



Preschool Director Melissa Wilson and Assistant Director Kari Lindeman lead a meeting with all the Weekday Preschool teachers. The teachers returned August 29 to prepare for the start of school on September 6.



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## From the Pastor...



The kids are back to school and many of them have to write their first paper. You know the old standard – “What I Did Over the Summer.” If I were writing one for First Baptist Church, I’d report that we had a great summer! In fact, where most congregations experience a summer slump, we experienced a summer surge. This summer we’ve grown 15% in average worship attendance and 22% in average Sunday School Attendance.

This wonderful trend sets us up for a great year as we settle into our fall ministry programming. Your staff, deacons and key lay leaders have been working hard over the summer planning for a productive new year. We’ve set an efficient budget, updated our ministry teams and added new Sunday School classes. We’ve also decided to continue and expand upon our Church theme – Together in Christ: Living, Learning, Serving.

Our focus on being *Together in Christ* will be strengthened by a fall sermon series entitled: Being Community – Loving One Another. Each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening we will delve deeply into the “one another” sayings of scripture. We talk a lot about having a united fellowship and the “one another” sayings give us specific instructions about how to live in loving community.

In the midst of a consumerist world, people are longing for authenticity. Jesus pointedly said that his disciples will be known by our love for one another (John 13:35). The best witness we can offer is to love our brothers and sisters in Christ and to extend that love through ministry to others. If we do this, many will be drawn to our fellowship. Growth is never the goal, but rather a byproduct of living in the Spirit.

We have accomplished so much over the past year and God is blessing our efforts. I am excited to be a part of First Baptist Church of Statesville and can’t wait to see what God will do next.

*Nolan*

### *Being Community - Loving One Another*

#### Fall Sermon Series

**September 11, 2016**

**Love One Another**

John 15:12-17

**September 18, 2016**

**Confess to One Another**

James 5:13-18

**September 25, 2016**

**Forgive One Another**

Ephesians 4:25-32

**October 2, 2016**

**Wait For One Another**

I Corinthians 11:17-34

**October 9, 2016**

**Be At Peace With One Another**

Mark 9:49-50

**October 16, 2016**

**Teach One Another**

Romans 15:14

**October 23, 2016**

**Encourage One Another**

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 & Hebrews 10:19-25

**October 30, 2016**

**Be Humble With One Another**

I Peter 5:3-6

**November 6, 2016**

**Comfort One Another**

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

**November 13, 2016**

**Serve One Another**

Galatians 5:13-15 & John 13:14

**November 20, 2016**

**Gratefully Sing to One Another**

Ephesians 5:15-20

## Schedule

### Sunday, September 4

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

### Monday, September 5

**Happy Labor Day!**

**Church Office Closed**

### Tuesday, September 6

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC  
 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

### Wednesday, September 7

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal  
 6:00 p.m. Presentation & Discussion of 2016-2017 Budget  
 & Adult Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

### Thursday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Yoga

### Friday, September 9

12:30 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

### Sunday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
 11:00 a.m. Business Management Team Available for Questions -  
 Adams Hall  
 4:00 p.m. Deacon Ministry Team  
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

### Monday, September 12

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

### Tuesday, September 13

9:00 a.m. Yoga -FLC  
 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym  
**Wednesday, September 14**  
 9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall  
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal  
 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students  
 6:00 p.m. Second Discussion of 2016-2017 Budget  
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice - Choir Room

### Thursday, September 15

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

### Friday, September 16

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

## 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  
 Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students  
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of August 21 & 28, 2016

	8/21	8/28
Church in Bible Study .....	171	173
Church in Worship.....	234	244

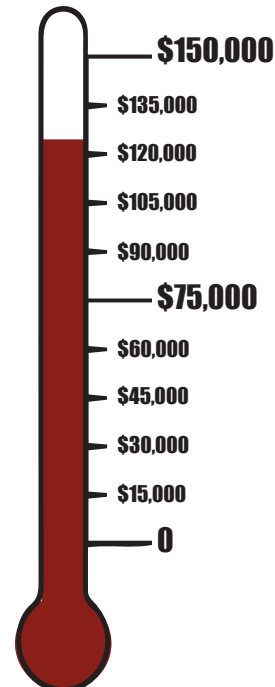
## Financial Statistics

### Weeks of August 21 & 28, 2016

	8/21	8/28
Budget - Received	15,801.50	13,878.96
Alms	0.00	100.00
Designated - Received	165.00	1,380.00
Sound System	435.00	695.00
<b>TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 8/21/16</b>		16,401.50
<b>TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 8/28/16</b>		16,053.96
<b>Budget for 2015-2016</b>		893,174.00
Weekly Budget Needed		17,176.42
Budget Needs To Date		824,468.31
Budget Given to Date		716,542.22
Behind Budget		(107,926.09)
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		100,272.44
Alms Received-Year to Date		7,400.50
Total Giving-Year to Date		946,741.16
<b>So All May See &amp; Hear</b>		<b>122,526.00</b>

## So All May See & Hear

### Given



# Prayer Point

## From Dread to Delight

Lord, I confess: I have a resistance in my heart toward spending time in prayer. I can think of a million other things I'd be more comfortable doing. But—I want to know You, and I realize that will only come through PRAYER. Lord, teach me to pray, teach me how to pray, and PLEASE place in my heart a desire to pray.

Is this your prayer? If so, please know that prayer sometimes begins as a discipline, but always ends as a delight! The more we pray (dialogue with the One Who created us, knows us best and loves us most), the more we learn to pray and the more we desire to pray.

I challenge you this week: discipline yourself to pray five minutes each day. Soon you will lose track of the time and find that dread has gone from discipline to desire to delight.

Oh, Lord, may I never substitute ANYTHING for the privilege of talking with You!

His servant and your friend,  
Ginny Stikeleather

## Fall Schedule



### Sunday Mornings

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

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

### Wednesday Evening Activities Resume September 7, 2016

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal

Cost: \$6.00/adult, \$5.00/child or \$22.00/family

5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### Welcome Our New Wednesday Night Cooks!

Many of you have enjoyed the lunches Hilda Lee and Sharron Parish have provided this summer and will be glad to know that they will be teaming up to cook our Wednesday evening meals this fall. We hope everyone will give our new cooks a try and enjoy our fellowship meal each week. In order to make sure we cover our cost, our new prices will be \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (with a cap of \$22.00 per family). We want everyone to participate. If cost is an issue, please see one of our ministers and we will make arrangements to help.



Message by: Dr. Nelson Granade  
Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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## Announcements

### Happy 60th Anniversary to Blake & Shirley Deal!

Blake and Shirley Deal celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Friday, September 2. Congratulations!



### Clothes Closet Rotation Thursday, September 8

Mac Funderburk & Peggy Koepnick

### Thursday, September 15

Phil Crowder & Jesse Jackson

### 2016 - 2017 Budget

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

Budget Presented to Congregation

**Sunday, September 11, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

The Business Management Team will be available for questions in Adams Hall.

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

Second Congregational Budget Discussion

**Sunday, September 18, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

Budget Approved by Congregation in Worship Service

### Wednesday Evening Menus

#### Wednesday, September 7

Bacon Cheese Burgers  
Roasted Potato Wedges  
Brownies  
Kids Menu: same

#### Wednesday, September 14

Baked Potato & Salad Bar  
Stone Fruit Cobbler  
Kids Menu: Grilled Cheese & Chips

### Joyful Noises

**Monday, September 12**

**10:00 a.m. ~ Brookdale Peachtree**

The Joyful Noises will sing at Brookdale Peachtree on Monday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m.

### Precept Bible Study ~ John Part 3

**Begins Tuesday September 13 ~ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. &**

**Wednesday, September 14 ~ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

It's time once again to sign up for Precept Bible Study. John Part 3 will cover the Last Supper, an in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' High Priestly prayer, His crucifixion, and resurrection. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 13 (6:00-8:00 p.m.), and Wednesday, September 14 (9:30-11:30 a.m.). We will break for Thanksgiving and Christmas on November 15 and 16 and finish up in January. Note: John Parts 1 and 2 are NOT required. John Part 3 is a complete study in itself. The study will be led by Ginny Stikeleather and Caroline Bentley. Please sign up in the Welcome Center today for a great time of fellowship, discussion, and learning.

### Fellowship Golf Outing

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

**1:00 p.m. ~ Statesville Country Club**

You are invited to the Fellowship Golf Outing on Saturday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m. The location is Statesville Country Club with lunch being served at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Cost is \$40.00. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Simon at 704-437-2849.

### Sound System Is Coming Soon!

All of the equipment for our new sound system has arrived at Clarity Incorporated in Charlotte and is being prepped for installation. Technicians will begin putting it in after Labor Day, so be mindful of the work being done as you come in and out of the sanctuary. We look forward to having our new system up and operating very soon! Thank you to all who have given to help make sure that All May See and Hear!

### Senior Adult Luncheon

**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

**11:00 a.m. ~ Family Life Center**

The first meeting of the new season will feature Joe Hudson as our speaker. You will recognize him as a contributing writer for the Record & Landmark. He is the author of "Big Decisions Are Made With Hot Dogs". You can hear this well-known humorist by calling the church at 704-873-7231 or by signing up in your Sunday School class. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m., and the meal will be served at 12:00 at a cost of \$6.00.

