

THE INTERIM

Ulysses Long performed some of our favorite love songs at the Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, February 18.



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From the Pastor...



"To know and love Jesus Christ and to make home known" - is our mission. I appreciate David and Nancy Deal, along with Lori Milstead, for providing a wonderful graphic to remind us of this every time we pass Adams Hall.

The display makes me think of God's direction to write God's commandments on our door posts and gates (Deuteronomy 6:20). The idea then, as well as now, was to set signs to help us remember God amidst the business of life.

Visual reminders are good, but Deuteronomy 6 also calls for us to write God's word on our heart and soul. In fact, we are to remember God when we wake up, when we lie down, and throughout our entire day. God instructs us to learn God's way and to teach it to our children and to one another.

I once put a red dot on my phone as a reminder to pray. The idea was to let the phone ring three times, while I prayed for God to direct me in whatever conversation was about to take place. Unfortunately, the dot faded into the business of life and soon lost its meaning.

Every once in a while, however, someone new would come into my office and ask me about the red dot on my phone. I'd explain its purpose and renew my practice of prayer once again. I hope the beautiful graphic of our mission statement never fades into the background. If it does, I hope someone asks us about it and brings it to life once again.

What about you? Has your call from God faded into the background of your life? It is so easy to get busy and forget to make God central to all we do. Lent is a wonderful reminder to stop and reengage in God's mission for us today. I'm thrilled to have our mission statement on the wall. I pray that it will be on our hearts and in our actions.

- Dr. Nelson Granade, Senior Pastor

**To know and love Jesus Christ
& to make Him known.**

Upcoming Sermons

**Sunday, February 28, 2016
How About A Little Passion!**

John 2:13-22

Jesus had a great deal of zeal. So much so that he upset the entire Temple. Do we have enough passion to stir us to action? This sermon is a call to be more passionate about our faith and to act on that passion.

**Sunday, March 6, 2016
What Do You Love?**

John 3:14-21

Jesus accused the people of his day of loving darkness more than light. Lent us difficult, because it sheds light into the darkest areas of our being. Yet, lighting has a healing quality. The call of this sermon is to allow the light of God's Spirit to expose the darkness of our sinful hearts and bring healing and new life.

Schedule

Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, February 29

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

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, March 2

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal - FLC (baked chicken breast, broccoli, scalloped potatoes, & dessert)
 5:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study - FLC
 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Sunday, March 6

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, March 9

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal - FLC (chili, baked potato, tossed salad, & dessert)
 5:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study - FLC
 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, March 10

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

Friday, March 11

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of February 14 & 21, 2016

2/14

Church in Bible Study	102	115
Church in Worship.....	199	212
8:30 a.m. service.....	47	55
10:55 a.m. service.....	152	157

Financial Statistics

Weeks of February 14 & 21, 2016

2/14 2/21

Budget - Received	8,619.00	7,527.00
Alms	0.00	0.00
Designated - Received	610.00	972.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 2/14/16	10,619.00	
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 2/21/16	8,669.00	
Budget for 2015-2016	893,174.00	
Weekly Budget Needed	17,176.42	
Budget Needs To Date	360,704.88	
Budget Given to Date	370,030.49	
Budget Ahead	9,325.61	
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date	45,713.43	
Alms Received-Year to Date	3,781.50	
Total Giving-Year to Date	428,570.42	
Sound System Fund	9,045.00	

Inclement Weather Policy



Our church follows the Iredell-Statesville Schools policy for closings due to inclement weather. If the schools are closed, the church office is closed and all church activities for that day are canceled. You may check the church closing status by calling the church office and checking the recording (704-873-7231), checking our website (www.statesvillefbc.org), and checking the following TV stations (WBTV, Charlotte; WSOC-TV, Charlotte; WCNC-TV, Charlotte).

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
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....	Accompanist / Music Assistant

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mon - Thur Tel: 704-873-7231

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Prayer Point

Lord, I Want My Rights

Lord, I have been insulted. Don't I have a right to sulk? I have been put down. Don't I have a right to pout? I have been rebuffed. Don't I have a right to retaliate? "No. When you sign on to follow Me, you lay down all your rights. I left My rights in heaven when I came down to rescue you. You must leave your rights behind when you go out into the world to rescue those who are perishing without me."

Just as Jesus laid aside His rights to be warm, well-fed, free from insult, and free from danger, so must we be willing to accept the world's abuse, take up our cross (cheerfully), and walk in His steps. (Read about the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 11.) We find comfort in the Holy Spirit, not worldly pleasures; we find refuge and strength in God, who is our ever-present help in trouble; we find peace in Jesus—His peace, not the world's peace. By giving up my rights, I gain His: Comfort; Refuge; Strength; Help; and Peace!

Thank You, Father!

Holy Week at FBC

Holy Week will be here soon! Please mark your calendars for the following events.

Sunday, March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 24, 2016
Maunday Thursday Service
6:00 p.m. ~ *Sanctuary*

Friday, March 25, 2016
Community Good Friday Service
First ARP Church
Dr. Nelson Granade will deliver the sermon

Saturday, March 26, 2016
Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m. ~ *Family Life Center*

Sunday, March 27, 2016
Easter Sunday
Brunch
9:30 a.m. ~ *Family Life Center*
Worship
10:55 a.m. ~ *Sanctuary*



FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH
STATESVILLE

Message by: Dr. Nelson Granade

Worship with us Sundays 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.

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Announcements

Weekday Preschool Registration Begins March 1

Our Weekday Preschool will begin fall registration on Tuesday, March 1. Current families and church members are guaranteed placement if forms are submitted before open registration begins on March 14. If you have, or know of, a child who will be around 18 months to 5 years old by August 31, place contact Renae Keesbury, Director, for further information. She can be reached weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and noon at 704-873-7231, ext. 209 or at renae@statesvillefbc.org.

Baptist Women
Monday, March 7, 2016
10:00 a.m. ~ Adams Hall

Baptist Women's Group will meet Monday, March 7 in Adams Hall observing The Week of Prayer for North American Missions. Steve Kathman will share about his Medical Equipment Ministry.

Joyful Noises
Monday, March 14, 2016
10:00 a.m. ~ Brookdale - Peachtree

Joyful Noises are scheduled to sing Monday, March 14 at Brookdale-Peachtree at 10:00 a.m.

Concert to Benefit Iredell Christian Ministries
Sunday, March 13, 2016
3:00 p.m. ~ First Presbyterian Church

Jennifer McLain will perform a concert to benefit Iredell Christian Ministries. Please come to enjoy a delightful afternoon and make a donation.

FBC's Got Talent
Saturday, April 9, 2016
Family Life Center

Save the date! Don't miss FBC's talent show and dinner – a fundraiser for the Belize mission trip. If you would like to perform, reserve your spot in the show by calling Lynn Barker 704-657-0840. This will be a night of fun, fellowship, and laughter. There will also be a men's cake contest. Be on the lookout for more information soon!

Medical Equipment Ministry

The Medical Equipment Ministry has several items that may be of need to a FBC member or friend. Please review the following list and call Steve at 704-927-6970 if you are interested in any of the following items: Bed side rails to assist in and out of bed, tub handles to assist in and out of bathtub, walker trays, weekly pill cases, #13 hearing aids, and medium adult diapers.

Coffee Rotation **Sunday, February 28**

Patricia & Gary Fyfe

Sunday, March 6

Emanons Class

Clothes Closet Rotation **Thursday, March 3**

Bob Turnipseed & Jeff Templeton

Thursday, March 10

Mac Funderburk & Jeff Templeton

A Note of Appreciation From Ruth Bondurant

Dear Church & good friends,

I want to thank you for the many kindnesses that I received during my last hospital visit and hip replacement at Iredell Memorial Hospital. Thank you for my Sunshine Basket and visits from church members. Dr. Granade was so understanding and kind.

I have been a member in Statesville for over 50 years. My husband and all four of my children were baptized in Statesville. I don't get to attend church anymore except on a few occasions. I will always think of the church and the members who do home visits as my family. Louise Lewis and Ellen White to be the most recent to visit. Thank you all for your many kindnesses.

I want to thank Kaye Daniel for being such a comfort. It is very nice to have Burwell Whittenton as my next door neighbor. She is very kind and a good neighbor.

Thank you with much love,
Ruth Bondurant

Sound System Fund Established

A new designated fund has been established by the deacons to raise money for a new sound system in the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please simply write "Sound System" on your envelope and/or check. As with all of our designated funds, please only give above and beyond your budget offering. A new sound system is needed, but our ongoing ministry is always our top priority!