

James Martin & Cassidy Barker lead the worship time at VBS. Each day began with a time of praise and worship!



# THE INTERIM



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## From the Pastor..



Deacons are vital to the welfare of our congregation and you are vital in the deacon selection process. First and foremost, it is our congregation that nominates people to serve as deacons. We count on our members to think seriously about who should be the spiritual leaders of our church.

Deacon nominations are open now through September 3, 2017. You may nominate any member of our congregation who is at least twenty-one years old and has not served a full deacon term in the last two years. Nominations may be made by calling, mailing or emailing your nominee's name to the church office. You may also place the name of your nominee in the offering plate.

Once we receive our nominees, an orientation will take place for all nominees who feel led to continue in the process. From this group, our current deacons will recommend a slate of nominees to the congregation. Our deacons take your nominations very seriously in this stage of the process.

We will share the slate of nominees as soon as possible and THE CONGREGATION will elect its deacons by ballot on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Our deacons guide this process, but it is our congregation that both nominates and elects its deacons. Therefore your participation is essential.

I would never tell anyone who you should nominate to serve as a deacon, but I would urge you to prayerfully consider who would be a healthy spiritual leader. Remember, our deacons are key to the health and wellbeing of our church.

It is our deacons who set an example of Christian living, equip and empower others to serve, preserve the teachings of our church, cultivate a clear spiritual direction, develop effective structures for ministry, hold leaders accountable and keep the confidences of our congregation (Item III-A-3 of our bylaws).

The ministerial staff and I appreciate our positive partnership with our deacon leaders. They give many hours, often working behind the scenes, to keep our church moving forward. Electing deacons is one of the most important tasks of our congregation and I know you will pray for and participate in this process.

### **Deacon Nominations Now Accepted**

Now through September 3, 2017, we are accepting nominations for our Deacon Ministry Team. You may submit your nominations by calling or e-mailing the church office or you may place the names in the offering plate during the Sunday morning service.

#### **Current Deacon Ministry Team**

Crystal Beale, Ralph Bentley, Tim Burgiss, Don Daniel, David Deal, Luther Hunter, Mike McLain, Jane Mitchell, & Jeff Templeton.

(Ralph Bentley, David Deal, and Mike McLain will complete their terms at the end of 2017.)

## Schedule

### Sunday, August 20

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. FLC Town Hall Meeting - Adams Hall

5:00 p.m. Venture Students

### Monday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, August 22

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

### Wednesday, August 23

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Bible Study - Adams Hall

### Thursday, August 24

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, August 27

#### Promotion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Venture Students

### Monday, August 28

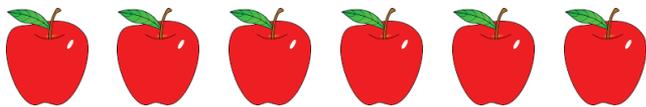
9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, August 29

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

### Thursday, August 31

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet



## Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister  
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship  
 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families  
 Dr. Larry Gregg.....Minister of Christian Education & Administration  
 Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students  
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of August 6 & 13, 2017

	8/6	8/13
Church in Bible Study	135	155
Church in Worship	197	221

## Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	80,485.00	804,849.00
Budget Receipts	34,841.00	688,400.00
Needed to Meet Goal	45,644.00	116,449.00
Alms	708.00	9,515.00
Designated	276.00	59,502.00

## Prayer & Revival

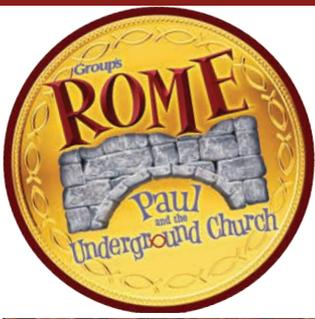
In her latest book "The Daniel Prayer", Anne Graham Lotz states, "The key to revival is repentance, and the key to repentance is prayer". In that same book she quotes Gypsy Smith: when asked where revival begins, he answered, "I draw a circle around myself and make sure everything in that circle is right with God". For most of us that takes a lot of prayer! Many times our worship becomes stale, our relationships grow cold, and going to church is reduced from a glorious experience to a mundane habit. We may begin to think what we need is a series of meetings with fresh music and fresh preaching to perk us up, when really what we need is prayer, self examination and repentance. Revival meetings are wonderful. In my opinion we need them more often. But first we need to draw that circle around ourselves, individually and as a church, and cry out to God in repentant prayer. Then we will be ready to receive true revival—in our individual lives, in our homes, and in our church. And guess what? It will begin to sweep through our nation and our world. Twelve men turned the world upside down. Just think what two hundred committed Christians can do!

His servant and your friend,  
 Ginny Stikeleather

## Promotion Sunday • August 27, 2017

Do not miss this very special Sunday! The children will move to their new Sunday School classes. The sixth graders will join the students on the Venture Hall, and the first graders will receive a new Bible! This is also a great opportunity to enroll in Sunday School! You won't want to miss it!

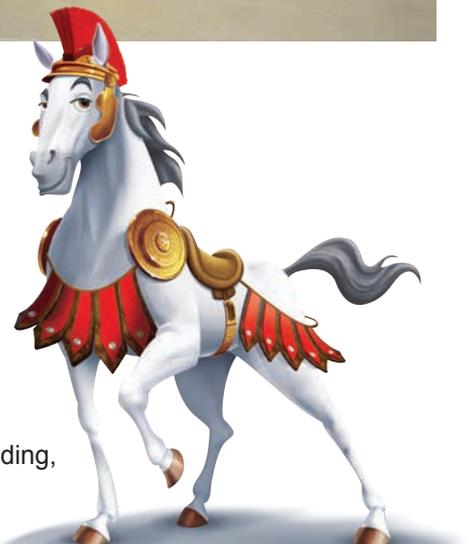




# Vacation Bible School ~ August 7-11, 2017



We had an awesome week of visiting Paul and the Underground Church, making crafts, eating delicious snacks, and meeting lots of new friends! We had over 160 children enrolled in VBS this year! Thank you to everyone who helped lead a group, decorated our building, made snacks, and cleaned up! You made our week a success!





Messages by: Nelson Granade

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### CBF Mission Bites

#### Bite 45: When can we go back?

*"Recently we hosted the youth group from a local church partner to work at Welcome House, an apartment setup for arriving refugees awaiting long-term affordable housing. After we shared briefly with the youth we sent them out into the apartment community to meet other youth and children. The youth were all over the place playing and making friends with their international neighbors. It was an amazing scene. The next morning I got an email saying some of the youth had been asking when they would be going back. This is what mission engagement looks like sometimes in North Raleigh."*

Kim and Marc Wyatt, CBF field personnel in the Research Triangle of North Carolina

#### Bite 46: Transforming lives for eternity

*"Without a doubt, your gifts and contributions are touching and transforming lives for eternity. How Komariayya met Christ is nothing but a miracle. Being a snake charmer all his life, he used to catch cobra snakes, put them around his neck and walk in the community to earn money from cobra snake worshipers. One day, a cobra snake bit Komariayya and he was taken to the nearest hospital for treatment. The doctor gave up hope and told the family he would die in about an hour's time, so they should take him home make plans for his funeral. Instead, his sons took Komariayya to church. The pastor and several church members joined Komariayya's family and prayed. God gave Komariayya a second chance! He accepted Christ, was baptized and joined the church where his sons are members. Because of God's miracle and Komariayya's second life, now many in that village are learning more about Christ and joining the church. Without a doubt, God is up to something in Chelpur and a lot of neat things are taking place."*

Pastor Jonah in Chelpur, India, partner of CBF field personnel, Sam Bandela



*For the Lord gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;  
he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,  
guarding the paths of justice  
and preserving the way of his faithful ones.* Proverbs 2:6-8 (NRSV)

## Announcements

### A Note of Appreciation From Sue Hedrick

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, and food during my recent hip surgery. I do appreciate the many cards and offers of friendship and care during this time. Thanks to the Pioneer Class and FBC.

Love to all,  
Sue Hedrick

### Precept Study on Daniel Begins after Labor Day

Threatened with death, Daniel stuck to his guns and refused to adopt a pagan lifestyle. His worldview had God at the center and he lived it out even under extreme pressure to change. Learn to adopt a biblical worldview and adhere to it even when it's not the norm.

In Daniel, part 1, we will study Daniel himself. In part 2, we will study Daniel's prayer and prophecy. What an exciting study! You can sign up now at the Welcome Center or call the church office for details. All are welcome - men, women, students - so sign up as early as possible so we can order the correct number of books. Current plans are to begin after Labor Day.

## Amazing Grace

### 2017 Summer Sermon Series

August 20, 2017

#### His Word My Hope Secures

John 10:22-30

Grace provides us eternal security. The purpose of this sermon is to explore how to live with the theological polarities of free will and providence.

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#### We've No Less Days to Sing God's Praise

Revelation 7:9-17

Heaven is a place where we will spend eternity praising God. The purpose of this sermon is to gain encouragement from John's vision of heaven.

