

Jody Parlier removes a concrete sidewalk at the Building & Grounds Work Day on April 23, 2016.



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From the Pastor...



Our congregation has voted overwhelmingly to do what it takes to ensure that *All May See and Hear!* Our next step is to raise the funds to make our new sound system, updated television equipment and new signage a reality. We will have to pledge \$150,000 and have at least \$75,000 in hand to proceed.

You will soon have the opportunity to make your commitment. A letter and commitment card will be mailed out next week. The letter will detail our plans and provide you with additional information on these needs. It will also ask you to commit toward making these projects a reality.

Our deacons, staff and a few families have already led the way by making early commitments. I am pleased to announce that we already have \$75,000 pledged and \$24,251 given to date. This is a wonderful start! It both inspires and encourages me.

Since generosity begets generosity, I am confident that when we all participate that we will make our goal. For now I'm asking you to do two things. First, begin to pray about your commitment to this project over the next two years. Second, watch for the letter next week and read the information when it arrives.

So many good things are happening at First Baptist Church of Statesville. Our ministries are expanding and our worship is energetic and meaningful. God is moving among us. Let's make sure All May See and Hear what God is doing!

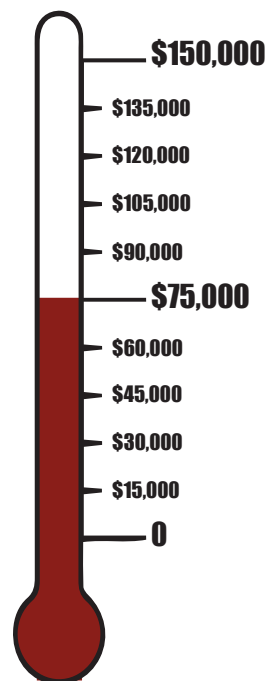
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*But blessed are your eyes because they see,
and your ears because they hear.*

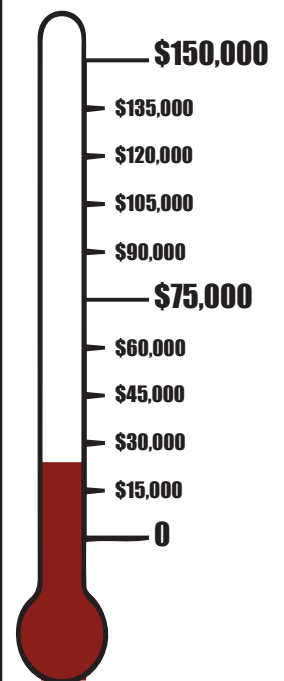
Matthew 13:16

So All May See & Hear

Pledged



Given



Schedule

Sunday, May 15

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

Goal of 200 in Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, May 16

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, May 18

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal - FLC
6:00 p.m. Study Groups- FLC
6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Yoga
11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon - FLC
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, May 20

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, May 21

6:30 a.m. Church Yard Sale

Sunday, May 22

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
2:00 Reception to Honor Preschool Director Renae Keesbury

Monday, May 23

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
12:00 p.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, May 24

9:00 a.m. Yoga -FLC
6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, May 25

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal - FLC
6:00 p.m. Study Groups
6:00 p.m. Activities for Students & Children
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Yoga
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, May 27

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Spiritual Statistics

Week of May 8, 2016

Church in Bible Study	131
Church in Worship.....	233
8:30 a.m. service.....	65
10:55 a.m. service.....	168

Financial Statistics

Week of May 8, 2016

Budget - Received	10,345.45
Alms	50.00
Designated - Received	2,264.00
Sound System	5,325.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 5/8/16	17,984.95
Budget for 2015-2016	893,174.00
Weekly Budget Needed	17,176.42
Budget Needs To Date	549,645.54
Budget Given to Date	500,968.59
Behind Budget	(48,676.95)
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date	66,896.91
Alms Received-Year to Date	5728.50
Total Giving-Year to Date	597,845.00
So All May See & Hear	24,251.00

Financial Statements Available in Church Office

Financial statements for the month of April are available in the church office for anyone who requests them



Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8 (NRSV)

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.....	Interim Minister of Christian Education
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....	Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Prayer For Repentance

Prayed By Ginny Stikeleather

National Day of Prayer Observance

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Oh Lord, You have led us for 240 years as a nation. You have led us through fire and flood and even enemy attack, but we have forgotten what great things You have done for us. Instead of growing in humility we have excelled in arrogance. Instead of keeping Your commandments we have written our own. Believing in Your infinite power to initiate a great fire from one tiny spark, we pray that You take the sparks of prayer that are being lifted up all over this nation today and start a fire that will sweep through the United States of America—the land that You have ordained and protected as the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. Oh God, we bow the knee today and repent of turning our back on You and following the idols of the world; we repent of neglecting to live out your Word and teach it to our children; we repent of gluttony on worldliness, and rich, but hungry, land. We repent of the sexual immorality that is rampant, even among believers. And, Father, we repent of the political correctness that we have allowed to replace godliness. May this National Day of Prayer be more than a day of observance; may it be a day of action. (Moment of personal repentance) Now, Father, let us go forward to lift up Jesus Christ so that this nation will be drawn back to You.

Amen and amen!!



July 25 - 29, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Children step back in time at Egypt, exploring the life of Joseph. Kids participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Egyptian eats, visit Joseph in prison and then in his palace home. Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day begins at Celebration - a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.





Message by: Dr. Nelson Granade

Worship with us Sundays 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.

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Announcements

Support The Belize Team!

Each Sunday School class received a picture of a member of the Belize Team and should pray for that person and the work that person will do while in Belize. The Belize Team is in need of full-size flat (not fitted) bed sheets. You may bring your donations to the church Mondays-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or on Sunday mornings.

Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, May 19, 2016 11:00 a.m. ~ FLC

Our last meeting of the program year will be in the Family Life Center at 11:00 a.m. this coming Thursday. This program will be presented by Violinist Kathy Estes and friends. You don't want to miss this. So, to reserve your seat, please call the church at 704-873-7231 or sign up in your Sunday School Class on Sunday. As usual, the meal will be served at 12:00 p.m. at a cost of \$6.00 payable at the door.

Yard Sale To Benefit Belize Team Saturday, May 21, 2016

We are beginning to collect items for a yard sale that will benefit the Belize Mission Trip. You may bring your donations to the church office, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you would like to have any large items picked up, please call Melissa Wilson at 704-873-7231 to set up a pick up time.

Reception To Honor Preschool Director Renae Keesbury Sunday, May 22, 2016 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. ~ Adams Hall

Please join us Sunday, May 22 as we honor Renae Keesbury for all her years of service as FBC's Preschool Director. Renae will retire at the end of May. Please stop by to show your appreciation for her great work.



Memorial Day Picnic Sunday, May 29, 2016

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Picnic Lunch on the Church Lawn



Please plan to stay for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The church will provide the pulled pork BBQ. Please bring a side or dessert (or 2!) to share! This is a community event. We will need lots of food to go around. There will also be games, snow cones, and inflatables for the kids!



Coffee Rotation Sunday, May 15

David Potter

Sunday, May 22

Gary & Pat Fyfe

Clothes Closet Rotation Thursday, May 19

Phil Crowder & Jesse Jackson

Thursday, May 26

Bob Boroughs & Jeff Templeton

Operation Inasmuch Projects Saturday, May 14, 2016

Join us for this special day as we work together to better our community. There is a place for everyone to help. We will meet in Adams Hall at 7:30 a.m. for biscuits and a time of prayer. At 8:00 a.m., we will depart to our project locations. We will work on the following projects:

Yard Work (Students)

Fishing Kits (Kids)

Blanket Making

Bean Soup Mix Assembly

Habitat House

Power Cross

Bicycle Repair

Wheelchair Ramp Building

Photography

