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From the Pastor...

One of the most important tasks our congregation does each year is select deacons. Our Deacon Ministry Team is vital to the health of our church. Deacons operate as servant leaders who seek God's will for our congregation and work with our staff to implement strong ministries.

The strength of our Deacon Ministry Team relies upon the individual deacons. That is why it is vital to nominate strong candidates and for those nominated to be willing to serve. We are currently accepting nominations from church members. You can nominate a candidate by filling out the form on the Sunday announcement sheet, calling the church office (704-873-7231), or emailing kayley@statesvillefbc.org.

Our By-laws list the following characteristics for deacons:

- Spiritual integrity
- Proved spiritual maturity
- Christian family life
- Temperate living
- Steward of possessions
- Willing to develop ministry skills and attend training sessions
- Double portion of patience and understanding
- Be a model follower/disciple of Jesus Christ
- Keep confidences
- Accept and conform to the decisions of the entire church

No one is the "perfect" deacon and everyone brings a different set of strengths. If you feel a person would make a good deacon, I encourage you to nominate him or her. If you are nominated, I encourage you to allow your name to be placed on the ballot and serve if elected. I hope all of us will bathe this process in prayer.

Deacons must be members of First Baptist Church and be over 21 years of age. The current deacons are Sherry Ashley, William Barnard, Crystal Beale, Ben Faulkenberry, James Foushee, Steve Koontz, Mike McLain, Jeff Templeton, and Alan Williams. Crystal Beale, Mike McLain, and Alan Williams will complete their terms in December 2023 and rotate off the Deacon Ministry Board.

Schedule

Sunday, August 13

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 16

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, August 17

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, August 20

Promotion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:00 a.m. Greece Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Monday, August 21

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 23

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 Wonderful Wed. After-School Program

5:15 Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 24

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. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Piper Lewis First Female Eagle Scout in Gemstone District

Piper Lewis is the first female Eagle Scout in the gemstone district. Piper earned various merit badges along the journey to become an Eagle Scout. The seven different ranks included various skill and community service requirements, and those requirements are the same for boys and girls.



As her Eagle Scout project Piper put together shelters for feral cats called Kool Kitty Kabins. Made out of old coolers, these Kabins provide winter shelter for the cats of a protected cat colony. The colony is cared for by Paws and Claws Feline Rescue. She also helped by educating local schoolchildren on the benefits of Trap, Neuter and Release to limit a colony from growing.

Spiritual Statistics

	7/30	8/6
In Person	132	140
Live Stream	16	14
Sunday School	90	89

Financial Statistics

	July	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	60,275.00	779,805.00
Budget Receipts	68,242.00	755,320.00
Goals Not Met	7,967.00	(24,485.00)
Alms	855.00	12,000.00
Designated	1,383.00	57,584.00

Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light Vaction Bible School - July 24-28, 2023

Thank you to everyone who made this year's VBS a success! Children learned to shine Jesus' light because of those who prayed for the children, decorated the church, taught the lessons, led the games, helped with crafts, made and served snacks, and any thing else that was needed for the week.





Announcements

Welcome to Our Church Family



Ken and Jane Vance joined our congregation on Sunday, August 6. Welcome to our church family!

Promotion Sunday Sunday, August 20, 2023

On Sunday, August 20, the children will move to their new Sunday School rooms. Children who will be 4 by August 31, 2023, will move out of the nursery and into the Preschool/Kindergarten room. The sixth graders will join the students on the Youth Hall.

Greece Mission Trip Interest Meeting Sunday, August 20, 2023

If you are interested in going on the mission trip to Greece next summer, please attend a brief interest meeting immediately following the worship service. The trip will be July 9-19, 2024.

School Supply Drive

Through Sunday, August 20, we will collect cereal (any brand or flavors), peanut butter (any brand), and school supplies. Most needed school supplies are pencils, copy paper, crayons, sharpies, expo markers, college ruled paper or notebooks, tissues, Clorox wipes, sanitizers, and additional supplies.

Fifth Street Ministries Needs Food Box Packers

Fifth Street Ministries needs volunteers to help pack food boxes on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Sign up on your own, as a family, with friends, or with co-workers. This can be as often as you'd like.

Sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4-ca9aa2aa7fac52-pack/9581468#/>

Noon Bible Study

Our final noon study will be Wednesday, August 16. The topic will be Prayers for a Full Life. The lunch menu includes chicken salad plate and cupcakes. Cost is \$4.00.

Wonderful Wednesday After School Program Resumes August 23, 2023

This program is for children in kindergarten -5th Grade. We provide transportation to the church, snack, and homework assistance. Parents need to pick up their children by 5:15 pm. Families are welcome to join us for our Wednesday evening activities. Use the QR code to register or call the church office at 704.873.7231.



Wednesday Evening Activities Resume August 23, 2023

We will resume our Wednesday evening schedule on August 23. We will kick off with a cookout style meal of hamburgers and hot dogs. Cost of the meal is \$6.00/adult and \$4.00/child.

Wednesday Evening Schedule

5:15-6:15 p.m.
Family Night Meal
Cost is \$6.00/adults and \$4.00/child
No reservation is needed.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Music & Missions

7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir