



THE INTERIM

The students enjoy a day at the lake.

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From the Pastor...

One of the most difficult aspects in the fight against Covid-19 is the strain on community. God created us to be social creatures. Our faith calls us to be in right relationship with God and one another. In fact, Christ died to restore our connection with God and neighbor.

Social distancing is necessary, but stressful. We wear a mask and stay six feet apart as a way of showing our care for others. It is perhaps the most loving action we can take right now, but it feels uncaring. Distancing by its nature separates us from one another.

We are all struggling with ways to stay connected while keeping each other safe. This is especially true of our church. How do we maintain a warm fellowship when we can't even be in the same room without masks? It is a challenge we must answer and God will provide a way.

Of course we've already taken many steps to help stay connected. Our staff, deacons and other leaders make calls to our members. Our Homebound Team is checking on our shut-ins. Members are reaching out to each other on social media, and with cards and calls. Our ministries are offered online. These are good first steps, but we still need more.

I invite you to think of safe and responsible ways to reconnect with other church members. **One way I hope to do this is by instituting "Under the Oak."** I'm inviting you to meet me under the large oak tree in the back parking lot. My purpose is to provide a time for us to catch up, reconnect and pray together.

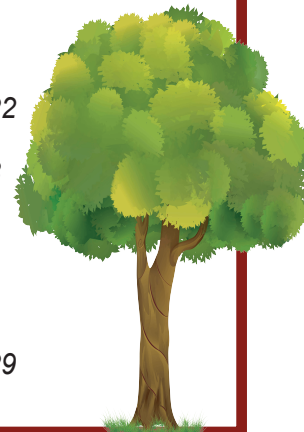
There are a few rules we'll have to follow to keep safe. We will limit each session to ten people (please sign up on our website or by calling the church office). We will keep at least six feet apart. We will go into the Fellowship Hall if it rains (mask will be required if we go inside). Most of all, we will share our stories and pray for one another.

The strain of separation is hard on us all and it complicates how we do ministry. Even as a pastor, I'm not allowed to visit hospitals or nursing homes. Feeling disconnected from my people, especially when they are hurting, is distressing to me and to those I serve. Yet, God can bring good out of even the most challenging situation.

I hope you will call on me if you have any need and we will find a way to safely connect. Please sign up and join me "Under the Oak" or reach out to me if you need to talk more privately. Thank you for your continued prayers for our congregation and its leadership. As the hymn says, "We are called to be God's people showing by our lives God's grace."

Under the Oak

- Tuesday, July 21
9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 22
7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 23
9:00 a.m.
- Monday, July 27
7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 28
9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 29
9:00 a.m.



Schedule

Sunday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Live Stream
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 20

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

9:00 a.m. Wilderness Escape Vacation Bible School
7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Wilderness Escape Vacation Bible School
12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study - Zoom

Thursday, July 23

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive - Adams Hall
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, July 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Live Stream
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 27

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, July 29

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

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

Thursday, July 30

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Noon Bible Study On Zoom Acts: An Unhindered Gospel Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Nelson will lead the Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom on Wednesdays at noon. We will study the book of Acts: An Unhindered Gospel.

Phone: 929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 259 365 815 Password: 978702

July 22, 2020

On Trial for Faith
(21:15-26:32)

July 29, 2020

The Gospel for the Whole World
(27:1 – 28:31)

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

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mon - Thur, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Fri
Tel: 704-873-7231

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Sunday School Zoom Links

You can use these links to access your Sunday School class meeting every Sunday.

Youth

<https://zoom.us/j/498935664?pwd=dzZXSHVwTmRZWjc2-cldpbXJKam1Fdz09>
Meeting ID: 498 935 664
Password: FBCSYOUTH

Links on the church website and Facebook page have been deactivated for internet safety.

Horizons

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74224580015?pwd=NFVWRz-JKc040c3daajdSbytpNnVtUT09>
Meeting ID: 742 2458 0015
Password: 0NDGPa

Crosswalk

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5836118334?pwd=SHhFZzdF-ZlI4ZVRGdW95Mzh3THlCdz09>
Meeting ID: 583 611 8334
Password: 3760

Adults

Adults will view the Sunday School through the live stream.

Children

Melissa records a new lesson for the children each week. You can access the link in your weekly e-mail, on the church Facebook page, and on the church website, www.statesvillefbc.org.

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of July 5 & 12, 2020

| | 7/5 | 7/12 |
|------------------------|-----|------|
| In-Person | 46 | .66 |
| Live Stream Views..... | 71 | .83 |

Financial Statistics

| | July | Year-to-Date |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Giving Goal | 56,234.00 | 685,776.00 |
| Budget Receipts | 21,666.00 | 727,531.00 |
| Need to Meet Goals | 34,568.00 | 41,755.00 |
| Alms | 165.00 | 4,852.00 |
| Designated | 1,570.00 | 56,911.00 |



Jubilee Sunday ~ July 26, 2020

First Baptist Church Members 90 Years or Over

Frances Baker
Vester Boone
Paul Brendle
Nedra Broyhill
Louise Clements
Bob Dellinger
Angie Eubanks
Bill Eubanks

Lewis Gentry
Betty Grant
Mary Hayes
Johnny Johnson
Doris Lingerfelt
George McLeod
Pearl Rosser

Lois Poston
Dennis Shrum
Peggy Sykes
Jewel Travis
Bob Turnipseed
Vera Webster

First Baptist Church Members for 50 Years or More

Donna Abercrombie
Sharon Abercrombie
Sue Baker-Goodin
William Barnard
Joan Barnes
Caroline Bentley
Ralph Bentley
Vester Boone
Ruth Bondurant
Thomas Bondurant
Leila Bondurant
Irving Boyles
Martha Boyles
Paul Brendle
Shirley Brendle
Nedra Broyhill
Howard Bryan
Jerry Campbell
Karla Duncan Cass
Jean Crowder
Phil Crowder
Louie Crye
Don Daniel
Kaye Daniel
David Deal
Nancy Deal
Dennis Deal
Lynn Deal
Bob Dellinger
Carolyn Dellinger
Loy Devine
Joe Duncan

Julia Eckliff
Vickie Frazier
John Garland
Nancy Garland
Nancy Gatton
Betty Grant
Charles Guy
Nina Guy
Nancy Gwaltney
Gale Hall
Janet Hamlett
Ruth Hawkins
Dawn Hayes
Mary Hayes
Larry Hedrick
Sue Hedrick
Joan Hopkins
John Hudgins
Robert Hudgins
Vicki Hudgins
Edwin Hunter
Louise Hunter
Lois James
Norman James
Johnny Johnson
Sylvia Jolly
Barbara Kociolek
Tuck Lazenby
Max Lewis
Doris Lingerfelt
Kay Martin
David McDaniel

Ellie McMillan
Bill Meadows
Nancy Meadows
Jerry Mills
Phil Mills
Dan Mitchell
Jane Mitchell
Jody Parlier
Jeff Pettit
David Potter
Nathan Rash
Carol Robinette
Pearl Rosser
Kim Sain
Dennis Shrum
Toni Shuford
Fleeta Speaks
Wanda Springer
Bobby Stegall
Steve Stroud
Joe Sykes
Peggy Sykes
Genoa Taylor
Tim Tobey
Judy Tomlin
Jewel Travis
Bob Turnipseed
Beth Webb
Sylvia Williams
Judy Winslow
Peggy Yeckley



CBF Mission Bite

Mission Bite 189: You are a Treasure

I received this poem on my birthday from one of the dedicated volunteers that serves along with us. When I read it, I thought this poem is also for my CBF teammates and for those of you alongside us, reaching out to the world!

It reflects the strength of our love, and our need of and appreciation for each other.

To: My coworker My Mentor, My Friend

*You are the dime that is hidden in the grass,
Not quite covered, not very dirty, Waiting.
You are the dime that glints in the sun,
For those whose eyes are sharp
And seeking the valuable in life.
You are the visible indication of treasure nearby.
Great treasure!
It lies beneath you. It must be dug.
There is a glorious accumulation of riches,
Diamonds.
Rubies. Gold. Emeralds.
Polished Silver. Sapphires.
Shiny and new and pristine and pure. Pearls of great price.
Treasure not to be measured.
Buckets of dimes. Shiny and new. Pure.
With the face of Jesus engraved and obverse the sign of the
Cross.
Stamps of value and belonging.
You are the sign given on the ground. For those who can see
To lead them to the One.
You are the beloved, cherished, one of a kind, treasured.
You are my mentor in ministry.
You show me the way.
You lead me.
You push and encourage me.
You are
My friend.*

-Pat, CBF field personnel among Persian-Speakers

Announcements

Worship Service DVDs

DVDs of our Sunday services are available to those that are unable to view our live stream. If you would like to receive a DVD, please call the church office at 704-873-7231.

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Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet is accepting donations of teen boys' clothing - preferable larger sizes. We are also accepting bed linens, towels, and baby blankets.

FBC Builds Another Ramp

Jeff Templeton, Keith Milstead, David Potter, Jason Allen, and Shannon Ashley built a wheelchair ramp on a Saturday morning for Shannon's father..

