



THE INTERIM

Shannon and Sherry Ashley wire lights for the gym at the Building & Grounds work day on Saturday, April 23, 2016.



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From the Pastor...



Together in Christ is not just a theme. It is also our goal. Jesus said that the world would know us as his disciples by the love we have for one another (John 13). He also prayed that we would be one (John 17). So unity is both God's desire for us and primary witness of God's love.

To help us reach our goal of being *Together in Christ*, our church will come together for one time of worship this summer. It is difficult to be unified when we are rarely all together in one place. By unifying our worship this summer, we will have the opportunity to see each other and build closer relationships.

Change is rarely easy, but it is often rewarding. Our deacons, staff and I understand that this decision will inconvenience some. We hope, however, that your sacrifice will be rewarded by the gains we experience together. So that we are all sacrificing, we have chosen to move both worship times and use aspects of both worship styles.

What we will gain is a more unified fellowship and the opportunity to evaluate our worship offerings for the fall (we will be seeking your input on our fall schedule). Summer is also a time when many folks travel and attendance often drops. So being together in one service will also help us maintain greater energy in our service.

Since summer is so busy, we will also be taking a Sabbath from our Wednesday evening programs. Instead, we will offer a noon Bible Study with a light lunch prepared by Hilda Lee (cost for lunch will be \$5.00). This will enable us to give more energy to our busy summer schedule – Vacation Bible School, Children's and Youth trips to Look Up Lodge, Belize Mission Trip, Jubilee Sunday, Summer Concerts and more.

New Summer Schedule For Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Bible Study

Begins Sunday, June 5

Sunday Mornings At FBC

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

For the summer months, we will have one worship service. Sunday School and the worship service will start a few minutes early.

Wednesday Bible Study

12:00 p.m.~ Adams Hall

Dr. Nelson Granade will lead the mid-week study.
Lunch will be prepared by Hilda Lee.

Wonderful things are happening at First Baptist Church of Statesville! Our Sunday School is growing. We're moving forward with our new sound system, video equipment and signage. People are visiting with us regularly and many are joining. We're in the process of calling a Student Minister. God is at work among us and this summer will offer a great opportunity to be *Together in Christ!*

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:22-23 (NRSV)

Schedule

Sunday, May 8

Happy Mother's Day

- 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 - Adams Hall

Monday, May 9

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

Tuesday, May 10

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

Wednesday, May 11

- 9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal - FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Study Groups - FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, May 12

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

Friday, May 13

- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, May 14

- 7:30 a.m. Operation Inasmuch

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of April 24 & May 1, 2016

	4/24	
Church in Bible Study	155	139
Church in Worship	222	215
8:30 a.m. service	55	48
10:55 a.m. service	167	167

Financial Statistics

Weeks of April 24 & May 1, 2016

	4/24	
Budget - Received	9,243.00	13,286.00
Alms	0.00	724.00
Designated - Received	50.00	2,190.00
Sound System	695.00	1,300.00

TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 4/24/16

TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 5/1/16

Budget for 2015-2016

Weekly Budget Needed

Budget Needs To Date

Budget Given to Date

Behind Budget

Designated Funds Received-Year to Date

Alms Received-Year to Date

Total Giving-Year to Date

Sound System Fund

Financial Statements Available in Church Office

Financial statements for the month of April are available in the church office for anyone who requests them



A Prayer For Mothers

Dear Lord, today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me.

Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior forever and ever.

If your mother is living, pray for her. It is the greatest gift you can give her. If she is no longer with you, thank God for her life and cherish her memory.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

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

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Operation Inasmuch

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Saturday, May 14 is fast approaching! Have you added Operation Inasmuch to your calendar? Have you signed up for a team? If not, there is still time.

The Missions Team is excited about having as many people as possible to participate in Operation Inasmuch. We have several projects lined up, and now we are looking for the people to help accomplish these tasks. The truly beautiful thing about Operation Inasmuch is that anyone can help out! We have projects to accommodate every age group and ability level. If you are handy with tools, or know how to wield a paint brush and roller, we need your help. If you know how to fix bicycles or rake leaves, we need your help. If cleaning is more your thing, we have a project for you. We even have projects for those who may need to sit while they work, or limit how much they are walking around. The children and youth have projects all lined up. Everyone has a place to serve at Operation Inasmuch.

Wonderful things happen at Operation Inasmuch! Our church gets to serve the community, while we grow closer to one another. This year we will be building a handicap ramp, painting at a Habitat House, working at Power Cross, making bean soup kits for Iredell Christian Ministries, making blankets for children in need, working on bicycles for White Christmas, completing yard work in our community, and making fishing kits to pack in Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.

It is easy to get caught up in completing the task without really considering the impact of this work on people's lives. Each bag of bean soup we pack helps feed a family in our community. The work we do at Power Cross enables them to continue to reach out to the children of our community through sports, meals, and a chance to hear about Jesus. The painting at Habitat helps a family get one step closer to having a home. Each project we have planned will show the love of Christ to our community.

Come out and join us on May 14. You can sign up on the lists posted near the Welcome Center, or in the Family Life Center. Even if you forget to sign up, come and there will be a place for you to serve. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. in Adams Hall for biscuits and prayer. From there we will divide into teams and go to our designated locations. We look forward to seeing you at Operation Inasmuch, and seeing what God will accomplish through First Baptist Church.

Operation Inasmuch Projects

Yard Work (Students)

Fishing Kits (Kids)

Blanket Making

Bean Soup Mix Assembly

Habitat House

Power Cross

Bicycle Repair

Wheelchair Ramp Building

Photography



So All May See & Hear Update

What a difference we heard last Sunday when we tried out the new sound system. There is also much excitement about updating our video ministry to include an internet presence. With all these wonderful things happening, it will be great to have a new sign to lead people to our church and signage to help us all find our way inside.

Before all this can happen, however, there are a few steps we must take. First, this Sunday you will have the opportunity to vote on these projects and enter into a capital campaign. The following is the motion that the Deacons will present to the congregation for your approval:

So that "All May See and Hear", I support First Baptist Church of Statesville moving forward with the purchase of a new sound system (\$100,000), new digital video equipment (\$25,000) and a new sign in the front lawn and new signage throughout the buildings (\$25,000). I understand that we will not move forward on these purchases until we have pledged all of the funds and have at least half of the money on hand.

Second, we must pledge all of the funds needed (\$150,000) and give at least half of that amount (\$75,000) before we can install any new equipment. Be praying about these decisions and what you can give to make these projects a reality. More information will follow in next week's issue of *The Interim*.



Message by: **Dr. Nelson Granade**

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

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Announcements

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to the family of Josephine Hunter, 104, in her death on April 29, 2016. She had been a member of First Baptist Church for 77 years. A memorial service for Josephine will be held at First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. The family will receive friends in Adams Hall following the service.

Interim May Schedule

In the month of May, the Interim will be published May 8, May 15, and May 29. We will then continue on a every other week basis. We will not have an issue published for Sunday, July 3. Please take note of these dates and turn your announcements and/or articles in accordingly. Thank you!

Support The Belize Team!

Each Sunday School class received a picture of a member of the Belize Team and should pray for that person and the work that person will do while in Belize. The Belize Team is in need of full-size flat (not fitted) bed sheets. You may bring your donations to the church Mondays-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or Fridays,, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or on Sunday mornings.

Yard Sale To Benefit Belize Team Saturday, May 21, 2016

We are beginning to collect items for a yard sale that will benefit the Belize Mission Trip. You may bring your donations to the church office, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you would like to have any large items picked up, please call Melissa Wilson at 704-873-7231 to set up a pick up time.

Reception To Honor Preschool Director Renae Keesbury Sunday, May 22, 2016 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. ~ Adams Hall

Please join us Sunday, May 22 as we honor Renae Keesbury for all her years of service as FBC's Preschool Director. Renae will retire at the end of May. Please stop by to show your appreciation for her great work.

Memorial Day Picnic Sunday, May 29, 2016

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Picnic Lunch on the Church Lawn

Please plan to stay for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The church will provide the pulled pork BBQ. Please bring a side or dessert (or 2!) to share! This is a community event. We will need lots of food to go around. There will also be games, snow cones, and inflatables for the kids!

Coffee Rotation Sunday, May 8

Melissa Wilson

Clothes Closet Rotation Thursday, May 12

Mac Funderburk & Peggy Koepnick

Meet Our Prospective Minister of Students Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Deacons - 4:00 p.m.

Congregation- 5:00 p.m.

Students & Parents - 6:00 p.m.

We are excited to present Justin Cox as our prospective Minister to Students. Justin brings a strong relational approach to youth ministry and believes we must be authentic in our life and faith. He was called to ministry from a manufacturing logistics background and has been preparing himself ever since. Justin will complete a Bachelor of Arts in May at Campbell University. While there he studied Christian Theology and Youth Ministry. Along with his school work, Justin served as a Campus Ministry Intern and Minister of Youth at Lillington Baptist Church. Justin and his wife, Lauren, recently moved to Winston-Salem where he will spend the next three years studying at Wake Forest toward a Master of Divinity Degree.

Justin and Lauren will be with us Wednesday evening, May 11, 2016. They will meet with our deacons at 4:00 p.m. and then spend some time visiting folks at your table during dinner. Justin will share his testimony at 5:45 p.m. and then meet with our students and parents for the rest of his visit. We will vote on calling Justin Cox as our part-time Minister to Students during both worship services, Sunday, May 15, 2016. We are grateful to the members of the Student Minister Search Team for their good work. Members include: Jason Allen, chair, Buzz Holshouser, Nancy Deal, Debi Martin, Chris Simon, Jim Van Zee, Jan Wuertz, and Nelson Granade, Staff Liaison.

Church Directory Picture Make Up Day

Did you miss getting your picture made for our new church directory? If we have enough interest, we will schedule a photo make-up day. If you are interested, please contact the church office and ask to have your name added to the list. We will contact you as soon as we have a make-up date. We need 25 families to sign up before we can schedule a date.