

Students from FBC, Broad Street UMC, and First Presbyterian met for a combined Bible study on Sunday, February 12, 2017.



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From the Pastor...



"What do people do who don't have a church?" I've been asked that question numerous times. It's usually after someone has gone through a trying time. Someone goes through illness and their Sunday School Class takes turns driving them to the doctor. Or, someone goes through grief and a deacon comes by to check on them on a low day. I drop by and they say, "What do people do without a church?"

When someone asks this question they are really saying, "My church is very meaningful to me." I'm sure folks without a church home have friends and family who care, but there is something profound about being part of a spiritual family. Churches lift you in prayer and reach out to you in caring deeds.

Of course church is meaningful week in and week out. We encounter God as we worship together week to week. We grow in our faith as we delve into scripture in Sunday School and Bible study. We exercise our faith as we reach out to others. When we encounter a crisis, however, we truly come to appreciate the depth of our fellowship.

As your pastor, I am used to caring for others. As a fellow church member, however, I also need and appreciate the care I receive. From the day Valerie and I arrived, we have been blessed not only to minister to you, but to be receive ministry as well. From helping us move to the community, to bringing us food, to sending us encouraging notes, to holding us in prayer; you have been there for us.

Because you are such a loving and caring congregation, I know you will be there for us as we face surgery to repair the mitral valve in my heart. In fact, I've already received numerous offers of help, notes of encouragement and prayers lifted for me. It truly is good to be part of a loving church. I don't know what people do who don't have a church, but they are missing a great blessing.

Nolan



Ash Wednesday Service

March 1, 2017

6:00 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. As the ceremony of the reconciliation of penitents fell into disuse, the practice arose of marking the heads of all the faithful with an ashen cross as a visible symbol of the penitential season which began on this day. Thus Ash Wednesday served to call the entire Christian community to repentance and preparation for the journey toward the cross and Resurrection.

In the rite for Ash Wednesday ashes, made by burning the palm leaves which had been blessed on the Palm Sunday of the year before, are placed upon the alter blessed and sprinkled with holy water and censed. The congregation then kneel at the alter rails and the priest touches their forehead with a portion of the ash, saying "*Remember O man, thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.*"

- Dr. Larry Gregg, Minister of Christian Education & Administration

Schedule

Sunday, February 19

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

Monday, February 20

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 21

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, February 22

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Groups
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, February 23

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
 2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

Sunday, February 26

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

Monday, February 27

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 28

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, March 1

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, March 2

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
 2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

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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Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of February 5 & 12, 2017

	2/5	2/12
Church in Bible Study	143	145
Church in Worship.....	204	219

Financial Statistics

	February	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	65,613.00	405,049.00
Budget Receipts	24,925.00	341,572.00
Needed to Meet Goal	40,688.00	63,477.00
Alms	498.00	3,372.00
Designated	1,954.00	33,758.00

Announcements

Weekday Preschool Registration Begins March 1

Our Weekday Preschool will begin fall registration on Wednesday, 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, please contact Melissa Wilson, Director, for more information. She can be reached at 704-873-7231 or at melissa@statesvillefbc.org.

Miami Mission Trip Applications Available

Applications for this summer's mission trip to Miami will be available Sunday, February 19. If you are interested in being part of this trip, please see Melissa Wilson for an application. Completed applications with deposit will be due Sunday, March 5. Space is limited. The trip will be July 15-22, 2017.

Tennessee Tech Chorale Concert at FBC

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

7:00 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

The Tennessee Tech University Chorale will be performing in the FBC sanctuary on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. as part of their Spring Tour of 2017. The concert will include a wide range of music from sacred to modern. The ensemble is comprised of students majoring in music as well as other degree programs. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Craig Zamer.

We need your help to house these students. Please contact James Martin in you are able to house two or more of these students.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Soup Lunch Fundraiser on Sunday, February 5. All proceeds will help send the children of FBC to Passport Missions Camp this summer.

Organ Dedication Concert

Sunday, February 19, 2017 ~ 4:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

The concert will feature Dr. Jody Bell, Associate Professor of Organ at Appalachian State University on the newly refurbished 1925 Opus 1083 Casavant Organ joined by the choirs of First Presbyterian Church.

Preschoolers Learn the Letter "V"



The week of February 13-17, FBC Preschoolers built a volcano and celebrated Valentine's Day while learning the letter "V"



A Close Relationship

Staying in a close relationship with God and enjoying His presence depends on consistent (and constant) Bible study and prayer. Many times when things are going well, we neglect these two very important parts of our Christian life. It's during these times that God allows "gentle" suffering to draw us back to Him. The suffering may not seem gentle, but we can rest assured that He always has His eye on the thermometer and His hand on the thermostat. (Psalm 119:67,71) Whether you are currently in a valley of suffering or on a mountaintop of joy, I invite you to deepen your relationship with God by joining us either Tuesday night or Wednesday morning for our Precept Bible study of the Sermon on the Mount - words directly from the mouth of Jesus.

Thank You, precious Lord, that You have many times drawn me close to You through suffering. You brought me "kicking and screaming" like a loving parent—but praise Your Holy Name—You did not—would not—turn me loose! Thank You for giving me Your Word to reflect on Your wonderful ways. Thank You for leading me to read the wisdom of great people whom You have inspired to write the answers to my questions. Thank You for every good and perfect gift—most of all Your Word and prayer.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather



Message by: Dr. Nelson Granade
Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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CBF Mission Bites

Our Church is pleased to support CBF Global Missions in moments like these where bearing witness to Jesus Christ takes form through providing resources to Romany believers who are eager to learn more.

"November made the seventh time that Dutch Baptists have flown to Romania to teach at the Gypsy Smith School in Bucharest. The school meets four times a year for one-week intensive training. We resource coordinators do not have the fun of teaching these enthusiastic Romany believers ourselves, but it gives us great satisfaction to link people who have those teaching skills with leaders eager to learn; to see Christians cooperating across national, ethnic and linguistic lines to advance the Kingdom."

- Keith Holmes and Mary van Rheenen, CBF field personnel in Europe

Our Church is pleased to support CBF Global Missions in moments like these where bearing witness to Jesus Christ takes form through hospitality ministry and commitment to intentional community.

"When we helped Bruce move into a house of his own, he had everything he needed except for one item: a coffee maker. So, we found a coffee maker for his new home. The coffee maker made a silent promise that this home would be a place of hospitality -- especially since Bruce doesn't drink coffee. He wanted the coffee maker because he knows that our little community has a particular affection for coffee and he wanted to continue to find ways to show his love in tangible ways. Bruce had learned time and again that in our work, the aroma of Christ--that scent that tell us Jesus is near -- smells a lot like brewing coffee."

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



Wednesday Evening Menus

Wednesday, February 22

Cheeseburgers, Fried Potato Wedges, & Cookies
Kids' Menu: Same

Wednesday, March 1

Oven Fried Chicken Cutlet, Rice, Mixed Vegetables,
Rolls, & Brownies
Kids' Menu: Chicken Nuggets & Fries

Clothes Closet Volunteers

Thursday, February 23

Carolyn Dellinger & Bob Turnipseed

Thursday, March 2

Jeff Templeton & Bob Turnipseed

A Note of Appreciation From Fleeta Speaks

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the food, calls, cards, and prayers I have received during my recovery from surgery. A special thank you to my Lydia Sunday School Class who have been so attentive and supportive and the church administrative staff who have welcomed me back to my regular post. I appreciate all you have done for me. I still have four months of physical therapy so please keep me in your prayers.

Fleeta Speaks

A Note of Appreciation From Gwen & Hersey Miller

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards and calls during the death of Gwen's mother, Mary Padgett. We appreciate you so much.

Gwen & Hersey Miller

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Reggie Brown in the death of his mother, Mary Brown, on January 27, 2017.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Fleeta and Wayne Speaks in the death of Wayne's brother, Harold Thomas Speaks, on February 11, 2017.