



**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**
STATESVILLE

Welcome

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Together in Christ: Living, Learning, Serving

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, August 16, 2023—Adams Hall

This will be our last noon meeting of the summer. Hilda Lee will prepare a light lunch at noon each day. Cost is \$4.00. The Bible Study will be 12:15-12:45 p.m. This week's study topic is "Prayers for a Full Life". This week's menu includes chicken salad plate and cupcakes.

Promotion Sunday

August 20, 2023

On this special Sunday, the children will move to their new Sunday School classes and the sixth graders will join the youth on the student hall.

Greece Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Sunday, August 20, 2023—Adams Hall

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

Youth Beach Retreat at Fort Caswell

October 13-15, 2023



The youth will attend a beach retreat at Fort Caswell. You must be signed up with a \$50.00 deposit by Sunday, August 27. Use the QR code to register.

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Deacon Ministry Team Nominations

We are accepting nominations for our Deacon Ministry Team. All nominees will be invited to attend an orientation session at which the pastor and members of the Deacon Ministry Team review the qualifications and duties of deacons. All nominees who attend the orientation and are willing to continue in the process shall be placed on a ballot and the congregation is advised of the names of the nominees at least two weeks prior to the election. The congregation shall vote by ballot on Sunday, October 1 on the members of the Deacon Ministry Team. Current members of the Deacon Ministry Team include: 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. The newly elected deacons will begin to serve January 2024.

You may nominate members to the Deacon Ministry by filling out this form and placing it in the offering plate. You may also call the church office at 704-873-7231 or e-mail kayley@statesvillefbc.org.



Cling to Good

Part of the Series: Romans – Living By Faith
Dr. Nelson Granade
Sunday, August 13, 2023

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

*"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."*

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:9-21

To What Do You Cling?

Cling to What is Good

Sincere Love

Church Community

Service to God

Keep on Clinging

Be Hopeful

Be Patient

Be Prayerful

God is Clinging Onto You!