



Welcome

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Wednesday Evening Activities

September 23

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal
Cost: \$6.00/adult, \$4.00/child, \$20.00/family
Menu: baked potato & salad bar

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions for Children & Youth on Mission

6:00 p.m. Adult Small Groups

Wednesday Evening Small Groups

September 23—October 28

Thriving in the Third – Third (Fellowship Hall)

Through Life Compass Living

Led by George Fuller, Nelson Granade, & Chris Gambill

Join us as we learn how to flourish in the last third of our life through *Life Compass Living*. George Fuller developed this process from the real-life experiences of his own family. It centers on enriching core relationships, having essential conversations, and developing tools for family harmony. Dr. Fuller is a pastor of 40 years, as well as a Certified Senior Advisor (CSA) and Family and Financial Mediator.

Growing Closer to God through Spiritual Practices (Heritage Hall 1)

Led by Lea Pardue Slaton

Join us as we strengthen our spiritual lives by learning new and ancient spiritual practices. Lea Slaton, who is the daughter of former staff members Dan & Jane Pardue, will teach us exercises that can strengthen our connection with God and help us find peace in a noisy world. Lea holds a Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Growth and Development and is the Director of the Well of Mercy Retreat Center.

Parenting for Spiritual Growth (Wonderful Wednesday Room)

Led by Melissa Wilson

Parents are the greatest influencers of spiritual development in children. Yet, many parents feel ill-equipped to nurture their child's faith. Join us as Minister of Children & Youth Melissa Wilson explains overarching theological concepts and provides practical guidance on how to raise children of faith.

FBC Women of Faith

Thursday, October 22, 2026

The FBC Women's Ministry annual ladies event is Thursday, October 22, 2026. The guest speaker is Monica Hosch from Beulah Baptist Church, Statesville. Tickets will go on sale for the event on Sunday, October 4, 2026, in the Welcome Center between Sunday School and Worship Service.

Children's Music & Missions Day

Saturday, October 24, 2026—First Baptist Church of Mount Holly

Children (K—grade 5) are invited a fun Missions Day at First Baptist Church of Mount Holly. We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. to leave by 8:15 a.m. to go to FBC Mt. Holly. We will return by 3:00 p.m. Each child will need to pack a lunch. Kids will experience a Godly Play story, complete a mission project, help lead in worship and create a craft. There will be an offering collected of items for Nourish Life to help alleviate hunger.



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How Many Times?

Part of the Series: No Fair!
Dr. Nelson Granade

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”
Matthew 18:21-35

Fool Me Once, Shame on You, Fool Me Twice, Shame on Me!

How Many Times?

How Are You in This Story?

We Forgive, Because We Have Been Forgiven

Forgiveness is Good for Us

Forgiveness Makes Room for God to Act

Relationships Aren’t Always Restored by Forgiveness, But They Are Never Restored Without It