

Venture Students raised over \$1,000 at the annual car wash Saturday, September 20. All the proceeds were applied to the first deposit for their trip to Look Up Lodge in June 2015.



THE INTERIM

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Welcome Dr. Roger Gilbert!

■ Roger Gilbert *Interim Pastor*

It is an honor to serve as your interim pastor. Across the 40 years as a pastor in North Carolina, I have been aware of First Baptist Church of Statesville as one of the outstanding churches of the state. Dr. Jack Causey, one of your former pastors, is a cherished friend.

I thank you for the warm welcome that many of you have already extended to me. I look forward to getting to know all of you. You will probably have to tell me your name several times, so please be patient with me as I try to match names and faces. I am glad that my wife Deidra could be with me on Sunday, September 21. She will not be able to be with me every week but will come as often as possible. My 96 year-old mother, Dora Gilbert, lives with us in Mount Airy. She has been an example of faithfulness across the years and hopes to at least occasionally come to Statesville with us.

I have enjoyed meeting with your staff. We have had a brief time to plan together and I look forward to working with them. Your Intentional Interim, Rich Kraft, has ministered effectively with you across this past year. I have appreciated the opportunity to spend some time with Rich. He is deeply and sincerely committed to Christ, and during his time with you he has grown to deeply love this congregation. I know that you will miss him as he moves on to his next assignment. Thank you for arranging for our ministries to have a brief overlap.

As a congregation you have worked with Rich in an extensive period of self-study and have made some major changes to the organizational structure of your church. As I understand my role, I will be serving you through leading Sunday worship, Wednesday Bible studies, coordinating with the staff, and providing some pastoral care. I look forward to this opportunity of ministering with you.

I need to make you aware that I have previous commitments that will require me to be away two Sundays, October 12 and 19. I shared this with your interim team when I initially met with them. The first date is October 12, when I will be preaching for Homecoming at First Baptist Church of Bladenboro, my first pastorate, where I began on October 1, 1974! Forty years ago! I apologize for having to be away at the beginning of my ministry with you but those commitments were made prior to talking with your committee.

On Wednesday nights I will begin a study of the Parables of Jesus. The prior commitments I mentioned above will require me to be away only on Wednesday, October 15. I look forward to our times of worship, study, fellowship and ministry together.

Prayer Point: Prayer - The Divine Pic Line

Prayer is like inserting a divine "pic line" into a vein, through which God pumps His strength into me to make me able to withstand Satan's temptations. I must pray in advance of the temptation (knowing my own weakness) in order to be fortified against it when it hits me blindsided. Jesus taught us to do that in the model prayer: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...". Oh, Lord, strengthen me daily as I hide your word in my heart, that I may be fortified against the schemes of the devil. Strengthen Your church as we study Your Word and pray together.



His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

Schedule

Sunday, October 12

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, October 15

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal (BBQ Chicken, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Dessert)
 5:45 p.m. Children & Student Activities
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 16

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon - FLC
 8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, October 17

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Sunday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, October 20

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

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, October 22

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal (Baked Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Corn, & Dessert)
 5:45 p.m. Children & Student Activities
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 23

8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, October 24

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of September 28 & October 5, 2014

9/28 10/5

Church in Bible Study	153	140
Church in Worship	235	220
8:30 a.m. service	83	67
10:55 a.m. service	152	153

Sunshine Basket Ministry

The Sunshine Basket Ministry is starting up once again. The baskets cheer up our hospitalized members, but we need help with the delivery of the baskets. If you would like to help with the delivery of these baskets or if you know of any member in the hospital or rehabilitation, please call Gail Taylor at 704-872-6378. We may later add the shut-ins to this ministry.



Financial Statistics

Week of September 28

Budget - Received	\$5,805.00
Alms	0.00
Designated - Received	6,584.80
Building Reserve - Received	30.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 9/28/14	12,419.80
Budget for 2013-2014	913,066.79
Budget Received-Year to Date	729,987.35
Remaining in Budget - Unfunded	183,079.44
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date	155,143.61
Alms Received-Year to Date	6,411.55
Building Reserve-Year to Date	13,369.00
Total Giving-Year to Date	919,242.02

Week of October 5

Budget - Received	\$17,472.00
Alms	528.87
Designated - Received	857.00
Building Reserve - Received	130.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 10/5/14	18,987.87
Budget Received-Year to Date	17,472.00
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date	857.00
Alms Received-Year to Date	528.87
Building Reserve-Year to Date	130.00
Total Giving-Year to Date	18,987.87

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Roger Gilbert.....Interim Pastor
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Mr. Landon Senn.....Minister of Students
 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mon - Fri Tel: 704-873-7231

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Student Ministry

Wednesday, September 24, the Venture Student Ministry set sail for a well known spot of ours - Maple Leaf Nursing Home. This was our third trip there and the residents have begun to not only recognize us, but also remember us! We spent our time getting residents cleaned up from dinner, escorted to their rooms, and our personal favorite - having game night! We enjoyed playing chess, checkers, Uno, and numerous puzzles. Though our time was short, there we had an incredible time. We always do! Getting out and serving the community is something Jesus took seriously. Faith without action is dead, the Bible tells us. Nights like this affirm that Christ was exactly right when He said serving others is the secret to life and life to the fullest.



spots we are out of luck. You must get the \$25 in asap to secure a spot for your student.

Bring a friend to Movie Night on Sunday, November 2. For all Iredell-Statesville Schools students this is your fall break weekend. Venture is hosting a movie night from 7:00-10:00 p.m. However, there is a catch. Your entry ticket is to bring a friend! Maybe you know someone who is afraid of church or simply does not share the same beliefs as you do. This night will be an incredible opportunity for your friend to experience the Christian life God intended. More details to be announced. Make sure to mark your calendars.

And as a reminder for those that missed the \$25.00 deposit deadline for Look Up Lodge - you can still get me the \$25.00. If camp runs out of

Grace and Peace my beloved friends.
Landon Senn, *Minister of Students*



Children's Ministry

Fall Festival
Sunday, October 26, 2014
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

It is almost time for the Fall Festival! It will be Sunday, October 26, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. We need candy and for you to invite your friends & neighbors!



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

The children will be packing shoe boxes in October for Operation Christmas Child. We need items to pack in those shoe boxes such as toys (dolls, balls, yo-yos, toy cars, stuffed animals, harmonicas), school supplies (pencils, crayons, sharpeners, notebooks, markers, color-books), non-liquid hygiene items: tooth brushes, bar of soap, comb, wash cloths), accessories (t-shirt, hat, socks, hair clips, bracelets, flashlight with extra batteries).



Any of these items can be dropped off at the craft room in the white hampers!

First Baptist Church Staff Telephone Extensions

Kayley Potter <i>Administrative Secretary</i>	201
Mary Jane Rash <i>Pastoral Secretary</i>	203
Volunteer	205
Margeaux Holland <i>Financial Administrator</i>	206
James Martin <i>Minister of Music & Worship</i>	208
Renaee Keesbury <i>Preschool Director</i>	209
Landon Senn <i>Minister of Students</i>	211
Burwell Whittenton <i>Secretarial Assistant</i>	213
Amy Cummings <i>Contributions Secretary</i>	214
Clayton Cline <i>Maintenance Supervisor</i>	221
Melissa Wilson <i>Minister of Children</i>	308

Due to the damage caused by the water pipe that burst several months ago, the church started to use a new telephone system. When you call the church, you will be prompted to dial the extension of the staff member you are trying to reach. Please cut out this list of staff telephone extensions and keep it handy, so you may refer to it the next time you call the church office. Also, You may listen to the staff directory by dialing "1". If you are unsure who you should speak with, you may dial "0" to speak with a secretary or a volunteer.

If you are calling the church after hours, you may leave a voice mail with a staff member or in the general mail box, and a staff member will return your call the weekday next morning.





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Worship With Us Sunday 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.
Message By: Landon Senn

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Announcements

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Channon Allison in the death of her step-mother Priscilla Redmond on September 16, 2014.

A Note of Appreciation From Linda Patterson

I want to thank everyone at First Baptist for the love and support shown to me during the death of my brother, Tim Redmond. All of the calls, cards, flowers, and prayers were deeply appreciated and gave me strength to get through this sad time. May God bless each of you.

In Christ's love,
Linda Patterson

Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, October 16, 2014

The Senior Adult Luncheon will be Thursday, October 16, in the Family Life Center. Our own First Baptist Men's Group including Mac Funderburk, Danny Stikeleather, Charles Guy, Larry Hedrick and William Barnard will present a program of music. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the meal at 12:00 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$6.00 payable at the door. Sign up in your Sunday school class or call the church office at 704.873.7231 before the end of the day Tuesday, October 14.

Also, information and an opportunity to sign up will be given for our December 16 trip to the Wohlfart Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, Virginia.

Operation Christmas Child Volunteer Opportunity

First Baptist Church has reserved 25 spots on Friday, December 12 to work from 9:00-3:00 in the Operation Christmas Child warehouse/distribution center in Charlotte.

This is a very fulfilling day of mission opportunity! You get to "work the line" in the shoe box ministry to organize and work in a streamlined process to help the shoe boxes reach their destination. If you are interested in being part of this mission opportunity, please contact Jean Mills 704-253-5446 or Tim Burgiss 704-878-9408 to sign up. These 25 spots will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Heroes Unmasked Fall Festival

Sunday, October 26, 2014

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



We are gearing up for the annual Heroes Unmasked Fall Festival. This means we are in need of individually wrapped pieces of candy, (No nuts, please!) Please bring your donations to the Welcome Center.

Worship Greeters Sunday, October 12

Eddy Sipe	John Garland	Shannon Ashley
Pat Rushton	Nancy Garland	

Sunday, October 19

Bill Henderson	Gary Fyfe	James McNeil
Chris Buckner	Patricia Fyfe	Wilma McNeil
Matthew Waugh	Butch Price	Stan Williams

Acolytes Sunday, October 12

Piper Lewis, Darbee Lewis

Sunday, October 19

Emily Ashley, Nicole Osborne

Coffee Rotation Sunday, October 12

Jean & Dan Mills

Sunday, October 19

David Potter

Christmas Ministries Sunday, December 7, 2014

Although it is just the beginning of October, plans are already underway for our White Christmas Ministry, December 7. Please be in prayer for this ministry, and for the families we will serve. We will be receiving the names of the families by the end of October. This year we will be asking the families to join us for lunch when they come to receive their gifts and food. We encourage all those that are willing to shop for a family to be there for lunch to visit with the family that they shopped for. Once again we will have gift cards for all shopping. The gifts, food and the Court's Children's Party are all funded by our Christmas Ministry which comes from your donations. Please begin to mark your donations "Christmas Ministries". If you will be able to shop for a family, please call Carol Hunter at 704-876-1462. Please watch the Interim for more details.