

Bevy of Beauties: Hilde Lee, Vicki Marsh, Carol Borroughs, Betty Evans, & Valerie Granade help serve in the kitchen on Wednesday, September 11.

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From the Pastor...

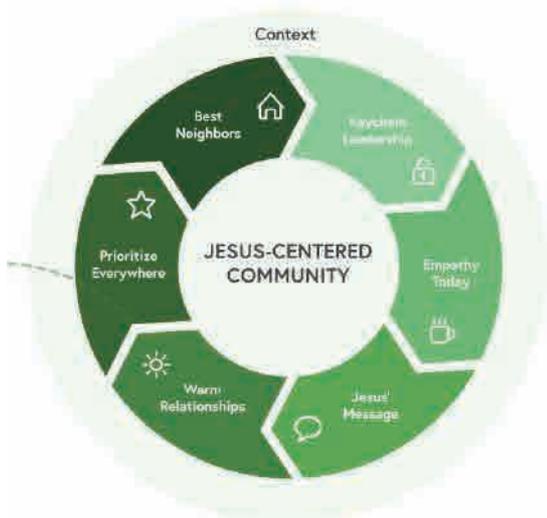
Our church is *Growing Young!* No, we haven't found the Fountain of Youth or a pill to stop the aging process. What we are doing, however, is engaging in the best practices to reach younger people. We're a part of cohort of congregations working with the Fuller Youth Institute to create a church culture that attracts and retains youth.

Last year we introduced these concepts to you on Wednesday evenings. We also began a series of listening sessions that are continuing. We are currently exploring the biblical underpinnings of these practices in a Growing Young Sermon Series. We also conducting an online survey that you can take at www.oursurvey.church/FirstBaptistChurchStatesville-1.

Growing Young is not a magical formula to transform a church, but it does offer principals that put us in a better position to attract young people. What's even better, these same principles actually apply to all ages and create an atmosphere that can energize every age group.

So what are these principles?

- **Keychain Leadership** – Empower people to do ministry by encouraging and equipping them.
- **Empathy Today** – Step into the shoes of others (especially young people) to better understand one another.
- **Jesus' Message** – Focus discipleship on a relationship with Jesus that transforms us.
- **Warm Relationships** – Fuel genuine intergenerational friendships instead of focusing on programming.
- **Prioritize Everywhere** – Tangible support young people by creatively involving them in every aspect of ministry.
- **Best Neighbors** – Live out our faith by ministering beyond our walls.



If you look closely at these Growing Young principles, you will see that these are things our congregation should be doing anyway. The main difference is that we are being more intentional on understanding and reaching out to the next generation.

As we continue to become even more welcoming of younger people, we trust that God will bless our efforts. We celebrate that this is already happening – as evidenced by our nursery. In the past year we've gone from a couple of babies to twenty preschoolers! We will continue to welcome and minister to people of all ages, but we especially celebrate that God is bringing younger folks into our flock.

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Schedule

Sunday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Budget Q&A - Adams Hall
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 17

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall

Wednesday, September 18

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Budget Q&A
 7:00 p.m. Ladies Second Thursday Interest Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 19

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, September 22

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

Monday, September 23

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 24

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study

Wednesday, September 25

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 26

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Linedancers
 6:00 p.m. Pickleball

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Pickleball
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, September 19

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, September 20

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Monday, September 23

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Linedancers
 6:00 p.m. Pickleball

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

Thursday, September 26

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, September 27

11:45 a.m. Linedancers



Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	80,840.00	808,400.00
Budget Receipts	51,363.00	734,956.00
Needed to Meet Goals	29,477.00	73,444.00
Alms	305.00	5,775.00
Designated	3,332.00	159,715.00

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
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 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of September 1 & 8, 2019

	9/1	9/8
Church in Bible Study	107	134
Church in Worship	169	204

Are We Still Growing Young? Sermon Series

September 15, 2019
Growing Young through Shared Leadership
 Exodus 18:13-26

September 22, 2019
Growing Young through Serious Faith
 Luke 9:23-26

September 29, 2019
Growing Young through Caring for Others
 Luke 10:25-37

The Newest Additions to Our Church Family Keep Us *Growing Young!*



Left: Congratulations to Tim and Kayley Crouch on the birth of a son, Henry Allen, on August 31, 2019. The proud grandparents are David and Pam Potter.



Right: Congratulations to Josh & Summer Snow on the birth of a son, Bauer Hart, on September 6, 2019. The proud big sister is Tanner Grace and the proud big brother is Forde DeWitt.

Prayer Point

"A person can feel very strong when praying alone but can be galvanized to tremendous capacity and immediate expectation for "great and mighty things" when praying with others of like mind."

"When our Lord built the church, He built a prayer meeting. This has to be one of the greatest discoveries in the Bible. Where is the church with a great prayer meeting today? Almost nowhere does the weakness of our congregations show up more than in our prayer meetings."

Both quotes by Armin Gesswein in his book, **With One Accord in One Place: The Role of Prayer in the Early Church**

Announcements

Growing Young Survey

In order to help us better understand the culture of our church, we are inviting you to complete a brief online assessment. This survey is based on the work of the Fuller Youth Institute, specifically in the book *Growing Young: 6 essential strategies to help young people discover and love your church*. The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete, and your responses will remain confidential as they are incorporated into a larger report. You may find the survey at www.oursurvey.church/FirstBaptistChurchStatesville-1.

Senior Adult Trip

**Billy Graham Library and NarroWay Dinner Theatre
Saturday, November 23, 2019**

We will leave the church parking lot in a Christian Tours bus at 7:45 a.m. heading south to visit the Billy Graham Library and then on to NarroWay Dinner Theatre in Ft. Mill, SC. We will have lunch there at noon and then see *THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY* at 2:00 p.m. and then return to Statesville at around 5:30 p.m. Total cost for the trip is \$50.00 per person to be turned in to the church or to Gale Hall as soon as possible. Checks payable to **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**.

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10



Announcements

CBF Misson Bites

Mission Bite 145: Blessed are the Merciful

Did you ever in your wildest imagination think you would have some at the Women's center, there is an Armenian woman in her eighties who comes to get a food package every six weeks. She doesn't attend any of the meetings, but either asks her neighbors to get the package or walks to the center if she can.

She has two children. Her son has AIDS and recently underwent an operation. Her daughter used to help her mother and brother, giving them some cash to buy a few things. The Armenian Club pays for their utilities, and she gets a little additional help from the Red Cross and similar organizations.

She called recently, and told me that they don't have any food at home—she has nothing to feed her son who still lives with her. I asked her to join me at the center the next day. She came with a neighbor, a young boy who would help her to carry the food package. She looked in a terrible condition. I gave her the food package, and she shared with me that they recently discovered that her daughter has cancer and is going through treatment.

The whole situation is very hard, one of poverty, AIDS, and now cancer. My heart went out to her. I helped a little with some cash, but it wasn't much at all.

I'm praying for her and for mercy. Please remember her in your prayers.

Blessed are the merciful.

- Maha Boulos, CBF field personnel serving in Beirut, Lebanon

Mission Bite 146: A Message Worth Dying For?

When you think of sharing your faith with friends, perhaps you're a bit timid, maybe a little anxious, but are you ever afraid?

Our student ministry here in Southeast Asia consists of believers in Christ from a myriad of traditions—those who don't believe in anything, as well as people who are committed to other faiths.

One of our students joins for Bible study, for semester retreats, and even went to church on Good Friday. She's not a Christian and comes from a strict family. Brooke asked her best friend what would happen if she were to become a Christian. She said, matter of factly, "Her uncle would probably kill her."

How much do you believe Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life? Is this message worth dying for?

- Mike and Brooke, CBF field personnel serving in Southeast Asia

2019-2020 Budget Adoption Process

Sunday, September 15, 2019
Q & A with Business Management Team
11:00 a.m. – Adam's Hall

Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Second Q & A Time
6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 22, 2019
Vote for Adoption Without Discussion

Ladies Second Thursday Interest Meeting Wednesday, September 18, 2019 7:00 p.m. - FLC

Many of the ladies in the church have expressed an interest in resuming our Ladies Second Thursday which was such a successful ministry several years ago. We are having a meeting September 18, 2019 after the Wednesday night Bible Study in Heritage Hall to discuss this ministry. If you are interested in serving on a planning committee, please come to this meeting. If you are interested, but unable to attend the meeting, please call Mary Hunt – 704-902-1715 or Carol Hunter – 704-876-1462

Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, September 19, 2019 11:00 a.m. - FLC

The first meeting of the new program year will feature the life of Bob Dellinger with emphasis on his military experiences. Come and enjoy mingling and talking with your fellow members and top it off with a good lunch. Cost of the meal is \$6.00 payable at the door. If you plan to eat, you must call the church at 704 873-7231 no later than noon on Monday, September 16, in order that we may prepare enough food.



Save the Date Fall Festival

Sunday, October 6, 2019
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Church Lawn

Please save the date for our Fall Festival! We will celebrate the seasons with lots of games, candy, bounce houses, snacks, and facepainting!