



THE INTERIM

Don & Lois Hawkins enjoy the Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.



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From the Pastor...



Missions are the heart beat of First Baptist Church. Our congregation has a rich history of missional involvement. Recently, I learned from Carson Foushee's Japanese pastor, Rev. Yasushi Tomono, that our congregation was well known in Japan long before the Foushees started their ministry there.

Mrs. Maude Burke Dozier and her husband, Rev. Charles Kelsey Dozier, were career missionaries in Japan for the first half of the 20th Century. Mrs. Dozier grew up at First Baptist Church of Statesville and was baptized into our congregation. Together this couple started congregations, opened orphanages and founded a seminary.

I was pleased to hear this story of a key connection to First Baptist Church by prominent missionaries. I was not, however, surprised by it. It is simply one more example of our congregation living out its call to know Jesus Christ and to make him known.

We continue this great tradition today in many ways. We support missionaries around the world through giving to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Convention. We support missional endeavors closer to home by providing volunteers and financial support to over a dozen local benevolent ministries (several of which we helped found).

First Baptist Church also has a great tradition of engaging directly in missions. Each year our congregation undertakes a mission trip. Some help by providing financial support while others go on the trip. We have sent our own missionaries around the world and around the corner. We now rotate our trips every three years with one being regional, one being national, and the other being international.

We can be proud of our rich heritage of missional support, but we cannot rest on our laurels or proclaim that we have done our part. The cause of Christ lives on and we need to rise to this call each and every day. It is not enough to learn about missions or to simply give to missions. We must be a church on mission.

One way we can show our continued commitment to missions is Operation In-As-Much.

For over fifteen years our congregation has mobilized our entire membership each spring to make a difference within our community. This year we will gather at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, May 5 and carry Christ's love to many in need.

Will Operation In-As-Much be a success? The answer depends upon YOU! There will be a meaningful project for persons of every age and skill level. Valerie and I will be here and hope you will join us. I'd like to think that a pastor fifty years from now might even be writing about the great mission spirit that lived in First Baptist Church in 2018!

Valerie



Saturday, May 5, 2018

8:00 a.m. Biscuits in Adams Hall
8:30 a.m. Service Projects

- Make Repairs at PowerCross
- Assemble Bean Soup Kits
 - Build Ramps
 - Work in Yards of Local Senior Citizens (Students)
 - Make Blankets for Fifth Street Ministries
 - Sing at Local Assisted Living Facilities
 - Bake Cookies for First Responders (Children)
 - Sign Cards for veterans

INASMUCH AS YOU DID IT FOR THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID IT FOR ME.
— JESUS

Schedule

Sunday, April 29

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
 5:30 p.m. Young Couples Marriage Enrichment

Monday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

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 3

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Saturday, May 5

Operation Inasmuch

Sunday, May 6

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
 5:30 p.m. Young Couples Marriage Enrichment

Monday, May 7

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 8

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

Wednesday, May 9

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 10

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, April 30

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Tuesday, May 1

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, May 2

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, May 3

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

Friday, May 4

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Saturday, May 5

Operation Inasmuch

Monday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 8

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

Wednesday, May 9

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, May 10

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

Friday, May 11

11:45 p.m. Line Dancers



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
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of April 15 & 22, 2018

	4/15	4/22
Church in Bible Study	133	135
Church in Worship.	194	196

Financial Statistics

	April	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	58,587.00	513,051.00
Budget Receipts	43,641.00	474,795.00
Needed to Meet Goal	14,946.00	38,256.00
Alms	764.00	6,593.00
Designated	2,335.00	61,399.00

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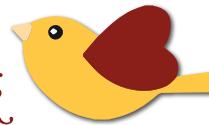
You might have wondered why we had a large crane at our church over the last couple of weeks. Our bell tower received some much needed repair. Workers used the crane to reach all four sides of the bell tower. Repairs included pressure washing, scraping old paint, painting decorative woodwork, and resealing the roof inside the tower.

While we had the work crew here, we also decided to pressure wash the entire sanctuary building and the education building. This was done to remove mildew that was forming on the brick and concrete areas. The cost for the entire project was \$25,925. This was paid out of our reserve funds, which are designated for repairs and maintenance.



Pastor Nelson Granade and Building & Grounds Chair Jody Parlier inspect work on the bell tower.

Unsung Hero Evelyn Funderburk



We can always count on Evelyn to volunteer in the office on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. She will even be glad to pick up an extra shift if we ask! Evelyn is always so cheerful to all who call the church and grateful to help serve her church family!

Thank you 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.



Prayer & the Gospel

Every single time I have watched Franklin Graham (son of Billy Graham, CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Samaritan's Purse) being interviewed on TV, he has taken the opportunity to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to the millions who are watching. Not only does he travel the world preaching the gospel, but in addition to giving humanitarian aid to those who are suffering, he always presents the gospel to them as well. Most of us cannot travel the world, but we can ALL pray! As we move from praying for ourselves, our family, our friends, and our church, we can touch the world through our prayers. This is "kingdom praying"—"thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". When asked what four places in our world are most desperate for prayer, Franklin replied: North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Iran. Could we all join in prayer for these four countries this week—for the people, the leaders, the extreme conditions, and most of all for salvation? As we touch God in prayer, He touches those for whom we pray.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather



...then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.

Leviticus 26:4



CBF Mission Bites

Bite 79: Friendship of Beloved Community

"Human trafficking is the slavery of our time. Women who have been trafficked often times have been subjected to profound trauma both physically and mentally. They also face social rejection, discrimination and humiliation both in their own society and the one for which they are forced to work. In France, a group of Christian women have joined together through the Ladies in Waiting ministry. This group aims to reach out and minister in holistic and meaningful ways to prostitutes.

The first time we met Jessica, we invited her to a Ladies in Waiting picnic and invited her to bring a friend if she would like. Jessica said, 'I don't have a friend.' That is what this ministry is all about; building beloved community with those who do not have a friend."

- Joel and Tiffne Whitley, CBF field personnel in Strasbourg, France

Bite 80: The Practicality of Beloved Community

"The doorbell rang one morning before any of us were quite dressed. Monika and Damian, our young Polish friends, stood on the doorstep. On this icy morning, their daily commute in bumper-to-bumper traffic had resulted in a domino-effect auto accident. Their Dutch boss had given them the rest of the day off to sort things out. They came by for prayer, moral support, and help in navigating Dutch accident reports and insurance systems. Keith ended up phoning the insurance company for them and going along to several garages. These are simple, practical things which we know -- from personal experience as strangers in a strange land-all internationals need and appreciate. It is through these connections and simple actions that we are able to cultivate beloved community in the Netherlands."

- Keith Holmes and Mary van Rheenen, CBF field personnel in the Netherlands

Wednesday Evening Menus

Wednesday, May 2

ground beef & macaroni casserole, green beans, greek salad, rolls, & cake

Children's Menu: grilled cheese & french fries

Wednesday, May 9

pork chops, braised red cabbage, mac & cheese, rolls, & cake

Children's Menu: mac & cheese

Announcements

Shag Lessons & Walking Club

During our Sunday morning meetings prior to the Family Life Center reopening, we gathered information on how we could best utilize the facility for our members. One activity that showed a lot of interest was shagging. I have a gentleman that is willing to teach our folks. Mr. Jim Horton has agreed to teach a beginners class on Monday or Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. This would cost \$40.00/couple for four weeks due up front. He would like at least 10 couples to start. He would also be available to teach an intermediate class 8:00-9:00 p.m. for the same cost. Mr. Horton is well known in the shagging circles. If you are interested, please contact me at 704-872-8552.

There is also interest in a walking club. The times available for this activity would be Monday or Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on the walking track. This would not interfere with the shag class. Several members already walk on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Some come on Thursday morning while some play pickleball, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Thank you & God bless,
Steve Koontz

**We Are Family
Eastertide Sermon Series
Sundays - 10:00 a.m.**

April 29, 2018
Healthy Families Learn to Forgive
Matthew 18:15, 17; 21-22

May 20, 2018
Healthy Families Grow
Acts 2:42-47 & Mark 3:31-35

May 6, 2018
Healthy Families Respect and Trust One Another
Romans 12:3-13

May 27, 2018
Healthy Families Serve Others
*Ephesians 4:11-13
Romans 12:3-13*

May 13, 2018
Healthy Families Redeem the Time
*Ephesians 5:15-20
Romans 12:3-13*



**Building A Strong Family
Wednesday Evening Series
6:00 p.m. - FLC**

May 2
Building Forgiving Families

May 23
Building Responsible Families

May 9
Building Trusting Families

May 30
Building Useful Families

May 16
Building Committed Families