

Sandy Clements, Valerie Granade, and Kim Allen make and sign cards for veterans at Operation Inasmuch on May 5, 2018



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From the Pastor..



"I wish we had more people at church." I've heard that many times and have often said it myself. I'm glad we want to see our church grow. Of course numbers for numbers' sake is not our goal. Our goal is to reach more people for Christ, to disciple those folks, and to minister to our community and world.

The reason we set numerical goals is that each number represents a person. It is one way of measuring how well we are reaching out and whether or not we are assimilating folks into our ministry. So what can we do to reach our goal of 200 in Sunday School on May 20 and how will we build off of this special day?

We are certainly capable of having 200 people in Sunday School. Whether or not we do so depends upon what we do in the next week. The only way to make this goal is for every one of our members to rise to the occasion. We need each one of you to be present in Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. on May 20 and we need each of you to bring someone with you.

"They" cannot make this goal. "We" can surpass it, but only if "You" do your part. This past Sunday Larry and I delivered contact cards to our Sunday School classes. I hope each class will reach out to these folks who have shown interest in our church. I hope you will also reach out to others who you know to be prospects. Who might you bring on the 20th?

Why are we pushing so hard for 200 in Sunday School? Because Sunday School is the backbone of the church. Here are a few examples of the importance of Sunday School:

- Sunday School is where we form deep relationships that connect us to each other.
- Sunday School is the best way to keep track of one another and minister in times of need.
- Sunday School is a great opportunity to learn scripture on a deeper level.
- Sunday School is practical and helps us live out our faith in everyday life.
- Sunday School is a place we can ask questions and find answers.
- Sunday School is our primary discipleship tool that builds stronger Christians.
- Sunday School is a great way to connect into the church.
- Sunday School is a proven evangelism method that leads people to Christ.
- Sunday School is a way to build strong missional units that make a difference in our community.

As you can see, we are not just playing a "numbers game." We are demonstrating the capacity our church has to carry out our mission.

If you want our church to grow, I hope you will get involved in a Sunday School Class and do everything in your power to help it succeed. We can promote our church through many methods, but a personal invitation is always the best. I know I can count on you to make May 20th High Attendance a reality upon which we can build.

Pentecost High Attendance Sunday

May 20, 2018

Sunday School Attendance Goal

200



Schedule

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

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, May 14

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 15

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

6:00 p.m. Precept Study

Wednesday, May 16

9:30 a.m. Precept Study

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

Thursday, May 17

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, May 20

High Attendance Sunday Goal of 200 in Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

4:00 p.m. Venture Voices

5:00 p.m. Venture Students

5:30 p.m. Young Couples Marriage Enrichment

Monday, May 21

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 22

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

6:00 p.m. Precept Study

Wednesday, May 23

9:30 a.m. Precept Study

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

Thursday, May 24

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

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
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FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, May 14

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Tuesday, May 15

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, May 16

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, May 17

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

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

Friday, May 18

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Monday, May 21

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, May 22

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

Wednesday, May 23

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, May 24

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, May 25

11:45 p.m. Line Dancers

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of April 29 & May 6, 2018

	4/29	5/6
Church in Bible Study	137	127
Church in Worship.	180	197

Financial Statistics

	May	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	65,801.00	578,333.00
Budget Receipts	23,801.00	521,172.00
Needed to Meet Goal	41,481.00	57,161.00
Alms	561.00	7,154.00
Designated	2,716.00	65,475.00

April Financial Report

Celebrations:

- Our year-to-date actual receipts are up \$13,593 from this time last year.
- We met our April goal. Thanks for your strong support!
- We forwarded our quarterly mission gifts to numerous ministries.

Challenges:

- We are still \$15,680 behind our yearly goal.
- Summer is coming and it is a time when expenses usually rise and gifts sometimes decrease.
- Let's make sure to undergird our continued ministries.

Announcements

*You are most warmly invited
by the children of
David and Nancy Deal
to a dessert reception celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary*

Saturday, May 26, 2018
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Adams Hall
First Baptist Church
815 Davie Ave
Statesville, NC 28677

Please RSVP to
Lori Milstead
704-880-1674
topknotstails@gmail.com



Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser
Sunday, May 20, 2018
11:00 a.m. - Adams Hall

The students will host a spaghetti lunch to raise funds for their trip to Look Up Lodge this summer. The menu includes spaghetti with a variety of sauces, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. To-go plates will be available. Please be sure to drop by to have lunch and make a donation!

The Longest Table
Tuesday, May 22, 2018

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Statesville High School

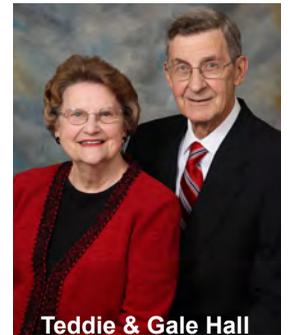
For most people food is equated to love and there is no better setting or time to open an individual up for new conversation than when they are enjoying a good meal. Neighbors of all income levels, ethnicity types, and beliefs will have a common table to foster new friendships in Iredell County. Reserve your free ticket today at <http://bit.ly/2018longesttable> or call United Way of Iredell County at 704-873-3000.

Unsung Heroes Gale & Teddie Hall

The third Thursday of each month, our senior adults enjoy a wonderful program and luncheon together. These luncheons are organized by Gale and Teddie Hall. They see that each luncheon is advertised throughout the church, the tables are decorated festively and appropriately for each month, and the entertainers are set up and ready for the program to begin!

Additionally, Teddie is our Church Librarian. You can find her in the Church Library Sunday mornings, 8:30 - 9:00 a.m., and after the worship services and Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Our library offers many books that are available to be checked out.

Thank you for all you do to make FBC great!



Teddie & Gale Hall

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.

My Mother's Abiding Love (by Anne Graham Lotz)

In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Psalm 16:11, NKJV

As a teenager growing up, my room in our house was directly over Mother's. At night I could see the lights from her room reflected on the trees outside my window. When I slipped downstairs hoping to talk to her a few minutes, I would find her shapely form bent beside her bed in prayer. It was useless to wait for her to rise because she would be there for hours on end, so I would trudge back up to my room. And no matter how early I awoke in the morning, I would see those lights from her window once again reflected on the trees outside. When I tumbled down the stairs, I would find her seated at her big, flat-top desk, earnestly studying one of the fourteen different translations of the Bible spread out around her. My mother chose to make abiding in Christ one of the priorities of her life.

Mother's abiding was rooted in a love relationship with Jesus that was the secret of her life. As a result of her abiding, and the obedience that was integrated into it, the hallmark of Mother's life was joy. Her face radiated it! Her eyes sparkled with it! And I'm left to wonder . . . what outward evidence of my inner relationship with Jesus do my children see?

What a legacy to pass on to our children! It's never too late to begin.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather



CBF Mission Bite

Bite 81: The Blessing of Partnership

"Partnerships are one of the great blessings and encouragements to field personnel! We gain extra hands and feet to do the labor, and we are visited in our communities, where we often feel isolated. A team from First Baptist Church of Griffin, Georgia, recently traveled 7 hours to Conetoe to lead a Literacy Fair for families. The children, parents and grandparents read together, played games, painted bookshelves to take home, chose new books to take with them, and loved talking with the members of the mission team. The team also worked in the garden, cleaned out a training center, and organized books and supplies at another center. They spent time getting to know us better, eating with us, encouraging us, and showing us so much love. We are so thankful for our partners!"

- Anna Anderson, CBF field personnel in Eastern North Carolina

Wednesday Evening Menus

Wednesday, May 16

beef stroganoff, noodles, roasted broccoli, rolls, & brownies
Children's Menu: chicken nuggets & fries

Wednesday, May 23

philly cheese steak twice baked potato, salad, & pudding
Children's Menu: beef sandwich & chips

An Update from Carson & Laura Foushee

One of the greatest blessings of the month for me (Carson) was the opportunity to attend part of the Homeless World Cup Asia Meeting hosted by Nobushi Japan leadership. I learned how soccer is connecting people with HIV/AIDS in Indonesia as well as about the thriving street soccer association in Hong Kong for socially excluded men and women. I also made sure to share with the CEO of the Homeless World Cup, whose office is in Edinburgh, about how I have been moved by the kindness of homeless Japanese men who welcome me, an outsider in Japanese society, to a group who also find themselves on the margins of Japanese society. I'm grateful for lessons learned, relationships built, and the opportunities that are still to come with this unique group.

Prayer Request:

We have had trouble in such a large city finding regular conversation partners to practice our Japanese. Please pray that we find some friends that will generously be a part of our language learning process!

Announcements

Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, May 17, 2018

11:00 a.m. - FLC

This will be the last program until we resume again in September. Accomplished sisters Livia Palmer on piano and Rachel Palmer on violin will perform a program of music. You won't want to miss this. To reserve your seat and meal, please call the church at 704-873-7231 no later than noon on Monday, May 14. Or, you may sign up in your Sunday School class on Sunday, May 13, 2018. You may also receive a call. The program starts at 11:00 a.m. Lunch is at 12:00 p.m. at a cost of \$6.00, payable at the door.

Library News

Our church library has received a wonderful gift of beautiful books for young children. These books came from the collection of Pat Campbell and were given to us by her husband Jerry. Pat spent several years of her life teaching children especially in helping them improve their reading skills. Plan to visit your church library soon and check out some books for you and your children to enjoy.

An assistant will be on duty in the library Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and also following the worship service. On Wednesday afternoons the library will be open from 4:00-5:00 p.m. At other times you may use directions on the circulation desk to check out your own books. If you have a question or special request, please call Teddie Hall at 704-873-4029.

Memorial Day Picnic

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Our Memorial Day Picnic will be Sunday, May 27 immediately following the morning worship service. There are a couple of differences this year. First, we will set up and serve in front of the sanctuary. This will be more convenient for us all to step out of worship right into the picnic. It is also the area on our property with the most shade.

Second, we are refocusing this event on targeted outreach. Instead of just doing general advertising to our community, we're encouraging you to invite folks you think might be good prospects for our church. This will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends to our congregation.

Please also remember to bring your favorite dessert or side dish to share! Please be sure to drop your dish by Adams Hall before the worship service.