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From the Pastor...

Baptist have been in the news a lot lately, and it hasn't been good. As you probably read, the Southern Baptist Convention voted to ban churches from having women in any pastoral role. Because this reflects negatively on all Baptists, it is important to clarify that we are not a part of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)

First Baptist Church of Statesville (FBCS) is a part of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), and CBF has embraced women in ministry since its inception in 1991. In fact, the continued demeaning of women by the SBC is the very reason FBCS pulled out of the SBC several years ago.

Not only does it not make sense to try to silence half of our people, it runs counter to the Biblical record. As one woman pastor noted online, "the SBC can't vote women out of the Bible." The vote doesn't change the fact that:

1. Deborah led Israel.
2. Huldah instructed a king.
3. Priscilla taught theology.
4. Phoebe was a deacon who carried Paul's letter.
5. Junia was an outstanding apostle.
6. Mary was the first to preach the resurrection.
7. The Woman at the Well led a whole village to Christ.

Or, as pastor Andrew Daugherty stated:

"Every woman silenced is a sermon unpreached, a soul not shepherded, a community unserved. The church is poorer for it. The world is poorer for it."

Yes, there are a few verses that can be taken out of context to "support" the SBC's viewpoint. The SBC did the same thing around slavery at its founding. It was wrong then and it is wrong now. **Please share the word the FBCS affirms and celebrates women in ministry – like the three wonderful women on our ministerial staff.**

Schedule

Sunday, June 28

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, June 29

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, July 1

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, July 2

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, July 5

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, July 6

Church Office Closed

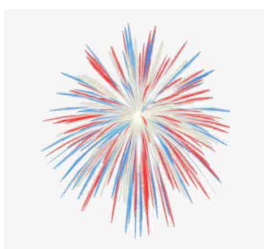
Wednesday, July 8

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, July 9

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

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mon - Thur, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Fri
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July 27-31
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

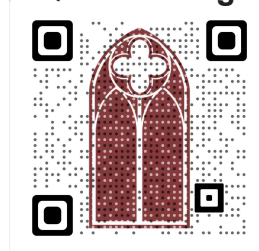
Spiritual Statistics

	6/14	6/21
In-Person	160	180
Online	23	21
Sunday School	78	90

Financial Statistics

	June	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	76,019.00	795,594.00
Budget Receipts	47,441.00	784,850.00
Goals Not Met	(28,578.00)	(10,744.00)
Alms	1,379.00	19,097.00
Designated	9,281.00	124,205.00

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Passport Kids Camp

June 10-13, 2026





Announcements

A Note of Appreciation from Jack Devine

Thank you for the graduation basket full of cards sharing wisdom and generous gifts to help me get started with life after high school. Your support and prayers are truly appreciated.

Jack Devine
Statesville Christian School Graduate 2026

Medical Equipment Ministry Update

Our medical closet is currently at capacity. We are currently only accepting non motorized wheelchairs and knee rollators at this time. Thank you.

School Supplies Drive

Guess what! I don't want to mention school, but school supplies are already on sale. If you are able, please pick up some much needed items for our teachers and students. Tissues, clorox wipes, expo markers, rulers, copy paper are most requested by staff but anything is welcome. IF you have any questions, please see Elizabeth Kilby.

Library News

Thank you to all of our members who contributed books they have authored to our library! Thanks to you, we have added these books to our collection!

A variety of children's books are on display in the breezeway. To find lots of other books and to check out books, please visit our church library!



Happy Birthday

July 1

Betsy Evans
Jenna Martin
Sean Martin

July 3

Phil Crowder

July 4

Elizabeth Benfield
Elizabeth Kilby

July 5

Cathy Parlier
Diane Wilkins

July 6

Connie Bullabough
Theresa Martin
Jane Mitchell

July 7

Julia Eckliff
Carolyn Elliott

July 8

Nancy Garland
Carol Robinette
Claire Taylor
Tracey Wilson

July 10

Paul Brendle
Jean Spence

July 11

Mary Ava Nunnery

July 14

Clyde Elliott
Gary Tolbert

July 15

Madelyn McLain
Preston McLain
Elliott Rushton

July 17

Hannah Falter

July 18

Tom Falter
Hewitt Linyard

July 21

Lynette King
Rosemary Stephens

July 22

Paulette Templeton

July 23

Tiffany Acosta

July 24

Dale Wilson

July 25

Terry Earp
Dan Mitchell

July 26

Allison Faulkenberry

July 27

Ken Wilson

July 28

Gale Hall
Rob Hall

Gene Swift

July 30

Bob Boroughs
Wanda Rushton
Carla Wimpy

July 31

Butch Price