



First Baptist Church Preschool began the 2019-2020 school on Tuesday, September 2. Our teachers are ready for an exciting year!

THE INTERIM

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From the Pastor...

“What kind of church is this?” “You don’t observe World Communion Day?” Those were the words I heard from a guest at my first church out of seminary. They had come the first Sunday in October because they wanted to participate in World Communion Day. The problem was that I didn’t know anything about World Communion Day. My home church had never observed it and no one had mentioned it in seminary.

After that conversation, I felt a little liturgically ignorant. So I began to do research on World Communion Day and liked what I found. World Communion Day was started by Presbyterians in 1930, but soon spread to most Christian denominations. It emphasizes Christian unity as brothers and sisters in Christ worldwide share the Lord’s Supper all on the same day. It unites us now, but also points to heaven when we will all share a common table.

After learning of this great tradition, I introduced it to my little church and have been privileged to observe it in every congregation I’ve served. I love the image of Christians around the world praying for one another and joining together in this holy meal. I picture folks in great cathedrals, mud huts, store fronts, houses and churches of all shapes and sizes each breaking bread with us. I think of Christian brothers and sisters that I know around the world and see their faces with me. I try to imagine people I’ve never met, who are none the less joined to me in Christ.

There is so much that tears our world apart and, unfortunately, that is true in the Church as well. Yet, Christ prayed that we might be made one (John 17:21). Jesus longed for his Church to be known for the love we have for one another (John 13:35). There is so much more that unites us than divides us, but Satan longs to pull the church apart. Paul dealt with our tendency towards division when he admonished the Corinthian Church to focus on the common work in Christ (1 Corinthians 3:9). World Communion Day is a time to remember that, despite what we think, we are one in Christ.

This Sunday (September 29) we finish up our series on Growing Young by focusing on how healthy churches care for their communities. Next Sunday (October 6) we join in World Communion to show how Christians love and care for each other. I hope you will be present for each of these upcoming services. The whole world is showing up – don’t miss it!



Schedule

Sunday, September 29

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

Monday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 1

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall

Wednesday, October 2

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 3

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
Deacon Election
4:00 p.m. Fall Festival

Monday, October 7

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 8

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study

Wednesday, October 9

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 10

FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
11:45 a.m. Linedancers
6:00 p.m. Pickleball

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, October 2

8:00 a.m. Pickleball
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, October 3

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, October 4

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Monday, October 7

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
11:45 a.m. Linedancers
6:00 p.m. Pickleball

Tuesday, October 8

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, October 9

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Financial Statistics

| | September | Year-to-Date |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Giving Goal | 70,296.00 | 773,753.00 |
| Budget Receipts | 38,797.00 | 878,696.00 |
| Needed to Meet Goals | 31,499.00 | 104,943.00 |
| Alms | 655.00 | 6,430.00 |
| Designated | 8,379.00 | 168,094.00 |

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

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Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of September 15 & 22, 2019

| | 9/15 | 9/22 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|
| Church in Bible Study | 138 | 114 |
| Church in Worship | 222 | 181 |

Prayer is our Rest

Every day we live we come closer to death. But the good news is: death brings us into the presence of God. If we have repented of our sins and trusted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we can "rest" in the knowledge that our eternal destiny is sealed. However, the Bible teaches that as Christians we will never enter our true rest until we are with God: "In this world you will have tribulation..." (John 16:33). That's why Paul told the church at Colossae: "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." (Col. 3:2)

The closest we can get to God on this earth is through communing with Him in prayer. Prayer brings a measure of rest unequalled by anything else. As human beings living in a sinful world turmoil and unrest are inevitable, but when we pray we can "rest" in knowing that our sovereign heavenly Father has everything under His control. (Psalm 103:19, NASB)

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

Deacon Ministry Team Nominees

Vote: Sunday, October 6, 2019



Jerry Campbell

Date joined: October 4, 1970

Jerry is the long-time teacher of the Esther Sunday School Class, formerly chaired the Deacon Ministry Team. He shares his creative side by crafting decorations for Vacation Bible School that we use year after year.



Bob Cashion

Date joined: April 2, 2000

Bob is retired from Star-Milling Inc. and enjoys hunting and fishing. You can usually find Bob lending a hand to our ushers on Sunday mornings. Bob has also served as a deacon in previous years.



Nancy Deal

Date joined: November 22, 1959

Nancy can be seen singing in the choir every Sunday. She is an active member of our sewing group, and volunteers with our Wonderful Wednesday After-School Program. On Sunday mornings, she and her husband David teach children's Sunday School.



Art Fincannon

Date joined: August 9, 1981

Art is retired from broadcasting at WSIC and from Sears. He chaired the Audio Committee for many years, and is a former member of the Nominating Committee. Art and his wife, Lori, are active members of the Genesis Sunday School Class.



Bill Henderson

Date joined: March 3, 1985

Bill is missionally minded. He has served on our Missions Team organizing ministries within our church as well as regional, national, and international mission trips. Bill also has a heart for Operation Inasmuch - the day our entire congregation serves our community. He is also a former deacon. Bill and Sandra attend the Genesis Sunday School Class.



Jeri Koontz

Date joined: October 22, 1995

Jeri grew up at FBC and has always been very active. She and her husband, Steve, attend the Horizons Sunday School Class. Jeri volunteers for our Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program, regularly plays pickleball, and helps to decorate the tables during some of our special events.



Butch Price

Date joined: February 18, 1973

Butch serves as head usher on Sunday mornings greeting everyone with a smile. He and his wife Eleanor attend the Pioneer Sunday School Class. Until recent years, Butch served as one of the teachers for the class. He has also served on our Personnel Committee.



Paulette Templeton

Date joined: January 15, 1984

Paulette has been an active member of FBC for 35 years. She and her husband, Jeff, attend the Horizons Sunday School Class. They are also avid pickleball players at the church on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Paulette is also eager to lend a helping hand in the kitchen during our Wednesday evening meals and enjoys helping with Wonderful Wednesdays.



Announcements

CBF Misson Bites

Misson Bite 147: Encourage & Amplify

The children's choir from the Galakticka School is participating in our Roma music recording project. During a break in our first recording session, the nervous children were playing noisily.

I started playing a portion of the first song for the director...and a moment later the room was completely quiet. The children crowded around us, wide-eyed and listening.

"Is that really us?" they asked. They could barely believe their ears.

After that, the kids stood straighter and sang with more confidence—they had heard themselves, and they had a reason to be proud!

Let's be the ones who encourage and amplify those whose voices are seldom heard—theirs are the voices the world most needs to hear!

- Jon Parks, CBF field personnel serving in Kosice, Slovakia

Mission Bite 148: The Hokey Pokey

In my work with refugee resettlement I teach an English as a Second Language (ESL) class. One morning, I thought it would be fun to learn body parts by singing the 'Hokey Pokey.'

As we sang 'put your left leg in' several of the students began to giggle and laugh. I thought to myself, they are getting it and having fun too. Fantastic! When we put our right legs in all decorum collapsed. The women nearly fell to the ground in full belly laughter.

I'm not sure what the Hokey Pokey is called in other countries or what it may have implied to my refugee friends. But considering all they have gone through and what they continue to have to do to remain—well I just have to say I think the Angels in Heaven were doing the Hokey Pokey with us that morning.

- Kim Wyatt, CBF field personnel serving in Research Triangle, N.C.



Save the Date Fall Festival

Sunday, October 6, 2019
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Church Lawn



Please save the date for our Fall Festival! We will celebrate the seasons with lots of games, candy, bounce houses, snacks, and facepainting!

Senior Adult Trip

Billy Graham Library and NarroWay Dinner Theatre
Saturday, November 23, 2019

We will leave the church parking lot in a Christian Tours bus at 7:45 a.m. heading south to visit the Billy Graham Library and then on to NarroWay Dinner Theatre in Ft. Mill, SC. We will have lunch there at noon and then see THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY at 2:00 p.m. and then return to Statesville at around 5:30 p.m. Total cost for the trip is \$50.00 per person to be turned in to the church or to Gale Hall as soon as possible. Checks payable to FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Come meet
Ada Baker Foushee
Born March 20, 2019 in Tokyo, Japan

Stop by to enjoy refreshments and fellowship with Carson, Laura, and Ada during Ada's first visit to North Carolina.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STATESVILLE
ADAMS HALL
Sunday, October 13, 2019
Drop in between 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

If you would like to bring a gift, the following are suggestions for what Ada will need during her time in America and for the return to Japan: Diapers (size 3), Clothes (9 to 12 months fall or winter; 12 to 18 months spring or summer), English picture books, or gift cards (Target & Amazon) for other baby needs.

Hosted by Friends of Carson and Laura