



# THE INTERIM

*Congratulations to our high school graduates!*

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*High School Graduation: Jackson Wimpy (Lake Norman HS), Cassidy Barker (Statesville Christian School), Lexie Blackwelder (Statesville Christian School), Bethany Falter (Statesville Senior HS), Maggie Church (Statesville Christian School), Jennie Church (Statesville Christian School), and Kelly Wilson (South Iredell HS).*

## From the Pastor...

Nat King Cole sang about “those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.” Well the heat makes us feel lazy, but our summertime schedules can also be crazy. This is especially true of our summer schedule at First Baptist Church. Our Youth head off for Look Up Lodge next week (June 16) and our kids go to Passport Children’s Camp a couple of days later (June 18).

June is full, but July is even busier. Our Belize Mission Trip is just around the corner (July 6-13). Vacation Bible School follows shortly thereafter (July 22-26). And Jubilee Sunday completes the month (July 28). Throw in a few days at the beach and your summer is full.

This summer will also be one of the shortest we’ve had in a long time. With the change in the school calendar, the kids are getting out late and returning early (August 8). This means our fall programs will begin in mid-August. Wonderful Wednesday will start back on August 14 and Sunday School will promote August 18.

With all of this activity, it is important to remember why we are doing these things. We go on a mission trip to spread God’s love. We send kids and youth to camps to ground them in the faith. We hold Vacation Bible School to reach out to our community. And we celebrate Jubilee Sunday to honor faithfulness to God and our congregation.

I hope you will participate in these wonderful events as you are able. I encourage you to also find times of rest and relaxation. I trust, however, that you will be in Sunday School and Worship every opportunity you have. Our congregation is growing and summer is another opportunity for us to be faithful to God’s call.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Students at Look Up Lodge**  
June 16-21

**Children at Passport Missions Camp**  
June 18-21

**Belize Mission Trip**  
July 6-13

**Vacation Bible School**  
July 22-26

**Jubilee Sunday**  
July 28



## Schedule

### Sunday, June 9

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
 11:00 a.m. Reception Honoring James Martin

### Monday, June 10

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, June 11

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

### Wednesday, June 12

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

### Thursday, June 13

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, June 16

#### Father's Day

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
 Students Leave for Look Up Lodge

### Monday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, June 18

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group  
 Children Leave for Passport Missions Camp

### Wednesday, June 19

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

### Thursday, June 20

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of May 26 & June 2, 2019

5/26 6/2

Church in Bible Study . . . . . 131 . . . . . 110  
 Church in Worship. . . . . 258 . . . . . 209

## Financial Statistics

	June	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	64,145.00	671,324.00
Budget Receipts	30,781.00	599,471.00
Needed to Meet Goal	33,364.00	71,853.00
Alms	581.00	4,853.00
Designated	6,065.00	137,120.00

## Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister  
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship  
 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families  
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mon - Thur Tel: 704-873-7231

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## FLC Activities Schedule

### Monday, June 10

9:00 a.m. Pickleball  
 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

### Tuesday, June 11

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Wednesday, June 12

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

### Thursday, June 13

9:00 a.m. Pickleball  
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet  
 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

### Friday, June 14

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

### Monday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Pickleball  
 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

### Tuesday, June 18

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Wednesday, June 19

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

### Thursday, June 20

9:00 a.m. Pickleball  
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet  
 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

### Friday, June 21

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

**ATHENS**  
 Paul's Dangerous Journey  
 to Share the Truth

**July 22 - 26, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Join us in ancient Athens, where we'll explore what life was like for the Apostle Paul on his dangerous journey to share the truth. You'll create cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Paul, and eat some snacks. Plus, you'll meet lots of fun friends!

# Friend Day & Memorial Day Celebration Sunday, May 26, 2019



## Unsung Hero James McNiel



James & Wilma McNiel

Recently, we have had a few church members comment on how much they enjoy the photos of all the special events at FBC. We appreciate James' faithfulness in helping capturing these moments in our church's history. We enjoy sharing these moments in The Interim, on the website, and on our Facebook page.

Thanks for all you do to make FBC great!

If you would like to see someone recognized as an *Unsung Hero*, please e-mail Kayley Crouch at [kayley@statesvillefbc.org](mailto:kayley@statesvillefbc.org) or call 704-873-7231.

## Thank you

### Campbell-Johnson Foundation

Over the years, the Campbell-Johnson Foundation has been extremely supportive of First Baptist Church of Statesville. This year the Foundation has been extremely generous in awarding us a grant of \$16,800.

This grant helps our church in tremendous ways. It provides funds for the following:

- Growing Young Cohort Training
- Deacons Retreat
- Summer Children's Ministry Intern
- Staff Planning Retreat
- Children's Ministry Coaching
- Belize Mission Trip Staff Scholarships
- Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians Conference – 10th Anniversary Gift to James Martin

We are grateful for the long and continued partnership with the Campbell-Johnson Foundation. In fact, the Foundation is named after two former First Baptist Church ministers (Frank Campbell and Leath Johnson) and all of its trustees are members of our congregation (Dr. Ralph Bentley, Chair, Kevin Beale, Jean Crowder, Sue Hedrick and Mike McLain).

## God's Word And Prayer

God's Word and prayer go hand in hand. Why? Because God speaks through His Word. Do you have a problem that you just can't seem to solve? Are you going through a trial that never seems to let up? Would you like to be joyful, but find yourself filled with anxiety? Is there a decision you need to make, but can't decide which way to go? Perhaps you or a loved one is experiencing illness, heartache, or loss of some kind. You are not alone. Every person on the planet is dealing with something. But those who know Jesus Christ can talk directly to God about their problems—and the most wonderful thing about this relationship is that He can talk directly to us—through His Word! The Bible is our road map on the highway of life; it is the food that sustains our spirit; it is a bubble of protection from Satan; and it is a PHD in Life. Read the scriptures, memorize them, saturate your mind in the Word of God daily. In them you will find God's answer to walk victoriously through every situation. In the words of Revelation, you will be an "overcomer".

Lord, remind me to talk to you when I have a circumstance I can't handle, and give me an insatiable hunger for Your Word so that I may hear You speak into my problems. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

His servant and your friend,  
Ginny Stikeleather



## Announcements

### CBF Misson Bites

#### Mission Bite 131: Growing So Fast

*On Saturday, April 13, the Hell's Kitchen Farm Project opened for its 9th growing season. On the roof of Metro Baptist Church, in Hell's Kitchen, NYC, more than 60 community volunteers filled about 50 plastic kiddie pools with seeds and young plants (thanks to a partnership with a local farmer).*

*We planted lots of spring crops, including many lettuce varieties, mustard greens, collard greens, bok choy, kale, Swiss chard, turnips, radishes and a cherry tree. The apple trees are already covered in flowers and the radish seeds have already sprouted. With a whole week of rain right after our farm opening day, everything is growing so fast!*

*All of the produce harvested from the rooftop farm throughout the growing season goes directly to fill our client-choice food pantry ministry.*

- Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey, CBF field personnel serving in New York City

#### Mission Bite 132: Weep With Those Who Weep

*Like everyone else, I was shocked by the mass shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. Seeking to be an instrument of Christ's peace, I participated in an inter-faith prayer service at a local Turkish mosque. Attending merely as an observer, I saw an opportunity to bear witness to Jesus Christ when leaders from other faith communities were invited to speak.*

*Romans 12:15 popped into my mind. I shared that the Bible teaches us that we, as Christians, are to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. I said that American Christians were grieving with them today. Afterward, a number of people came up to me to thank me for my words of comfort and compassion.*

- Rick Sample, CBF field personnel serving in Fremont, Calif.



### Congratulations to James Martin on 10 Years of Ministry at First Baptist Church



This June marks ten years of service of James Martin as the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church of Statesville. To honor James and his family, the choir will host a reception in Adams Hall immediately following Worship on June 9, 2019. There will be a basket in which to place your notes of encouragement and gestures of gratitude.

### A Note of Appreciation from Mary Hayes

To my Church Family,  
Your visits, cards, flowers, and telephone calls have made my days so much better. I thank each of you very much.

God has bleed me in so many ways and one way is having all of you who care. May God bless each of you.

Many Hayes

### A Note of Appreciation from the Family of Mary Lib Causey

The family of Mary Lib Causey is grateful for every expression of love and care that you shared with her and Jack during her recent illness and death. Your cards were reminders of your prayers, your visits were enjoyable, your food was delicious, and your flowers were beautiful. While we miss her, we have been comforted and encouraged by all you have done for her and us, May God richly bless you as He has us through you.

### Sound System in Sanctuary

If you are interested in learning to run the sound board during the Sunday morning worship services, please contact James Martin at 704-873-7231 or [jmartin@statesvillefbc.org](mailto:jmartin@statesvillefbc.org).



### Lunch & Bible Study Wednesdays - 12:00 p.m. - Adams Hall

Join us this summer on Wednesdays for lunch and Bible study. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. at a cost of \$5.00. Dr. Nelson Granade will lead the study on the book of Philippians.