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From the Pastor..



There is a town in Walton County, Georgia named Between. It's on Highway 78 halfway between Atlanta and Athens. It's also halfway between Walton County's two largest towns – Loganville and Monroe. I've driven through Between many times and there's not much there. In fact, it only has about 300 residents. Its main claim to fame is literally being between.

I've often thought that if I were the mayor of Between, I'd put up a sign that read, "Life happens in Between." I don't know if it would help the town to grow, but at least it might make people think while passing through Between. Perhaps a few might even stop and ask, "What's going on here?"

Life truly happens in between. Not necessarily the town, but in our lives. We are usually between something. We're between our last birthday and our next. We are between the 4th of July and Labor Day. We are between one major work project and the next. Even at church, we spend most of our time in between major events

Before writing my article for *The Interim*, I look at our events calendar to see what needs promoting. As I looked this week, I realized that there is no major event to promote. Camps are over and Vacation Bible School isn't quite here. As a church we are between things. Yet, it is in between that the work happens. In between is where we do our planning. In between is where we do our day to day work. In between is where things happen that make our major events work.

The same is true of our spiritual lives. We love the mountain top experiences where we feel so close to God, but we spend most of our lives between these times. I remember one such spiritual high that literally happened on a mountain top. I was a teenager at Ridgecrest and our entire youth group felt very close to God and one another. Our wise youth minister sensed the moment and encouraged us to use that experience to transform the lives we would live when we returned home.

The experience was wonderful, but we would have to live our lives between. As I've matured, I've come to realize that it's in between where true life happens. Highs and lows come and go, but our day to day life shapes us so much more. Think about it, aren't your closest friends the ones who are with you day in and day out? Don't you find comfort in routine?

I do believe that life happens in between, because God is present in each and every moment of our lives. We only need to pay attention to the sacredness of day to day life. Look around you, perhaps God is shaping you even amidst the ordinariness of life. We need to pay more attention in between, because that's truly where we spend most of our lives. I'm trying to do so and invite you to do the same. Perhaps I'll even stop and look around, next time I'm in Between.

Nolan

*In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the Lord establishes their steps.
Proverbs 16:9*



Schedule

Sunday, July 8

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, July 9

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 10

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, July 11

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

Thursday, July 12

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, July 15

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Christmas in July - Statesville Civic Center
 4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, July 16

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 17

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, July 18

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

Thursday, July 19

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, July 9

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Line Dancers
 6:00 p.m. Shag Lessons

Tuesday, July 10

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, July 11

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, July 12

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, July 13

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Monday, July 16

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, July 17

7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Wednesday, July 18

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, July 19

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, July 20

11:45 p.m. Line Dancers

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of June 24 & July 1, 2018

	6/24	7/1
Church in Bible Study	112	119
Church in Worship	171	193

Financial Statistics

	July	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	53,565.00	692,995.00
Budget Receipts	13,210.00	647,933.00
Needed to Meet Goal	40,355.00	45,062.00
Alms	470.00	8,481.00
Designated	1,647.00	89,241.00

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
 Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students
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Christmas in July

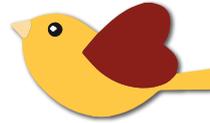
Sunday, July 15, 2018

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Statesville Civic Center

Fifth Street Ministries annual Christmas in July event and luncheon will be July 15, 2018. It will be at the Statesville Civic Center from noon to 1:30. The theme for the event is "Be a Super Hero for Fifth Street". Tickets for the event are \$10.00 each. Tickets are available by calling 704-872-4045 or e-mailing mknapp@fifthstreetministries.com. Please join us for this important event to raise money to help the ministry get through the lean summer months. We hope you will consider supporting Fifth Street Ministries by making a financial contribution. Your tax-deductible donation will allow for Fifth Street to continue to provide temporary housing and emergency domestic violence shelter services together with food and support services to all the people in our local community that need our helping hand the most.

Unsung Hero

Kim Allen



Wherever our Venture Students go, you can usually find Kim Allen there as well. She chaperones trips to Look Up Lodge, helps organize fundraisers, and performs basically any task Justin needs. Also, each time a female is baptized, Kim is there helping behind the scenes.

Thanks for all you do to make FBC great!

Each issue of The Interim will feature a member that does great and often unrecognized things for FBC. If you would like to see someone recognized as an Unsung Hero, please e-mail Kayley Crouch at kayley@statesvillefbc.org or call 704-873-7231.



Jason & Kim Allen
Katie, Elizabeth

Freedom to Pray

July 4th is a day set aside in America to celebrate freedom. What a privilege it is to live in a “free” country! Americans are, of all the peoples of the world, greatly blessed. This past week we hopefully thought about all the freedoms we are afforded, and were careful to thank God for His grace in granting them to us. It would be a good thing to do this every single day. So many others in the world long for the freedom we, as Americans, enjoy and often take for granted.

One freedom God has granted to every single human being he created, no matter where they live, is “prayer”. Think about it: every person—from the most devout atheist to the most committed Christian—has prayed at one time or another. The Bible teaches us that God has placed eternity in our hearts. This causes all people to cry out to Him in times of need, whether they admit it or not.

Anyone, anytime, anywhere is free to pray without uttering a word. That takes care of the whole world. What about you and me? We are free to pray silently or out loud. We are free to pray alone or gather with others to pray. Are we taking advantage of this blessed opportunity? Very soon we will have a beautiful prayer room in our church where we can pray alone or with others. We can light a candle, sing a song (he who sings prays twice), meditate on God’s Word, or just enjoy “alone time” with Him. You are invited to frequent this place and exercise your greatest freedom.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

p.s. Anyone who feels led to contribute in any way to setting up our prayer room, please see Dr. Granade or Ginny Stikeleather.



July 30 - August 3

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

Register Today!

You may register at www.statesvillefbc.org or come by the office



Join us in Babylon, where we’ll explore what life was like for Daniel and his friends, captives in a strange land.



CBF Mission Bite

Bite 89: A lot of love and warmth

"Josh and Jessica are special to me. They came into my life and showed me so much love and kindness, right when I needed it. Before I moved, I was living in an apartment. There was a lot of drug dealing going on in the building. I was in fear of my safety because I lived by myself. At Grace & Main, we offer refuge to people who are homeless and need a place to stay. We go to the limit to ensure someone is taken care of. Anyone who comes to Grace & Main is going to find a family atmosphere with a lot of love and warmth."

- Cindy Anderson, about the work of Joshua and Jessica Hearne, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel, Danville, Virginia

Boy Receives Wheelchair

Last month, our Medical Equipment Ministry was able to donate a wheelchair to a thirteen year old boy with multiple sclerosis in Guatemala with the help of NC Baptist Men and IICD (International Indigenous Community Development. Here is a photo of that boy receiving his wheelchair.

Thank you to Bob Dellinger for coordinating our Medical Equipment Ministry and being an integral part of getting this boy a wheelchair.



Announcements

New Pew Cushions

Several members have expressed a desire for the church to replace our worn out pew cushions. The deacons have appointed a task force to explore this need and report back to them and the congregation. Members include Dennis Lackey, Chair, Jerry Campbell, Don Daniel, and Lillie Laws. James Martin and Nelson Granade are assisting as staff liaisons.

The task force has gathered information on pricing, style and fabric and will be reporting back to the deacons on July 22, 2018. They will then share their recommendations at the noon Bible Study on July 25, 2018 and a sample cushion will be in the Welcome Center Sunday, July 29, 2018. If you would like to help with the purchase of the new pew cushions, a designated fund has been set up to receive your gifts.

Sanctuary Accessibility

As we have explored the purchase of new pew cushions, it has come to our attention that our sanctuary is not very welcoming and accessible to those in wheel chairs. The deacons have also set up a task force to explore this need. Members are William Barnard, Chair, Crystal Beale and Andrea Williams. James Martin and Nelson Granade are also assisting this task force as staff liaisons.

The task force has met and actually taken a wheel chair throughout the sanctuary to ascertain accessibility and best seating options. They too will be reporting back to the deacons on July 22, 2018 and on to the church at noon on July 25, 2018. Cost for this project should be minimal and can be covered within our existing budget.

Needs for VBS!

This year we need your help getting ready for VBS! Please save the cardboard tubes of your paper towel rolls. We will be using those in a craft during VBS!

We are also in need of artificial greenery to use as decorations. Please consider donating greenery that we may use to set the stage for Babylon.

Save the Date for Jubilee Sunday Sunday, July 22, 2018

Please save the date for Jubilee Sunday. We will honor our members who have been part of our congregation for 50 years or more and our members that are 90 or more years of age. A luncheon will follow the worship service.