



THE INTERIM

Wednesday, September 20, the FBC Preschool dug for fossils and mined for gems at a traveling gem mine.



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From the Pastor..



Excitement continues to build as we move closer to reopening the Family Life Center. Workers are installing the kitchen equipment and the carpet has been laid. We're almost there.

As exciting as it is to see work move forward on the actual building, what really thrills me is our planning for new and expanded ministries. As I shared with you last month, we have formed four teams around the ideas you came up with during our asset mapping – health, fellowship, education and mission.

These new teams have great leadership, but it will take all of us to make these ministries a reality. Many of you have already showed interest in one or another area and others are thinking it through. It's now time, however, to begin turning our dreams into realities.

I hope you will attend at least one of the four planning meetings taking place the first two weeks of October. Look over these ministry areas, pray about what God would have you to do, and attend the session that you feel led to help with. Here are the four areas and leadership teams:

Health – Church-wide Meeting, 6:30 pm, Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Recreational opportunities for various age groups. Activities might include: pickle ball, dancing, walking and other recreational events

- Chair: Steve Koontz
- Staff Liaison: Nelson Granade
- FLC Vision Team Encouragers: Libby Purcell & Jeff Templeton

Fellowship – Church-wide Meeting, 6:30 pm, Thursday, October 5, 2017

Christian based entertainment that brings us closer together. Events might include: concerts, dinner theaters, movie nights and other experiences

- Chair: Jane Mitchell
- Staff Liaison: James Martin
- FLC Vision Team Encourager: Alan Williams

Education – Church-wide Meeting, 6:30 pm, Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Special times to strengthen our walk with Christ. These might include: growth emphases for men, women, families, and other groups

- Co-Chairs: Tim Burgiss & Paulette Templeton
- Staff Liaison: Larry Gregg
- FLC Vision Team Encouragers: Andrew Mullins & Alan Williams

Mission – Church-wide Meeting, 6:30 pm, Thursday, October 12, 2017

Using our FLC as a launching pad for missional endeavors. Missions might include existing ministries like White Christmas, or new ministries, like hosting mission teams

- Chair: David Potter
- Staff Liaison: Melissa Wilson
- FLC Vision Team Encourager: Loy Devine

Schedule

Sunday, October 1

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

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Deacon Election

5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, October 2

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 3

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

6:00 p.m. Precept Study

6:30 p.m. FLC Ministry Team Meeting - Health

Wednesday, October 4

9:30 a.m. Precept Study

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal

5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 5

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

6:30 p.m. FLC Ministry Team Meeting - Fellowship

Sunday, October 8

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

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Fall Festival - Front Lawn

Monday, October 9

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 10

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

6:00 p.m. Precept Study - Adams Hall

6:30 p.m. FLC Ministry Team Meeting - Education

Wednesday, October 11

9:30 a.m. Precept Study - Adams Hall

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal

5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 12

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

6:30 p.m. FLC Ministry Team Meeting - Mission

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 September 17 & 24, 2017

	9/17	9/24
Church in Bible Study	153	135
Church in Worship	196	190

Financial Statistics

	September	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	69,987.00	874,836.00
Budget Receipts	49,326.00	807,889.00
Needed to Meet Goal	20,661.00	66,847.00
Alms	6,419.00	15,929.00
Designated	1,099.00	61,028.00

Senior Adult Trip

Barn Dinner Theatre, Greensboro, NC

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

We will leave the church parking lot at 11:15 a.m. in a modern Christian Tours Bus and travel to the Barn Dinner Theatre for a delightful buffet and Christmas Show. We should arrive back at the church around 6:00 p.m. This high-energy holiday musical celebrating Disco & Pop from the 60s and 70s is sure to make your holiday season memorable. To sign up, obtain an informational sign-up sheet from the church office or from Gale Hall. Then complete the sheet and turn it in with your check or cash to the church office or to Gale Hall or Loy Devine no later than November 1, 2017. Make the check payable to First Baptist Church in the amount of \$50 per person. For further clarification, call Gale Hall at 704-873-4029.

****Please note change of time of departure & arrival from an earlier announcement.**



Fall Sermon Series

Knowing Jesus: The I Am Statements in John

October 1, 2017

World Communion Sunday

I Am the Bread of Life

John 6:25-51

October 8, 2017

I Am the Gate

John 10:1-10



Deacon Election Sunday, October 1, 2017

During the 10:00 a.m. worship service this Sunday, October 1, we will elect by ballot 3 new members of our Deacon Ministry Team. Those elected will begin serving in January. The six nominees are:

WILLIAM BARNARD

Date joined: January, 20, 1967

William sings in the Sanctuary Choir, serves on the Business Management Team, and teaches the Jesus on Leadership class. He has co-taught the Horizon Sunday School class for 37 years. He has been a member of FBC for 50 years, but has attended FBC his entire life. William is a past member of the Nominating Committee and three search committees. He has also served as a Deacon in the past. He is married to Margaret. They have a daughter, Elizabeth. William works as an accountant and auditor.



VICKI MARSH

Date joined: August 21, 2005

Vicki grew up in Jonesville, NC, and lived there most of her life before moving to Statesville. Vicki serves FBC in many ways. She helps in the Clothes Closet on Thursday afternoons, serves on the Flower Committee, helps to provide meals for families suffering the death of loved ones through the Caring Committee, and volunteers at Vacation Bible School.

CLARENCE POOLE

Date joined: January 2, 1977

Clarence has been a member of FBC for 40 years. Currently, he serves on the Business Management Team and attends the Fellowship Sunday School Class. In the past, he has served as a Deacon, president of Baptist Men, and a member of the Building & Grounds Team. He has done disaster relief work with the North Carolina Baptist Men for more than 20 years. His relief work has taken him on nine trips to the Gulf Coast to aid Gulfport, Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina.



DAVID POTTER

Date joined: June 4, 1967

As the chair of the Missions Team, David coordinates Operation Inasmuch, builds wheelchair ramps for those in need, and helps to organize our White Christmas celebration, and other mission opportunities. He has been a member of FBC for 50 years and is a life-long attender. He and his wife, Pam, attend the Horizon Sunday School Class. They have a daughter, Kayley.

ANDREA WILLIAMS

Date joined: January 5, 1975

Andrea is the daughter of Harvey and Sylvia Williams and granddaughter of Alex and Estelle Greene. She was born in Statesville and has attended FBC her entire life. She became a Christian at age 11 after attending Dr. Frank Campbell's Pastor's Class. Andrea graduated from Mars Hill College with a BA in Theatre Performance and Voice and is happy to use her talents in the Sanctuary Choir and handbell choir. Having worked in a bank for 10 years, she accepted a position last November in the Investment Services Department with First National Bank as a Sales Assistant. She says her faith in the Lord has carried her through happy and sad times and feels truly blessed to be a child of God.



KEN WILSON

Date joined: October 17, 1971

Ken has been married to his wife Brenda for 55 years. He currently serves on the Business Finance Team and as chair of the Personnel Team. He also serves on the Backpack Team and with the Baptist Men. Ken and Brenda attend the Fellowship Sunday School Class. He is retired from Iredell-Statesville Schools after 40 years. He served 8 years on the Iredell-Statesville School Board of Education.



Messages by: Nelson Granade

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CBF Mission Bites

Bite 50: New field personnel commissioned to serve

"At the 2017 CBF General Assembly, four individuals were commissioned to serve as CBF field personnel in locations in the United States and China. Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey will join Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of New York City, and Brittany and Casey Ramirez will serve alongside the Christian church in Chengdu, China. Stephanie Vance will transition into a role as Area Coordinator for Mission Teams with CBF Global Missions, leading the Rural Americas Team and continuing her leadership responsibilities with Together for Hope, CBF's rural poverty coalition. 'You cannot do this work alone, and we cannot do it without you,' CBF Global Missions Coordinator Steven Porter told the new field personnel. 'But make no mistake, this commissioning demands as much of us as it does for you. As a Fellowship, we have committed to support -- to pray for, to pay for and to partner with field personnel who have planted their lives in some places most of us couldn't find on a map.'"



Bite 51: Cow banking

"When Alicia and Jeff Lee arrived in Macedonia six years ago, they were drawn to the rural communities outside the capital city Skopje where people felt restraint most powerfully. As they worked to build relationships with local farmers, the Lees promptly met Muharemi, an ad-man-turned-farmer, seeking to produce organic dairy products and to invest himself in the lives of farming families. With big-hearted support from CBF churches, the Lees paired funding for cows with Muharemi's land and Aya Farm was born. The entire purpose, however, is to place the power and resources in the hands of local farmers."



Announcements

Wednesday Evening Menus

October 4

jambalaya with creole sauce, fried okra, corn muffins, & chocolate mousse

Children's Menu: grilled cheese & chips

October 11

knockwurst, braised red cabbage, noodles, rolls, & ginger bread with lemon sauce

Children's Menu: chicken nuggets & fries

A Note of Appreciation From Nancy Milstead

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and gifts you gave me during my surgery, I really miss you and hope I will be back soon.

Love,

Nancy Milstead

Fall Festival!

Sunday, October 8, 2017

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Front Lawn

Celebrate the season with us!

We will have lots of games, prizes, candy, & snacks! Bring your whole family and invite all your friends!

We are still in need of LOTS of candy!

