



Our team of volunteers works hard making individual boxed BBQ dinners for everyone who attended the World Communion Sunday picnic on October 4, 2020.



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From the Pastor...

Stewardship is a wonderful Biblical word full of meaning and challenge. Unfortunately, it has been so over used and abused that it has lost much of its impact. When a pastor announces that he or she is beginning a stewardship series; most people just hear, “we’re about to get asked for money.”

Yet, stewardship is about so much more than money. It is a deep recognition that nothing we have is truly ours. Everything is a gift from God to be used for God’s purposes. Stewardship is a call to live gratefully as we learn how to receive and give blessings.

To demonstrate the depth of the Bible’s call to stewardship, I’m going to preach a seven part series. I won’t, however, focus on the financial aspect of stewardship until the last sermon. Instead, we will begin with God’s creation and humankind’s role as caretakers.

From creation, we will move to our call to be stewards of God’s temple – our bodies. Then we will explore how we can be stewards of our thoughts by allowing God to renew our minds. From there we will explore the vastness of God’s love and our stewardship of God’s grace.

Lastly we will focus on the blessings of sharing our time, talents, and treasure. None of these sermons will be high pressure sells, but rather calls to faith. God doesn’t want a resentful giver and neither do I. Stewardship is about recognizing our blessings and becoming a blessing to others.

Stewardship is not about raising money; it is about growing disciples. I look forward to exploring the privilege of Christian stewardship with you. Whether you join us in person or online, I hope you will pay close attention over the next few weeks. If not, you might miss a blessing.

Faithful Stewards Fall Sermon Series

October 11, 2020
Stewards of Creation
Genesis 1:26-31

October 18, 2020
Stewards of our Bodies
I Corinthians 6:19-20

October 25, 2020
Stewards of our Minds
Romans 12:1-2

November 1, 2020
Stewards of God’s Grace
(All Saints Day)
I Peter 4:7-11

November 8, 2020
Stewards of our Time
Ephesians 5:15-20

November 15, 2020
Stewards of our Talents
Romans 12:3-8

November 22, 2020
Stewards of our Treasure
II Corinthians 9:6-11

Schedule

Sunday, October 11

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
Uploaded to YouTube

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - FLC & Zoom
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, October 12

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 14

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study - Zoom

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening To-Go Meal

Menu: lasagna, meatballs, green beans, & brownies

Thursday, October 15

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, October 18

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
Uploaded to YouTube

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - FLC & Zoom
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 21

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study - Zoom

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening To-Go Meals

Menu: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, & cookies

Thursday, October 22

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of September 27 & October 4, 2020

	9/27	10/4
In-Person62	.79
Live Stream Views	48	51

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
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Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
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Sunday School Options

1. In-Person: We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Family Life Center. We will social distance and masks are required.

2. Everyone is invited to join the Horizons or Crosswalk Zoom Class at 8:45 a.m. for the lesson and discussion.

3. The lesson is pre-recorded and uploaded to our YouTube page at 7:00 a.m. You can access the recording by visiting our website, www.statesvillefbc.org, and clicking the direct link to the YouTube page.

Sunday School Zoom Links

Crosswalk

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5836118334?pwd=SHhFZzd-FZlI4ZVRGdW95Mzh3THlCdz09>
Meeting ID: 583 611 8334
Passcode: 3760

Horizons

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74224580015?pwd=N-FVWRzJKc040c3daajdSbytpNnVtUT09>
Meeting ID: 742 2458 0015
Password: ONDGPa

A Note of Appreciation from the Hedrick Family

Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, visits, and the many memorials sent in Larry's memory. It is comforting to have such good friends.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we mourn Larry's passing.

Again, many thanks from all the family.

Love in Christ,
Sue, Chris, Suzanne, and Derek



Financial Statistics

	October	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	69,997.00	69,997.00
Budget Receipts	62,209.00	62,209.00
Needed to Meet Goals	7,788.00	7,788.00
Alms		693.00
Designated		3,625.00

World Communion Sunday

We gathered on the church lawn for a communion service and boxed BBQ picnic on World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2020. This was a wonderful day that allowed us to share the Lord's Supper while remaining socially distant.



Your Greatest Need

When we pray, it is usually for God to meet our needs—something for ourselves or someone we love, for our church, for our country. If we're really selfless, we may concentrate on world needs—hunger, the lost, an end to terrorism, etc. But our greatest need is not for good health, obedient children, a perfect marriage (or marriage at all), a better job, or more money. Our greatest need is God's presence. A good prayer upon waking each morning would be: "Lord, keep me aware of Your presence throughout this day". When we experience the constant presence of the Great "I AM" who says, "It is I; don't be afraid" (John 6:20), we have the assurance that our needs are being taken care of.

You can read more about God's constant presence in Max Lucado's new book, "You are Never Alone".

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather



CBF Mission Bites

Mission Bite 198: Practicing Holistic Community

For the last 20 years, Together for Hope (TFH) has worked in rural America with partners who have at times felt isolated in the work that they do. We've walked alongside them in their holistic work, learned best practices for engagement and worked with many of you in rural communities from South Carolina to South Dakota.

Over 3/4 of the land in the US is considered rural. Almost all of. Almost all of CBF's churches are within an hour of a rural space and many are within a couple of hours of a community of persistent rural poverty.

As TFH expands our coalition of nonprofits, churches and individuals who are practicing holistic community development, there are opportunities for folks like you to create relationships. How many rural spaces are near you? What ways can you engage in walking alongside those who live in those rural spaces? Much of my work is helping people find the answers to these questions. Please pray for the Together for Hope coalition partners as they work to create a bright future for rural communities throughout the United States.

-Stephanie Vance, Together for Hope Manager, Athens, Ala

Mission Bite 199: Finding a New CLUE

One of my favorite partners here in New York City is Greater Restoration Baptist Church in Brooklyn. During a normal summer, we would be doing CLUE Camp together for six weeks for about 30 young people. This year, because camp wasn't possible, one of the community ministers there put together an effort to give out school and toiletry supplies to the community. You all helped make this sharing of light in the midst of the darkness possible. Thank you!

This COVID season has really magnified the power of community and partnership, whether we have had to rely on donations from partners to meet the increase in needs in our neighborhood or contribute our own gifts to communal efforts. Where in your own community is partnership possible? How can you contribute—your gifts, voice, hands—to amplify the impact of emergency and community COVID-19 response in your corner of the world?

-Lesey-Ann Hix Tommey, Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries, New York, N.Y.

A Note From Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby



I am so excited to be with you and add on this missions role. Especially as we move into the holiday months, I think about even more ways in which we each can live a life on mission within our homes and our community.

We all think about the international trips, and they are wonderful. They open our eyes and hearts to amazing revelations and challenge us to think and stretch. We also realize that our mission field is also at home in our backyards and on our front porches within our community and homes.

Realizing this mission field is often the hardest, most awkward, and sticky because we are immersed within our community. This often times makes missions a point of contention because it requires change, hard conversations, and reframing our mindset. It can, however, lead to the greatest impacts on our local body. Acts 1:8 stresses the need to start local and move out from there.

As I talk with and learn from our local mission partners, I listen to the cries of our community. It is my prayer that we act to solve those cries. May we reframe our minds daily to that of Christ, looking for conversations and situations that though they may be even harder locally than internationally, we don't back down. My prayer is that we

allow our eyes to be opened to the will of God, however uncomfortable that may be. I am excited to see what He does and how He leads and just as excited to participate with you in this journey of missions which God has called FBC.

Many thoughts and Prayers,