

Andrew & Elizabeth Kilby play in the snow with the children, Matilda & Luke,



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From the Pastor...

Valentine's Day is fast approaching and those of us who are blessed to be in a loving relationship had best get our card and gifts ready. The problem with Valentine's Day, however, is that the expectations can be so high that the experience cannot live up to the hype.

Perhaps we should watch a romantic movie or two to get some ideas. Unfortunately, movies are fiction and its hard to live up to them in real life. Very few of us can come up with phrases like Jerry Maguire's, "You complete me." And, as romantic as that sounds, "completing someone", is a lot to ask of any relationship.

Maybe Julia Robert's line in *Notting Hill* is a little more realistic. Roberts' character is a movie star in love with a normal guy. She says, "Don't forget: I'm also just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her." That sounds beautiful, but I don't know how regular guys even meet a movie star, much less have one fall in love with you.

Romance movies are fine, but we need to remember that they are fantasy. True love is a lot messier and tougher. *Atlantic* Columnist Arthur Books wrote an article last February that reminded us that "the secret to happiness isn't falling in love; it's staying in love." He goes on to compare passionate love (the falling in love stage) to compassionate love (the staying together work). Compassionate love is a challenge, but well worth it.

Years ago, British writer G.K. Chesterton make a similar observation. He said, "Love is not blind; that is the last thing that it is. Love is bound; and the more it is bound the less it is blind." In other words, love depends on constant commitment, gracious acceptance, and caring actions. This is true whether we are talking about a couple, a family, or a congregation.

The greatest love story ever told is God's great love for us. God created us out of overflowing love. God sustains caring love. And God is redeeming us out of purposeful love. God chooses to love us and shows that love in Jesus Christ. I hope that this Valentine's Day you remember that you are truly loved. It's not a fairy tale. It's God's very nature.

Schedule

Sunday, February 13

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
 Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Super Bowl of Caring

Monday, February 14

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Called Church Conference
 & Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, February 20

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
 Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, February 21

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, February 23

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, February 24

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
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 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
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Reunited!



Mac and Evelyn Funderburk have been on a difficult journey. Due to health reasons, they relocated to Albemarle and for nearly a year, they have resided in separate long-term care facilities. After months of being apart and lots of tears shed, Mac and Evelyn reunited on January 20 and will be together at the same location. They and their family thank those who continued to visit, call, and send cards to the both of them.



Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of January 30 & February 6, 2022

	1/30	2/6
Live Stream Views.	42	16
In-Person.	136	170
Sunday School.	78	109

Financial Statistics

	February	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	65,198.00	402,491.00
Budget Receipts	16,198.00	585,584.00
Monthly Not Met/YTD Met	(48,883.00)	183,093.00
Alms	1,103.00	4,454.00
Designated	6.00	47,055.00

A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

We are excited about our Chicago Mission Trip - June 25 -July 1. If you are interested in going on this mission trip, it is open to anyone in the church. Please come to the interest meeting on Sunday, February 13 immediately following worship at 11:00 a.m. in Adams Hall. We will talk about the mission trip and our possible work projects. After we are finished with the meeting, those who are only interested in the mission trip are welcomed to leave. Parents of the youth will remain for a Parent Meeting with Melissa.

Our Clothes Closet has a need for an Electric Washer for one of their shoppers. She just moved into a new space that does not have a washer. If you have a gently used washing machine that you would like to donate please let me know esb7432@gmail.com or call the church office.

Right now children's clothes and household items are the only items being accepted by the Clothes Closet. Thank you so much for your continued support and contributions. We will let you know when it is back open for other donations.

Thank you for your continued support to make all this ministry possible.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth

Learning More About Our Members Art & Lori Fincannon

In the late 1970s Art's parents were at FBC. Pastor Dr. Frank Campbell asked his mother to be his secretary. Art later joined to be with them as a family. Lori and Art were married in 2001, and Lori joined FBC so they could worship and serve Christ together.



Art managed the local radio station (WSIC) for over 20 years and worked with Sears for 26 years. Lori has been employed by Mann Travels for 25 years as

a travel specialist. Art enjoys spending his morning at Daylight Donuts talking with friends and spreading the word of the Lord to those he comes in contact with. Lori enjoys cooking, baking, and playing the piano. Together, they love to travel (especially cruising) and shag dancing.

Art and Lori are members of the Emanons Sunday School Class and love the fellowship of the entire congregation.

Together they have 4 children and 7 grandchildren and always look forward to our time spent with them.

Each issue of The Interim will feature a different member or family of our church. If there is anyone you would like to learn more about, please e-mail their name to kayley@statesvillefbc.org or call the church office.



Announcements

A Note of Appreciation from Ted & Betsey Evans

Church Family,
Words cannot express the appreciation Ted and I have for all you did for us during my surgery.

The cards, flowers, visits, and most of all the prayers - made us more aware of the caring given by our church family.

Ted & Betsey Evans

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 13, 2022

FBC Youth want to help tackle hunger in our community. We need your help! On Sunday, February 13 the FBC Youth will collect canned goods & donations for Iredell Christian Ministries. Our Youth will be at the church from 12:00-2:00 p.m. to receive canned goods or donations. You can also drop them off at Sunday school or worship. Thank you for your support!

Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:00 a.m. - Family Life Center

Our program will be at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m. Ulysses Long will be our guest musician at the piano singing some of our favorite songs. You will remember he performed on the TV program America's Got Talent. Reserve your seat by Monday, February 14, 2022. Remember to wear your mask when not eating. Cost of the meal is \$6.00 payable at the door. Menu is spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, and trifle for dessert.

Called Church Conference Discussion & Decision on Funds from DOT for Foster Property

The DOT has taken about 1/3 of our Cornelius property for a new construction right of way. Our Trustees (Edwin Hunter and Bob Dellinger) were able to negotiate \$23,700 to reimburse the church for the loss. We will also be able to keep the billboard and continue to receive rent from it.

Our Business Management and Deacon Ministry Teams are recommending that these funds be used in the following way:

- 25% for Kentucky Tornado Relief
- 25% to FBCS Benevolence/Crisis Ministry Funds
- 25% to FBCS Building Fund
- 25% to Local Missions to be determined by the Missions Team

We are calling a special church conference to discuss and decide how to best utilize this money. The Conference will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Wednesday Evening Menus

February 16

baked spaghetti, garlic, bread, baked apples,
& chocolate chip cookies
Kids meal: same as adult meal

February 23

chicken tenders, roasted potatoes, pintos,
cornbread, & apple crisp
Kids meal: chicken tenders & tots

Be sure to make your reservations by Monday at 10:00 a.m. by calling the church office, e-mailing kayley@statesvillefbc.org, or using the Remind App.

HAPPY
Valentine's Day