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## From the Pastor...

One of our newer members recently told me that our emphasis on community missions was one of the top attributes that drew them to First Baptist Church. This has been true from our founding and for all our 150 years of ministry.

**In that spirit, we are designated our November Alms Offering to Iredell Christian Ministries and Yoke Fellow Ministries. We want to ensure that our neighbors don't go hungry.**

Over 21,000 Iredell residents are food insecure. With the approaching cuts in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) it will only get worse. Our faith calls us to step into this gap. Here are a few verses that remind us of that fact.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:35a, 40b

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter?

Isaiah 58:7

"If a brother or sister is in need of food and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and full,' but you do not give them what they need for their body, what good is that?."

James 2:15-16

I encourage you to give generously to our Alms Offering on November 2, 2025. You may also send in a special gift, if you are unable to be here in person. It is also All Saints Day. I can't think of a better way of remembering the saints of First Baptist Church than following their example of caring for others.

## Schedule

### Sunday, November 2

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:15 After Worship Sunday School

### Monday, November 3

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, November 5

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,  
Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 6

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Saturday, November 8

930 a.m CBF Music & Missions Day

### Sunday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

1:15 After Worship Sunday School

### Monday, November 10

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, November 12

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,  
Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 13

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. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director  
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions  
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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## Announcements

### Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, November 20, 2025

The Gospelairens will be featured at the Seniors Luncheon November 20 at 11:00 a.m. The menu includes baked potatoes, salad, and dessert. Cost is \$6.00 payable at the door. Please make your reservation by Monday, November 17.

### White Christmas

Saturday, December 6, 2025

For White Christmas we will have multiple ways to serve. You can serve on the set up team, collect and sort food, buy gifts for the families, provide items for the parents to stuff a stocking for their children, or be a buddy for the shoppers.

We will host in the gym this year, and hope to have the participants come in and pick up the gifts, and make an individualized stocking for their children should they choose. We will have sign ups for shopping for the families on Sunday, November 2 and Sunday, November 9 to get a head start on our volunteers. That way we can get the family names to you as soon as we receive them. Gifts will be due Sunday, November 30 and we will have a wonderful day as a community on Saturday, December 6 as we have White Christmas that morning.

### Hurricane Melissa

We know the effects of Hurricane Melissa on Jamaica have been catastrophic. Please pray for this area as first responders are moving in to assess all situations. As we know of opportunities to serve, we will share. For now, please pray.

## Spiritual Statistics

|                         | 10/19 | 10/26 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| In Person . . . . .     | 179   | 163   |
| Live Stream . . . . .   | 20    | 23    |
| Sunday School . . . . . | 87    | 75    |

## Financial Statistics

|                 | October     | Year-to-Date |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Giving Goal     | 83,308.00   | 83,308.00    |
| Budget Receipts | 58,207.00   | 58,207.00    |
| Goals Not Met   | (25,101.00) | (25,101.00)  |
| Alms            | 1,803.00    | 1,803.00     |
| Designated      | 11,188.00   | 11,188.00    |



# Trunk or Treat

## Sunday, October 26, 2025







## Announcements

### **150th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, November 16, 2025**

Our Sesquicentennial Celebration is approaching fast. Please make plans to be present as well as inviting others to celebrate with you. Formal invitations went out to former staff, but we have no way of sending them to all our former members.

We are counting on YOU to invite those who would enjoy this celebration. Please reach out to friends and former members to make sure they know to join us.



### **A Note from Tony McDade**

"We are honored and thrilled to join everyone at First Baptist Church-Statesville for the church's sesquicentennial celebration. FBC Statesville is blessed with both a rich history and a bright future. We look forward to lauding cherished memories and fostering exciting dreams with you on Sunday, November 16th.

### **A Note of Appreciation from the Allen Family**

Dear First Baptist Family,  
Our family is thankful for all of the prayers, love, support and help both during Sandy's illness but also after her passing. Sandy very much loved being a part of our church and the warm words and many stories from you all demonstrates that. We cherish all of the cards, flowers and of course food that many of you provided.

In Christ,  
Jason, Kimberly, Catherine, and Elizabeth

### **Children's Music & Missions Day**

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

CBFNC is holding a Children's Missions Day for K-5th graders on the theme of Serving Together on Saturday, November 8 at First Baptist Statesville. Please join us for a comprehensive mission day sponsored by the CBF Children's Ministry team. The day includes a focus on Jesus as he fed the 5,000 with music and a missions project. Sign up with Melissa and Kristina.

