

First Baptist News

a family of faith

From the Interim Pastor

Dearly Beloved Congregation...

I never in a million years dreamed that we would still be separated by distance that Covid-19 has put upon us. I never in a million years dreamed that my plans for the interim would be put on hold in such a stark way. And, yet, we continue to be church.

We are Caring Together...

Even though we are still scattered, you are finding creative and meaningful ways to reach out and care for each other. This speaks so well of who you are and whose you are. I'm so grateful for the ministry of our Administrative and Building Staff, our Deacons, and our Ministers. AND, each of you! Thank you all for the good ministry that continues.

July – God and Country Month...

We can call our nation to repentance and ALSO be proud of our Republic. Yes, there many things for us to pay attention to and repair. There are also many things to celebrate. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult! While we may not be gathered, we are united! While we may not be together, we are still the church on mission!!

Continue to Pray...

- For the Pandemic
- For the Pastor Search Committee
- For the shifts in how we minister and gather
- For one another

God is guiding!
Dr. Bo

This Week. . .

Wednesday, July 8

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Devotion (Facebook Live)
7:00 p.m. Bridge Class (Zoom)

Thursday, July 9

- 3:00 p.m. Circle of Friends Class (Zoom)

Sunday, July 12

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship (Facebook Live & YouTube)**
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Class (Zoom)

Monday, July 13

- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Tithing Time
7:00 p.m. Monday School (Facebook Live & Zoom)

Tuesday, June 14

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)

Children's Sermons for Adults!



Let the little children come to me,
and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.
Truly I tell you, anyone who will
not receive the kingdom of God like
a little child will never enter it.
Luke 18:16-17

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. on Face-

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



For the Record

Budgeted 2020	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2020).....	\$13,461.54
Received June 30, 2020.....	\$2,875.00
Need to date.....	\$340,000.00
Received to date	\$272,658.67
Over (Under) Budget	(\$67,341.33)

Tithing Time

Tithes & Offerings are collected each Monday at the 6th Street Entrance from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Person of the Week

Mary Anne Rust
 1900 Windsor Run Ln.
 Apt. 310
 Matthews, NC, 28105
 Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special person this week!



ECM Summer Gardening—June 2020
 All age groups are participating in caring for our garden this summer.



being the church

Even though we can’t be together AT church, we are still BEING the church through how we worship, serve, love, and learn together (while physically apart). In that spirit, we are introducing a new church-wide emphasis with a new sign: “Being the Church.”

As you find creative ways to BE the church during this time, take a picture with your sign and send it in to us! Pick up your sign during tithing time, or print your own from the weekly email.