



# THE INTERIM

*The students of FBC joined the students of First Presbyterian Church and Broad Street UMC for a time of Bible study and a scavenger hunt.*



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## From the Pastor...



Jesus gave us the Lord's Supper as a reminder and a unifier. It reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for our sins and unifies us in our need of that grace. At the Lord's Table, we are all one! We don't always remember this call to communion, but we are given a new chance every time we partake of the elements.

This Sunday offers us an even greater opportunity to focus on unity. It is World Communion Sunday and we remember that we are united, not just in our church, but with the Church Universal. Despite our differences, we remember that Christ can make us one!

Given the strife in our world, you might think that Christian unity is a tall order. It is true that we have often failed to live out the unity Christ commanded. Christians have even fought over the Supper itself. Imagine taking that which was given to unify and using it to divide.

The call to love and unity, however, is greater than any of our differences. When we take the focus off of ourselves and see what Jesus has done for us, we are again surprised by God's amazing grace. When you truly understand and receive such grace, it empowers you to give that same grace to others.

I hope you will join us for this special Sunday as we join Christians around the world in celebrating God's grace. What unites us is so much greater than what divides us. I look forward to seeing you as we live out our part of this worldwide event.

*Nolan*

## Thank You Burwell & Clayton!

This Sunday, October 2, we will honor two of our best workers – Burwell Whittenton and Clayton Cline. Burwell will be retiring due to health concerns and Clayton will be taking advantage of an opportunity to start a new business with his son.

We appreciate Burwell's twenty-six years of service to our congregation. She has held many roles, including Church Secretary, but has most recently been our Volunteer Coordinator. No matter the position, Burwell has used her knowledge and gifts to help our church be effective in ministry.

We also appreciate Clayton's service over the past eight plus years. Clayton has provided for our ministry by ensuring that our building was in good shape and tending to our many needs. His job has grown over the years to include facility upkeep, information technology, and a variety of administrative duties.

Please join us this Sunday as we honor Burwell and Clayton. We will recognize their work during our Sunday service and you will have the opportunity to thank them personally in the Welcome Center immediately following worship.

## Schedule

### Sunday, October 2

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Venture Students

### Monday, October 3

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

### Tuesday, October 4

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

### Wednesday, October 5

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall  
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal  
5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

### Thursday, October 6

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

### Friday, October 7

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

### Sunday, October 9

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

### Monday, October 10

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

### Tuesday, October 11

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

### Wednesday, October 12

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall  
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal  
5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice - Choir Room

### Thursday, October 13

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

### Friday, October 14

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

## 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.....--Minister of Christian  
Education  
Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students

Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant  
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## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of September 18 & 25, 2016

	9/18	9/25
Church in Bible Study .....	151	145
Church in Worship. ....	207	169

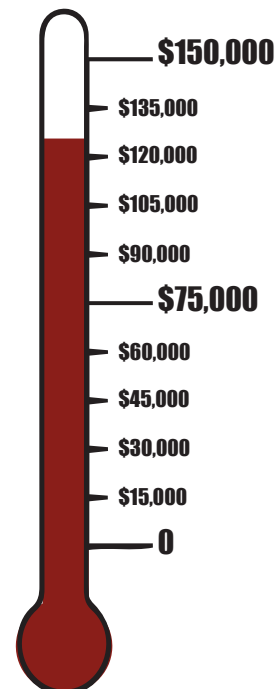
## Financial Statistics

### Weeks of September 18 & 25, 2016

	9/18	9/25
Budget - Received	7,195.85	16,010.50
Alms	0.00	0.00
Designated - Received	645.00	1,272.00
Sound System	355.00	380.00
<b>TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 9/18/16</b>		8,195.85
<b>TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 9/25/16</b>		17,662.50
<b>Budget for 2015-2016</b>		893,174.00
Weekly Budget Needed		17,176.42
Budget Needs To Date		893,174.00
Budget Given to Date		760,844.07
Behind Budget		(132,329.93)
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		103,350.44
Alms Received-Year to Date		7,913.50
Total Giving-Year to Date		996,524.01
<b>So All May See &amp; Hear</b>		<b>124,416.00</b>

## So All May See & Hear

### Given



# Prayer Point

## The Christian Embassy

Lord, we are Your ambassadors to earth. This house is the Christian Embassy. It's a place where love, peace, and comfort are found. It's a place where all who enter are valued, respected, and protected from the world. Your presence and power abide here. Your Spirit guides all operations. Your watchful eye detects and warns us of the enemy's schemes. Your chosen administrators train us to be soldiers and mediators of valor and excellence. May we take our position seriously. May we be profoundly committed to the task You have given us, and extremely careful to walk worthy of the calling to which you have appointed us. And may we never forget: It's Your grace that sustains us and strengthens us and enables us in all we do.

We ask it all and do it all in the precious name of Jesus, who died to make it possible.

His servant and your friend,  
Ginny Stikeleather

## Kingdom Fest Fall Festival

The air has cooled and leaves have started to change, and it is almost time for the fall festival! Kingdom Fest Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 23, 4:00-6:00 p.m. If you have questions, would like to help or need more information contact Melissa Wilson.

### Get Involved with Kingdom Fest

- Pray for the children and families that will attend this event.
- Pray for volunteers to lead games, prepare snacks, set up and clean up.
- Donate candy for treat bags for the children.
- Volunteer to work a station.
- Volunteer to help clean up after the fall festival.
- During the event meet new people and help them feel comfortable at the event.
- Volunteer to help follow up with the families who attend.
- Bring your family.
- Invite your friends, neighbors, and everyone you know!
- Help your kids pass out invitations to their friends.

### Kingdom Fest Stations

- **Royal Tea** where guests will enjoy a snack to fortify them for their adventures.
- **Knight School** where they'll take on different obstacles and physical challenges in order to become a knight or lady of the kingdom.
- **Castle Moat** where they'll search through the moat to find the lost sheep that have fallen in the yucky, mucky water!
- **Archer's Field** where they'll put their aiming skills to the test by tossing child-safe arrows through a variety of targets.
- **Jester's Courtyard** where they'll try to soak a friendly jester using wet sponges.
- **Glow Party** in the Dungeon where they'll party and play in a visual wonderland to see that even in the darkness, Jesus is with us!



**Sunday, October 23, 2016**  
**4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

This two-hour, royalty-themed adventure is designed to provide a fun fall alternative for families as they travel through engaging, station-based experiences. Guests will enjoy games, activities, challenges, and an interactive drama-all while celebrating Jesus' love in a new and refreshing way.

Families experience this adventure together, discovering that no matter what, Jesus is with us.







**Message by: Dr. Nelson Granade**

**Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

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## Announcements

### Deacon Election

This Sunday, October 2, 2016, we will elect three new deacons. Those chosen will serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2017. The following people have been nominated and agreed to serve if elected.

- Jason Allen
- Luther Hunter
- Ralph Bentley
- Jane Mitchell
- Tim Burgiss
- Andrea Williams

The new deacons will replace those rotated off the Deacon Ministry Team. (Sherry Ashley, Bill Henderson, and Ginny Stikeleather.) Please be in prayer for this process and come prepared to vote for three of these candidates.

### New Arrival!

Congratulations to David and Terri Crosby on the birth of a grandchild, River Crosby, on September 19, 2016.

### Christian Sympathy...

...is extended to Blake Deal and family in the death of his brother, Vance Robert Deal, Sr. of Cornelius, on September 13, 2016.

...is extended to Pat Rushton and family in the death of his father, Jimmie Rushton, on September 14, 2016.

...is extended to Brenda Wilson in the death of her sister, Shirley Wyatt, on September 18, 2016.

...is extended to the family of Annabelle Elliott in her death on September 25, 2016.

### Jesus On Leadership Course Begins Wednesday, October 5, 2016 5:45 p.m. ~ Heritage Hall

William Barnard will teach the Jesus On Leadership course Wednesday, October 5 - Wednesday, November 16. This seven week course is an excellent resource for anyone who wants to strengthen their leadership abilities. It is beneficial in all areas of our church, but is required for those who would like to serve on the Deacon Ministry Team. Please call the church office at 704-873-7231 to sign up.

### Sunday School Officers & Teachers Luncheon Sunday, October 16, 2016 11:15 a.m. ~ Adams Hall

All Sunday School teachers and officers are invited to join Larry Gregg for a luncheon in Adams Hall after the worship service on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

### Wednesday Evening Menus

#### Wednesday, October 5

Country Style Steak, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes  
Rolls, Cherry Yum Yum

Kids' Menu: Cheeseburgers & Fries

#### Wednesday, October 12

Chicken Divan, Noodles, Green Peas, Rolls,  
Apple-Pear Crisp

Kids' Menu: Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Chips

### Facility Manager Transition Plan

With Clayton Cline taking advantage of a new business opportunity, we will have to make some adjustments at First Baptist Church. Our plan is to take some time to evaluate this position and our overall staffing needs. In the meantime, most of the work Clayton has been doing will be shared by existing staff members. Larry Gregg will be taking the lead on this, but we also appreciate all of our staff for taking on extra responsibilities.

Thanks also goes to our Building and Grounds Team who will work with Larry to make sure our facilities are both secure and in tip top shape. A special thank you goes to Jody Parlier and Neil Pardue who have agreed to co-chair this team. We are also glad that Clayton has agreed to serve as our Information/Technology Specialist on a contract basis.

### Congratulations Dr. Larry Gregg

Our Deacons and Personnel Team are recommending removing the title "interim" from Larry Gregg's position and expanding his role to include administration. On Sunday, October 9, 2016 you will be asked to affirm the recommendation to call Larry Gregg as our Minister of Christian Education and Administration.

In his new role Larry will continue to grow and strengthen our Sunday School and Adult ministries, but on a permanent basis. He will also take on many the administrative duties currently done by Clayton Cline – such as supervising our custodial staff and ensuring that our facility policies are followed. Larry's position will still be part-time, but he and Peggy will be around a little more each week.

