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From the Pastor...

“A Saint he ain’t!” It’s a funny expression, but it’s also poor grammar and questionable theology. Saints are not just people who have done extraordinary acts for Christ. Saints are all of us who have professed the name of Christ and devoted our lives to the service of God’s Kingdom.

Paul often begins his letters by addressing the “Saints” at various churches. By this he means the entire group of believers. He is not just talking about a few who have been recognized for outstanding service. There was no concept of a special category of believers. All were to be saints.

Being God’s people does not mean we are perfect, but it does mean we are “sanctified”, or “set apart”. This title serves to remind us that our lives are to be different from the world. Unfortunately, just because we are saints doesn’t mean we always act saintly. That flows from our daily choices.

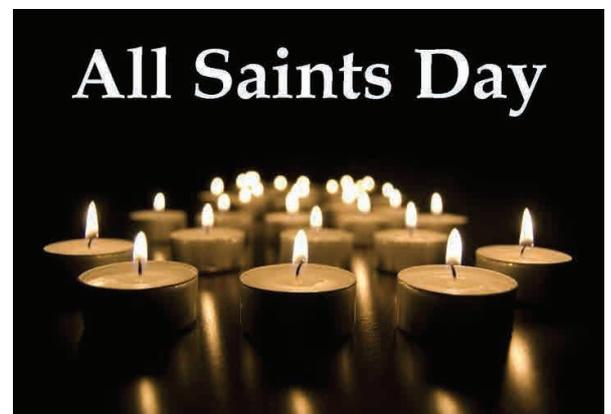
This coming Sunday we will observe All Saints Day. It is a time the church sets aside to remember those who have gone before us in the Lord. Many of these have made constructive impacts on our lives, but none of them were perfect. It is a time to celebrate the positive and let go of the negative.

For me, All Saints Day is a time to remember that I am only on earth for a short time. There are those who went before me and there are those who will follow me. Yet we are all a part of the “Great Cloud of Witnesses” to which the writer of Hebrews refers.

All Saints Day calls us to consider the legacy we will leave. I doubt any of us will ever be officially venerated, blessed, or sainted; but we can make an impact with our lives. I am inspired by the stories of the “official” Saints of the Church – like St. John, St. Francis, and St. Peter. I am encouraged even more by the saints who I actually encountered.

Many of my “saints” are in treasured photos of friends and family. As time goes by, more and more of these folks are with Lord. As I look at their pictures, I remember the lessons they taught and the joy they brought. I pray that photos of me will one day bring inspiration to those I leave behind. How about you; my fellow saints?

Nolan



Schedule

Sunday, November 7

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, November 8

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, November 10

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, November 14

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, November 15

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, November 17

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, November 18

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

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. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
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Year End Financial Update

September marked the end of our church's fiscal year, so we wanted to give you a summary of how we did financially in 2020-21. Despite this being one of the most challenging years in our history, you were faithful, and we remained strong. We are grateful to be able to share the following with you.

2020-21 Financial Highlights

- We missed our budget goal by \$48,084, but we spent \$63,207 less than we budgeted.
- Our total receipts were down \$11,754 from the previous year, but we managed our spending well and ended the year with \$16,096 more in undesignated cash on hand than at the end of last year's budget.
- We replenished our reserve funds for HVAC and Roof repair/replacement.
- We have collected \$450,342 toward the Continuing the Dream Capital Campaign, which has enabled us to continue with our building renovations and purchase a new organ. Our last project, the Bell Tower Carillon, will be completed as more funds come in.
- During these challenging times we fulfilled all of our missions' commitments and provided additional \$27,667 to families in need through our alms offerings and benevolence funds.

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of October 24 & 31, 2021

	10/17	10/31
Live Stream Views.	10	25
In-Person.	117	134
Sunday School.	93	102

Financial Statistics

	October	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	69,545.00	69,545.00
Budget Receipts	93,195.00	93,195.00
Goals Met	23,650.00	23,650.00
Alms	848.00	848.00
Designated	13,609.00	13,609.00



A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

Welcome to a new month of possibilities. We are excited about the things that are coming up for the church and are anticipating God to yet again work in our hearts and minds this upcoming holiday season. Last year we requested fewer volunteers for White Christmas this year we will need more than before as we are excited to have the clothes closet open for our families as well. We will need additional hands helping direct traffic, loading cars, and be friendly faces. To shop or volunteer for White Christmas on December 4th please call the office or sign up at fbcstatesville.org/missions. If you would like to donate to help make this ministry possible please mark your donations "White Christmas".

We are in need of some additional medical equipment as we have low stock on our wheel chairs, our knee scooters, and our rollators. If you have these items and would like to donate please call the church and we can coordinate a drop off.

We will be coming out in the next few weeks our Advent Devotional will be coming out which many of you have helped contribute. Thank you for your words of wisdom and inspiration. I have been encouraged just reading them as they have all come in. This is a season of preparation and processing as we see how God is working in our lives as he continues to grow, shape, and mold us into who He wants us to be. We see Jesus, his entire life, being about preparation for His death, our redemption. May our preparation this season point to Him and allow Him both the space and give him obedience in our lives to do his will.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth

Trunk or Treat

On Sunday, October 24, lots of little character came trick-or-treating at our Trunk or Treat. We had so much fun passing out candy and other prizes!





Announcements

Piper Lewis Collecting Donations for Eagle Scout Project

Piper Lewis is converting coolers into Kool Kitty Kabins for local feral cat colonies. She is collecting donations of old coolers, black gorilla tape, black spray paint, pool noodles, pet safe doors, and monetary donations. Donations may be brought to the Welcome Center by Sunday, November 7. If you have any questions, please contact Piper at piperannelee@gmail.com or 704.600.5027.

Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, November 18, 2021

Finally, we will restart our luncheons this month. We had programs planned for September and October, but thought it wise to hold off a while due to the pandemic. We will meet in the Family Life Center for the program at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$6.00, payable at the door. Please call the church office at 704-873-7231, no later than noon on Monday, November 15, 2021, to reserve your seat. Please wear your mask until you begin eating. We will attempt social distancing insofar as feasible. A program of music will be presented by Teresa Bost, Carol Froehlick, and Doris Swaim with piano, autoharp, chimes, hammered dulcimer, and accordion. Menu will be baked spaghetti with garlic bread, garden salad, and trifle for dessert.

Wednesday Evening Menus

November 10

spaghetti & meatballs, mixed vegetables, & chocolate pudding

November 17

meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, & brownies

Be sure to make your reservations by Monday at 10:00 a.m. by calling the church office, e-mailing kayley@statesvillefbc.org, or using the Remind App.

Medical Equipment Ministry Needs

The medical ministry is requesting any gently used wheelchairs, knee scooters, or rollators. The inventory on these items is currently low. If you have these items please drop them by the church during office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.).

White Christmas Saturday, December 4, 2021

Pray: Pray for these families as we gather information.

Volunteer: More volunteers than are requested this year due to the clothes closet being open and directing traffic outside.

Shop: We will need many shoppers. Please register online to shop if you have not already registered within your Sunday School.

You may sign up to volunteer at www.statesvillefbc.org/missions or call the church office at 704-873-7231.

