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Announcements

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Mission Bite 126: Time Together

On Monday, we had our first women's Bible study after a two-week hiatus. Sickness, travel, work schedules and school holiday all contributed to our break from our weekly time together.

As we joined together, I heard some amazing comments from the women:

"I am glad we have this time together, I need it and I miss it when I cannot come. It is becoming evident to me that I need time in community with other believers to help me be who God wants me to be."

"This time encourages me so much. I always know I will walk away with a good perspective to begin the week."

"My husband told me he can't wait to hear what we learn today. In fact, every week he asks what we are learning and we have great discussions together about it. We are learning so much!"

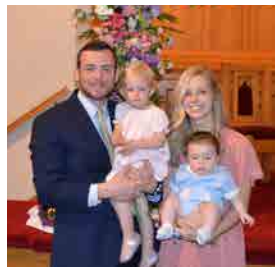
Another responded a few days later, "I have been thinking about what we talked about since our Bible Study. I am really struck by the discussion and I it gave me an interesting perspective to share with a friend as we had coffee together."

I also noticed something more this week. I am becoming aware of how much the women have grown in their personal faith and understanding of who God is through our Bible study. They are actively engaging the Biblical text, thinking critically about what they are reading. They are considering historical and cultural contexts and they are considering what the scripture means for them in their daily lives. They are encouraging one another in their Christian journey and they are sharing what they are learning with others.

This is the essence of our ministry in Spain. It is small. It is slow. It is the walking alongside others as they discover more of who God is and God's great love for them.

Thanks be to God!

- Michelle Norman, CBF field personnel serving in Barcelona, Spain



Welcome to Our Church Family!

The Faulkenberry Family joined our congregation at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on April 21, 2019. Ben and Allison come by transfer of letter. They are pictured with their children Isabella and Jones.

A Note of Appreciation from Peggy Gregg

Dear FBCS Family,
Thank you for all your prayers, thoughts, cards, and the food during my recent surgeries and recovery. The visit from Nelson and Jeff Templeton on the day of my stroke was very welcomed. I have been blessed with a fairly quick recovery from the pain, but I still have a long way to go. Larry and I send Christian love to all of you.

Peggy Gregg

Church Yard Sale Saturday, May 4, 2019 6:00 a.m.

Our Belize Team will host a yard sale to raise funds for the mission trip to Belize this summer. The team is collecting yard items now (no televisions). You may bring your donation to the church Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; or Sunday mornings.

Broad Street Burger Company Fundraiser for Belize Mission Trip Monday, May 13, 2019 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Plan to have dinner at Broad Street Burger Company on Monday, May 13. A portion of all sales will go directly to our Belize Team. You must tell your server that you are there for the Belize Mission Team.



Operation Inasmuch Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:00 a.m.

Due to the rainy weather conditions on Saturday, April 13, we postponed Operation Inasmuch in hopes of a day of sunshine. We will have a variety of projects that will serve our community and there will be a place for people of all skill sets to serve.



THE INTERIM

Nelson Granade baptizes Kinley Crain on Easter Sunday, April 21. Our church witnessed four baptisms that day.

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From the Pastor...

It's been great to see people joining our church almost every Sunday over the past few weeks. Someone recently asked me, "What's causing this growth?" Well, like the church in Acts, God is adding to our congregation. People are feeling God's love, following God's lead, and responding in faith.

God is always behind church growth, but we also have a part to play. As Paul noted in I Corinthians 3:6, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." Like Paul and Apollos, we are called to plant seeds of faith and nurture those seeds toward growth.

One of the families who joined recently first came to our church for the Memorial Day Picnic. One of their friends, who is active at FBCS, invited them to the picnic. They came and found more friends. These friends in turn encouraged them to keep coming and introduced them to even more friends.

The vast majority of people who join a church do so at the invitation of a friend. This is why we are having Friend Day, Sunday, May 26, 2019. It is an opportunity for you to invite your friends to experience what God is doing at First Baptist Church of Statesville. It is your chance to plant a seed of faith and trust God to produce fruit from your efforts.

We are combining Friend Day with our Memorial Day Picnic so that you have a special event to which to invite your friends. It is a fun day with a BBQ, music and games. Our message will be about true friendship with God and each other. If you will commit to bring a friend, I know they will have a meaningful experience at Friend Day.

I'm asking us each to make a commitment to be present at Friend Day, May 26 and to bring at least one friend with you that day. Start praying now about who God would have you to invite. Pray for an opening to extend the invitation and for a willingness for them to come. If we will be faithful in planting these seeds, I trust God to be faithful in growing our church.

Nelson



Our Deacon Chair Clarence Poole commits to bringing a friend to church on Sunday, May 26.



Schedule

Sunday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Precept Bible Study
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After School Program
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 2

National Day of Prayer

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Saturday, May 4

6:00 a.m. Church Yard Sale

Sunday, May 5

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Precept Bible Study
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After School Program
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 9

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
Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Pickleball
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After-School Program
5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, May 2

Gym Closed
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, May 3

Gym Closed

Saturday, May 4

6:00 a.m. Church Yard Sale

Monday, May 6

Gym Closed

Tuesday, May 7

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

Thursday, May 9

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, May 10

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of April 14 & 21, 2019

	4/14	4/21
Church in Bible Study	140.	
Church in Worship.	230.	292

Financial Statistics

	April	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	61,509.00	538,641.00
Budget Receipts	50,314.00	458,797.00
Needed to Meet Goals	11,195.00	79,844.00
Alms	878.00	3,558.00
Designated	6,301.00	87,040.00

Financial Update As of March 31, 2019

Celebrations:

- Copier lease renegotiated to save \$500 per month
- Available undesignated cash was steady

Concerns:

- Year to Date receipts down \$26,671 as compared to last year
- We missed our March Goal by \$12,434 dollars and our Year to Date Goal by \$68,649

Easter at FBC



National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 2, 2019

The United States of America is comprised of more than 328 million people, each of whom lives in one of 19,510 incorporated locations in the United States (towns, cities, and villages) in 3,142 counties.

Our vast nation needs the transforming message of Christ.

Advancing an intentional strategy of prayer for America calls upon each Christian, church, and ministry to do all we can, working together to achieve this God-sized assignment: to remember our audience and the daunting task entrusted to us.

Not one of us can advance this strategy alone. We need one another.

Transforming America is only possible when the Lord hears the cry of His people in prayer for all of America. That is why the National Day of Prayer is significant. It calls upon each of us to unite with our fellow believers in prayer for our nation on one specific day: Thursday, May 2, 2019. (Dr. Ronnie Floyd, president of the National Day of Prayer Task Force.)

Will you set aside time on May 2 to pray for our nation? The theme for this year is “Love one Another”. Pray that God’s love will pervade our country, our cities, our churches, and our homes. Our prayer room and sanctuary will be available for all who would like to pray there. If you cannot come to the church, please pray wherever you are.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather