

When a repairman accidentally set off the fire alarm, the preschoolers were treated to a surprise visit from the Statesville Fire Department on Tuesday, September 22.



# THE INTERIM

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## From the Pastor...

If you're in ministry long enough, you'll say or do something embarrassing. Of course, some of us are advanced and don't have to be in ministry long before it happens. I'm one of those!

In my very first church out of seminary I got embarrassed right away. Some guests came the first Sunday in October and expressed their displeasure while leaving. They said, "Don't you know it's World Communion Sunday?"

I didn't know it was World Communion Sunday and had actually never heard of it. My home church didn't observe it and no one had told me about it. Perhaps this is because the Presbyterians had started it and, while most denominations had joined, we Baptists tend to stay in our own circles.

Since I don't like feeling ignorant, I soon researched World Communion Day and decided it was a great tradition that I'd like to observe. I got a late start, but it's been my pleasure to join with Christians around the world in communion on the first Sunday of October for over thirty years.

I'm glad World Communion Day is a strong tradition at First Baptist Church of Statesville. There is something very special about joining millions of Christians around the world at the Lord's Table. It reminds us that we are a part of what God is doing, but that God's work is also bigger than ourselves.

This year we will celebrate World Communion a little differently – just like everything else in 2020 has been different. During our 10:00 a.m. worship, we will hear stories of Christians around the world. We will focus on their ministries – including their joys and challenges.

At 5:00 p.m., October 4, 2020, we will gather again on the front lawn to enjoy a boxed BBQ picnic and take communion with one another. The food will be provided, but you will need to bring your chairs or blankets, beverages and a personal dessert (if you want one).

We will be together, but socially distanced by staying in a six foot circle painted in the grass. It will represent World Communion as we are each in our own little globe, yet together as a whole. First we will share a BBQ meal and then we will share the Lord's Supper.

If it happens to rain, we encourage you to come by and pick up the BBQ anyway. With all the hunger in the world, we wouldn't want it to go to waste. Rain or shine, we'll find a way to celebrate this special day together.



## World Communion Sunday

**Sunday, October 4, 2020**  
**BBQ Picnic & Service**  
**5:00 p.m. - Church Lawn**

Please bring a chair or blanket, beverage, & a personal dessert.

## Schedule

### Sunday, September 27

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson  
 Uploaded to YouTube  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School - FLC & Zoom  
 10:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday, September 28

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
 7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, September 30

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
 12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study - Zoom  
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening To-Go Meal  
 Menu: boneless fried pork chop, boiled potatoes, corn,  
 apple sauce, & brownies

### Thursday, October 1

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, October 4

#### World Communion Sunday

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson  
 Uploaded to YouTube  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School - FLC & Zoom  
 10:00 a.m. Worship  
 5:00 p.m. World Communion Sunday Service & Picnic

### Monday, October 5

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
 7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
 12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study - Zoom  
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening To-Go Meals  
 Menu: TBD

### Thursday, October 8

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of September 13 & 20, 2020

	9/13	9/20
In-Person .....	.58	.67
Live Stream Views .....	71	.68

## Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister  
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship  
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families  
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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## Sunday School Zoom Links

### Horizons

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74224580015?pwd=N-FVWRzJKc040c3daajdSbytpNnVtUT09>  
 Meeting ID: 742 2458 0015  
 Password: 0NDGPa

### Crosswalk

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5836118334?pwd=SHhFZzd-FZlI4ZVRGdW95Mzh3THlCdz09>  
 Meeting ID: 583 611 8334  
 Password: 3760



### October 1

Max Simon

### October 2

Mia Acosta  
 Jimmy Webb  
 Rebecca West

### October 3

Betty Holbrook  
 Carol Hunter

### October 4

George McLeod

### October 5

Nelson Granade  
 Arnie Nunnery

### October 7

Juliana Kathman

### October 9

Mary Alice Lowrance

### October 11

Becky Waugh

### October 13

Teresa Earp  
 Wilma McNeil

### October 14

Nan Johnson  
 Vonnie Jordan

### October 16

Carolyn Saddler  
 Kyle Milwood

Matthew Waugh

### October 18

Jeff Church

### October 19

Crystal Beale  
 Nancy Hughes  
 Phil Johnston

### October 20

Alli Eudy

### October 21

Kellie Faulk

### October 22

Shirley Brendle

Jan Petree

Beth Webb

### October 23

Rex Card  
 Benjamin Harper

Lisa Houston

James McNeil

Al Pettit

### October 25

Judy Horney

Bill Murdock

### October 27

Ginny Devine

### October 28

Pam Potter

### October 30

Sam Buckner

Jody Parlier

### October 31

Pat Haney

Addison Keller

Andy Purcell

## Financial Statistics

	September	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	70,772.00	878,661.00
Budget Receipts	44,290.00	819,645.00
Need to Meet Goals	26,003.00	59,016.00
Alms	135.00	5,472.00
Designated	2,349.50	67,285.50

# Snow Cones & Sidewalk Chalk

The children enjoyed snow cones, drew with sidewalk chalk, and played in the sun on Sunday, September 20.



## Thank You James & Debi Martin

The students held a parade on Wednesday September 2 to thank James and Debi Martin for all they have done for the youth ministry.



*Thank you!*

## The Real Temple

Did you know that the church building is not the real temple? Of course you did! The apostle Paul talks about our body being the temple of the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 2; 1 Cor. 3; 1 Cor. 6) But how many of us really take this truth to heart? Many times we put more emphasis on the building than we do on ourselves. Every day we have opportunities to build our temple: Bible study, phone calls, notes, prayer, and more. Are we filling our temple with wood, hay, and stubble, or gold, silver, and precious stones? (1 Cor. 3:12) John Eldredge says in "Get Your Life Back", "Give God space to come in. If you build it, He will come. He wants to fill you."

Lord, help me to rid my life of everything that doesn't glorify You. I want to build a beautiful temple to present to You at Your coming.

His servant and your friend,  
Ginny Stikeleather



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### CBF Mission Bites

#### **Mission Bite 196: Open House Leads to Many Open Doors**

*Affordable housing or any type of housing is scarcely available for immigrants in many areas of Spain. This has led us to opening our home to a young Moroccan couple who were expecting their first child. They have been living with us since December while they look for a place of their own. He can earn enough to pay rent, but because he does not have a work contract, he cannot get a rental contract. On the bright side of this, we get to learn more about their culture and they ours. Our reputation among the Moroccan community has reached a new high. In appreciation for hosting this couple we have several invitations if we are ever in Morocco and need a place to stay.*

*-Eddie Aldape, CBF field personnel, Albacete, Spain*

#### **Mission Bite 197: Engaging in Food Solidarity with Immokalee Food Workers**

*Immokalee, Florida, (with a poverty rate of 45%) is where much of America's wintertime tomatoes and other produce are grown. Ironically, this farm town also contains food deserts in which quality, affordable food is difficult to access.*

*The COVID-19 pandemic has had numerous effects on the Immokalee farmworker community, including disrupted employment, increased food insecurity and a soaring COVID-19 infection rate due to crowded living and work conditions.*

*In response, Cultivate Abundance, a CBF Global Missions Engagement Partner, has upped efforts to provide fresh fruit and vegetables for Immokalee's farmworkers. CBF field personnel, Rick Burnette, reports that since April, over four tons of produce has been grown, collected, and shared by Cultivate Abundance and its gardening partners.*

*Additionally, sets of container gardener have been shared with over 30 Immokalee families, helping to offset food insecurity and improve household gardening capacity.*

*A growing number of CBF congregations are involved in gardening for the benefit of their neighbors, especially those struggling with food insecurity. If you have questions or comments about church or community gardens, reach out to Rick Burnette at [rburnette@cbf.net](mailto:rburnette@cbf.net).*

*-Rick Burnette, Domestic Disaster Response and Farmworker Ministry, Immokalee, Fla.*

## Announcements

### **A Note of Appreciation From Clarence Poole**

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who said a prayer, made a phone call, sent a card, or brought so much food during my bout with Covid-19. Believe you me that is something you want to avoid. It has been a rough ride, but I'm coming out of it. I am just waiting on my energy to return. Thanks so much to all of you.

Clarence Poole

### **A Note of Appreciation From Donald & Vicky Hatfield**

Dear First Baptist Church Family,  
As we announce our retirement and subsequent move to the coast, just a note of thanks and appreciation for your love and support during our time at FBC. Through the worship and Sunday School Bible Study, we have grown deeper in our faith. We will continue to keep you in our prayers, and please do the same for us.

Your friends in Christ,  
Donald & Vicky Hatfield

### **World Communion Sunday Service & Picnic Sunday, October 4, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.**

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### **Sunday School**

We now have three Sunday School options. 1. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Family Life Center. We will social distance and masks are required. 2. Everyone is invited to join the Horizons Zoom Call at 8:45 a.m. for the lesson and discussion. 3. The lesson is prerecorded and uploaded the our YouTube page at 7:00 a.m.