

David Potter, Jeff Templeton, William Barnard, and Bill Henderson
built a wheelchair ramp during Operation Inasmuch,
Saturday, May 14.



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From the Pastor...



Did you know that Jesus prayed for you? John 17 captures the prayer Jesus prayed for his disciples. In verses twenty and twenty-one he expands his prayer to those of us who will believe in the future. Want to know what he prayed for us? Jesus prayed that we "may be one!"

Jesus also said the world would recognize us as his disciples by our love for one another (John 13:34-35). Taken together, these two passages make a strong argument for the need for Christian unity. Unfortunately, the Church Universal has rarely been united and the local church doesn't always do so well either.

Unity comes from placing Christ and his calling above all else in our lives. It is nurtured by learning to love and respect our brothers and sisters in Christ. Churches that don't have mutual love and unity cannot represent Christ and the Kingdom.

The staff, deacons, and I want our church to be unified. We've come a long way in doing so, but there is still work to be done. One of the key tasks is to get to know each other better and that is hard to do when we're rarely in the same room.

This is why I've asked our congregation to worship together as one church this summer. To accommodate all, we will be moving Sunday School to 9:00 a.m. and worship to 10:00 a.m. during June, July and August. I hope you will join me in supporting this time of mutual worship.

So what am I asking of you? First, please come. We can't know each other if some of our folks are missing. Second, reach out to one another. Take the initiative to speak to those who have worshiped at a different time. Third, worship! Don't focus on your preferences, focus on Christ and his calling.

This new format will start on Sunday, June 5, but we will actually have the opportunity to come together in outreach to our community on May 29. So we can all be a part of our Memorial Day Picnic, we will have a combined service at 10:55 a.m. and then enjoy the picnic.

Nelson

New Summer Schedule For Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Bible Study

Begins Sunday, June 5

Sunday Mornings At FBC

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

10:00 a.m. Worship

For the summer months, we will have one worship service. Please note this is earlier than our normal schedule.

Wednesday Bible Study

Begins Wednesday, June 8

12:00 p.m.~ Adams Hall

Dr. Nelson Granade & Dr. Larry Gregg will lead the study. Lunch will be prepared by Hilda Lee.

Schedule

Sunday, May 29

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Memorial Day Picnic - Church Lawn

Monday, May 30

Happy Memorial Day!

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, June 1

- 9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal - FLC
 6:00 p.m. Study Groups- FLC
 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, June 2

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, June 3

- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, June 4

- 9:00 a.m. VBS Work Day

Sunday, June 5

New Summer Schedule Begins

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

Monday, June 6

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, June 7

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga -FLC
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, June 8

Wednesday

- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, June 9

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, June 10

- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, June 11

- 9:00 a.m. VBS Work Day

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of May 15 & 22, 2016

	5/15	5/22
Church in Bible Study	197	153
Church in Worship	225	221
8:30 a.m. service	51	51
10:55 a.m. service	174	170

Financial Statistics

Weeks of May 15 & 22, 2016

	5/15	5/22
Budget - Received	16,411.00	
Alms	50.00	
Designated - Received	664.00	
Sound System	7,270.00	

TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 5/15/16

TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 5/22/16

Budget for 2015-2016

Weekly Budget Needed

Budget Needs To Date

Budget Given to Date

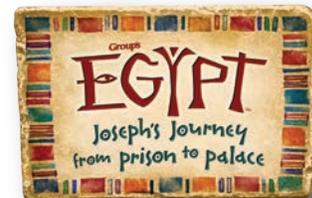
Behind Budget

Designated Funds Received-Year to Date

Alms Received-Year to Date

Total Giving-Year to Date

So All May See & Hear



Vacation Bible School • July 25 - 29, 2016

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

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.....	Interim Minister of Christian Education
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....	Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Operation Inasmuch

Saturday, May 14, members of First Baptist Church came together to participate in various mission projects in around Statesville. Together, we did yard work, put fishing kits together, build a wheelchair ramp, worked on a Habitat For Humanity home, made repairs at Power Cross, restored bicycles, made blankets, and put together bean soup mixes. Thank you to all those that participated in this wonderful day.



“The Weapon of All Prayer”

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.” 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 NKJV

C.H. Spurgeon often referred to one of these ‘weapons’ as the ‘weapon of all prayer’. In one of his sermons titled Prayer is a Never-Failing Resort, he expanded upon the Apostle Paul’s instruction. As a seasoned and gifted shepherd, he said “Prayer is the never-failing resort of the Christian in any case, in every plight. When you cannot use your sword you may take to the weapon of all-prayer. Your powder may be damp, your bow string may be relaxed, but the weapon of all-prayer need never be out of order. Leviathan laughs at the javelin, but he trembles at prayer. Sword and spear need refurbishing, but prayer never rusts, and when we think it most blunt it cuts the best. Prayer is the open door that none can shut.”

Prayer is a most powerful weapon in the hands of a seasoned prayer warrior, “pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.” Strategic, intentional, passionate, fervent prayer ‘avails much’! Ask the Lord to reveal the strongholds that He would have you work on ‘pulling down’ in your family, in your community, and in our nation. Your ‘air strike’ of prayer can lay waste to any and all of the work that that enemy has built up.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

Announcements

Clothes Closet Needs

The Clothes Closet currently needs only plus size ladies clothes, men’s and boy’s clothes, sheets and towels. Thanks to everyone’s generosity we are overloaded on ladies and girls clothes. When that situation changes, we will let everyone know. Please remember when donating to bring clothes that are in season, are no older than 5 years, and have no rips or stains. Our shoppers do not take things that need repairs and do not take “dry clean only” clothes either. Thank you for your support.

A Note of Appreciation From Priscilla White

I want to thank all the ladies of First Baptist Church for the wonderful lunch they provided for Franklin’s funeral. It was delicious. Thank you Nelson for such a good job for the service. Thanks to Steve Kathman for the equipment he loaned to us for Franklin’s use. It is such a worth while ministry.

Thank You, Priscilla White

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Wednesday, June 1 will be the last regular schedule Wednesday night. The meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by a music program presented by the Children’s Choir.

Our summer schedule for our mid-week study will begin Wednesday, June 8. We will meet 12:00 p.m. in Adams Hall. Hilda Lee will prepare a light lunch. Dr. Nelson Granade and Dr. Larry Gregg will lead the studies. This will be a series titled “Walking With God”. Each week we will focus on a biblical character that walked with God.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Betty Colvert and family in the death of her brother, William W. (Will) Henderson, on May 19, 2016. He was also the uncle of Sue Hedrick.



Message by: Dr. Nelson Granade

Worship with us Sundays 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.

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Memorial Day Picnic Sunday, May 29, 2016



9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Community Picnic

Please plan to stay for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The church will provide the pulled pork BBQ. Please bring a side or dessert (or 2!) to share! This is a community event. We will need lots of food to go around. There will also be games, snow cones, and inflatables for the kids! Please remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair!



Welcome To Our Church Family

Lisa Benfield made a profession of faith at the 10:55 a.m. worship service Sunday, May 15 and is a candidate for baptism.

Natalie Sue Alberry joined our congregation by statement of faith at the 10:55 a.m. worship service, Sunday, May 15.

A Note of Appreciation From Renae Keesbury

It is hard for me to believe that I have just completed 15 of the most rewarding years of my life. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at First Baptist Week-day Preschool. The love and support I received over the years, from members and staff, has been overwhelming and gratifying. I want to just say a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you for allowing me to be a part of your church's ministry. God Bless!

With love, Renae

VBS Work Days

Saturday, June 4 & Saturday, June 11

We will have two VBS work days, June 4 and June 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be building and painting the main set and working on other decorations. We can use painters of all abilities and skill levels. We also be building the set using foam insulation boards and cardboard. Come and be part of creating our **Egypt VBS** for the children. VBS will be held the week of July 25-29.

Clothes Closet Rotation

Thursday, June 2

Bob Turnipseed & Jeff Templeton

Thursday, June 9

Mac Funderburk & Jeff Templeton

So All May See & Hear Update

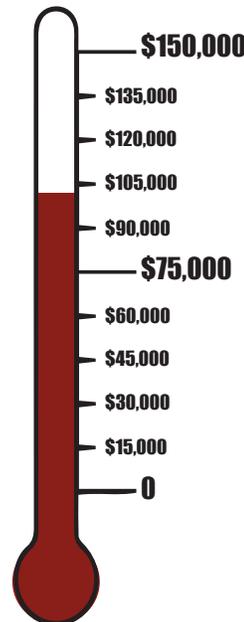
Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to our So All May See and Hear campaign. Because of your generosity, we have pledged \$101,863 dollars toward our total goal of \$150,000. So we are two-thirds of the way there.

We have also received \$43,538 toward our new sound system, updated video equipment and signage. Remember, we must pledge out entire need (\$150,000) and have half of that given (\$75,000) to begin our projects.

Thank you again to all who have made a commitment to this important work. If you have not turned in your commitment card, please do so Sunday. We need everyone's help to succeed.

So All May See & Hear

Pledged



Given

