and world. Whether you are interested in doing more in ministry or just want to learn more about how Jesus led, this is a great opportunity for you.

Third, Jason and Kim Allen, along with David and Nancy Deal, will lead *Christian Active Parenting*. This is an interactive parenting class that combines the wisdom of scripture with the time-tested Active Parenting approach. The videos by Dr. Michael Popkin will teach non-violent discipline guided by God's love, building trust between you and your child, smart ways to encourage school success and how to stop scolding and start smiling with your kids ([www.activeparenting.com](http://www.activeparenting.com)).

As you can see, Wednesdays at First Baptist Church are going to be really exciting this fall. All we need is you!

## Schedule

### Sunday, August 19

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

### Monday, August 20

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, August 21

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

### Wednesday, August 22

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Bible Study - Adams Hall

### Thursday, August 23

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, August 26

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

### Monday, August 27

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, August 28

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

### Wednesday, August 29

5:00 p.m. Fall Kickoff - FLC

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, August 30

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

## FLC Activities Schedule

### Monday, August 20

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

### Tuesday, August 21

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Wednesday, August 22

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

7:15 p.m. Pickleball

### Thursday, August 23

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

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

### Friday, August 24

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

### Monday, August 27

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

### Tuesday, August 28

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

### Wednesday, August 29

9:00 a.m. Pickleball

5:00 p.m. Fall Kickoff

7:15 p.m. Pickleball

### Thursday, August 30

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Friday, August 31

12:45 p.m. Line Dancers

## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of August 5 & 12, 2018

	8/5	8/12
Church in Bible Study . . . . .	121 . . . . .	135
Church in Worship. . . . .	172 . . . . .	186

## Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	76,999.00	769,995.00
Budget Receipts	24,354.00	715,168.00
Needed to Meet Goal	52,645.00	54,827.00
Alms	615.00	9,221.00
Designated	11,306.00	103,776.00

## Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister  
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship  
 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families  
 Dr. Larry Gregg.....Minister of Christian Education & Administration  
 Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students  
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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## Pew Cushion & Prayer Room Updates

Our pew cushions are on order and our prayer room is open. Now we need to underwrite these two projects. So far our folks have donated \$12,370 toward the total cost of \$18,116 for the pew cushions. That means we need to raise another \$5,746 to fund the pew cushions. Similarly, our folks have donated \$1,337 toward the \$2,900 we spent equipping the prayer room. So we need to raise another \$1,563 to cover the prayer room expenditures.

Thank you for your generosity so far. We are almost ¾ of the way to paying for the pew cushions and almost ½ way toward coving the prayer room cost. With your continued support we should be able to quickly fund them both. Some have wanted to fund one or more pews and have asked the cost per pew. It is about \$350 per pew cushion.

# Fall Kickoff

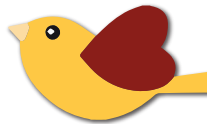
Wednesday, August 29, 2018  
5:00 p.m. - FLC

Join us as we kickoff the season!

We will have a hamburger & hot dog dinner.  
Please bring a homemade dessert to share.  
Inflatables will be set up in the gym.

We will introduce the Wednesday evening  
study options beginning this fall!

## Unsung Heroes Venture Students



Students filled our halls the week of Vacation Bible School and the week prior to VBS. Our students really stepped up to transform our church halls into Babylon. They worked diligently and thoughtfully as they hung decorations and taught the children about God's love during VBS. We are so thankful to our students for helping make VBS a great success.

Thanks for all you do to make FBC great!

*Each issue of The Interim will feature a member that does great and often unrecognized things for FBC. If you would like to see someone recognized as an Unsung Hero, please e-mail Kayley Crouch at [kayley@statesvillefbc.org](mailto:kayley@statesvillefbc.org) or call 704-873-7231.*



## Pray with Expectation

Leonard Ravenhill said, "The two prerequisites to successful Christian living are vision and passion, both of which are born in and maintained by prayer. The ministry of preaching is opened to few; the ministry of prayer—the highest ministry of all human offices—is open to all." Think of it: the call to prayer is issued to ALL. And when we pray our approach to the Father is crucial. We should all pray in the way the Holy Spirit directs us. Some pray with spontaneous words, some with carefully thought out written words. Some kneel, some stand, some sit when praying. Some pray out loud, while others are more comfortable praying silently. I have observed that most pray with eyes closed, while some keep their eyes opened. I'm so glad I can pray in the way I choose, and I believe our loving God gives that same privilege to all who desire to talk with Him.

Though we may all pray in the different ways listed above, I believe there is one common factor that should permeate all of our prayers: expectation. How many of us can remember asking our earthly father for something if we didn't expect an answer? It's the same with our Heavenly Father, only greater! I believe it delights God when we bring our burdens, joys, sorrows to Him, not just with an attitude of "Maybe He will, maybe He won't", but actually looking forward to watching Him work on our behalf or the behalf of another for whom we are praying. Could it be that we might "see" more answers to our prayers if we approached God with expectation and waited with expectation for His answer? Remember, "[God] is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can ask or imagine".

His servant and your friend,  
Ginny Stikeleather

PS Thank you for using the Lydia Prayer Room—it belongs to you! We are still taking donations to help defray the cost. Also if anyone has a large globe that you no longer use, would you consider placing it in the prayer room?



### CBF Mission Bites

#### **Bite 95: Training witnesses of God's love**

*"We were recently asked to train 100+ Ukrainian Christian school teachers. When asked about the most important problem in their classrooms, the common answers were discipline and authority. The Ukrainian educational system still uses the old Soviet system. It does not value students, practices shaming and expects authority. During the training I explained that authority delivers short-term results, but influence goes farther. We used Jesus' example with the Samaritan woman to show Jesus' focus on building relationships that lead to transformation. At the end of our teaching, unexpectedly, we were thanked with a standing ovation and an outpouring of gifts. We are thankful that through CBF we are able to fulfill our call to teach and train others to be witnesses of God's acceptance, redeeming love and abundant life."*

- Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, CBF field personnel in Kiev, Ukraine



#### **Bite 96: Giving grace and showing love**

*"I'm working toward proficiency in teaching in Slovak. As the girls arrived one Saturday morning for discipleship group, they asked where my daughters were. They care about my girls, but I knew they were wondering who would translate for me. I typically teach games and activities on my own, but this was the first week I brought the Bible Study without translation. God's message of grace and love is important, and I didn't want to get it wrong! As I taught, though, I learned more about God's grace and love myself. The girls listened and responded with insight. They gave grace and showed love. My words were not perfect, and sometimes someone had to translate my broken Slovak for the rest of the group. But on that day grace and love were shown by all, and we learned a little better what it is to cultivate beloved community."*

- Tanya Parks, CBF field personnel in Kosice, Slovakia

## Announcements

### **Precept Study Book of Revelation**

**Begins Tuesday, September 4 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. &  
Wednesday, September 5 - 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Adams Hall**

Have you ever thought, "I'll NEVER understand the book of Revelation"? Well now you can! We will begin our fall Precept Bible Study with the first three chapters, "Jesus' Message to the Church". The introductory classes will be Tuesday, September 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Wednesday, September 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (You choose which day is most convenient for you.) After that the class will run for ten weeks—through November 13 and 14. We will begin again in January with chapter 4. Precept classes study God's Word, not man's word. Please join us for this exciting adventure. You may sign up at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office at 704-873-7231.

### **Wednesday Evening Discipleship Opportunities Begins Wednesday, September 5, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.**

#### *Footsteps of Jesus*

Led by Dr. Nelson Granade & Dr. Larry Gregg

#### *Jesus on Leadership*

Led by William Barnard

#### *Christian Active Parenting*

Led by Jason & Kim Allen & David & Nancy Deal

### **Upcoming Events for Venture Students**

**August 23:** With our ongoing theme of food and creation care, the students will visit a local grocery store as well as the farmers market at Pecan Park. For those able to attend, we will meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. Students can be picked up at the church at 6:00 p.m.

**September 16:** Messy Games

**October 26:** A Friday evening outing where students will participate in an "Escape Room Challenge: What's an escape room? Read more at <https://keytoescapenc.com>.

**November:** Tour of Cultivation Urban Garden at the Statesville YMCA. Date and Time to be announced.

**December 1:** Lunch at Salem Tavern and evening at Old Salem's Candle Tea. Students will come to Winston-Salem for a late lunch at 2:00 p.m. then tour the Single Brothers Home and see how Moravians celebrated Christmas in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. This event will be part of our Christmas celebration.