

The Belize Team spent July 9-16 in San Pedro, Belize completing various mission projects.

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From the Pastor...



We are passionate about worship at First Baptist Church! That showed clearly in the responses you gave at our two worship evaluation listening sessions and notes you sent into the office. It thrills me that you care about worship. It encourages me even more that you understand worship is about God – not about us.

Our goal is to bring a recommendation on August 14 and have planned a joint Sunday School that day followed by a special worship service. The staff reviewed your comments at our annual planning retreat this week. We will soon meet with the small group facilitators to ensure that we heard all of your thoughts. Our deacons will also review your input and make the final recommendation.

I'm sure you would like to know a decision on what worship opportunities we will offer in the fall, but we need to take our time, listen to one another and pray about this important decision. There are a several things, however, that we know right now:

- Worship is about focusing on God, not ourselves.
- Worship is central to our church life and we will always make it a priority.
- We want preaching that is both biblical and relevant.
- We all love music, though we have varying tastes.
- We prefer various times, but we desire unity as a church.
- We desire worship that is meaningful and life changing.

We also agree that God is pleased with our worship when we:

- Prepare prayerfully for worship.
- Show up regularly.
- Engage with our whole heart.
- Focus on God above all else.
- Humble ourselves.
- Show gratitude for God's blessings.
- Rejoice in God's grace.
- Lovingly greet one another as brothers and sisters.
- Show hospitality to our guests.
- Allow worship to transform our lives so that it affects our entire week.

I truly appreciate the passion you have shown during these discussions. I am even more impressed by the respect you have shown for various opinions and kindness you have shown one another. No matter our decision about fall worship opportunities, our church will be strong and effective as we focus on God and the things we share in common



July 25 - 29, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School is this week! If you are able to help out in any way as a teacher or volunteer, please call Melissa Wilson at 704-873-7231 or e-mail melissa@statesvillef-bc.org.



Schedule

Sunday, July 24

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Belize Team Reception
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, July 25

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
- 12:30 p.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, July 26

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

Wednesday, July 27

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, July 28

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 9:00 a.m. Yoga

Friday, July 29

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 12:30 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Sunday, July 31

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Jubilee Sunday Luncheon - FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, August 1

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

Tuesday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 3

- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, August 4

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga
- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, August 5

Children Depart For Look Up Lodge

- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of June 26, July 3, 10, & 17, 2016

	6/26	7/3	7/10	7/17
Church in Bible Study . . .	185	115	155	158
Church in Worship.	222	200	206	208

Financial Statistics

Weeks of June 26, July 3, 10, & 17, 2016

	6/26	7/3	7/10	7/17
Budget - Received	14,412.00	8,590.00	12,282.00	5,623.00
Alms	100.00	238.00	25.00	0.00
Designated - Received	1,589.25	4,435.00	1,505.50	1,754.00
Sound System	1,465.00	2,335.00	1,110.00	120.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 6/26/16				17,566.25
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 7/3/16				15,598.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 7/10/16				14,922.50
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 7/17/16				7,497.00
Budget for 2015-2016				893,174.00
Weekly Budget Needed				17,176.42
Budget Needs To Date				721,409.77
Budget Given to Date				610,420.59
Behind Budget				(110,989.18)
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date				90,791.12
Alms Received-Year to Date				6,415.50
Total Giving-Year to Date				803,148.21
So All May See & Hear				95,521.00



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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Belize Mission Trip ~ July 9-16, 2016





Message by: Dr. Nelson Granade

Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 a.m. this summer.

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Announcements

Belize Team Reception

Sunday, July 24, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ Adams Hall

Stop by Adams Hall after the worship service to hear about the experiences our team had in San Pedro, Belize, July 9-16. The Belize Team worked on construction projects and facilitated a Vacation Bible School. Come hear how the Lord used this team!

A Note of Appreciation From David & Beth McDaniel

The family of Ruth McDaniel Horne would like to express our appreciation for all the many acts of kindness during our mother's recent illness and passing.

Thank you for all the prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards. We especially appreciated the delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the church.

Love & Blessings,
David & Beth McDaniel

A Note of Appreciation From Carter & Libby Purcell

Thank you, church family and friends, for so many expressions of love during this time of grief for the loss of our grandson.

Carter & Libby Purcell

New Arrival!

Congratulations to Bobbie and Cody Garland on the birth of a son, Everitt Gage Garland, on July 19, 2016. The proud grandfather is Tim Waugh. The proud great grandparents are John and Nancy Garland.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Jean Elledge in the death of her mother Louise Collins Tucker on July 15, 2016.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to the family of Vernelle Herrin in her death on July 16, 2016. The family will receive friends at Nicholson Funeral Home on Friday, July 22 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held Saturday, July 23 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



Vacation Bible School • July 25 - 29, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Clothes Closet Rotation Thursday, July 28

Closed

Thursday, August 4

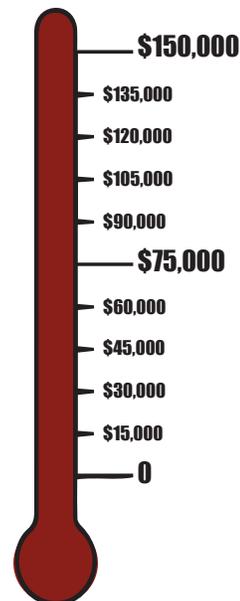
Bob Turnipseed & Peggy Koepnick

Shoes For the Back To School Bash

Thank you to all of you who purchased shoes or donated money for shoes. Please remember to bring them to church by Sunday, July 24. Be sure to attach the "ornament" which is the pink or blue card to the shoes. These shoes will be given out at the Back to School Bash at Statesville Senior High School or Troutman Elementary School on August 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is the sixth year for the Back to School Bash that is sponsored by area churches, businesses and individuals. If you are interested in learning more about the Back to School Bash or would like to volunteer to help on that day, visit their website www.b2sbiss.org. If you have any questions, please call Carol Hunter at 704-876-1462.

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