

The children make silly faces at CBF Kids Camp.



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From the Pastor...

It is good to be home. Valerie and I thoroughly enjoyed our European river boat cruise, but we missed you all and look forward to seeing you Sunday. Thank you for allowing us to take an extended vacation. You are such a loving and generous congregation.

One of the reasons we could enjoy ourselves is that we knew the congregation was in good hands. Our staff, deacons and other leaders made sure our ministries went on and our folks received care. Thank you!

Our guest speakers also did a marvelous job highlighting our tradition of missions' excellence. Valerie and I enjoyed watching the worship services upon our return. It made us proud to be a part of FBC Statesville.

One member noted how special it was to have the Coordinators of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina preach for us. It is great to have partners who care enough to show up in our congregation.

It was also good to hear Elizabeth Kilby bring a message about how we do hands on missions around the world. Elizabeth mentioned that "she doesn't preach", but boy, did she! The map in the breezeway showing all the locations our members have been on mission is also a sermon itself.

This Sunday I will continue our missions and ministry theme with a new series based on the In-As-Much sayings of Matthew 25. We will see how our congregation feeds the hungry, cares for the stranger, clothes the naked, cares for the sick, and encourages the prisoner.

Thank you again for the time away and for your continued encouragement. I hope to see you this Sunday and throughout the summer as we continue to celebrate 150 years of ministry. b You are a wonderful congregation!

Schedule

Sunday, June 29

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, June 30

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, July 2

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, July 3

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, July 6

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, July 7

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, July 9

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, July 10

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Happy Birthday

July 1

Betsy Evans

Jenna Martin

Sean Martin

July 3

Phil Crowder

July 4

Elizabeth Benfield

Elizabeth Kilby

July 5

Cathy Parlier

Diane Wilkins

July 6

Theresa Martin

Jane Mitchell

July 7

Julia Eckliff

Carolyn Elliott

July 8

Nancy Garland

Carol Robinette

Claire Taylor

Tracey Wilson

July 10

Paul Brendle

July 11

Mary Ava Nunnery

July 14

Clyde Elliott

Gary Tolbert

July 15

Madelyn McLain

Preston McLain

Elliott Rushton

July 17

Hannah Falter

July 18

Tom Falter

Hewitt Linyard

July 21

Lynette King

Rosemary Stephens

July 22

Paulette Templeton

July 23

Tiffany Acosta

July 24

Dale Wilson

June 25

Terry Earp

Dan Mitchell

July 26

Allison Falkenberry

Jane Stiles

July 27

Ken Wilson

July 28

Gale Hall

Rob Hall

Gene Swift

July 30

Bob Boroughs

Wanda Rushton

Carla Wimpy

July 31

Irving Boyles

Butch Price

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
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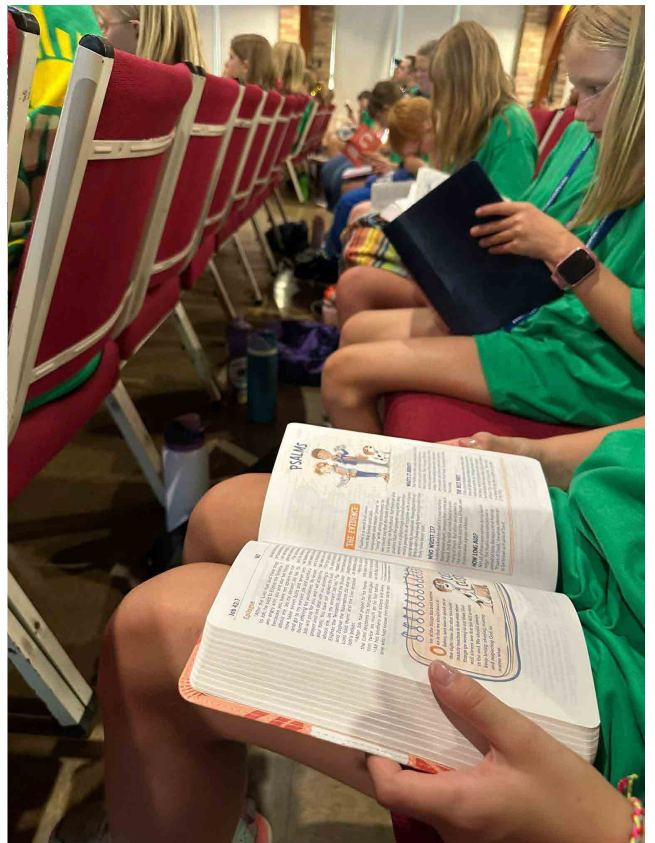
	6/15	6/22
In Person	136	162
Live Stream	16	27
Sunday School	76	88

Financial Statistics

	June	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	71,502.00	748,326,.00
Budget Receipts	57,123.00	719,222.00
Goals Not Met	(14,377.00)	(29,103.00)

Passport Kids Camp

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Announcements

Welcome to our Church Family!



Roy & Cara Brinkley joined on congregation at the worship service on Sunday, June 1. Welcome to our church family!



Keith Hall joined our congregation at the worship service on Sunday, June 8. Welcome to our church family!

Congregational Visioning Session Sunday, September 14, 2025

We've spent a lot of time during our Sesquicentennial Celebration focusing on our past and present ministries. It is now time to look forward as well! Please plan to be present Sunday, September 14, 2025, for the first of four congregational visioning sessions.

After worship, we will have a quick lunch followed by a time of exploring our core values. Michael Cheuk, a consultant with the Center for Congregational Health, will lead our time together. We need your input, so please make plans to attend.

A Note of Appreciation from The Boys & Girls Club of the Piedmont

Dear First Baptist Church,

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs of The Piedmont, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of \$4,050 to support three young people for the Summer Camp. Your extraordinary support is a cornerstone of our mission to help all young people reach their full potential. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue providing enriching afterschool programs that empower and inspire.

I'm often reminded of the words of John Bunyan: "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." Your gift embodies this spirit and is already making a meaningful difference in the lives of the youth we serve.

Thank you once again for your exceptional generosity and belief in our mission.

With sincere appreciation,
Cory B. Knight, CEO



Vacation Bible School July 28 - August 1

Come on the wilderness adventure of True North Vacation Bible School, July 28-August 1!

Explore trusting Jesus with Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and more!

Register now at www.fbcstatesville.org.