



It's Time To See The Fruits of Seeking God

■ Rich Kraft

Intentional Interim Pastor

Making transitions is never an easy thing. I remember particularly the time in my life when I went in to the Army. Basic Training was a very different life than I was used to as a 19 year old. Getting up at 5 a.m., eating breakfast, being told what to do all of the time (my mother only did that for part of the day), and learning to live as a soldier instead of a civilian. I made it through and look back at that time as very significant in my maturing as a young man.

First Baptist is moving through a time of transition too. Not that there are radical changes being considered for our church, but changes none-the-less. In essence this is a time of remembering what has been and is important to us as God's people here in our church. When Kellie Faulk shared Colossians 2:6, 7 with us at last Sunday's Dialog and Discovery Meeting, it helped remind us what church life is meant to be centered upon. "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Having a primary spiritual focus does keep us centered. It provides us a God produced unity. It gives us a definite direction. It "sets us apart" as Peter says as, "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9 – NIV).

We are all looking forward to our future when our next Senior Minister will come to help us be faithful in this high calling of which I write. Our excitement for our future must also include a strong prayer emphasis, knowing that it is the Lord who is going to provide this good servant-leader to become a part of us. As we find our way out of this time of transition, let's anticipate another type of transition, a much more stimulating and joyful transition – a time of spiritual and numerical growth as we see new families, young families, enter into our church community. Yes, after a difficult time, it is time to see the fruits of repentance, the fruits of prayer and the fruits of our seeking God above all else.

Great days are coming for First Baptist Church!

**DIALOG
&
DISCOVERY**
Sunday, June 1, 2014
6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

We will have our sixth Dialog & Discovery meeting. We will further discuss the recommendations made by the Theological Issues, Worship, Discipleship, Leadership Development, and Governance Teams. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

Prayer Point

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8) This is "my verse" for this year, 2014; but today as I meditate on it during my quiet time, it takes on a deeper meaning when applied to my present needs and circumstances. However, I need to change in attaining Christ-likeness. Whatever I need help with requiring the supernatural power of God, whenever I need self-control in any area of obedience to God's Word, I can always (no matter where I am, what I'm doing, or who I'm talking to) quiet myself before God and invite Him into my situation through prayer. When I draw near to God, He draws near to me. When you and I together draw near to God in prayer, He is present with us. (Matt. 18:20) "A cord of three strands is not easily broken." (Eccles. 4:12) Prayer fuels the fire of God's power, and His power is released through prayer. Thank you for praying! God is doing great things at First Baptist Church!

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

What do you see God doing at FBC? E-mail me at gindan@bellsouth.net.

Schedule

Sunday, May 25

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 a.m. Pilot Leadership Training Course
- 10:55 a.m. Joint Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Community Picnic

Monday, May 26

Happy Memorial Day!
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

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

Wednesday, May 28

- 5:00 p.m. Open Gym
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Supper (Beef Brisket, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw)
- 5:45 p.m. Student & Children's Activities
- 5:45 p.m. Bible Study - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 29

- 8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, May 30

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

Sunday, June 1

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 a.m. Pilot Leadership Training Course
- 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Dialog & Discovery - FLC

Monday, June 2

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

Tuesday, June 3

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

Wednesday, June 4

- 5:00 p.m. Open Gym For Students
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Supper (Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, & Dessert)
- 5:45 p.m. Student & Children's Activities
- 5:45 p.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, June 5

- 8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, June 6

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

FBC Preschool Graduation



The FBC Preschool held graduation Thursday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. Over 100 preschool and pre-kindergarten students were recognized at a special program. Look in the next issue of The Interim for pictures of graduation.

Wednesday Night Bible Study Summer Schedule

Our last Family Night Meal for this year will be Wednesday, June 4, 2014. The meals will continue in late August or early September. We will continue to have Adult Bible Study 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center during the summer months. Child care will be provided during choir practice.

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of May 11 & May 18, 2014

	5/11	5/18
Church in Bible Study	162	142
Church in Worship	310	215
8:30 a.m. service	123	71
10:55 a.m. service	187	144

Financial Statistics

Weeks of May 11 & May 18, 2014

	5/11	5/18
Budget - Received	\$11,126.00	\$8,614.40
Alms	5.00	0.00
Designated - Received	9,022.10	1,091.00
Building Reserve - Received	50.00	75.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 5/11/14		20,153.10
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 5/4/14		9,780.40
Budget for 2013-2014		913,066.79
Budget Received-Year to Date		525,866.59
Remaining in Budget - Unfunded		387,200.20
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		113,946.67
Alms Received-Year to Date		5,103.55
Building Reserve-Year to Date		10,217.00
Total Giving-Year to Date		657,068.21



Happy Memorial Day!

*"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."
John 15:13*

Church Staff Directory

Rev. Rich Kraft	Intentional Interim Pastor
Mr. James Martin	Minister of Music & Worship
Mr. Landon Senn	Minister of Students
Ms. Melissa Wilson	Minister of Children & Families
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Student Ministry

Graduation Sunday Sunday, June 1, 2014

All students and the families of the graduating seniors are invited to breakfast and a small ceremony to follow during the Sunday school on the student hall.

Look Up Lodge Final Payment Due Sunday, June 15, 2014

It is critical that everyone meet this deadline. If we are unsuccessful in meeting this deadline, we will not have enough to cover our final payment. Please confirm with Landon about your current balance. We will depart for camp Sunday, June 22 at 12:00 p.m. and return Friday, June 27 at 12:30 p.m.

Parent Appreciation Breakfast & Meeting Sunday, June 22, 2014

This breakfast and meeting is for EVERYONE, not just the people going to camp. This is for all parents of children and students. It is very important you attend this meeting/breakfast.

Children's Ministry

Important Dates

Wednesday, June 4: Children's Music Program, 6:00 p.m., FLC
Sunday, June 22: Parent Appreciation Breakfast, 9:45 a.m., Venture Student Cafe
Sunday, July 13 & Sunday, July 20: Look Up Lodge Parents Meeting, 9:45 a.m., Adams Hall (Please attend 1.)
Tuesday, July 22: Water Day, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Front Lawn
July 27 - 30: Kids at Look Up Lodge
August 4-8: SonTreasure Island VBS

I am still accepting Look Up Lodge deposits! Please make plans to attend one of the parent meeting for Look Up Lodge. It will be a time to fill out those lovely forms and get a few packing tips for camp!

Good news! The Nursery is crowded during the 11:00 worship service. This means I need volunteers to help out on a rotational basis. Please contact Melissa at 704.873.7231, ext. 308 or email melissa@statesvillefbc.org to be added to the rotation.

I am also starting to work on lists of volunteers and teachers for VBS. You need to be on the list. PLEASE let me know how you would like to help out during this important week.

Melissa Wilson, *Minister of Children & Families*

Great Things To Come to Belize

Summer is just around the corner, and First Baptist Church has plenty of things to be excited about in the upcoming months. One great thing FBC is doing is sending a team of 28 on a mission trip to Belize this July.

The team will spend the majority of their time in the village of Cristo Rey, which is located a few miles East of the Guatemala boarder. This large team plans to tackle four projects in Belize. They will hold a Vacation Bible School for the children that will include songs, skits, crafts, and a lot of Bible teaching.

Dr. James Hunter and Dr. Tim Burgiss will lead a dental ministry. They will take care of only some of the dental problems experienced by the people of Belize. Other members of the Belize team will act as dental assistants during these procedures. The team finds out next week just how much medicine and supplies will be donated from numerous non-profit organizations for the dental ministry in Belize.

The Belize Team will also reach out to the teenagers of Cristo Rey by taking advantage of fact that the FIFA world cup is this summer. The world cup is a soccer tournament with teams from all around the world. Since soccer is the Belize national sport, the team from FBC will host a mini world cup to encourage teens to come to church. While the teens are at the church they will learn different skills such as sowing, wood working, and general repairs. What is happening in the background of all this? The Lord's Prayer; all week the teens will be learning the words and meaning of the Lord's Prayer.

And as always the team will be involved in construction on the local church and surrounding homes of Cristo Rey. Please be in prayer for every one that is part of this team. They will be doing great things in Belize!

Belize Team 2014

Rosie Alexander	Jan Hunter
Lynn Barker	Patrick Hunter
Renee Barker	Edward Hunter
Mackenzie Barker	Louisa Hunter
Cassidy Barker	Kelley Kirk
William Barnard	Kristin Kirk
Rachel Brubaker	Emily Magnus
Tim Burgiss	Dan Mills
Debbie Burgiss	Jean Mills
Hannah Faulk	Quinn Payne
Sarah Faulk	David Potter
Jared Faulk	Landon Senn
Emilia Gildemeister	Erin Senn
James Hunter	Jackie Warren

Notes Of Appreciation

A Note of Appreciation From Vester & Clarma Boone

No words can adequately express our appreciation for all your prayers, calls, cards, food, and attention in so many ways during David's illness and death.

It has helped us through this trying time to know so many voices have gone out to God in prayer for him and for our entire family.

Knowing that David is now with his Heavenly Father and is at peace gives us strength and comfort.

God richly bless you all,
Clarma & Vester Boone

A Note of Appreciation From Power Cross

Dear Operation Inasmuch Volunteers,

Thank you for taking your weekend and serving in your community. We feel honored to have your support at Power Cross. Thank you for all the labor and all of the materials!

In Christ,
Jeff & Natalie





815 Davie Avenue
Statesville, NC 28677

Worship With Us Sunday 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.
Message By: Rich Kraft

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May 25, 2014

Announcements

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Vickie Frazier in the death of her brother Jerry Frazier on May 9, 2014.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to the family and friends of Steve Fink in his death on May 13, 2014.



New Members!

Dan & Jean Mills joined our congregation Sunday, May 11, 2014 at the 8:30 a.m. Worship service. We are excited and blessed to have these two as part of our fellowship!

Dan and Jean have attended First Baptist Church for the past year. They will be part of the 2014 Belize Team.

Memorial Day Picnic & Activities Sunday, May 25, 2014 12:00 - 2:00 p.m



9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:55 a.m. Joint Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Community Picnic & Activities

The Memorial Day Picnic is an exciting day for our church! It is an opportunity to relax and spend time getting to know our neighbors in the community. It truly is a wonderful time of fun and fellowship on the front lawn with inflatables, volley ball, and visiting. As we look forward to the picnic this year we are eager to see what God is going to do. We invite you to bring your blankets and folding chairs and find a shady spot on the lawn and meet some new people. Max James will once again be preparing the BBQ and the church will be supplying the baked beans, but the rest is like an old fashioned potluck! We would love to have coleslaw, potato salads, pasta salads, deviled eggs, and other delicious sides but we need you to bring those. We also are looking for those amazing desserts! All deserts and side dishes need to be ready to serve and can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall that day. Tables will be set up. We are expecting a huge crowd that day, so as you prepare your food please bring enough to serve 10-12. Come to worship and stay for the picnic on Sunday May 25th!

Sunday Morning Transportation Needed

Needed: Driver for Sunday Morning 9:45 a.m. Sunday School hour and 10:55 a.m. Worship service. Gratuity included. If you are able to help, please contact Lou Hager at 704.592.5068 or 336.909.4160.

Worship Greeters Sunday, May 25

Eddy Sipe	Hilda Lee	Jim Van Zee
Monica Williams	Clarence Poole	Nedra Van Zee
Ginny Stikeleather	Mike McLain	

Sunday, June 1

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

Acolytes Sunday, May 25

Ella Williams, Banks Williams, Ariel Howard

Sunday, June 1

Hannah Van Buren, Georgiana Simon, Kendyl King

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Baby Dedication Services

On Mother's Day Sunday, May 11 each service included a baby dedication. In the 8:30 a.m. service David & Amber Keller had their daughter, Addison Rose dedicated. In the 10:55 a.m. service, Mark & Laura Spearman had their two sons, Micah and Damon, dedicated. The Kellers and the Spearmans promise to raise their children in Christian homes.

