



Two of the preschoolers of FBC play with blocks during week 1 of preschool.

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From the Pastor...



A funny thing happened last Sunday. The speakers to our new sound system were on the wall, but they had not been hooked up yet. Despite their not being operational, a number of folks commented about how much better they could hear. Even James, who knew they weren't completely installed, thought he heard my microphone coming through the new speakers. I guess the old saying is true – perception is reality!

As I think about this situation, it reminds me that our community's perception of First Baptist Church is important to the effectiveness of our ministry. As I've gotten to know more folks in Statesville, I've discovered that most folks think highly of us and appreciate our ministries. Yes, many know that we've had difficulties, but most want the best for us. Our community is taking note!

As church members your actions go a long way in creating a positive perception of First Baptist Church. If you speak highly of your congregation and are excited about our work, others will pick up on it. In the same way, they will also read any negative vibes you might put off. We all bear witness to God's work and must be conscientious of how people perceive us.

Of course, the best way to enhance others' perception is to create a healthy reality. Sooner or later, reality overcomes perception. For instance, the inactive speakers didn't fool every one. One of our members commented right after worship that, "We need our money back. I couldn't hear any better with those new speakers!"

Jesus was never as worried about perception as he was about the truth. He was quick to point out inconsistencies and to challenge us to live in the truth that sets us free. I hope you will join us on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings as we examine the "one another" sayings of scripture. If we can live these out, both the perception and reality of our lives will change for the better.

Nolan

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

New Sound System Installed

Our new sound system is completely installed! This Sunday, September 18 will be the first time we will use the new system for a worship service! Please join us this Sunday for the service using this new system! We are excited that all will be able to see and hear!



Schedule

Sunday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Deacon Ministry Team

5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, September 19

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
12:00 p.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Yoga - Heritage Hall
6:00 p.m. Yoga - Heritage Hall
6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, September 21

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, September 22

9:00 a.m. Yoga - Heritage Hall

Friday, September 23

12:30 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, September 24

1:00 p.m. Fellowship Golf Outing

Sunday, September 25

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

Monday, September 26

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
12:00 p.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, September 27

9:00 a.m. Yoga - Heritage Hall
6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
6:00 p.m. Yoga - Heritage Hall
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym
9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice - Choir Room

Thursday, September 29

9:00 a.m. Yoga - Heritage Hall
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, September 30

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

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.....Interim Minister of Christian Education
Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of September 4 & 11, 2016

	9/4	9/11
Church in Bible Study	140	152
Church in Worship	167	205

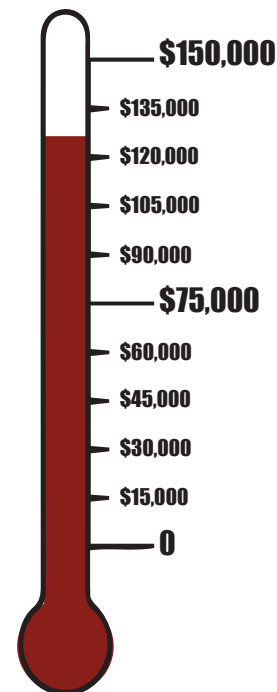
Financial Statistics

Weeks of September 4 & 11, 2016

	9/4	9/11
Budget - Received	10,194.00	11,043.50
Alms	513.00	0.00
Designated - Received	685.00	476.00
Sound System	595.00	560.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 9/4/16		11,987.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 9/11/16		12,079.50
Budget for 2015-2016		893,174.00
Weekly Budget Needed		17,176.42
Budget Needs To Date		858,821.15
Budget Given to Date		737,637.72
Behind Budget		(121,183.43)
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		101,433.44
Alms Received-Year to Date		7,913.50
Total Giving-Year to Date		970,665.66
So All May See & Hear		123,681.00

So All May See & Hear

Given



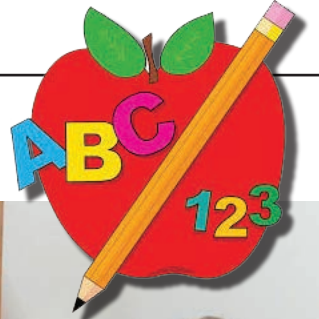
Prayer Point

"To have God speak to the heart is a majestic experience, an experience that people may miss if they monopolize the conversation and never pause to hear God's responses." --Charles Stanley

"Prayer is the nearest approach to God and the highest enjoyment of Him that we are capable of in this life." -- William Law

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

FBC Weekday Preschool Is Back In Session





Message by: Dr. Nelson Granade

Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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Announcements

Christian Sympathy...

...is extended to Louise Taylor and family in the death of Dewey Taylor on September 9, 2016.

2016 - 2017 Budget

Sunday, September 18, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Budget Vote by Congregation in Worship Service

Fellowship Golf Outing

Saturday, September 24, 2016

1:00 p.m. ~ Statesville Country Club

You are invited to the Fellowship Golf Outing on Saturday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m. The location is Statesville Country Club with lunch being served at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Cost is \$40.00. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Simon at 704-437-2849.

Jesus On Leadership Course

Begins Wednesday, October 5, 2016

5:45 p.m. ~ Heritage Hall

William Barnard will teach the Jesus On Leadership course Wednesday, October 5 - Wednesday, November 16. This seven week course is an excellent resource for anyone who wants to strengthen their leadership abilities. It is beneficial in all areas of our church, but is required for those who would like to serve on the Deacon Ministry Team. Please call the church office at 704-873-7231 to sign up.

Clothes Closet Rotation

Thursday, September 22

Jeff Templeton & Bob Turnipseed

Thursday, September 29

Mac Funderburk & Peggy Koepnick

Wednesday Evening Menus

Wednesday, September 21

Chicken Salad

Potato Salad

Broccoli Salad

Fruit Salad

Kids Menu: Chicken Nuggets & French Fries

Wednesday, September 28

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

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Sweet Potato Fries

Pickles

Banana Pudding

Kids Menu: Same

Being Community - Loving One Another

Fall Sermon Series

September 18, 2016

Confess to One Another

James 5:13-18

September 25, 2016

Forgive One Another

Ephesians 4:25-32

October 2, 2016

Wait For One Another

I Corinthians 11:17-34

October 9, 2016

Be At Peace With One Another

Mark 9:49-50

October 16, 2016

Teach One Another

Romans 15:14

October 23, 2016

Encourage One Another

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 & Hebrews 10:19-25

October 30, 2016

Be Humble With One Another

I Peter 5:3-6

November 6, 2016

Comfort One Another

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

November 13, 2016

Serve One Another

Galatians 5:13-15 & John 13:14

November 20, 2016

Gratefully Sing to One Another

Ephesians 5:15-20

