



# THE INTERIM

Emily Ashley leads a game and hands out candy at the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 6.

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## From the Pastor...

Halloween isn't what most people think. It's not actually about scary movies or trick-or-treating. It's a contraction of Hallows' Eve (All Hollows Eve). Halloween is simply All Saints Eve. And, like Christmas Eve, it is not nearly as important as the actual holiday.

Perhaps Halloween developed because All Saints Day focuses on those souls who have gone on to be with the Lord. Anytime we deal with death, our anxieties rise because we too know that we are mortal. All Saints Day - however, it doesn't focus on death. It focuses on eternal life in Jesus Christ.

It's ok to have a little fun and let the kids enjoy dressing up. However, it is much more important to teach our children (and remind ourselves) that in Christ there is nothing to fear. As Paul reminded the Corinthians, "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (I Corinthians 15:54c).

All Saints Day reminds us that we do not need to fear death, nor do we need to mourn without hope. It is a day to remember that millions of Christians have preceded us and given us faithful examples to follow. It has nothing to do with ghosts, but everything to do with the Holy Spirit.

As the name implies, All Saints Day is a day we remember both renowned and little known Christians. We remember saints such as Lottie Moon, a Baptist missionary to China, who starved to death because she gave her food to others who were starving. We also remember Christian mentors in our own lives, whose names are precious to us, but mean little to others.

On All Saints Day, the Church as a whole will remember saints from all times. On All Saints Sunday, November 3, our congregation will remember those we loved who have gone on to be with the Lord this past year. As we read each name, we will toll a bell and observe a moment of silence. We will honor them and take comfort in knowing they are with God.

During this sacred time, I encourage you to also remember saints who have been important in your life. Perhaps a Sunday School teacher who taught you of Christ. Maybe a relative who was special to you. I will be remembering my sister, parents and grandparents who are now in God's care. I hope you, too, will make this day personal and meaningful.

### First Baptist Church Saints

- Odell Aman
- John Carson
- Marth Jones
- Teddie Hall
- Buzz Holshouser
- Louise Lewis
- Keith Mackey

## Schedule

### Sunday, October 27

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

### Monday, October 28

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, October 29

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group  
6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall

### Wednesday, October 30

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall  
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program  
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday, October 31

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, November 3

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Ordination Service for Melissa Wilson

### Monday, November 4

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, November 5

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 6

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall  
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program  
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal  
6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 7

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

## FLC Activities Schedule

### Monday, October 28

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
11:45 a.m. Linedancers  
7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

### Tuesday, October 29

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Wednesday, October 30

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program  
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### Thursday, October 31

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet  
7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

### Friday, November 1

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

### Monday, November 4

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
11:45 a.m. Linedancers  
7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

### Tuesday, November 5

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Wednesday, November 6

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program  
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### Thursday, November 7

9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball  
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet  
7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

### Friday, November 8

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

## Financial Statistics

	October	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	70,293.00	70,293.00
Budget Receipts	46,404.00	19,079.00
Needed to Meet Goals	23,889.00	51,214.00
Alms	805.00	6,580.00
Designated	6,116.00	163,499.00
Bell Tower	3,035.00	17,745.00

## 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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## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of October 13 & 20, 2019

	10/13	10/20
Church in Bible Study . . . . .	101 . . . . .	105
Church in Worship . . . . .	178 . . . . .	189

### Bell Tower & Sanctuary Stonework Repairs

Our contractor, Stone Restoration of America, has already begun work on the Sanctuary exterior. Work includes grinding out and replacing any mortar joints that are cracked or loose. This will be the first step in eliminating water penetration. Workers will then clean the stone and apply a sealant. Other work includes repairing the roof and parapet wall of the Bell Tower and piping all downspouts away from the building.

We will pay for this project from our reserve funds and repay these funds through our capital campaign entitled *Continuing the Dream*. This campaign will also raise funds for the Sanctuary Hallway Renovation, Bell Tower Carillon, Gym Floor Refurbishment and Organ Repair. Watch your mail in November for more information on *Continuing the Dream!*

# White Christmas

## Saturday, December 7, 2019

Each year we share in the special program we call White Christmas by sharing with needy families in our community through gifts of toys, food, and clothing. Even though it is only October, plans are already underway. We need your help in the following ways:

1. Pray for this ministry and the families that we will serve.
2. Please give generously. We need money to purchase the toys and food. Mark your donations "Christmas Ministries". The toys and food are purchased from this fund.
3. Clean out your closets. We are in need of good, clean used children's and teen clothes. Winter coats of all sizes are needed.
4. Start collecting your "like new" used toys that are needed for emergencies that come up.
6. Mark your calendar now for December 7. This is the day families will come to the Family Life Center to pick up their gifts, food, and clothes. We need willing hands to greet our guests and to help carry the food boxes and toys. This is such a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to share the love of God with others.
7. Plan now to shop for the families using the gift cards provided. This is a great way to get the whole family involved. If you are willing to shop for a family, please call Sherry Ashley at 704-450-7238, Janet McLain at 704-838-3732, or Carol Hunter at 704-876-1462.

Because of your willingness to share your time and money with those less fortunate, you are truly expressing the love of Christ and the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you for your participation.

Sherry, Janet, and Carol



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## Unsung Heroes



A group of unsung angels got together on September 28th to answer the prayer of an elderly blind woman. She had a carpet that had been damaged by leaks and she needed it pulled up and a new floor put down.

These unsung angels who came to help her were led by David Potter and included the following: Jason Allen, William Barnard, Luke and Terry Wimpy, Sean Martin, and Walt Tillery. They ripped up the carpet and replaced the floor with a new wood laminate.

When we reach outside our community to help those in need, we become the hands of Jesus. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, he have done it unto me". (Matthew 25:40 KJV)

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## Pray for our Missionaries

Since we have recently had the chance to be with our missionaries to Japan, Carson and Laura Foushee, up close and personal, I thought it would be good to give some pointers on how to pray for them.

1. Depend on the Holy Spirit in all they do (spiritual character).
2. Live according to the teachings of the Bible (biblical character).
3. Be good thinkers and teachers across cultural barriers (rational character).
4. Be willing to suffer with those they witness to (compassionate character).
5. Endure as they suffer for the sake of the gospel (impassioned character).
6. Build lasting, witnessing relationships (relational character).
7. Stay focused on God's mission, not their own (maturational character).

This is the way Paul, the greatest missionary, ministered, and I'm sure Carson and Laura would be happy to have us pray these things for them.

His servant and your friend,  
Ginny Stikeleather



## Announcements

### CBF Mission Bites

#### Mission Bite 150: Listening to Ensure Hearing

*Proof-listeners are a vital part of every New Testament recording project. They read along as we record to make sure that the reader says exactly what is in the printed Bible, and that the reader says it correctly or there aren't any mistakes in the printed text.*

*Proof-listeners find something in every New Testament recording project. So far, they've found a missing word and even a switch in an apostle's name.*

*Tedious? Many do not think so.*

*"This is a great job, you know," one proof-listener said after a two-hour session of Revelation. "It fills you every time. You read and you read, and it fills you."*

*Thank God for proof-listeners, and thank God that his word has impact, even in through a task like this.*

- Kieth Holmes and Mary van Rheenen, CBF field personnel serving in the Netherlands

#### Mission Bite: 151: Nevertheless Welcome

*She has a small child holding her hand. She is ready to deliver child number two in a couple of months. She has made her way to the border in hopes of asylum escaping the violence of her home country.*

*Stranded in a strange city with nowhere to go, she is rejected by multiple shelters. She hears of a church that may help. "Please, Pastor. I just need a place to sleep safely." The small church already maxed out serving meals and providing shelter for displaced people has no room. But there are other churches!*

*Calls are made. Shelter is found. It is temporary, nevertheless welcome.*

*Our brothers and sisters on the other side of the border are emptying coffers, utilizing space, heating up kitchens, calling on volunteers, coordinating efforts, as they welcome the strangers who have arrived on their doorstep. Ask God to provide daily for the needs of those who have sought respite within their walls. Pray for wisdom for leaders—church, civic, and national—as they seek solutions to a continuing crisis of displaced people.*

-Butch and Nell Green, CBF field personnel serving in Houston, Texas



### A Note of Appreciation from Dr. Nelson Granade

Thank you for the many notes, cards, calls and face to face encouragement you gave me during Pastor Appreciation Week. Thank you also for the kind recognition advertisement in the *Record and Landmark*. Valerie also appreciates how many of you included her in your recognition. She too cares deeply for our church and does so much in ministry. It is an honor and joy to serve you.

With Gratitude,  
Nelson

### Ordination Service for Melissa Wilson

Sunday, November 3, 2019

6:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

You are invited in presence and prayers to joyfully celebrate the ordination service of Melissa Rose Wilson on Sunday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in Adams Hall.

### Iredell Christian Ministries

Fall Food Donations

November 3-24, 2019

Many of our church members are involved in various ways with Iredell Christian Ministries. Let's join them in helping stock the shelves for those in need! Please bring cans of green beans, hearty soups and corn to fill the shelves of ICM as the weather turns colder. Members of our Sunday School classes will be placing shopping carts in several locations in the church for the month of November.

### Adult Sunday School Teachers Meeting

Sunday, November 10, 2019

11:00 a.m. - Adams Hall

There will be a brief meeting for all adult Sunday School teachers immediately following the worship service on Sunday, November 10.

### Welcome Christine Anderson!



We welcome Christine Anderson to our staff as a part-time Administrative Assistant. Christine and Kayley Crouch are now "sharing a job." Kayley will be working mainly from home and will focus on publications and digital communications. Christine will be in the office Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

She will focus on scheduling our facilities and coordinating our calendar. Christine brings a wonderful skill set as she was previously a wedding venue coordinator. Christine is excited to join our staff and we know you will give her a warm welcome.