



These ladies had a wonderful time at the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 6!



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From the Pastor...

The Twenty-Third Psalm is a favorite for many. It provides encouragement for life and comfort when we grieve. The shepherd motif David uses to describe God gives a beautiful image for God's provision, guidance, comfort, protection and direction. Jesus himself picks up this same imagery when he reveals that He is the Good Shepherd.

One of the most powerful aspects of the Twenty-Third Psalm is that it creates a visual of God's love and care. Many artists have been inspired to capture the psalm's splendor. Whether it's a simple drawing in children's Bibles or a masterpiece hanging in a museum, these pictures give us a sense of peace. This is why we've commissioned an artist to produce six paintings as an aspect of our next sermon series.

Journeying with the Shepherd: A Study of the 23rd Psalm.

October 20, 2019

Provision for the Journey
Psalm 23:1-3a

October 27, 2019

Guidance for the Journey
Psalm 23:3b

November 3, 2019

All Saints Day
Comfort for the Journey
Psalm 23:4

November 10, 2019

Protection for the Journey
Psalm 23:5

November 17, 2019

Direction for the Journey
Psalm 23:6

Beginning, Sunday, October 20, 2019 I will bring a series of messages entitled: Journeying with the Shepherd: A Study of the 23rd Psalm. While I am preaching, local artist Sherri Hager, will paint her interpretation of the theme each week. This way, worshipers will receive inspiration through both their eyes and ears. You will hear how David's words still impact us today and see how they inspire beauty in our lives.

Sherri Hager is a local artist and owner of Carolina Murals (carolinamurals.com). Her work can be seen in a variety of homes, businesses and public places throughout Iredell County. She has murals in several local schools as well as in Lake Norman Regional Medical Center and Iredell Memorial Hospital. Her work for us will be made up of six 30"x 36" canvases that can be displayed separately or as a set. Five of these will depict verses from Psalm 23 and the sixth will be the text of the Psalm.

I hope you will join us each week for this creative worship experience. It will also be a great opportunity to bring guests to experience the sights and sounds of First Baptist Church. Please be in prayer for both our artist and me as we seek to bring David's classic words to life. We hope this will be an inspirational experience for all involved.

Schedule

Sunday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, October 14

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 15

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall

Wednesday, October 16

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 17

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, October 20

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, October 21

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 22

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study

Wednesday, October 23

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program
5:00 p.m. Family Night Me
6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 24

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, October 14

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
11:45 a.m. Linedancers
7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, October 16

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays After-School Program

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, October 17

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, October 18

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Monday, October 21

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Tuesday, October 22

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, October 23

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Thursday, October 25

9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, October 26

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Financial Statistics

	October	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	70,293.00	70,293.00
Budget Receipts	19,079.00	19,079.00
Needed to Meet Goals	51,214.00	51,214.00
Alms	805.00	6,580.00
Designated	3,784.00	163,499.00

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
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Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of September 29 & October 6, 2019

	9/29	10/6
Church in Bible Study	109	134
Church in Worship	173	223

Construction Update

Our contractor, Stone Restoration of America, will begin work on the exterior of the Sanctuary Monday, October 14, 2019. The work will begin with repair to the mortar joints. Any loose mortar will be ground out and matching mortar will be piped in in a process called "pointing". This will take several weeks. After the pointing is complete, the entire facility will be washed and sealed. The last phase will be repairing and waterproofing of the Bell Tower roof and parapet wall. Please pray for our workers safety. Let's also keep ourselves safe by staying away from any construction equipment.

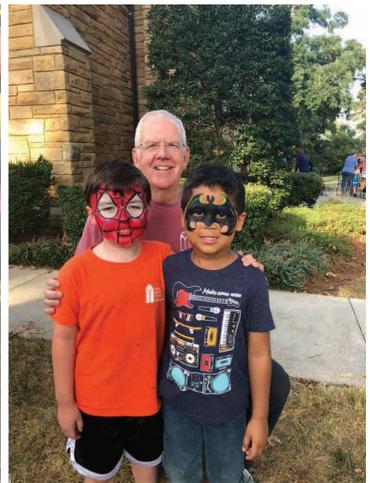




Fall Festival



We had so much fun and fellowship at our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 6! We played games, ate LOTS of candy and delicious snacks, bounced in the bounce house, and had our faces painted!



Joy is Medicine

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. (Proverbs 17:22)

Lord, your joy is my strength, my source of healing, my medicine. I'm sorry for how quickly I turn to other sources, trying to fix myself without you. Doctors and their prescriptions are good, but without your joy in my heart, the health of my body doesn't count for much. Remind me, God, to seek You first. Show me how often a shift in perspective or a change in focus can heal me. Reveal to me when an ache in my body is a call to return to Your fountain of joy. And when I do need physical healing, remind me how much faster it comes to a heart that's full.

How can you make joy your medicine today?

(From "365 Days of Prayer for Women" by Stephanie Sample)

Note: For two years I have been unable to write with my dominant (left) hand, so I struggled with my right hand. Writing is very important to me (journaling, cards, notes, etc.), so I prayed much over this. This summer I "found" a neurologist who prescribed a new medicine. I began taking it one day, and the next day I was writing with my left hand again! Praise God! I promised God I would give Him the glory and this is my first opportunity.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather



Announcements

CBF Misson Bite

Misson Bite 149: The Spice of Life

Each year from September 15 through October 15, we as a nation celebrate the contributions of persons of Latin American heritage. In keeping with the national theme, "Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving our Nation," CBF Field Personnel are sharing stories of persons and ministries that honor and celebrate Latino culture.

For more information and ideas on how to learn more about Latino culture during this time, see

<https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org/index.php/hispanic-heritage-month/88-hispanic-heritage-month-theme-2019>.

Members of local farmworker families often volunteer and harvest food in the Misión Peniel garden managed by Cultivate Abundance in Immokalee, Florida.

Crops found in this garden, such as cilantro and jalapeño chilis, tend to be those high up on the preference list of our Hispanic neighbors. For example, chipilín is an indigenous vegetable added to tamales and other Mexican and Guatemalan dishes. And the leaves of corn and plantain bananas are often harvested for wrapping tamales. Even avocado leaves are used to flavor certain dishes.

In an agricultural community where farmworkers face livelihood challenges and more, this garden works towards the Biblical aspiration that the "last shall be the first" by honoring the food heritage of Immokalee's Hispanic community.

Pray for the community-building effect of the Misión Peniel garden where local, nutrient-dense food is produced and shared.

- Rick Burnette, CBF field personnel serving in Florida.



Welcome to our Church Family!

Sandy Lazenby joined our congregation on Sunday, October 6 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Welcome to our church family!

Newly Elected Deacon Ministry Team Members

Jerry Campbell, Nancy Deal, and Bill Henderson were elected to the Deacon Ministry Team by our congregation. They will begin to serve January 2020.

Pickle Ball Ministry

Mission Statement

First Baptist Church's Pickle Ball Ministry exists to create fellowship within the congregation, serve as an entry point for prospective members, and provide recreation and health benefits to our community. It is our desire to reflect Christ and share Christ through the sport of Pickle Ball.

Hours:

Mondays: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. & 7 :00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(First Monday Evening of each month will focus on teaching beginners)

Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church Pickle Ball Rules:

- All are welcome, but we ask that guests be sponsored by a member (one guest per member per session – if you have more than one guest, we invite you to ask another member to sponsor them)
- If community members come on their own, we will welcome them and ask a member present to be their sponsor for the day.
- Each guest must sign a waiver before playing. Waivers are kept in the sports storage closet and should be turned into the Church Office.
- When the church is closed for holidays or inclement weather, pickle ball will also be closed.
- All members and guests are to use the main Family Life Center door. Members are encouraged to obtain a code from Melissa Wilson and should not share their code. Guests (or members without codes) are asked to ring the doorbell and someone will let you in.
- Beginners are welcome at anytime, but the first Monday night of each month is specifically dedicated to helping teach beginners the game of Pickle Ball.
- Remember our mission at all times. Treat one another with courtesy. Be good sports.