

Cassidy Barker and Lexie Blackwelder lead worship songs at Touching Miami With Love.



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From the Pastor...



Everyone is eager to get back into the Family Life Center and the excitement is growing. It's taken a long time to make repairs, but progress is happening every day. We are hopeful that we will be able to get back into the facility sometime in early September.

While the construction workers complete their part, it is time for us to do our part. Our work is to be ready to use this wonderful facility to help fulfill our mission – To know and love Jesus Christ and to make Him known. To do so will require us to creatively use the repair time to dream and plan.

A small group of leaders has been working on the process and it's now time to hear from our entire congregation. You are invited to attend one of the two town hall meetings we are having - August 16 and August 20, 2017. It will be a fun time of fellowship, but it will also be time to work and dream.

During our town hall meetings we will remember the original reason for the FLC. Evaluate our use of the facilities over the years. Examine the reasons for the difference in our original vision and our more recent uses. And consider how we might best use the FLC for today and into the future.

To accomplish these goals, we will use a tool called "asset mapping." It is a way to look at our resources creatively. I've used this process with many congregations and it's always spurred a lot of positive energy. More importantly, it can unite us as we move forward together.

I hope you will participate in one of these meetings and encourage you to pray for this process. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and coming together around our common dreams. As I said before, the construction workers are doing their part, now it's time to do ours!

Family Life Center Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday, August 16, 2017
6:30 p.m. ~ Adams Hall

Sunday, August 20, 2017
11:00 a.m. ~ Adams Hall

Family Life Center "Dream Team"

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| Loy Devine | Libby Purcell |
| Jane Mitchell | Jeff Templeton |
| Andrew Mullins | Alan Williams |

Staff Liaisons: Nelson Granade,
Larry Gregg, & Melissa Willson



Join us in Rome!

August 7-11, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Schedule

Sunday, August 6

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, August 7

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, August 8

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Thursday, August 10

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Friday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 13

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, August 14

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 15

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, August 16

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Bible Study - Adams Hall

6:30 p.m. FLC Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, August 17

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

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.....Minister of Christian Education & Administration
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Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of July 23 & 30, 2017

	7/23	7/30
Church in Bible Study	141	148
Church in Worship.	206	223

Financial Statistics

	July	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	55,990.00	724,364.00
Budget Receipts	54,882.00	635,559.00
Needed to Meet Goal	1,108.00	70,805.00
Alms	421.00	8,807.00
Designated	633.00	59,226.00

Much Time Should Be Given To Prayer E.M. Bounds

What E. M. Bounds has learned in the "school of prayer" has had a profound impact on my prayer life, and I hope it will impact yours as well. He writes:

"While many private prayers, in the nature of things, must be short; while public prayers, as a rule ought to be short and condensed; while there is ample room for and value put on "arrow" prayers—yet in our private communions with God time is a feature essential to its value. Much time spent with God is the secret of all successful praying. Our short prayers owe their point and efficiency to the long ones that have preceded them. The short prevailing prayer cannot be prayed by one who has not prevailed with God in a mightier struggle of long continuance. Jacob's victory of faith could not have been gained without that all-night wrestling. God's acquaintance is not made by quick visits. God does not bestow his gifts on the casual or hasty comers and goers. Much time with God alone is the secret of knowing Him and influence with Him.

"We would not have anyone think that the value of prayer is to be measured by the clock, but our purpose is to impress on our minds the necessity of being much alone with God; and that if this feature has not been produced by our faith, then our faith is of a feeble and surface type."

(Taken from "The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer")

His servant and your friend,
 Ginny Stikeleather

Groups
ROME
Rome: Paul & the Underground Church
August 7 - 11 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Register Now!
www.statesvillefbc.org

FBC at Touching Miami With Love



One of the most challenging parts of a mission trip is trying to explain the experience to those back home. You can tell numerous stories and show thousands of pictures and it just isn't the same as experiencing the trip. This beautiful thing happens on a mission trip. You bond with the team that you are on the trip with and you form relationships with the people you serve. The whole experience changes you. The Miami mission trip was no different.

What did we do in Miami? Well on the surface we led a devotion time, made crafts, played games, and taught the children about 4 different countries. What we really did in Miami was invest in the lives of children. We spent time reading one-on-one with kids who are struggling readers. We played games with kids. We talked with them and loved them. We encouraged them to do their very best. We learned their names and challenged them to make good choices. We hosted a cookout for their families & community. We danced with them, prayed with them, worshiped with them. We gave high fives and hugs. On the last day as we said goodbye, we may have even shed a few tears with them. This mission trip was not about building a house or running a clinic. The evidence of our week is not tangible. It is the relationships we built with the children and the staff.

How did our experience in Miami change us? We met children who are living in poverty so deep that we cannot wrap our minds around it. Most of the children come from single parent homes. Many of them have a parent who is deceased. Gangs, prison, drugs, and death are realities to these children in a way that we can't really understand. They live in a culture that is so far removed from ours. It is shocking, because we know that this culture exists here too. One thing remains constant regardless of culture or environment...kids are kids. They crave love and attention, and, at times, it was a little overwhelming. The children clamor around you wanting to switch name tags, play a trick, or just ask questions. They crave that moment of your undivided attention. They loved cooking with us almost as much as they loved eating what they had made! They were so appreciative of the crafts and took their time making them. They delighted in the simple things, but more than anything else, they wanted our time and attention.

The simple answer to how Miami changed us is that it made us more grateful, but I think the deeper answer is that it opened our eyes. We saw a culture very different from our own right here in the US. We saw poverty in a new light, as people struggling to make the best choices they can when good choices may not be available. We saw joy in the faces of children who have already overcome so much in their short lives.

Thank you for the way you have supported our Miami Mission Team! We have stories and pictures to share and we can't wait to let you know more about our trip. We felt your prayers, and gave many high fives and hugs on your behalf.

Melissa Wilson, *Minister of Children & Missions*





Messages by: Larry Gregg (August 6) & Nelson Granade (August 13)

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CBF Mission Bites

Bite 42: Unexpected church assets

"One Sunday, the translator I had scheduled for church informed me that he would be unavailable. I was panicking. When I arrived, the congregation told me that Chumcheath would translate for me. I had not heard Chumcheath speak English before, so I was a little worried. However, Chumcheath did a terrific job. I was very energized by this experience, seeing the church use its own assets to solve a problem. I helped someone participate more fully in the edification of the body of Christ. When I brought that need to the church, someone stepped up in a way they hadn't been asked to before, and the church has been stronger since then as a result."

- David Bass, CBF field personnel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Bite 43: Injustices for immigrants

"For a few months, I worked with a family where the mom, Wendy, was in deportation proceedings. Her husband, Geovani, had been suddenly thrust into the role of single dad and was also exposed as undocumented and was fearful. Immigrants are far from perfect, but a decision that for many of us would result in a traffic ticket, a fine, perhaps a humiliating night in jail and day in court, have life-changing consequences with the potential to destroy families and scar vulnerable children for life. That is the issue of injustice that I struggle with."

- Sue Smith, CBF field personnel, LUCHA Ministries, Fredericksburg, Va.

Bite 44: Becoming neighbors

A member of the church in Nesvady told me that he had begun bearing witness to Jesus Christ with the Roma family next door. Along the way, the two households began a transformative relationship. People who lived next door to each other for decades slowly became neighbors. And that is when, and how, his attempts at bearing witness bore fruit. Concluding his story of how wonderful it was to see his neighbor become part of the church, he held back tears and said, "After she was baptized, she asked me 'Why didn't you tell me sooner?'"

- Dianne and Shane McNary, CBF field personnel in Slovakia



Announcements



Welcome to Our Church Family!
Art & Lori Fincannon joined our congregation at the worship service on July 30, 2017 by letter. Welcome to our church family!

Amazing Grace

2017 Summer Sermon Series

August 6, 2017

And Grace Will Lead Me Home

I Chronicles 17:23-27

We are only at home when we are truly in God's will, because God's Kingdom is our home. David asked for God to establish his household forever. God did so ultimately through Christ. This sermon is to remind us that, if we want our homes established forever, then we must establish them in God. (Message by Larry Gregg)

August 13, 2017

The Lord Has Promised Good to Me

Jeremiah 29:1-4

God is on our side! God is for us! God wants the best for us! The purpose of this sermon is to help us realize that God is always working for our good – whether we understand it or not.

We Still Need Volunteers for VBS!

August 7-11, 2017 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We are still in need of some volunteers for VBS! If you are available to help in any way at Rome: Paul & the Underground Church. please contact Melissa Wilson at 704-873-7231 or melissa@statesvillefbc.org. There is job for everyone!

Precept Study on Daniel

Begins after Labor Day

Threatened with death, Daniel stuck to his guns and refused to adopt a pagan lifestyle. His worldview had God at the center and he lived it out even under extreme pressure to change. Learn to adopt a biblical worldview and adhere to it even when it's not the norm.

In Daniel, part 1, we will study Daniel himself. In part 2, we will study Daniel's prayer and prophecy. What an exciting study! You can sign up now at the Welcome Center or call the church office for details. All are welcome - men, women, students - so sign up as early as possible so we can order the correct number of books. Current plans are to begin after Labor Day.