



FBC Preschoolers toured a fire truck and received a lesson on fire safety from the Trinity Volunteer Fire Department last month.

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From the Pastor..

It's ironic that it sometimes takes difficult days to make us grateful. When things are going well, we often forget to thank God for the blessings we enjoy. Perhaps that is why the first Thanksgiving came after a long and terrible winter. Because they had been through such adversity, the Pilgrims truly appreciated their blessings.

It was also during a time of adversity that Thanksgiving Day became an official holiday. Abraham Lincoln declared the holiday amidst the Civil War. He asked Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation."

As we prepare for this Thanksgiving, our country is emerging from the midst of one of the most divisive presidential elections in history. That election is now over and we now face the challenge of uniting as "one nation, under God." Perhaps like our predecessors, we might start with recognizing our blessings and giving thanks for God's great care.

First Baptist Church of Statesville has also lived through some challenging times and is moving forward in unity to be the church God has called us to be today. There are always difficulties, but there are also blessings. Gratitude is the gift that helps us focus on what we have, instead of what we lack. God has blessed us abundantly and, if we are faithful, God will provide for every need.

I am grateful to be the pastor of such a great church filled with loving people. Those who went before us blessed us with wonderful facilities and a heritage of helping others. Because they were thankful, they gave. Now it is our turn to recognize God's great blessings and use them in the work to which God has called us.

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A Note of Appreciation From The Back 2 School Bash Team

Dear First Baptist,
Thank you so much for supporting the Back-to-School Bash this year. Because of your support, we were able to provide shoes, socks, backpacks, and school supplies for over 1200 students. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

With Christ's Love,
The B2SBASH Team



Schedule

Sunday, November 13

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Deacon Ministry Team Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, November 14

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

Tuesday, November 15

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

Wednesday, November 16

- 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. Shoe Box Packing Party & Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, November 17

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga - Heritage Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, November 18

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

Sunday, November 20

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Celebration & Annual Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23

- 9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall

No Wednesday Evening Activities

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed

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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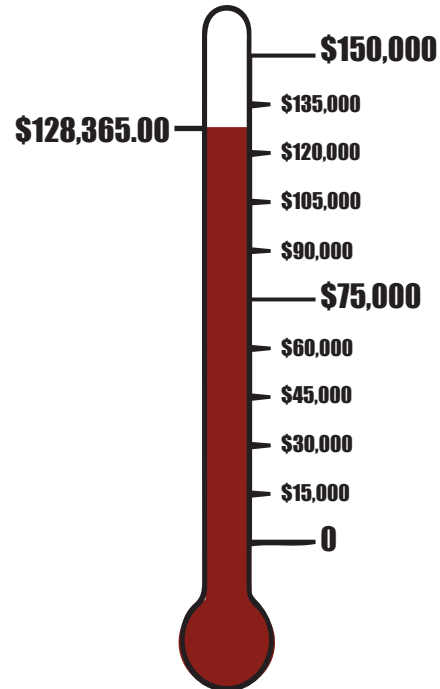
Weeks of October 30 & November 6, 2016

	10/30	11/6
Church in Bible Study	144	.xxx
Church in Worship	186	224

Financial Statistics

	November	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	68,237.00	138,234.00
Budget Receipts	12,958.00	62,209.00
Needed to Meet Goal	55,279.00	76,025.00
Alms		693.35
Designated		6,195.77

So All May See & Hear Given



*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
 Worship the Lord with gladness;
 come into his presence with singing.
 Know that the Lord is God.
 It is he that made us, and we are his;[a]
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise.
 Give thanks to him, bless his name.
 For the Lord is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Psalm 100 (NRSV)



Prayer Point

Precious Lord, the very first hour of my day spent with You is ALWAYS the closest, the most special, the most blessed, the best time to talk to You and hear Your voice. Why do I sometimes put my quiet time off until the "noise" of the day is so loud I can't think or hear You speak? Nothing that I have to do is as important as communion with You. Help me to guard my first waking moments and keep them for You. I find that if I begin with You in the morning, I abide with you throughout the day. "Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long." (Psalm 25:4-5)



THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 20



9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Luncheon & Annual Meeting

MENU

Smoked Pork Loin

Dressing With Gravy

Green Beans, Baked Apples, Rolls

Please bring your favorite dessert to share.

Donations will be accepted.



Message by: **Dr. Nelson Granade**

Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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Announcements

Christmas Ministries

Touching Others with the Love of God

Each Christmas we share in the special ministry called White Christmas by sharing with needy families in our community through gifts of toys, food, and clothing. There is a way for everyone to help. Please check below the ways you will be able to help:

- _____ I will pray for this ministry. Please pray that God will lead us to the families that need it the most. Pray that He will give us generous, loving and compassionate hearts, and that He will provide us with the resources and volunteers needed for this ministry.
- _____ I will give generously. We need money to purchase the toys and food. Mark your donations "Christmas Ministries" The toys and food are purchased from this fund.
- _____ I will donate good, clean clothes for children and teens and winter coats of all sizes.
- _____ I will volunteer to help in the clothes closet sizing and hanging clothes.
- _____ I will shop for a family using the gift cards provided.
- _____ I will help pack the food boxes
- _____ I will volunteer to bring homemade desserts for the lunch
- _____ I will volunteer to help December 4 in the following way:
 - _____ I will welcome and greet our visitors
 - _____ I will visit with our guests during the meal
 - _____ I will help direct traffic
 - _____ I will carry the food boxes and toy bags to their cars

Name _____ Phone # _____

Please turn this form in to the church office or give to Carol Hunter.

Because of your willingness to share your time and money with those less fortunate, you are truly expressing the love of Christ and the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you for your participation.

Carol and Luther Hunter – 704-876-1462

Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, November 17, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ FLC

The program this month will be provided by Michael Fagen, a Laughter Leader who will keep you laughing. If you have a friend, sign them up and bring them with you. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow by chefs Hilda Lee and Sharron Parish at a cost of \$6.00 payable at the door. Sign up in your Sunday School Class or by calling the church at 704-873-7231

Wednesday Evening Menus

Wednesday, November 16

cheese burgers, roasted potato wedges, pickles, & cookies
Kids' Menu: same

Wednesday, November 23

No Wednesday Evening Activities

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ FLC

The Missions Team will be hosting an Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box packing event. We will be packing shoe boxes on Wednesday, November 16 during our regular Wednesday Evening Bible Study time. We want to focus our efforts on packing boxes for the oldest boys & girls served by Operation Christmas Child. While many people love packing boxes for the toddlers and young children, not as many people pack boxes for those older kids. There are some great items that we can pack in boxes for these older kids that can make a huge impact on their lives. Giving a simple fishing kit to a teenage boy could help him feed his family, while a sewing kit for a girl could help her learn a valuable skill. Here is a list of the items we are looking for to go into our shoe boxes. There is a barrel located in the hallway near the welcome center where items can be dropped off. We look forward to working alongside you on November 16.

Each Box: Toothbrush with travel case • Toothpaste • Soap with travel case • Washcloth • Comb • Pencils • Pens • Pencil Sharpener • Colored pencils • Notepad • Bowl/Cup • Utensils • Flashlight with batteries • Bandana

Items Needed for Shoe Boxes for Older Boys: Tape measure • Fishing Hooks • Fishing weights • Fishing floats • Plastic Worms • Work Gloves • Soccer Ball/Play Ground Ball • Ball Pump with Extra Needles • Small first aid kit • Rope/twine • Zip Ties • Socks • Hammer & Nails • Pliers

Items Needed for Shoe Boxes for Older Girls: Sewing Needles, threader • Scissors • Thread • 1-2 Yards fabric • Tape measure • Thimble • Buttons, straight pins, safety pins • Simple pattern • Ribbons, elastic, etc. • Rope/twine • Clothes pins • Pony Tail Holders • Headbands • Socks • Jump Rope