



# THE INTERIM

Boomer Lewis and Jack Devine learn to shave at the Kampala, Uganda Night Market at Passport Missions Camp.

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## From the Pastor...

As we celebrate our freedom as Americans this 4th of July, we as Baptists can be proud of our role in ensuring that religious freedom would be a part of the American experience. Many came to America to escape religious oppression and wanted to ensure freedom of conscience for all. Others, however, brought their "state" religions with them and wanted to continue to use the power of the government to enforce religious beliefs.

In fact, before the Bill of Rights, the majority of states sponsored religions to some degree or the other. Congregationalists dominated in New England. Episcopalians (Church of England) controlled much of the South. And Quakers held sway over religious life in most of the middle states. These churches used the power of the state to support their own beliefs and often persecuted other religious groups (including Baptists).

Baptists had come to America to escape religious persecution from state sponsored churches and wanted to guarantee a free church in a free state. Therefore, Baptist leaders insisted on a no establishment clause becoming part of the constitution. They wanted religious freedom for all and argued that true faith needed no crutch of state sponsorship. Without the influence of Baptists, America would not have freedom of religion today.

John Leland was one such Baptist leader who greatly influenced the First Amendment. Thomas Jefferson was battling most religious groups who wanted state sponsored religion. James Madison originally opposed Jefferson, but was convinced by John Leland to support the amendment. In fact, Leland ran against Madison as a delegate to Virginia's convention to ratify the Constitution. Leland was ahead in the race, but withdrew after getting assurance from Madison that he would ensure the separation of church and state.

Freedom is a hallmark of Baptists' belief that must be protected in each generation. We can never coerce faith on others, but freedom allows us to live for Christ in ways that will show the difference true faith can make. We are grateful for the many freedoms we enjoy as Americans, but we remember that it is only God who can truly set us free.

4th of July

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

2 Corinthians 3:17

## Schedule

### Sunday, July 7

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

### Monday, July 8

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, July 9

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

### Wednesday, July 10

12:00 p.m. Lunch Hour Bible Study - Adams Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, July 11

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, July 14

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

### Monday, July 15

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, July 16

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

### Wednesday, July 17

12:00 p.m. Lunch Hour Bible Study - Adams Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, July 18

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

## FLC Activities Schedule

### Monday, July 8

9:00 a.m. Pickleball  
 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

### Tuesday, July 9

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Wednesday, July 10

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

### Thursday, July 11

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

### Friday, July 12

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

### Monday, July 15

9:00 a.m. Pickleball  
 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

### Tuesday, July 16

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Wednesday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

### Thursday, July 18

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

### Friday, July 19

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

## Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of June 16, 23, & 30, 2019

	6/16	6/23	6/30
Church in Bible Study . . . . .	131	107	124
Church in Worship . . . . .	255	186	201

## Financial Statistics

	June	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	64,145.00	671,324.00
Budget Receipts	73,876.00	642,566.00
Monthly Goal Met/Needed to Meet YTD Goal	9,731.00	28,758.00
Alms	681.00	4,953.00
Designated	13,869.00	144,924.00

## 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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**Fifth Street Ministries Presents**  
**Christmas in July!**  
**Sunday, July 21, 2019**  
**12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Statesville Civic Center**

Summertime Christmas Lunch • Auction • Bake Sale • Photos

Tickets: \$10.00

All of the proceeds from "Christmas in July" go directly to support the Fifth Street Ministries programs (including the emergency shelter, the night shelter, transitional housing, the Path program, the Veterans House, My Sister's House, and the Community Kitchen).

For more information or to purchase tickets call (704) 873-4045 or visit [www.fifthstreetministries.com](http://www.fifthstreetministries.com).



# Look Up Lodge Youth Camp & Passport Missions Children's Camp

Last month our youth traveled to Look Up Lodge and our children to Passport Missions Camp for some summer fun, fellowship, and worship.



## Abiding

*"If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask what you wish and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples" (John 15:7-8).*

Hearing God is linking to having our prayers answered. Jesus did nothing unless His Father told Him (John 5:19-20). Still, He had a jump start on all created. Like no one else, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit directly. All through His days on earth He was conscious of His Father's initiatives (e.g. Luke 2:41-51), and was able to "learn obedience" by consistently obeying what He heard (Hebrews 5:8-9). This is something that we too have to learn, first of all by "unlearning" doing things merely from common sense. We must acquire sensitivity to the things of God and develop a sense of listening to the voice of the Spirit. The first step in that process is to immerse ourselves in Scripture, especially in the teaching of Jesus Himself.

*Lord Jesus, help me to abide in You by listening to the voice of Your Spirit. I ask for the ability to be still and know that You are God, and to seek to do only what I hear You tell me to do. Please give me a deep desire to abide in You and to bear much fruit for Your kingdom.*

- Adapted from **Power Praying (Hearing Jesus' Spirit by Prayer Jesus' Prayer)** by David Chotka.



## Announcements

### CBF Misson Bites

#### Mission Bite 135: Common Cause

*Through a deep friendship with the Istanbul Cultural Center in Atlanta, this past fall, we were asked by our Muslim friends if they could come to Heritage Baptist Church and hold a bake and craft sale in our fellowship hall following worship. The money made would go toward humanitarian relief efforts in their native Turkey. The Sunday they were here was during our emphasis on the Offering for Global Missions. Our visitors were struck by stories of CBF field personnel all over the world and the work that they are doing.*

*Fast forward several months, and our friends ask us again if they can come and set up a bake and craft sale, but this time, they want the money raised to go toward one of our missions ministries. It just so happened that Missy Ward-Angalla, CBF field personnel in Uganda, was coming to visit us in just a few weeks. Our Muslim friends were thrilled and eager to give funds to Missy's ministry. It was a beautiful sight, Muslims and Christians uniting around the common cause of compassion.*

- Zeke Stephenson, Minister of Youth and Missions,  
Heritage Baptist Church, Cartersville, GA

#### Mission Bite 136: Welcome Home

Greetings are important in any missionary work. But special importance is given to greeting a newborn.

Koffi and Elisabeth had drifted from their Christian faith and were both living far from their own people group. Lomé, Togo, is a very big city and it is easy to get lost. But soon a group of refugees from Ivory Coast who are working with Togo House Ministries found them and took them in.

The newlyweds soon discovered they were parents to be, but with no family around to help, did not know how they would make it. Their new friends from Ivory Coast pitched in. A room was found for the couple to rent, a job was found for Koffi and daily prayers and visits shared with Elisabeth.

A week after little Gracia arrived it was time for her first coming out. The new parents choose Wednesday Bible Study, which meets in a garage in the Ivorians house for the occasion. Greetings and blessings in prayers and songs were shared over this newest family member by all of us—and in a real way by those who partner with CBF. Together, we greet Gracia and welcome her to her new home, the family of God.

- Lynn & Mike Hutchinson, CBF field personnel serving  
in Togo, West Africa

**ATHENS**  
Paul's Dangerous Journey  
to Share the Truth

**July 22 - 26, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Register Today!**  
[www.statesvillefbc.org](http://www.statesvillefbc.org)

**VBS for ages 3 - Grade 5**

Join us in ancient Athens, where we'll explore what life was like for the Apostle Paul on his dangerous journey to share the truth. You'll create cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Paul, and eat some snacks. Plus, you'll meet lots of fun friends!

### VBS Needs!

Please save your toilet paper and paper towel rolls. We will need these for our VBS crafts. Please bring your donations to the church office Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; or Sunday mornings.

### Jubilee Sunday Sunday, July 28, 2019

Join us for this special Sunday as we honor our members that have been part of our congregation for 50 or more years and our members that 90 or more years of age. After the 10:00 a.m. service, we will celebrate with a luncheon in the FLC. The menu includes: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and cake.

### Precept Study: Revelation - the sign of His coming Begins in September

**Tuesdays: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. & Wednesdays: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Now is the time to start making plans to attend our Fall Precept Bible Study: "Revelation - the sign of His coming". See Caroline Bentley or Ginny Stikeleather for questions. You may sign up at the Welcome Center.