



THE INTERIM

Elizabeth Allen, Emily Ashley, and Jenna Martin bake cookies for PowerCross during Operation Inasmuch on Saturday, May 18.

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From the Pastor...

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
John 15:13

Memorial Day is the day we honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for our freedom. From the birth of our country, men and women have bled and died that we might live freely. Liberty has always come with a price and it is right to remember those who paid it on our behalf.

Of course the greatest sacrifice ever given was for the freedom of our very souls. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection provided our salvation. Those who gave their lives for America did so for love of country. Jesus gave his life for love of the entire world.

In laying down his life for us, Jesus declared that we are his friends. As friends of God, we are called to share this same love with those around us. We honor the martyrs of America by living in peace with one another. We honor Christ's sacrifice by living in love with all.

It is fitting that we also celebrate Friend Day this Sunday. We have the freedom of friendship because of those who fought for liberty. We have the ability of friendship because of the One who laid down His life to make us friends of God. What better way to honor these sacrifices than by bringing your friends into God's presence.

I look forward to meeting your friends this Sunday. It will be a meaningful day of remembrance and a wonderful day of celebration. Remember that it is an outdoor picnic, so dress comfortably and remind your friends to do the same.

Picnic Instructions:

- Picnic will be on the lawn in front of the Sanctuary
- Drop off your side dishes and desserts in Adams Hall
- Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets (a few tables will be set up for senior adults or those with small children)
- Wear picnic attire (it will be warm)!

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Friend Day  **MEMORIAL DAY**

Sunday, May 26, 2019

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Picnic

Bring a friend and a side dish or dessert to share! BBQ and baked beans provided.

Schedule

Sunday, May 26

Friend Day

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

Monday, May 27

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall

Wednesday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Precept Bible Study
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After School Program
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 30

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, June 2

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 3

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 4

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, June 5

12:00 p.m. Lunch Hour Bible Study - Adams Hall
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, June 6

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet



*Be truly glad.
 There is wonderful joy ahead.
 1 Peter 1:9*

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
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FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, May 27

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, May 29

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

Thursday, May 30

9:00 a.m. Pickleball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

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

Friday, May 31

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Monday, June 3

9:00 a.m. Pickleball

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Tuesday, June 4

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, June 5

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

Thursday, June 6

9:00 a.m. Pickleball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

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

Friday, June 7

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

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**HAPPY
 MEMORIAL DAY**

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of May 12 & 19, 2019

	5/12	5/19
Church in Bible Study	132	120
Church in Worship	261	180

Financial Statistics

	May	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	68,538.00	607,179.00
Budget Receipts	92,327.00	560,824.00
Monthly Goal Met/Needed to Meet YTD	23,789.00	46,355.00
Alms	714.00	4,272.00
Designated	39,685.00	129,092.00

Operation Inasmuch

Saturday, May 18, 2019



Sin Hinders Prayer

"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer" (Psalm 66:18-19).

Recently when I was confronted with a list of twenty sin-identifying Scripture texts, I at first thought, "My heart is clean before God. I don't have anything to confess." But I went through the list anyway, and to my amazement I found five areas of sin that needed to be dealt with. So I clearly identified what was offensive to God, confessed those things, and claimed God's forgiving grace. Through that I again discovered complete freedom in prayer. We can't have the privilege of prayer without purity of heart. Not only does sin hinder prayer; prayer hinders sin. The two are always opposed. The more careless we are about sin, the less we will pray. The more we pray, the less careless we will be about sin. Both sin and prayer are powerful forces. Which one is moving you?

Father, the struggle to stay away from sin is a daily battle. Please examine my heart continually and convict me of anything that keeps my prayers from being heard.

Taken from **Love to Pray** by Alvin J. VanderGriend.



Announcements

CBF Misson Bites

Mission Bite 129: Participation, Koinonia and Witness

Cultivate Abundance, a Global Missions Engagement Partner, works to improve farm worker diets through the availability of fresh, locally-sourced, nutrient-dense produce. We also emphasize garden-er participation.

Besides local homeowners sharing extra mangoes or avocados, there's the Covenant Presbyterian garden in Ft. Myers where cassava, papaya and other crops are being grown for Immokalee farm workers. Christian Life Fellowship offers eggs from their chicken flock. And First Presbyterian Lehigh Acres shares greens from their garden.

Maria, who lives a few blocks from the Misi3n Peniel community garden, often drops by to help plant vegetables or harvest. And with assistance from Cultivate Abundance, around 20 local families are now supplementing household nutrition with their own container gardens. That's participation. It's also koinonia and witness.

- Rick Burnette, CBF field personnel serving in North Fort Myers, Fla

Mission Bite 130: Beauty in Partnership

The beauty of partnership is the unexpected moments that God provides in collaborative ministry. This month it took the form of a worshiper at a service to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide.

A group consisting of Japan Baptist Convention friends, exchange students from Rwanda who study under a JBC missionary, and myself who led the service, expected that Japanese Baptists connected to the Rwandan ministry and host church members would join to reflect and pray for peace. However, it was the attendance of a survivor of the genocide which provided us with the unexpected.

Following worship, he shared about seeing his mother killed on the first day of the 100-day tragedy, growing up in Europe, and his fear of returning with his family to live in Rwanda.

His presence helped us all to reach new levels of insight and empathy about the tragedy and the future.

- Carson Foushee, CBF field personnel serving in Japan

Lunch Hour Bible Study Begins Wednesday, June 5 12:00 p.m. - Adams Hall

During the summer months, we move our mid-week Bible study to the noon lunch hour on Wednesdays. The first lunch hour study will be held on Wednesday June 5. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00. We will return to our evening schedule when school starts in August.

Congratulations to James Martin on 10 Years of Ministry at First Baptist Church



This June marks ten years of service of James Martin as the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church of Statesville. To honor James and his family, the choir will host a reception in Adams Hall immediately following Worship on June 9, 2019. There will be a basket in which to place your notes of encouragement and gestures of gratitude.

ATHENS
Paul's Dangerous Journey
to Share the Truth

July 22 - 26, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us in ancient Athens, where we'll explore what life was like for the Apostle Paul on his dangerous journey to share the truth. You'll create cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Paul, and eat some snacks. Plus, you'll meet lots of fun friends!