

Danny Wicker, Kathy Estes, & Nathan Rash perform a concert on the church steps on Sunday, June 12, 2016.



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From the Pastor..



I have a friend who never says, "I have good news and bad news." Instead, he says, "I have good news and an opportunity." After you've heard that a few times, you realize his "opportunities" are what most of us would call "problems". Still, I like his positive approach to life. So, I have some good news and an opportunity for our church.

I shared much of the good news when I listed in the last Interim a dozen things God is doing at FBCS. Now I have even more good news. **We have surpassed our goal of \$150,000** in commitments toward the *So All May See and Hear Campaign!*

Therefore, we've placed the order

for our new sound system, begun work with a sign company and started researching our video needs. Thank you to all who are helping these dreams become a reality!

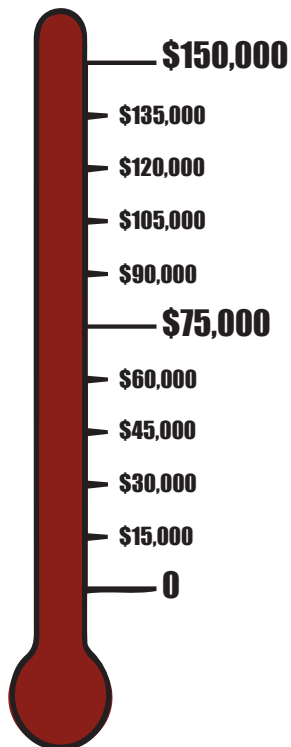
The opportunity we have now is to turn our attention to funding our ongoing ministries. As of last Sunday, **we are \$89,103.49 behind budget**. To make this matter worse, we have entered the summer season when giving traditionally falls off and expenditures rise. If we don't address this issue, we will not be able to carry out all of the ministries God is leading us to do.

This is a generous congregation and I know you will rise to the challenge. No one of us can overcome this deficit, but **together we can more than provide for the ministries of our church**. There is an old, but true joke. A pastor says, "Good news. We have all the money we need to fund our budget." Then he says, "Bad news, it's still in your pockets." If we all give as God leads us, all of our needs will be provided.

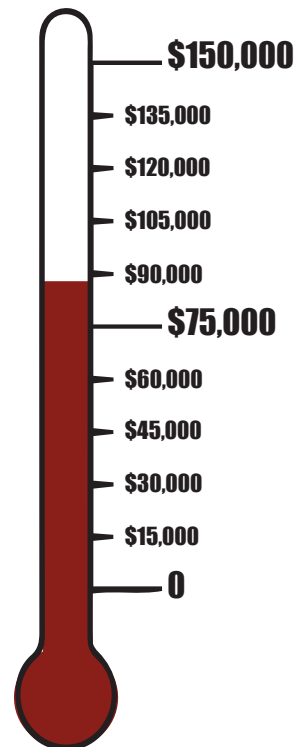
N. Rash

So All May See & Hear

Pledged



Given



Schedule

Sunday, June 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, June 27

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

Tuesday, June 28

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, June 29

12:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, June 30

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

Friday, July 1

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Sunday, July 3

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

Monday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

9:00 a.m. Yoga -FLC
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, July 6

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, July 7

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

Friday, July 8

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, July 9

Belize Team Departs for San Pedro

Sunday, July 10

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, July 11

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

Tuesday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, July 13

12:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, July 14

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

Friday, July 15

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Sunday, July 17

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

Monday, July 18

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

Tuesday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Yoga -FLC
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, July 20

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, July 21

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

Friday, July 22

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of June 12 & 19, 2016

	6/12	6/19
Church in Bible Study	146	127
Church in Worship	181	195

Financial Statistics

Weeks of June 12 & 19, 2016

	6/12	6/19
Budget - Received	15,680.00	5,913.00
Alms	0.00	0.00
Designated - Received	1,027.00	485.00
Sound System	3,055.00	6,695.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 6/12/16		19,762.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 6/19/16		13,093.00
Budget for 2015-2016		893,174.00
Weekly Budget Needed		17,176.42
Budget Needs To Date		652,704.08
Budget Given to Date		569,513.59
Behind Budget		(89,103.48)
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		81,507.37
Alms Received-Year to Date		6,052.50
Total Giving-Year to Date		747,564.46
So All May See & Hear		90,491.00



*Then you will know the truth, and
 the truth will set you free.*

John 8:32



Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
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 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families
 Dr. Larry Gregg.....Interim Minister of Christian Education
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Celebration of the Life of Eddie Steele

On June 18, 2016 our church community lost a brother in Christ, a friend, a co-worker, a volunteer, a caretaker of our campus. His name was Edward (Eddie) Steele. We will miss his presence here, but Jesus welcomes Eddie to his new heavenly home.

Eddie's journey began when the Holy Spirit moved Payton Morrison Sr. and several men from First Baptist Church of Statesville to intervene on Eddie's behalf. Eddie was a homeless man, living in a wooded area near a Boy Scout camp off Davie Avenue.

God had great plans for Eddie Steele. Eddie was to be a tool God used to help us see His Word clearer.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ - Matthew 25:4

At one of the first Operation Inasmuch projects FBC participated in, there was a project to clear out the hut Eddie was living in. The next year there was a new hut built and thus we began a long relationship with a new friend.

Eddie touched so many people; a whole church rallied around one man. Doctors gave him needed medical treatment. Dentists gave him the ability to eat a balanced meal. Members found him a new home close enough that he could walk to his work, at FBC. When Eddie became too sick to walk volunteers were ready to take Eddie anywhere he needed to go.

I would like to share two events when Eddie knew he was trusted and loved. The first was when Eddie was issued a set of keys to First Baptist Church. He was so honored to be trusted and took the responsibility very seriously. If you noticed he always carried those keys with him, on and off duty. The second was the Wednesday night he was given his moped. Once again a group of FBC members saw Eddie's need and rallied around him. He told me later, "I have a big family, don't I?"

As the Pastor and I were visiting Eddie during his last hospital stay, Dr. Granade told one of Eddie's other visitors "I get more questions about Eddie's condition. Everyone at FBC knows Eddie."

Yes, we all knew and loved Eddie. Eddie, as a tool of God's grace and mercy, made us better Christians and therefore better human beings. Be thou at Peace, for now you know the peace only God will provide. Rest in Peace, Eddie Steele.

In Christ's Love,
Clayton Cline, *Eddie's Friend*

A celebration of life service for Eddie Steele will be held Sunday, June 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the FBC sanctuary.



Prayer Point

“Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it!” (Gen. 28:16) Lord, that's [one of] my problems! You're everywhere I am—and I'm just not cognizant of You! Keep my thoughts on You today—at all times. May my mind be full of Your Word, my lips awash with Your praise. Show me your image in the highest of men and the lowest. Move my heart to compassion for the sick, the hungry, the disenfranchised, and the marginalized. Whether I'm in Bi-Lo, Belk's, the bank or even in my own home—help me to be full of You—not myself. Then, with my eyes opened, my ears attuned, and my senses engaged, I can say, “Yes! The Lord is in this place, and I am (totally) aware of it.”

Would you join me in this prayer this week?

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather



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

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Announcements

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to the friends and family of Eddie Steele in his death on June 18, 2016.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to David and Beth McDaniel in the death of David's mother , Ruth Horne, on June 18, 2016.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Jerry and Pat Campbell in the death of Jerry's brother, Billy Campbell of Huntsville, AL on June 14, 2016.

Belize Mission Trip

Good news! Our mission trip to San Pedro, Belize is fully funded. We are still in need of reading glasses that we can give to the people of San Pedro. Thank you for all your prayers and support!



Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, July 19, 2016
1:00-5:30 p.m. ~ Family Life Center
Please stop by to make a donation!

Summer Schedule for *The Interim*

The next issue of *The Interim* will be publish Sunday, July 24. If you would like to have announcement or article placed in the next issue, please turn it into Kayley by Tuesday, July 19.

Upcoming Events!

Venture Students at Look Up Lodge
June 26 - July 1

Belize Mission Trip
July 9-16

Vacation Bible School
July 25-29

Jubilee Sunday
July 31

Children at Look Up Lodge
August 5-8



Clothes Closet Rotation Thursday, June 30

Mac Funderburk & Jeff Templeton

Danny Wicker & Friends Concert Sunday, June 12, 2016

