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THE INTERIM

From the Pastor...

In our Wednesday night study of Revelation, we recently looked at the commendations and condemnations the Spirit gave to the early churches. I asked what God might be pleased with about our church, and where might God have word of warning for us.

There were plenty of strengths identified and a few suggestions how we could strengthen First Baptist Church. We will be working on those as we continue in our Spiritual Discernment/Visioning process. Someone then turned the question on me.

They asked, "Pastor, what's something you see good in our church?" GENEROSITY was my immediate reply. Our church is generous in so many ways. You give to the needs of our ministries, and you give substantially to community, state and world-wide ministries. You give of your time, talents and treasure.

Two recent events reminded me of your generosity. First, our congregation met and exceeded our 2024-25 Ministry Budget! Our budget was \$979,484 and you surpassed it by giving \$1,005,291 toward budget between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

On top of this, you gave an additional \$16,208 toward Alms and another \$102,603 towards designated causes. On top of this, you've started out our new budget year with a strong first Sunday offering of \$17,107. I have every confidence we can meet our needs in 2025-26, like we did in 2024-25.

Second, your generosity to Valerie and me on our 10th Anniversary with the church was amazing. We are so grateful for all the sweet cards and expressions of gratitude. You overwhelmed us with your generosity, and we felt very loved!

Thank you especially to the Campbell Johnson Foundation and the congregation for the gift certificate to The Grove Park Inn. We have never had this opportunity and look forward to taking some time to relax in the year ahead. Your generosity is inspiring!

Schedule

Sunday, October 19

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

11:15 After Worship Sunday School

Monday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 22

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,
Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 23

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, October 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

1:15 After Worship Sunday School

5:30 P.M. Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 27

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 29

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,
Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 30

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
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A Message from Minister of Missions Elizabeth Kilby

It is October and we are in the full swing of fall. As the weather may allow us to put on a sweater, I am reminded of so many others around us that need things to keep them warm.

One amazing way that we drastically help others is in our Clothes Closet. As seasons change, the need for warmer attire is huge. Please share with others about coming to shop in our Clothes Closet. The purpose of this ministry is to see the clothes get into the hands of the people that need it, and we need your help to spread the word! Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:45 p.m., we are open for the community to come and shop.

If you see any of the volunteers for the Clothes Closet, please thank them for what they do. If you want to come and help them please reach out and we can get you plugged in.

Thank you for using your voice, your hands, and your feet for good.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth



Spiritual Statistics

	10/5	10/12
In Person	187	163
Live Stream	20	23
Sunday School	89	77

Financial Statistics

	October	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	83,308.00	83,308.00
Budget Receipts	27,815.00	27,815.00
Goals Not Met	(55,494.00)	(55,494.00)
Alms	1,373.00	1,373.00
Designated	6,373.00	6,373.00

Celebrating Pastor Nelson's 10 Years of FBC

Sunday, October 5, 2025



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Announcements

Happy Birthday

November 2

Piper Lewis

November 4

Eric King

November 5

Charlie Faires

November 7

Zoe Devine

Bill Eckliff

Emma Rose Gordon

Andrew Mullins

Andy Poole

November 8

Hannah Byrd

November 9

Shannon Ashley

November 12

Karen Dellinger

Macie Durfee

Kelly James

Kathy White

November 14

Valerie Granade

November 15

Jim Falter

Sue Hedrick

November 16

Sherry Johnson

Vicki Marsh

November 17

Boomer Lewis

November 18

Kayley Crouch

November 20

Caroline Eckliff

Nicole Pratt

November 21

Sebastian Acosta

Jack Tillery

November 22

Alan Williams

November 24

Marian Moore

November 25

Nedra Van Zee

November 29

Benjamin Gilliam

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.



Children of all ages are invited for a fun evening of trunk or treating. Please let Melissa know if you'd like to decorate your trunk. We will need LOTS of candy.



Save the Date



November 16, 2025

Please join us for a special worship service and celebration luncheon.

Children's Music & Missions Day **Saturday, November 8, 2025** **10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

CBFNC is holding a Children's Missions Day for K-5th graders on the theme of Serving Together on Saturday, November 8 at First Baptist Statesville. Please join us for a comprehensive mission day sponsored by the CBF Children's Ministry team. The day includes a focus on Jesus as he fed the 5,000 with music and a missions project. Sign up with Melissa and Kristina.