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Our Church Values Its Children and Youth

According to a recent survey of churches in America, ministry to children and youth leads to an increase in overall spiritual health for the church.

The U.S. Congregational Life Survey is the largest and most representative profile of worshipers and their congregations ever developed in the United States.

The survey describes the American religious landscape in the new millennium based on input from over 500,000 worshipers in more than 3,000 congregations across the United States.

According to the survey:



“The research shows . . . that congregations strong in caring for children and youth also tend to be places where people are growing spiritually and where they have a common vision about the congregation’s future. They invest from the ground up in the faith development of children. They look to the future.”

Children and youth are a blessing to our church, and our church is a blessing to our children and youth. We value children and youth and we have devoted one of our God-sized initiatives to them.

God-Sized Initiative number three reads:

At First Baptist Church we have a children’s and youth ministry that produces young adults with a strong foundation in their faith, who are mission-oriented and true disciples of Christ in their ability to share their faith with others. They are equipped with Biblical knowledge and skills to recognize and respond to life’s challenges and pressures from peers, and this enables them to transform the world rather than conforming.



God can transform the world through our children, but it will not be easy. Our children and youth will face challenges we never imagined. They may even be ridiculed because they are young, but the Bible teaches:

Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Our children and youth can set the example. They are leaders and they are valuable.



Come to church and help us make the children and youth of First Baptist Church and Statesville, North Carolina, the strongest, most loving, and best equipped young adults the world has ever seen.

Yours in Christ,

Spiritual Statistics

Week of January 29, 2012

Church in Bible Study	272
Church in Worship	382
8:30 AM Service	195
10:55 AM Service	187



Sunday, February 5

8:30 a.m.	Early Worship Service—Family Life Center
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting—Adams Hall
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service—Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Youth Advisory Team—Bob Burns Classroom
4:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Team—Choir Room
5:00 p.m.	SNL for Youth—FLC

Monday, February 6

9:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Sewing Group—Heritage Hall

Wednesday, February 8

5:00 p.m.	Family Night Supper—FLC
5:45 p.m.	"Read the Bible in One Year"—FLC
5:45 p.m.	FBKC Choir for Grades 1-5—Adams Hall
5:45 p.m.	Preschool Missions & Choir—Preschool Hall
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir—Choir Room

Thursday, February 9

7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—FLC
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All Sunday School Teachers are invited to a meeting this Sunday, February 5 from 9:30-9:45 a.m. in Adams Hall to hear about a special opportunity to attend a Sunday School Training seminar at First Baptist-Indian Trail February 17-18. If you would like details but cannot attend, please contact Dave Scott, 704-307-7195 or dave@statesvillefbc.org.

Christian Sympathy

. . . is extended to the family of Ann Joyner in her death on January 25, 2012.

Deacons of the Week

February 6—12: Eddy Sipe and Alan Harris

Church Staff Directory

Rev. Dr. Jeffery A. Porter	Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin	Minister of Music & Worship
Miss Elizabeth Barnard	Interim Minister of Children & Families
Dr. David Scott	Interim Associate Pastor
Mr. Eddie Wiseman	Accompanist / Music Assistant
Mrs. Susan O'Keefe	Children's Music Director

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Financial Statistics

WEEKLY STATISTICS—January 29, 2012

Budget - Received	\$16,925.81
Alms	\$0.00
Designated - Received	\$195.10
Building Reserve - Received	\$1,076.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 01/29/12	\$18,196.91
Budget for 2011-2012	\$1,095,067.00
Budget Needed-Year to Date	\$424,666.99
Budget Received-Year to Date	97.7% \$414,939.66
Remaining in Budget-Unfunded	\$680,127.34
Remaining Weeks in 2011-2012	34
Weekly Amount Needed	\$20,003.75
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date	\$39,990.84
Alms Received-Year to Date	\$4,132.87
Building Reserve-Year to Date	\$7,107.50
Total Giving-Year to Date	\$466,170.87

Minister of Youth Search Committee Update

Continue to keep the Minister of Youth Search Process in your prayers. We, the members of the committee, are pleased to report that we have narrowed our search to three candidates, each of whom has the potential of leading our youth ministry. We will interview these candidates in the next few weeks in order to discern who it is that God is calling to this ministry.

Yours in Christ,

The Minister of Youth Search Committee

Jeff Faulk, chair Robin Cline Bobby Kearney
 Carolina Alexander Suzanne Hayes David Lewis

Minister of Children and Families Search Committee Update

The Children's Minister Search Committee is resuming its process of looking for the person God is calling to help us fulfill our God-sized initiatives.

Yours in Christ,

The Minister of Children and Families Search Committee

Suzanne Osborne, chair Jan Hunter
 Kimberly Allen Alan Williams
 Sherry Ashley Michael Van Buren
 Vester Boone

Summer Mission Trip Information Meeting

Are you interested in going on a First Baptist International Mission Trip this summer? Come and hear the details on Sunday, February 19 at 12:15 p.m. in Adams Hall. Contact Dave Scott for more information at 704-307-7195 or dave@statesvillefbc.org.



Children's Ministry

Please Bring Hats, Gloves & Mittens For Operation Christmas Child

... And More Shoeboxes !

It is February and that means we need hats, gloves and mittens for Operation Christmas Child Challenge. Currently we have 200 boxes and we still need 300. Please make them plastic if possible. The Dollar Tree has them for a dollar.

February is exciting with things changing all around us. Please keep updated by reading the announcements and checking the screen outside of my door for new information.

Changes in Children's Sunday School Classes — Due to the size of the kindergarten and first grade Sunday School class, we have added the first grade to the second grade class. Beginning this Sunday, please take your first grader to the second grade classroom. As these classes grow, we are in need of teacher's helpers and teachers. If you are interested, please let me know. I need you and your gifts!



Mission Possible Night this past month was amazing. We made 35 hygiene bags to go to children at Fifth Street Ministries, and it was great to see the children learning the fruit of the spirit, by being patient, showing kindness and sharing love.

As we begin to mentally prepare for the Lenten season, let's also prepare the minds of our children, in understanding the importance and the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of our lives, and allow that to be a daily focus.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth

Children's Ministry Volunteers ~ February 5

8:30 Nursery: Jeanie Murdock

8:30 Kids Zone: Elizabeth Barnard

9:45 Sunday School Nursery: Sara Hadden

10:55 Nursery: Connie Minnix

10:55 Kids Zone: Girl Scouts

Acolytes: Hannah Van Buren, Taylor and Nicole Osborne

Jonathan White Named To Diaconate

Jonathan White has been named to fill the term of Danny Wicker, who recently resigned from the Diaconate. Jonathan, who has previously been ordained as a Deacon, will serve in the Class of 2013. "God is working at First Baptist Church, and I'm glad to be a part of it," said Jonathan.



New Deacon — *Jonathan White is shown here with his wife, Becky White, and children Emma, 5, and William, 2.*



LookUp Lodge Retreat for Girls

What? A Retreat for Girls Only (grades 6-12)
Where? LookUp Lodge, Travelers Rest, SC
When? March 23-25, 2012
Cost: \$119 (Deposit: \$50 made to First Baptist Church)

This retreat focuses on helping young women embrace who God has created them to be, and who He is calling them to become. Through teaching, Bible study, breakout sessions, worship and testimony, girls will learn to navigate the tension between who the world teaches them to be and what to value, and who they are as a creation of the Heavenly Father and what really matters.

Call Jan Hunter for details at 704-437-0633.



Parents and Friends of Preschool Choir Members

Our Preschool Choir invites you to attend
A Valentine Party
on Wednesday, February 8 in Adams Hall
from 6:20 to 7:00 p.m.

We want to show you what a typical music activity session is like on Wednesday evenings. We will be singing our songs, doing rhythms, and playing instruments.

Refreshments will be served.

Have your child come to the choir room as usual by 6:00 p.m.

Your Choir Leaders:

Jan Wuertz, Louise Hunter, Jackie Holshouser

Mountain Music Special

Featuring the Sunnyside Up Band

With Ike & Jan on mountain dulcimers, Jackie with spoons,
Debi playing the flute & maybe others!

Special guest appearance by "Jenny Sue from Timbuktu"

All this coming to you at the Senior Adult Luncheon
Thursday, February 16 at 11:00 a.m. ~ Family Life Center

Call the church office at 704-873-7231 to make reservations.

"Discerning the Voice of God"

A 6-Week Women's Bible Study Video Series
Featuring Priscilla Shirer

Mondays starting February 20 at 6:30 p.m.
& Tuesdays starting February 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Books will be available for \$11.00

Sign up in the church office or online
at www.statesvillefbc.org



Come to Worship

Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:30 AM in the Family Life Center

10:55 AM in the Sanctuary

Sermon by Dr. Jeff Porter

“Young Again”

Text: 1 Timothy 4:12

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FBC Deacon Spotlight

Alan Williams

Monica and I both grew up in Statesville and went to Appalachian State at the same time, but we did not meet until the fall after we graduated college. We were married in 1996 at First ARP in Statesville and just celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary. I had been a member of First Baptist all of my life and she had been a member at First ARP. We visited several area churches so we didn't choose her church or my church...we wanted our church. We had many friends and connections to FBC members outside of church and we decided that this is where God wants us to be to raise our family.

We have two sons, Tyler, 12 and Gavin, 9. We love to camp. We have slowly graduated from tent camping to a pop-up camper to a current travel trailer. This past summer we camped out West for 18 days. We went to the Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks, as well as several others. Our country is spectacular and we are truly blessed to live in such an amazing place. While at the Grand Canyon visitor center, we watched a 22-minute film on 'how' the Grand Canyon was formed. When we walked outside, I asked the boys how it was formed. They paused for a second, remembering what they had just watched, and then responded, "God created it."

A few little things about me that may be interesting are: I am an avid deer hunter and love to fish. Luckily the boys share this passion with me. Monica, however, doesn't necessarily enjoy these two things, but has recently taken up archery with us. She's pretty good. In 2010, I received my Master's in Instructional Technology from ASU. When I graduated in 1992, I didn't think I would ever go back, but as I got older my goals changed and I did return. It would have been so much better to have done it way back then, but I think I appreciate it more as an adult.

My life scripture is 1 Corinthians 13:11 – "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." 1 Corinthians 13 is the chapter Paul writes about love. I have known the whole chapter my whole life and it is all very special, but verse 11 makes me want to be the best husband and dad that I can be.

First Baptist Church is special to me because of the many connections to my family, friends, and fellow Christians. I have grown up in this church and I am humbled to have been chosen to serve as a Deacon at FBC.



Alan and Monica Williams with Tyler, left, and Gavin on vacation out West.

“Spiritual Formation 101”

A New Sunday School Class Led by Dave Scott

Starting Sunday, February 12 9:45 a.m. in Family Life Center

A new Sunday School class open to anyone is starting February 12 in the Family Life Center. This class is for anyone who wants to take steps towards a deeper walk with Christ. It will focus on precepts and practices of spiritual growth. For the next eight weeks we will be discussing and applying to our lives *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero. You can buy the book from Amazon.com to read along. Please sign up with Burwell Whittenton in the FBC office.

1st Annual Sportsmen's Wild Game Banquet

Friday, February 24 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Guest Speaker: Jeremy Harrill, Wildlife Officer
Director of *Heart of a Sportsman Ministry*

Men of First Baptist Church are sponsoring this new event. All men from the church and community are invited to come and enjoy fellowship and a menu of wild game. If desired, they will be able to bring or cook their wild game (deer, turkey, pheasant, duck, etc.)

This will be a fellowship opportunity for men who enjoy the outdoors, and will also focus on a closer walk with Christ.

Cost of the meal is \$10. Donations will also be taken for the FBC Food Pantry and/or Iredell Christian Ministries. For more information, please contact Thomas Alexander at 704-500-9123 or italex40@gmail.com.

