



THE INTERIM

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Exciting Things Ahead For FBC

■ Rich Kraft

Intentional Interim Pastor

What an amazing time to experience spring in North Carolina! It is a beautiful time of year. We all especially appreciate this springtime because of the unusually hard winter we just went through. Our church is also entering a spring time of renewal. We have the opportunity during this season of our lives to enjoy the presence and work of God among us. The recent Operation Inasmuch was a great time where over 90 First Baptist Church people joined in helping individuals, families and community organizations in dramatic ways. A Pilot Leadership Class has begun to meet during the Sunday School hour with 13 church members who will help our church implement our commitment to renew First Baptist's commitment to training and ministry excellence. Our five specially appointed teams (Leadership Development; Theological Issues; Discipleship emphasis; Worship focus; and Governance have almost finished their tasks. They will be presenting some important things to consider and have the entire congregation discuss). As we process important areas for discussion, we anticipate how unifying this time of evaluation and potential change can be for First Baptist Church.

We also look forward to assembling a Search Team for our next Senior Minister to be formed and begin working sometime mid-summer. This will be an exciting time of anticipation as we prayerfully look forward to the person that God is already preparing to lead us over the next years!

This summer will also feature the opportunity that we have to be a praying church. I will be sharing a short six to seven week series on Sunday mornings on what it takes to have a growing prayer life as someone who loves the Lord Jesus. We will also be encouraging the entire church to focus on significant prayer as we enter the search process of our new pastor.

We are also looking forward to four great times of church fellowship, friendship and ministry with a community outreach emphasis this summer. On Sunday, May 25 after church we will enjoy our traditional Memorial Day Picnic with church members, attenders and people from the community. In early July, the Belize Team (with 28 participants – younger and older) will be leaving for an exciting time of ministry. We can anticipate a great work of God even before they leave. We are also looking forward to our special Vacation Bible School week of serving our children and many children from the community in early August. It is also possible that we can look forward to one, two or three small groups to begin sometime later in the summer. These groups will probably have both a discipleship and outreach emphasis to attract new attenders to our church.

I hope that you can see and also feel that these are good days for First Baptist Church. We are acknowledging the long history of First Baptist Church's commitment to trust and follow Jesus Christ while we remember the biblical foundation that our forefathers have embraced over our long history. Good days are ahead for us as we pray and trust the Lord. God has promised good to us – let's believe Him for it!

Operation Inasmuch: The Hands And Feet of Jesus

■ Tim Burgiss

Saturday, May 3, approximately 90 First Baptist members were the hands and feet of Jesus in our community by participating in Operation Inasmuch. We were blessed to have a beautiful day and were able to impact our community in Jesus' name in many ways!

Lynn Barker lead a team of ten that helped in three areas on a Habitat for Humanity home. His team built a front porch and some inside closets and got a good start on the back deck. We met the owner of the home and prayed over her and for Jesus to be the cornerstone of her new home.

Clayton Cline and Jody Parlier led more than 20 FBC volunteers (including youth) to help PowerCross Ministries on a variety of projects as they get their buildings in shape. They accomplished some needed demolition in some areas, while building walls in other areas. Also, lots of fresh paint was spread in needed areas.

Caroline Bentley led a team of over 20 volunteers to visit and pray with our shut-ins. Hilda Lee and her group put together bean soup mix to help feed the hungry in our community. Jan Hunter lead our children in putting together toiletry bags for the upcoming mission trip to Belize to minister to many in need. Brenda Falter lead her team of six (plus

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Schedule

Sunday, May 11

Happy Mother's Day

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship in 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

Monday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 14

- 5:00 p.m. Open Gym
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Supper (BBQ Chicken, Hash Brown Casserole, Green Beans)
- 5:45 p.m. Student & Children's Activities
- 5:45 p.m. Bible Study - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 15

- 11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
- 8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, May 16

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

Sunday, May 18

- 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, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

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

Wednesday, May 21

- 5:00 p.m. Open Gym For Students
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Supper (Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread)
- 5:45 p.m. Student & Children's Activities
- 5:45 p.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 22

- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool Graduation
- 8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, May 23

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



We will be honoring all mothers at each worship service this Sunday.

All mothers will receive a pink carnation.

Happy Mother's Day!

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of April 27 & May 4, 2014

4/27

Church in Bible Study168.....	161
Church in Worship233.....	232
8:30 a.m. service76.....	71
10:55 a.m. service157.....	161

Financial Statistics

Weeks of April 27 & May 4, 2014

4/27

5/4

Budget - Received	\$10,991.00	\$11,671.00
Alms	5.00	595.74
Designated - Received	3,703.00	953.00
Building Reserve - Received	30.00	50.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 4/27/14		14,729.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 5/4/14		13,270.09
Budget for 2013-2014		913,066.79
Budget Received-Year to Date		506,126.19
Remaining in Budget - Unfunded		406,940.60
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		103,883.57
Alms Received-Year to Date		5,098.55
Building Reserve-Year to Date		10,092.00
Total Giving-Year to Date		627,134.71

Happy Mother's Day!

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God upon every remembrance of you.

~Philippians 1:2-3



Church Staff Directory

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Student Ministry

Operation Inasmuch

The video is up on our site, www.venturestudents.org.

Graduation Sunday Sunday, June 1, 2014

Make sure you get the whole family here to celebrate the lives of our seniors. Join us for breakfast and a whole lot more. Stay tuned for more details.

Parent Meeting

Be on the lookout for details about a meeting for parents coming up in June.

Children's Ministry

Look Up Lodge,

Please get those deposits in! Plan to attend one of the parents meetings either Sunday, July 13 or Sunday, July 20 in Adams Hall during the Sunday School hour.

Choir Notes

The Preschool Choir will have a short presentation for parents on Wednesday, May 21. The Children's Choir will have a presentation for parents on Wednesday, June 4.

Vacation Bible School August 4-8, 2014

Please mark your calendars! If you would like to help, please contact Melissa at 704.873.7231, ext. 308 or e-mail melissa@statesvillefbc.org.

Melissa Wilson, *Minister of Children & Families*

Operation Inasmuch

girl scouts) to help organize, clean, and straighten a couple of rooms at My Sister's House that looked like an extreme makeover by the time they were finished.

Once again, George Mcleod and his team of six men repaired bicycles at his home so they could be refurbished as gifts for families in need in time for White Christmas. Thanks to Melissa and Landon for handling the morning biscuits and to Debbie Burgiss for picking up and delivering lunch to those working after noon.

Finally, thanks to many who donated supplies to help with this event and for the prayers offered in behalf of many. All in all, it was a great day to serve and to give honor and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ!



Prayer Point

The following is a prayer for the government prayed by Ginny Stikeleather at the National Day of Prayer gathering at Caldwell Park, Statesville, on Thursday, May 1, 2014.

Our Father and our God, we are gathered here to exalt You today as creator and sustainer of this great nation and those who govern it.

We exalt our savior, Jesus Christ, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Almighty God, You have established Your throne in the heavens and Your sovereignty rules over all. You set up kings and You depose them.

We, Your children, come today to bow the knee before You in gratitude and also in repentance. We thank You for the blessings and prosperity You have poured out on this country, its government, and its people. We repent of scorning Your blessings by allowing our government to pass laws that spit in your face and failing to hold them accountable for it.

So, Father, we're here today to repent on behalf of ourselves and all government officials in high places and low.

We repent on behalf of "we the people" because we are a government of the people, by the people and for the people, and we have abdicated our authority. We have turned from Your way, and we have lost our way.

We repent on behalf of Your people called by Your Name because we have not humbled ourselves; we have neglected to pray; we have sought the face of corruption instead of the face of Almighty God; instead of turning away from wickedness, we have embraced it and heaped sin upon sin.

We repent as Christians that our salt has lost its flavor; we have hid our light under a bowl. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to the position we once held.

We have no right to plead Your mercy except through the blood of Your son, Jesus Christ. Father, we fall on our knees, together with brothers and sisters all across this great nation to lift all our government officials up to You—asking You to endow them with your wisdom, knowledge, and depth of insight, so they will be able to discern what is best for our nation, our state, and our city—so that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. Awaken us to intensify our prayers against the evil forces that are destroying our great country.

We implore You, Father, to draw Your people all over this land together in unrelenting prayer. May we heed Your word through the prophet Isaiah: to give ourselves no rest and to give You no rest until America is once again a strong and godly nation, led by Your mighty hand.

May our government be upon Your shoulders, and may Your kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven.

In the precious and powerful Name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(Rev. 19:16; Ps. 103:19; Daniel 2:21; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 5:13; Phil. 1:9-10; 1 Tim. 2:2; Isaiah 62:6-7; Isaiah 9:6; Matt. 6:10)



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Worship With Us Sunday 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.
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Announcements

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Kaye Martin and the friends and family of John Martin in his death on May 4, 2014.

A Note of Appreciation From Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

First Baptist Church Members,
Thank you for your hospitality and for a great meal. It was greatly appreciated by the Collegiate Challenge Team for Habitat For Humanity from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Collegiate Challenge 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!



And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed.

Luke 1:46-48



Worship Greeters Sunday, May 11

Eddy Sipe John Garland Shannon Ashley
Pat Rushton Nancy Garland

Sunday, May 18

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

Acolytes Sunday, May 11

Alexis Williams, Luke Williams, Jacob Palmer

Sunday, May 18

Alli Eudy, Andria Eudy, Audrey Allison

DIALOG & DISCOVERY Sunday, May 18, 2014 6:30 p.m., Family Life Center

We will have our fifth Dialog & Discovery meeting. All teams will present reports on the progress made regarding the recommendations made by Metanoia Ministries. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, May 15, 2014 11:00 a.m. ~ FLC

The Senior Adult Luncheon will be in the Family Life Center Thursday, May 15. This will be our final meeting for this program year. The luncheons will resume in September. James Martin will be in charge of our program this month. He has some interesting ways in which to entertain us. The program starts at 11:00 a.m. and the meal at noon. Make your reservation by calling the church office at 704.873.7231. Cost of the meal is \$5.00 payable at the door.