



THE INTERIM

Darbee Lewis, Matthew Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Jack Devine, & Macy Cummings enjoy Passport Missions Camp in Eagle Eyrie, Va.

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From the Pastor..



I came back from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in Dallas, Texas to a very quiet church. Both our children and youth groups were at camp. The children were at Passport Kids Camp at Eagle Eyrie on top of Locke Mountain, Virginia. The youth were at Look Up Lodge in Travelers Rest, South Carolina. Having them both gone, however, made me appreciate once again our wonderful children's and youth ministries.

Both groups reported a wonderful time delving deeper into their faith. The kids theme was "Enough." It focused on II Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness" (CEB). They learned that God's grace is enough, that with God's help, we are enough, and "enough already" – of injustices in the world. So they learned a lot while having lots of fun along the way.

The youth theme was "What did Jesus Come to Do?" They focused in on how Jesus came to restore a right relationship with God. They talked in depth about identity, belonging and purpose. They spent much of their time thinking about the definition of abundant life and how it can be found in Christ. They too learned a lot while having lots of fun along the way.

Though I wasn't away at camp, I did appreciate the opportunity to attend the CBF General Assembly in Dallas, Texas. Our theme was Local Church, Global Church. We focused on ways we can do missions in our own communities while supporting missions around the world. I enjoyed several workshops including one that focused on the power of stories, one that focused on caring for lay leaders and two that focused on healthier ways to engage in social issues. I am grateful to the church for the time away and to the Johnson-Campbell Baptist Foundation for providing a grant to underwrite my trip.

Like our children and youth, I found it was nice to get away to rest and draw closer to God. Like them, I also am glad to be home and I am excited to put into practice the things that I learned. Please talk to our children and youth and ask them what they learned. They will be excited to share. Please also thank our chaperones, who gave so much to make these trips a success. Melissa Wilson and Jason Allen led the children. Justin Cox and James and Debi Martin guided our youth. Valerie looked after me!



PASSPORTkids!
Exploring Missions in a World without Borders



Schedule

Sunday, June 24

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, June 25

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 26

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, June 27

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

Thursday, June 28

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, June 29

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

Sunday, July 1

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, July 2

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 3

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!
 Church Office Closed

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

Friday, June 29, 2018

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

This blood drive honors all the first responders in our community. Police officers, sheriff's deputies, firemen, and EMTs will be present and donating blood on this day. Please stop by to give your blood, save a life, and honor those who keep us safe everyday.

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 & Administration
 Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students
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FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, June 25

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Line Dancers
 6:00 p.m. Shag Lessons

Tuesday, June 26

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, June 27

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, June 28

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, June 29

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Monday, July 2

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, July 3

7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Wednesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Thursday, July 5

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, July 6

11:45 p.m. Line Dancers



*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
 there is freedom.*

II Corinthians 3:17

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of June 10 & 17, 2018

	6/10	6/17
Church in Bible Study	140	115
Church in Worship.	184	177

Financial Statistics

	June	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	61,097.00	639,431.00
Budget Receipts	49,247.00	604,046.00
Needed to Meet Goal	11,850.00	35,385.00
Alms	702.00	8,006.00
Designated	11,239.00	80,914.00

Unsung Hero

David Potter



Around our community, our church is known as the church that builds wheelchair ramps for those who have difficulty navigating steps into their homes. David organizes teams to build the ramps, transports the lumber, and gives his time on Saturdays to help those in our community.

Additionally, David serves on the Deacon Ministry Team and as chair of our Missions Team.

Thanks for all you do to make FBC great!

Each issue of The Interim will feature a member that does great and often unrecognized things for FBC. If you would like to see someone recognized as an Unsung Hero, please e-mail Kayley Crouch at kayley@statesvillefbc.org or call 704-873-7231.



David & Pam Potter

From Fifth Street Ministries Newsletter

Diakonos



Recently we were notified by First Baptist Church, Davie Avenue of a fund that was set up in memory of their friend, Eddie Steele. This fund is to assist individuals who have been chronically homeless when they are able to secure permanent housing. There are always those unexpected expenses, and we are so grateful to the First Baptist family for their love and compassion.

Eddie had two very loyal friends. Payton Morrison, Sr. was the first to befriend Eddie. Katie Welborn was also blessed to be able to develop a relationship with Eddie and grew to love him as well.

Below are excerpts from a letter written by Katie that First Baptist has requested we provide recipients of this assistance so they can have an understanding of the love behind the gift.

"I met Eddie Steele sometime in 1993 through my best friend in life, Payton Morrison, Sr. Payton was the scout leader of troupe 609 which had its scout hut on Davie Avenue..."

"Payton mentioned that he had spotted a homeless man on the property several times, and he wanted to talk to him to see if he could help in any way. Every time Payton would try to talk to him, Eddie would run away. So, instead, Payton started leaving items like clothing, blankets, and food. Payton was persistent and eventually Eddie started talking to him.

Many months passed before I was able to meet Eddie. Payton introduced me while I was sitting in his jeep. I was drinking coffee and Eddie asked me, 'Are you going to drink that coffee?' I just laughed and said, 'No, you can have it, Eddie.' Eddie continued to share bits and pieces of his life with Payton, Sr. because he had earned Eddie's trust. Eddie suffered from schizophrenia and anxiety disorder. He needed medication, shelter, proper diet, and love. He needed a purpose in life just like all of us."

Katie & Payton, Sr. taught Eddie many things. They empowered him to not be afraid of taking showers, of having his hair cut, and so many other things that are just a fact of life to us.

In time, Eddie was introduced to the pastor and members of First Baptist Church, where he was embraced and loved. In time, Eddie became part of the staff where he performed many janitorial duties. He had keys to almost every part of the building, and those keys were so important to him. *"It meant that he was reliable, trusted, and needed."*

The years of smoking and living outdoors took years off Eddie's life, unfortunately, Payton Sr.'s passing had an impact on Eddie. Because of a community that cared, Eddie had many meaningful years and through the friendships he made, others benefited from knowing him. His community grieved when Eddie died.

"A memory I will never forget is Eddie's funeral. Our church was full that Sunday afternoon as we honored Eddie Steele, once a homeless man. Eddie's life helped all of us examine our own lives, giving us the desire to give to those in need...helping us to appreciate our blessings."

Eddie's memory continues through the hearts and generosity of those who were privileged to know and love him.



CBF Mission Bites

Bite 86: Becoming family

"Refugees come to our Southeast Asian country from other parts of South Asia. They are smuggled across multiple countries and left in the middle of an island jungle to fend for themselves. On arrival, they have no passport, no money and no common language."

When these young refugees find their way to our student ministry, they have spent several years in immigration detention centers. They are alone and they have no means of support and no opportunities for formal education.

Practicing beloved community in our context means becoming family to those who have none. Beloved community means sacrificially giving our time and our finances as we embody and share Christ's love."

- Brooke and Mike, CBF field personnel in Southeast Asia

Bite 87: Strong and weak days

"Born and raised in Afghanistan, I frequently translated for American and Afghan soldiers in combat situations. Once the American soldiers left, I had to leave Afghanistan for safety. After 4 years, my American friends called me to say there was a U.S. visa waiting for me. As a refugee, I arrived at the Welcome House where I met Marc and Kim. They helped me take the initial steps toward making a new life in America. Through this, I've learned that we all have strong and weak days, so we must help out the person who's trying to get on his feet today. We cannot desert those in need."

- Jay, reflecting on the work of Marc and Kim Wyatt, CBF field personnel in the Research Triangle of North Carolina

Bite 88: Thank God for this place

"The war started at night, and we had to run, leaving our parents. We haven't seen them since and still don't know where they are. It was horrifying, but we had no choice. In South Sudan killing is normal. People kill each other like slaughtering hens. When we made it to Kampala we ended up on the street with nowhere to sleep. One day, through CBF and Refuge and Hope, we were able to find affordable housing and get off the streets. Thank God for this place, where we can forget the nightmare we went through."

- Jacob and Esau, about the work of Jade and Shelah Acker, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel, Kampala, Uganda

Announcements

New Arrival!



Congratulations to Eric & Holly Hinceman on the arrival of their daughter, Gemma Leigh, on June 15, 2018. Gemma weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long.

**Christmas in July
Sunday, July 15, 2018**

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Statesville Civic Center

Fifth Street Ministries annual Christmas in July event and luncheon will be July 15, 2018. It will be at the Statesville Civic Center from noon to 1:30. The theme for the event is "Be a Super Hero for Fifth Street". Tickets for the event are \$10.00 each. Tickets are available by calling 704-872-4045 or e-mailing mknapp@fifthstreetministries.com. Please join us for this important event to raise money to help the ministry get through the lean summer months. We hope you will consider supporting Fifth Street Ministries by making a financial contribution. Your tax-deductible donation will allow for Fifth Street to continue to provide temporary housing and emergency domestic violence shelter services together with food and support services to all the people in our local community that need our helping hand the most.



**Life in Christ: Lessons from Ephesians
Summer Sermon Series**

June 24, 2018 Living in Grace <i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i>	July 15, 2018 Living in Love <i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i>	August 12, 2018 Living in Family <i>Ephesians 5:21-6:4</i>
July 1, 2018 Living in Peace <i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i>	July 22, 2018 Living in Unity <i>Ephesians 4:1-16</i>	August 19, 2018 Living in Service <i>Ephesians 6:5-9</i>
July 8, 2018 Living in Mystery <i>Ephesians 3:1-13</i>	July 29, 2018 Living in Truth <i>Ephesians 4:17-32</i>	August 26, 2018 Living in Strength <i>Ephesians 6:10-20</i>
August 5, 2018 Living in Light <i>Ephesians 5:1-20</i>		

