



From the Pastor...



Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Then he gave his life for us so that we might be free of sin. Sacrificing oneself truly is the greatest act of love one can give.

On Memorial Day, we celebrate a similar sacrifice. We remember those who gave their lives to protect our country and our freedom. PBS estimates that more than 1.1 million Americans have been killed in wars.

Though we never want to glorify war, these brave men and women deserve to be honored. Families who have lost loved ones ought to be thanked and remembered on this special day. We will do so in our worship service this Sunday.

It seems to me, however, that the best way to honor those who gave their lives for our country is to use our freedom wisely. To be a nation that lives up to its standards of liberty and justice for all. To seek a lasting peace where no one has to die and all are free to pursue happiness.

Likewise, the best way to honor Christ is to live lives worthy of His sacrifice. To act justly and to show mercy. To love our neighbor as our self, and to love God above anything else. Perhaps then we might find ways to live in peace with one another.

I am honored to be the pastor of a great church that seeks to live out our mission – to know and love Jesus Christ and to make Him known. This Sunday we will gather to study scripture, worship God and remember those who sacrificed for our freedom.

Immediately following worship, we will enjoy a BBQ Picnic that will kick off our summer. I hope you will come. I hope even more that you bring your friends to celebrate with us as well. Remember, instead of doing a lot of advertising, we are counting on your personal contacts to make this a great day.

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Memorial Day Picnic
Sunday, May 27, 2018

9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. ~ Worship in Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. ~ Picnic in the FLC

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Please bring a side or dessert (or 2!) to share. This is a community event, so we will need lots of food! Please bring your dishes to FLC.

Pentecost High Attendance Sunday

Thank you to all who made an extra effort for our High Attendance last Sunday. Though we did not make our goal of 200, we did have 188 in Sunday School. This is 48 more people than the week before. This is a 34% increase.

Schedule

Sunday, May 27

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Picnic - FLC

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 29

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:00 p.m. Precept Study

Wednesday, May 30

9:30 a.m. Precept Study
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 31

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, June 3

Graduation Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, June 4

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. S'more Fun Summer Camp

Tuesday, June 5

9:00 a.m. S'more Fun Summer Camp
 10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, June 6

9:00 a.m. S'more Fun Summer Camp
 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Bible Study - Adams Hall
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, June 7

9:00 a.m. S'more Fun Summer Camp
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

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.....Minister of Christian Education & Administration
 Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students
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FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, May 28

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 29

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, May 30

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, May 31

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, June 1

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Monday, June 4

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, June 5

7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Wednesday, June 6

7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, June 7

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, June 8

11:45 p.m. Line Dancers

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of May 13 & 20, 2018

	5/13	5/20
Church in Bible Study	140	188
Church in Worship.	219	195

Financial Statistics

	May	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	65,282.00	578,333.00
Budget Receipts	49,806.00	547,177.00
Needed to Meet Goal	15,476.00	31,156.00
Alms	711.00	7,304.00
Designated	4,039.00	66,798.00

Financial Update for May

Celebrations:

- Our youth raised over \$2,000 at the Spaghetti Lunch to offset summer camp expenses.
- Thanks to your generosity and wise spending, we are in a good cash position to begin the summer.

Challenges:

- We missed our May goal by \$15,476, which puts us \$31,156 behind goal to date.
- Unless we are able to catch up to our goal, we will not be able to fund all of our ministries.

Unsung Hero

Jason Allen



If you enjoy the wonderful lunches our students host to raise funds for their trips to summer camp, you probably have most likely enjoyed a dish prepared by Jason Allen. Jason always lends a helping hand with these fundraising events. Whenever Jason has some extra time on his hands, he spends that time doing some odd jobs around the church - caulking windows, organizing the choir room. Jason is always happy to help out his church.

Thanks for all you do to make FBC great!

Each issue of The Interim will feature a member that does great and often unrecognized things for FBC. If you would like to see someone recognized as an Unsung Hero, please e-mail Kayley Crouch at kayley@statesvillefbc.org or call 704-873-7231.



Jason & Kim Allen
Katie, Elizabeth

When Do You Pray?

What time of day do you pray? When you're driving to work? Maybe on your lunch hour? When you happen to think about it? Or perhaps you get a few words in at bedtime before you drift off to sleep? God loves and accepts our prayers anytime we come to Him, but I believe He is especially delighted when we give Him our best time, in the morning, before the cares of the day demand our attention. And when we begin with prayer, it charts our course for the whole day.

I met God in the morning when the day was at its best.
And His presence came like glory of the sunrise in my breast.
All day long the Presence lingered, all day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness o'er a very troubled sea.
Other ships were blown and battered, other ships were sore distressed.
But the winds that seemed to drive them brought to us a peace and rest.
Then I thought of other mornings, with a keen remorse of mind.
When I too, had loosed the moorings with the Presence left behind.
And I think I know the secret, learned from many a troubled way:
You must seek God in the morning if you want Him through the day.
(Ralph Cushman)

Make it a habit to meet God at your favorite place as soon as you awake and test the waters—see if your ship doesn't sail more smoothly.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

Operation Inasmuch - Saturday, May 5, 2018





CBF Mission Bites

Bite 82: Roma Day

"International Roma Day was April 8, and it was observed and celebrated in different ways throughout the world. This year we were invited to attend a performance at the Galakticka School in Kosice, held in celebration of Roma Day. It's a joy to see these kids, whom we work with each week, feel pride in their culture, and in showing off their talents! Join us in giving thanks for these students, and the bright future they represent for the Roma people to the world."

- Jon and Tanya Parks , CBF field personnel in Kosice, Slovakia

Bite 83: Knowing and Being Known

"When I walk down the street of my neighborhood in the inner city, I do not see thugs, delinquents, or terrorists. I see my friends, people I know. When we seek to know the other and understand who they are as people and we let ourselves be known and understood, it is virtually impossible to stereotype. You can't lump everyone together because you know the person and you know how that person is different from others you know. So the next time you see a person you would normally shy away from, just say hello. It will go a long way towards knowing and being known."

- Nell Green, CBF field personnel, Houston, Texas

Bite 84: Sharing faith in bravery

"One day, Emily told me that at work, a doctor had proclaimed 'we are all Muslims here,' in a very self-satisfied way. With her heart pounding, Emily respectfully said, 'well no...we are not all Muslims.' This man grilled her and tried to convince her that she was brainwashed. Emily answered his questions about her beliefs quietly and honestly, quoting scripture to make her points. Being a Christian here is tough, but Emily trusts God with all her heart. Pray for her to continue to be brave and for God to protect her as she shares her faith in a hostile environment."

- CBF field personnel serving in the Middle East



Announcements

Noon Bible Study

Begins Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Adams Hall

During the summer months, we will host our Wednesday Bible study at noon. Hilda Lee and Sharron Parish will prepare a light lunch. Cost will be \$5.00. After the lunch, Dr. Nelson Granade and Dr. Larry Gregg will lead the Bible Study.

S'more Fun Summer Camp

Hosted by the First Baptist Church Preschool

June 4-7, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Would you be interested in S'more fun? FBC Preschool wants to hear from you. If you would be interested in registering your child for a super fun "camping" themed summer camp, please let us know ASAP. We will take currently enrolled potty trained 3's to Pre-K. We will need to have at least 10 campers interested to make this happen. Spaces will be limited and filled on a first come first served basis. The cost will be \$100.00 for the 4 days and will include a snack. Campers will bring their lunch each day.

Upcoming Events

Children at Passport Mission Camp

June 16-19

Students at Look Up Lodge

June 17-22

Red Springs Mission Camp

July 9-13

Vacation Bible School

Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity

July 30 - August 3



Wednesday Evening Menu

Wednesday, May 30

oven fried chicken cutlets with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, & death by chocolate
Children's Menu: chicken sandwich & chips