



THE INTERIM

Darbee & Piper Lewis race through the inflatable obstacle course at the Memorial Day Picnic on Sunday, May 27, 2018.



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From the Pastor...



This summer we launch into a sermon series and Wednesday noon Bible study entitled: *Life in Christ – Lessons from Ephesians*. Why spend so much time in Ephesians? Because, as theologian Frank Stagg points out, Ephesians is Paul's most comprehensive writing on the Church and God's eternal purpose for us to create a new humanity.

In other words, Ephesians serves as a guide to who we are to become in Christ. In it, Paul urges Christians to accept one another as brothers and sisters – despite racial, economic or any other differences. He reminds us that the cross of Christ not only redeems us, but makes us one. So the first step in being the Church is to love one another in Christ.

In a world that seems hyper-partisan and divided in so many ways, we might ask if it is truly realistic for the Church to be able to come together as one in Christ. To this I would ask, "If we don't come together in love, how can we claim to be the church?" As daunting as this task may seem, I assure you it is no more of a challenge to us than it was to the Ephesians.

Like the church of old, we live in a corrupt society that needs a witness to something higher and calls for an ethic that goes beyond living for ourselves. In Ephesians Paul gives very practical advice on how to treat one another in our church and families. He points out right and wrong, but even more, he points out how to truly love. I can't think of a more appropriate message for today.

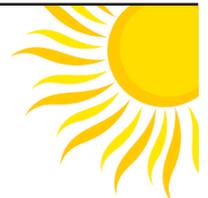
I know that summer brings many opportunities for relaxation and travel and hope you will have a chance to enjoy some downtime. I hope even more that you will be present with your church family as often as possible as we look together at this powerful piece of scripture. You are an important part of what God wants to do with First Baptist Church of Statesville. God's blessings upon you this summer!

Nolan

Life in Christ: Lessons from Ephesians Summer Sermon Series	
June 10, 2018 Living in Prayer <i>Ephesians 1:15-23</i>	July 22, 2018 Living in Unity <i>Ephesians 4:1-16</i>
June 17, 2018 Fathers Day Justin Cox Preaching	July 29, 2018 Living in Truth <i>Ephesians 4:17-32</i>
June 24, 2018 Living in Grace <i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i>	August 5, 2018 Living in Light <i>Ephesians 5:1-20</i>
July 1, 2018 Living in Peace <i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i>	August 12, 2018 Living in Family <i>Ephesians 5:21-6:4</i>
July 8, 2018 Living in Mystery <i>Ephesians 3:1-13</i>	August 19, 2018 Living in Service <i>Ephesians 6:5-9</i>
July 15, 2018 Living in Love <i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i>	August 26, 2018 Living in Strength <i>Ephesians 6:10-20</i>

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Ephesians 1:3-4



Schedule

Sunday, June 10

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

Monday, June 11

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 12

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, June 13

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

Thursday, June 14

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Saturday, June 16

Children Depart for Passport Missions Camp

Sunday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 Students Depart for Look Up Lodge

Monday, June 18

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 19

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Children Return from Passport Missions Camp

Wednesday, June 20

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

Thursday, June 21

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, June 22

Students Return from Look Up Lodge



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, June 10

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Line Dancers
 6:00 p.m. Shag Lessons

Tuesday, June 11

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, June 12

7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, June 13

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, June 14

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Monday, June 15

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, June 16

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

Wednesday, June 17

7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, June 18

9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, June 19

11:45 p.m. Line Dancers

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of May 27 & June 3, 2018

	5/27	6/3
Church in Bible Study	127	145
Church in Worship.	207	211

Financial Statistics

	June	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	61,097.00	639,431.00
Budget Receipts	49,247.00	604,046.00
Needed to Meet Goal	11,850.00	35,385.00
Alms	702.00	8,006.00
Designated	11,239.00	80,914.00

*"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face
 shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face
 toward you and give you peace."*

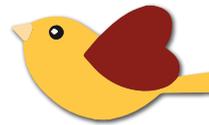
Numbers 6:24-26



Memorial Day Picnic - Sunday, May 27, 2018



Unsung Hero Debi Martin



Debi is active in multiple areas of our church. She plays the flute beautifully in some of our worship services. She assists with the Children's Choir every Wednesday. During Operation Inasmuch, she helps with the activity for the children. She always helps decorate the church halls for Vacation Bible School, and then leads a group for the week. She helps the students with the camp fundraisers and then chaperones the students for the entire week of camp.

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.



James & Debi Martin
Jenna, Sean

Invitation to Pray (From Jesus and the 23rd Psalm)

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28 NLT).

Rest from the burden of a small god. Why? Because I have found the Lord.
Rest from doing things my way. Why? Because the Lord is my Shepherd.
Rest from endless wants. Why? Because I shall not want.
Rest from weariness. Why? Because he makes me to lie down.
Rest from worry. Why? Because he leads me.
Rest from hopelessness. Why? Because he restores my soul.
Rest from guilt. Why? Because he leads me in the paths of righteousness.
Rest from arrogance. Why? Because of his name's sake.
Rest from the valley of death. Why? Because he walks me through it.
Rest from the shadow of grief. Why? Because he guides me.
Rest from fear. Why? Because his presence comforts me.
Rest from loneliness. Why? Because he is with me.
Rest from shame. Why? Because he has prepared a place for me in the presence of my enemies.
Rest from my disappointments. Why? Because he anoints me.
Rest from envy. Why? Because my cup overflows.
Rest from doubt. Why? Because he follows me.
Rest from homesickness. Why? Because I will dwell in the house of my Lord forever.

From Traveling Light Copyright 2001, Max Lucado

Prayer always brings rest concerning any situation. Why? Because Jesus, our Great Shepherd, is always listening to us and caring for us. Always.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather



CBF Mission Bite

Bite 85: Beloved Community of Hospitality

"Danville, Virginia, is a great city, but needs love. Unemployment and poverty rates are anywhere from 2 to 2.5 times state and national averages, and there is significant homelessness. We're trying to find a way to remedy these and help rebuild the city we love. Grace & Main is an intentional Christian community that has devoted itself to the work of radical hospitality and grassroots-level community development in Danville. We operate a network of hospitality houses where folks can find a place to be, stay, eat, use the bathroom, take a shower or just sit on a couch in the air conditioning or heat. The practice of cultivating beloved community is about reconciliation, not only to each other but to God and to the world."

- Jessica Hearne, CBF field personnel in Danville, Va.



A Note of Appreciation From Fleeta Speaks

When I entered Baptist Hospital on December 18, 2017, I had no idea the trials I would have to endure or the obstacles I would have to overcome. According to my surgeon and the therapists that are treating me, I have several more years of recovery ahead of me.

I want to express my deep gratitude to the members of FBC who have given me words of encouragement to keep me pressing on, for the cards that kept reminding me that you were thinking of my family and me during my illness. Your prayers have blanketed me throughout this ordeal and have helped to get me through the very bad days. I felt the uplifting spirit and loving concern in those prayers. God has heard your prayers for me and has certainly been in control to lead me through some very difficult days. Thank you for your support, your love, and your prayers.

Love,
Fleeta Speaks

Announcements



July 30 - August 3

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

Vacation Bible School
for Ages 3 - Grade 5



Join us in Babylon, where we'll explore what life was like for Daniel and his friends, captives in a strange land.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Carol Hunter and family in the death of her husband, Luther, on May 30, 2018.

Red Springs Missions Camp Interest Meeting

Sunday, June 10, 2018

11:00 a.m. - Adams Hall

Trip: July 9 -13, 2018

On this trip, we will work on a variety of projects. Just like Operation Inasmuch, there will be a project for everyone. For more information, please visit <http://baptistonmission.org/camps/red-springs-mission-camp> and attend the interest meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 10.



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