

The kids play a game at our in-person Vacation Bible School.



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From the Pastor...

If you're like Valerie and me, you're probably not eating out much during these days of the Coronavirus Pandemic. After all, it's hard to eat with a mask on! We've done some take out and used outdoor seating a few times, but mostly we're eating at home.

This Sunday we celebrate a different kind of meal – the Lord's Supper. It's one that has been disrupted by Covid-19 as well. On Maundy Thursday (April 9), we celebrated it live-stream with you partaking independently in your own homes. In June, we missed it all together.

This Sunday we want to find a way to take communion that is both safe and unifying. Some of you will follow along at home using elements you picked up this week or materials you have on hand. Others will be present in the sanctuary (or overflow space in Adam's Hall) and use prepackaged elements found in your seats.

Whether you are physically in the church building or with us in your home is not as important as being united around the Lord's Table. Communion brings us together and reminds us that we are all followers of Christ. We remember his sacrifice and his call to be God's people in the world today.

Back in 1986, Universal Pictures released a cute movie called *An American Tail*. It's about a Russian mouse named Fievel, who gets separated from his family on the way to America. Little Fievel spends his days dodging cats (which he thought didn't exist in America) and looking for his family.

At night Fievel sings a song called, *Somewhere Out There*. Part of the lyrics goes like this:

*And even though I know how very far apart we are
It helps to think we might be wishin' on the same bright star
And when the night wind starts to sing a lonesome lullaby
It helps to think we're sleeping underneath the same big sky*

Fievel feels connected to his family because of the love they share; despite the distance between them. Who knew a mouse could make you cry?

As we gather around the Lord's Table this Sunday, we will be distant from one another – even if we are in the same room. We don't have to wish upon a star, because we have something even more tangible to hold us together. We share a communion that cannot be broken.

I hope you join us for communion in whatever way is best for you. More importantly, I pray that you feel the unity and strength of your church as we gather around God's table. Until we are united in presence, we will remain united in spirit.

Schedule

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Live Stream

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 3

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 5

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study - Zoom

Thursday, August 6

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Live Stream

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 10

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 12

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study - Zoom

Thursday, August 13

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of July 19 & 26, 2020

	7/19	7/26
In-Person	69	67
Live Stream Views	63	67

Financial Statistics

	July	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	56,234.00	727,531.00
Budget Receipts	31,134.00	695,244.00
Need to Meet Goals	25,100.00	32,287.00
Alms	175.00	4,862.00
Designated	1,570.00	56,911.00

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mon - Thur, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Fri
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Sunday School Zoom Links

You can use these links to access your Sunday School class meeting every Sunday.

Youth

<https://zoom.us/j/498935664?pwd=dzZXSHVwTmRZWjc2-cldpbXJKam1Fdz09>

Meeting ID: 498 935 664

Password: FBCSYOUTH

Links on the church website and Facebook page have been deactivated for internet safety.

Horizons

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74224580015?pwd=NfVWRz-JKc040c3daajdSbytpNnVtUT09>

Meeting ID: 742 2458 0015

Password: 0NDGP

Crosswalk

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5836118334?pwd=SHhFZzdF-ZlI4ZVRGdW95Mzh3THlCd09>

Meeting ID: 583 611 8334

Password: 3760

Adults

Adults will view the Sunday School through the live stream.

Children

Melissa records a new lesson for the children each week. You can access the link in your weekly e-mail, on the church Facebook page, and on the church website, www.statesvillefbc.org.



Aug. 1

Lynda Card
Melinda Jones

Aug. 2

Noah Wynne

Aug. 3

Nedra Broyhill
Cathy Wicker

Aug. 4

Amber Keller

Aug. 5

Kay Martin

Genoa Taylor

Linda Tinsley

Aug. 6

Jared Church

Aug. 7

Ken March

Aug. 10

Thomas Brown

Jonathan Yeckley

Aug. 13

Anna Jones

Aug. 14

Jesse Jackson

Kathy Mullins

Aug. 15

Joe Duncan

Angie Shook

Aug. 16

Lynn Barker

Chris Buckner

Nancy Deal

Harry Tsumas

Aug. 19

Christopher Shankle

Aug. 20

Meg Tillery

Walt Tillery

Aug. 21

Vester Boone

Aug. 22

David Deal

Aug. 25

Michelle Jones

Brandon Hedrick

Aug. 26

Monica Edwards

Laura Marsh

Aug. 27

Pat Rushton

Aug. 28

Terri Crosby

Aug. 29

Ralph Bentley

Martha Boyles

Henry Hayes

Jackie Holshouser

Eddy Sipe

Aug. 30

Sandy Clements

Aug. 31

Irene Blackburn

Henry Crouch

Edward Hunter

Mary Nunnery

Bobby Stegall

Wilderness Escape Vacation Bible School

While Vacation Bible School looked a little different this year, we still managed to have fun and learn about how God guides and provides while staying safe. Remember, you can still participate in our virtual VBS. Links are available on the FBC Kids Facebook page. Please pick up a packet with all the supplies you will need from the church office.



To Whom Should We Pray?

The New Testament reveals God the Father as the primary recipient and answerer of human prayer: "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" (Matt. 7:11).

Jesus is the mediator between us and God the Father (1 Tim. 2:5-6; John 14:6). Jesus is our High Priest who made propitiation for our sins, rose from the dead, and now intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father. This is a present-tense work.

The Spirit is revealed in the New Testament as an intercessor. The apostle Paul explained the way the Spirit prays for us: "The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God (Rom. 8:26-27).

We have the privilege to pray to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. In a sense all of our prayers are directed to the Father because all three members of the Trinity are one. All three hear and respond in a way consistent with their Person.

The Persons of the Trinity love to glorify one another, so whether we pray to the Spirit in the name of Christ, for the Father's glory, or to the Father in the name of Christ for the Spirit's glory, God will be honored either way. Bottom line: there is no wrong way!

(Adapted from "Prayer and the Trinity", by Dr. Mark Bird)



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CBF Mission Bites

Mission Bite 190: Call it Community

In my work with domestic violence survivors who have also experienced homelessness, I met my colleague Monique who works full-time at one of the hospitals here in New York City.

As COVID-19 arrived in the city and began to spread exponentially, Monique found herself on the front lines facing a terrifying killer. Since March, her social work team has worked around the clock to offer a vital part of the holistic care response for patients. Having listened to her stories, I put a call out to my networks for notes of encouragement to send to the hospital. And I'm so grateful for the huge response from people all over the country! I was able to deliver an armful of signs, notes and drawings that Monique hung in various places around the hospital.

Thank you for the ways you continue to send love to our city!

-Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey, Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries, New York City, NY

Mission Bite 191: Counting Accounting as Bearing Witness

When Olga joined our home Bible study group in Kiev, she was very unhappy. She had many questions about prayer and God's purpose for her life. One of the things I shared with her was Colossians 3:23-24.

If she was open, God could use her job as an accountant to fulfill His call for her life and to bear witness to others about His love. That was six years ago.

Recently, during our on-line Bible study group meeting, Olga wanted to share a testimony. She mentioned that our conversation and how God had used me to change her perspective on work and her life's purpose. Now she feels fulfilled with her life. Rather than just being a job, her work is doing what God had created her to do. She witnesses God's favor in her life and bears witness to others about this.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23-24

-Mina Podgaisky, CBF field personnel serving in Kyiv, Ukraine

Announcements

Worship Service DVDs

DVDs of our Sunday services are available to those that are unable to view our live stream. If you would like to receive a DVD, please call the church office at 704-873-7231.

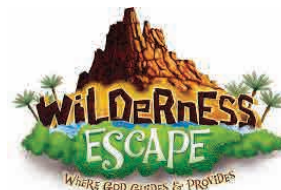
Clothes Closet

Towel & Wash Cloth Drive

The Clothes Closet will collect towels and wash cloths. We are running low on these high-demand items.

Virtual Vacation Bible School

If you missed our in-person Vacation Bible School, you may still participate in the virtual options. All the links are on our FBC Kids Facebook Group page. You may pick up the packet of materials from the church office.



A Study & Experience of the Psalms Noon Bible Study Wednesdays on Zoom 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Nelson will lead the Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom on Wednesdays at noon.

Phone: 929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 259 365 815 Password: 978702

August 5, 2020
Hymns and Psalms of Praise

August 12, 2020
Lament Psalms

August 19, 2020
Royal Psalms

August 26, 2020
Wisdom Psalms