



Vicki Marsh and Paulette Templeton help serve snacks at Vacation Bible School.



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From the Pastor...

Summer is not quite over, but the kids are already back in school. Soon our Wednesday evening schedule will be back in full-swing. We launch Wednesday, August 21 with a Fall Kickoff. This is an intergenerational event that will give us the opportunity to practice *Growing Young* by spending time in fellowship. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs starting at 5:00 p.m. and share the desserts we all bring.

Our regular activities will begin in full on Wednesday, August 28 with something for every age group. Kids will enjoy the Wonderful Wednesday After-School Program and then music and missions. Teens will have the opportunity to spend time with Elizabeth Barnard Kilby, as well as learning leadership from other adults in our church. And our adults will be focusing on "God's Purpose in Prayer."

Wednesday nights are the one time our entire church can be together and get to know each other in a more relaxed setting. Whether you've been a Wednesday regular, have never tried Wednesday events or are brand new to the congregation; I hope you will join the rest of your church family each Wednesday. The kids get to call it Wonderful Wednesday, but it's pretty great for everyone!

Nolan

God's Purpose in Prayer Adult Wednesday Night Study

- Forgiveness and Restoration
 - Direction and Confidence
 - Petition and Hope
 - Loyalty and Trust
 - Identity and Purpose
- Discernment and Wisdom
 - Vision and Deliverance
 - Faith and Possibility
- Dependence and Intervention
 - Memory and Mercy
 - Confession and Insight
 - Perspective and Justice
 - Presence and Security

Fall Kickoff

Wednesday, August 21, 2019
5:00 p.m. - FLC

Join us as we kick off the season!

We will have a hamburger & hot dog dinner.
Please bring a homemade dessert to share.
Inflatables will be set up in the gym.

We will introduce the Wednesday evening study topic beginning this fall!

We will accept donations to cover the cost of the meal.

Schedule

Sunday, August 18

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

Monday, August 19

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 20

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, August 21

5:00 p.m. Fall Kickoff - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, August 22

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 27

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, August 28

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program

5:00 p.m. Fall Kickoff - FLC

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, August 29

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Pickleball
 5:00 p.m. Fall Kickoff

Thursday, August 22

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

Friday, August 23

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, August 28

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

Thursday, August 29

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

Friday, August 29

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	80,840.00	808,400.00
Budget Receipts	30,147.00	713,740.00
Needed to Meet Goals	50,693.00	94,660.00
Alms	275.00	5,745.00
Designated	528.00	156,911.00

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 August 4 & 11, 2019

	8/4	8/11
Church in Bible Study	134	114
Church in Worship	195	183

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
 Philippians 4:13



Two Thousand Years Plus or Minus

That is as old as Christianity itself! Wow! That is the estimated combined age of our Homebound Membership.

These are people who have helped build this church into the beautiful place and powerful force for God that it is. They have sponsored missionaries, financially supported this church, taught in our preschool and nurseries, ushered, sung in the choir and on and on.

They were school teachers, business owners, crafts people, hospital administrators, etc. The knowledge that they have collectively equals the wealth of a great library; yet they are generally out of sight and out of mind. Oh no, we don't mean for that to be the case, but we get so busy with our own lives, our children and grandchildren that we frequently forget.

Not only do we have those homebound BUT we have Guardian Angels also. They are the people that visit our Homebound Members - those who can no longer be as active as they were for many years. These Guardian Angels visit monthly (sometimes even more) and take the literature that the church supplies which also includes Bible study material. Sometimes they may take food, flowers or some other small gift that these folks cherish. They try to help them be in touch with the church.

Our homebound also need prayers from other members. One never gets prayed for too much. Would you adopt one and pray for them this week? This would mean so much to them and I think that you would benefit from it also. While you are praying, please pray for the Guardian Angels also. They give of their time and caring love to assist these wonderful members. We also send the Interim and literature to those who have had to relocate to be close to family. They have only moved in body but their spirit will always be with us. Cards are signed at Wednesday night prayer meeting and are sent to them on a rotating basis.

The following is a list of those wonderful folks. Please look it over and decide who you will occasionally contact through cards, letters, phone calls and/or visits. Your prayers are the very most important thing.

Nedra Broyhill	Joan Hopkins	Arnold & Mary Nunnery
Irene Blackburn	Lois James	Genoa Taylor
Charlie Boggs	Jerry & Karen Livingston	Louise Taylor
Ruth Bondurant	Phil & Jerry Mills	Ovaline Watts
Marceline Duncan	Nancy Milstead	Vera Webster
Betty Grant	Bill & Jeanie Murdock	Burwell Whittenton
Mary Hayes		Ken & Ellen White

Present Guardian Angels: Elizabeth Benfield, Caroline Bentley, Jerry Campbell, Phil & Jean Crowder, Kaye & Don Daniel, Lynn & Dennis Deal, Nancy Garland, Carol Heckel, & Charles Guy.

Five Prayers to Start Your Day

My friend David Butts shared the following prayer prompts with me (and I added to them).

1. Fix Your Eyes on Jesus. First, spend time in worship. This may require getting up earlier.
2. Cultivate Gratefulness. Resist the urge to begin with your "list", rather thank God as you take time to think back over all He's done for you.
3. Dwell with the Lord. Choose a verse (there are many in the Psalms) that brings you close to God and stay there a while. This brings intimacy with God.
4. Draw Near. James 4:8 says, "Come near to God and He will come near to you". (You can't talk face to face with someone who is far away.)
5. Put on your armor. The world into which you will soon step is hostile. The devil is waiting for you. When you put on God's armor (Eph. 6:10-18) the devil will be no match for you.
6. Now for your list...if you can remember it!

His servant and your friend
Ginny Stikeleather



Announcements

CBF Misson Bites

Mission Bite 141: Succeeding in Loving Our Neighbor

The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:34 (NIV)

One of my greatest curiosities is whether we, as Christians, are succeeding in loving our neighbor. Over the last year, I sat down with over one hundred Muslim migrants to Christian-majority contexts in this country to find an answer to that question. Over cups of coffee and tea, we chatted about their experience in their new "Christian" home.

Every single family said that they felt welcomed by their Christian neighbors. Furthermore, most had found a more pleasant and tolerant atmosphere when compared to their origin.

- Mike, CBF field personnel serving in Southeast Asia

Mission Bite 142: Partner, Engage, and Learn Together

In April, we were able to host a few people from one of our Encourager Churches, First Baptist Church of Austin, Texas. They came for an exposure/encourage trip to learn more about our work here and encourage and minister to us.

It was wonderful getting to share about this place with our friends from First Austin. There is something so special about sharing all the things we love about Chinese life and culture with others. We feel called here, and opportunities to introduce our life and calling to our partners are affirming.

We spent the week having meals with some of our local Chinese fellowship friends and talking about how our group here can be connected with the folks at First Austin. It is neat when, not only does our Encourager Church get involved with our Chinese fellowship, but that our Chinese fellowship can encourage and share with our Encourager Church.

We, as Americans, can easily feel that we have a lot to give, but we also can learn so much from our Chinese brothers and sisters. It is amazing to see how God creates Beloved Community around the globe. We are so thankful to be connected to our Encourager Church and hope to continue to find ways to partner, engage, and learn together.

- Brittany and Casey, CBF field personnel serving in China



Welcome to our Church Family!

Melinda Induni joined our congregation by a statement of faith at the worship service on Sunday, August 4. Welcome to our church family!

Promotion Sunday Sunday, August 18, 2019

Children will move to their new Sunday School classes, and sixth graders will join the Venture Students,

Wonderful Wednesdays Resume Wednesday, August 28, 2019

We currently pick up children from Cool Spring Elementary, American Renaissance School, East Elementary, and Montessori. We are open to expanding with enough interest. Register your child now at www.statesvillefbc.org.

Deacon Ministry Team Nominations

We are now taking nominations for our Deacon Ministry Team. Ballots are placed in the Sunday morning bulletin. Deacons currently serving are Jason Allen, Shannon Ashley, William Barnard, Carol Hunter, Vicki Marsh, Jane Mitchell, Clarence Poole, David Potter, Andrea Williams. You may place your nominations in the offering plate or turn them in to the church office by Friday, August 23.

Precept Study: Revelation - the sign of His coming Begins Tuesday, September 3 & Wednesday, September 4
Tuesdays: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. & Wednesdays: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Now is the time to start making plans to attend our Fall Precept Bible Study: "Revelation - the sign of His coming". See Caroline Bentley or Ginny Stikeleather for questions. You may sign up at the Welcome Center.

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 face painting!

