

The Duck Creek Band performs at the Senior Adult Luncheon on September 20, 2018.



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From the Pastor...



Electing deacons is one of the most important processes in our church and your participation is needed. We need you to pray about the men and women you would have serve our congregation as spiritual leaders and to nominate those persons God puts on your heart.

At First Baptist Church our deacons do many things. First, they work with the pastor and staff to nurture and cultivate a clear spiritual direction for the church. Second, they partner with the pastor and staff to lead the congregation to fulfill the church's mission. Third, they join the pastor and staff in caring for our members – especially those in need.

Dacons, by necessity, also guide the church in business and organizational matters. As congregational leaders, they process what decisions will be best for the health of the congregation. They decide smaller matters, but only make recommendations to the congregation on larger issues – which are then decided by the congregation as a whole.

Our Baptist emphasis on congregational governance is also seen in our most recent By-law changes that place more responsibility on the congregation for this process. All nominees will be invited to attend an orientation meeting at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, October 21, 2018. At this meeting the qualifications and duties will be explained.

All nominees who attend the orientation meeting, agree to receive training, and agree to serve if elected, will be presented back to the congregation to continue in the process. A letter with the nominees' names and background information will go out to the congregation by October 26, 2018. The congregation will then vote on nominees on Sunday, November 11, 2018 and the top three vote getters will be elected.

As you think of who might best serve as a deacon, please keep the following qualifications from our By-laws in mind:

- Christian Purpose
- Spiritual Integrity
- Spiritual Maturity
- Christian Family Life
- Temperate Living
- Good Steward
- Cooperative Attitude
- Willing to be Trained
- Committed to Service

You may nominate members of our congregation to be part of this process by calling the church office, emailing maryjane@statesvillefbc.org or filling out a nomination form and dropping it in the offering plate.

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Deacon Election Schedule

October 1 – 14
Deacon Nominations Accepted

Sunday, October 21
*Meeting with Prospective Deacons
(11:00 a.m.)*

Thursday, October 26
*Letter sent to Congregation announcing
Nominees*

Sunday, November 11
Deacon Election in Morning Worship

Sunday, January 6, 2019
New Deacons Installed/Ordained

Schedule

Sunday, September 30
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
Vote on 2018-2019 Ministry Budget
 4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, October 1
 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 2
 10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:00 p.m. Precept Study

Wednesday, October 3
 9:30 a.m. Precept Study
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Options
 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 4
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, October 7
9:00 a.m. Joint Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Fall Festival - Front Lawn
 Rain Location: Gym

Monday, October 8
 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 9
 10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:00 p.m. Precept Study

Wednesday, October 10
 9:30 a.m. Precept Study
1:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive - Adams Hall
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Options
 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 11
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of September 16 & 23, 2018

	9/16	9/23
Church in Bible Study	n/a	138
Church in Worship	126	190

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

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FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, October 1
 9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, October 2
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, October 3
 8:00 a.m. Pickleball
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Options
 7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, October 4
 9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, October 5
 11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Sunday, October 7
4:00 p.m. Fall Festival

Monday, October 8
 9:00 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

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

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Thursday, October 11
 9:30 a.m. Pickleball
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

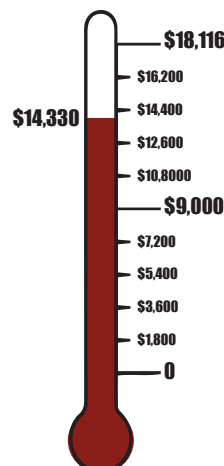
Friday, October 12
 11:45 p.m. Line Dancers

Financial Statistics

	September	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	66,956.00	836,951.00
Budget Receipts	57,532.00	790,517.00
Needed to Meet Goal	9,424.00	46,434.00

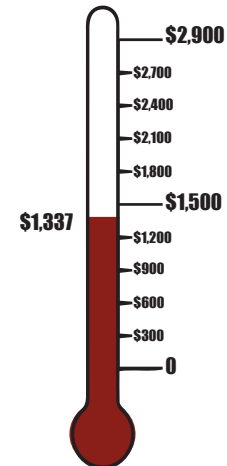
Pew Cushion Fund

Goal: \$18,116



Lydia Prayer Room Fund

Goal: \$2,900



A Zoo 2 You Visits the FBC Preschool



Wednesday, September 19, our preschoolers enjoyed a fun morning with A Zoo 2 You. Each class spent time feeding and petting a llama, alpaca, miniature cow, babydoll sheep, horse, goats, and bunnies.



Senior Adult Luncheon - September 20, 2018



Our Senior Adults kicked off their program year with the September luncheon and a performance by the Duck Creek Band. They look forward to more delightful luncheons and programs as well as a trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in December.

Prayer Changes People

“Winston Churchill said, “Life can either be accepted or changed. If it is not accepted, it must be changed. If it cannot be changed, then it must be accepted”. The Christian’s catalyst for change (or acceptance) is prayer. “Sometimes the purpose of prayer is to get us out of circumstances, but more often than not, the purpose of prayer is to get us through them.” (Mark Batterson) Prayer calms the soul. It changes one’s perspective, thoughts, and attitudes. In other words, it HUMBLES!

Lord, I long to know You, to understand what You’re trying to teach me through my circumstances, and to be changed. Teach me to pray, and teach me how to pray. May I humble myself before you so that I will look at circumstances and other people through the lens of humility.



**FBC Mission Moment
Habitat For Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity is a ministry that helps people move from substandard housing into their own home. Houses are built in partnership with the persons in need, who put in sweat equity for their down payment, and pay off their mortgage interest free.

Our Town's Habitat (Iredell and North Mecklenburg) builds an average of 15 homes per year as well as making over 30 critical repairs per year for other families. Our church is partnering with other congregations in Statesville this fall/winter on a faith build.

The house we are currently helping to build will belong to a single mother with a three year old son. Shaneka works full-time as a CNA at a local doctor's office and also works part-time at an assisted living center. She currently lives in an apartment that has issues with mold and a HVAC system that is in disrepair. On top of these poor conditions, she does not feel safe in this location and cannot let her son play outside.

When you support First Baptist Church's ministry budget, a part of your gift will go toward helping build a new home for Sheneka. If you'd like to be involved at a deeper level, you can join us for a work day on Sheneka's house, Saturday, October 13, 2018. We will be setting the porch beam and gable trusses. If you like to help, contact David Potter at 704-873-5470.

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Announcements

Transportation Ministry Needs Drivers

Our Transportation Ministry is in need of drivers that would be able to drive our members who are unable to drive themselves to doctor appointments. If you are interested in being part of this important ministry, please contact Hilda Lee at 704-876-0590.

**Joint Adult & Youth Sunday School
Sunday, October 7, 2018
9:00 a.m.**

Adams Hall - Esther Classroom - Genesis Classroom

All adults and youth will have a joint Sunday School hour to discuss the appropriate ways to respond during a medical emergency. We will show a video that demonstrates hands-only CPR.

**Senior Adult Trip
Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

Please turn in a Registration Form with a check for \$50.00 to the church office, Gale Hall, or Loy Devine to reserve your seat for this one day trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre. Final deadline is November 1, however, you are encouraged to register now.

**Growing Young Conference
Saturday, November 10, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

First Baptist Church of Black Mountain

Churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Yet, unleashing the passion of young people in your church is possible. Based on groundbreaking research with more than 250 of the nation's leading congregations, *Growing Young* provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain young people. It profiles innovative churches engaging 15 to 29-year-olds who are growing—spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. Packed with ideas, *Growing Young* shows ministry leaders how to position their churches to reach younger generations in a way that breathes life into the whole church.

Cost: \$10/person

- 9:00 Introduction and Growing Young Overview
- 9:30 Keychain Leadership and Empathy
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Jesus' Message and Warm Community
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Prioritizing Young People and Being Best Neighbors
- 2:15 Next Steps

If you would like to attend, please call the church office.

Fall Festival
Sunday, October 7, 2018
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Front Lawn
Join us for a fun afternoon! We will have games, candy, and a bounce house.
Invite all your friends!
We will need LOTS of candy.
Please pick up a bag while you're out.

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