



THE INTERIM

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From the Pastor...

Happy New Year! I pray this year will see us make great strides as a church – despite continued obstacles that affect us all. I also pray that each of you will have a year centered in God’s blessings – which can happen despite any circumstances.

Perhaps you are making some New Year’s resolutions? I must admit that this is difficult when we continue to face so many challenges. As one of my pastor friends recently told me, “My New Year’s resolution is to survive the New Year.” Sometimes it feels like that is all we can do.

One solution is to focus more on who we are instead of what we do. Instead of looking at what we might accomplish, we can focus on the type of people we want to be. This is something we can achieve whatever the New Year brings. To help us along, we will be looking at the Book of Galatians.

Galatians addresses the conflict between doing and being. Paul proclaimed a gospel of grace, but others were trying to install a religion of law. Paul wanted the people to live out of the security of knowing who and whose they were. Others wanted external rules and regulations to be the measure of faith.

Paul doesn’t argue that the Law is wrong, but rather insufficient for abundant life. In other words, who we are in Christ is a better guide for life than a list of dos and don’ts. Paul wants us to move past the minimums of the Law and into the maximums of grace.

This Sunday Melissa will bring a message from Galatians 4 about living as God’s children. I will continue this focus on Galatians in a series entitled: Living Out of Grace. I think you will find it more rewarding to live into what God has called you to be than trying and do more through a bunch of resolutions. God’s grace to us all in this coming year!

**"You crown the year with your goodness;
your paths overflow with rich food."
Psalm 65:11**



Schedule

Sunday, January 2

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, January 3

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 5

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, January 6

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, January 9

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, January 10

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, January 12

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, January 13

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Happy Birthday

January 1

Bill Yeckley

January 2

Don Koepnick

Lisa Shankle

January 3

Dennis Deal

Dean Roberts

January 4

Lois Poston

January 5

Katherine Webb

January 8

Jones Faulkenberry

Mayme Hacker

Mike McLain

January 9

Carol Heckel

Ike Wuertz

January 10

Cassidy Barker

Carol Borroughs

January 11

Jean Elledge

January 12

Kaye Daniel

Edwin Hunter

January 13

Carolyn Garner

Bill Henderson

Nicole Osborne

January 15

Andy Hall

January 16

Trevor Devine

January 18

David Lewis

January 21

Kenneth White

January 23

Ginny Stikeleather

January 24

Becky Beasley

Matthew Johnson

Ryan Johnson

January 25

Audrey Tompkins-Horne

January 27

Luke Kilby

Matilda Kilby

January 28

Pat Abell

January 30

Jan Hunter

Mark Kleinhenz

January 31

Amy Moore

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of December 19 & 26, 2021

	12/19	12/26
Live Stream Views.	31	13
In-Person.	178	63
Sunday School.	128	114

Financial Statistics

	December	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	156,476.00	293,827.00
Budget Receipts	61,631.00	338,647.00
Monthly Not Met/YTD Met	(94,845.00)	44,820.00
Alms	964.00	2,876.00
Designated	11,366.00	44,199.00

A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

The familiar saying is "It is a new year and a new you." As we think about our resolutions and changes that we want to make for the coming year, I ask us to pause and reflect on the past year. Reflect on the growth that we have done. For when we move forward, we move forward on the foundations that have been set on the past. I challenge you this year to think of one thing that you want to accomplish or one goal that you want to achieve. Not multiple. Though no matter how much I want to do so many things, if I focus on one, it is so much easier to stay on track and make a difference in the area I want to change. I also want us to think about a word in which we want to look at as a lens for the year. I challenge us to think about the ways in which words that go in our minds transforms our hearts, thoughts, and actions. When we have a specific word that we can use as a lens for the year, we then can transform our words going in our head. We see things in new perspectives. I pray that our perspective would be one that centers on Christ for the new year, his love and his service to others. Happy New Year. It is a new year, and it can be a new you.

Many thoughts and prayers.
Elizabeth

Learning More About Our Members Richard & Carrie Sykes

Richard and Carrie were married at First Baptist Church of Statesville on March 28, 2020. While Richard has been a member since 2008, Carrie joined our church on March 8, 2020.

Richard is the Regional Maintenance Coordinator for Peak Toolworks in Statesville, and Carrie is a business instructor at Catawba Valley Community College. They have two children, Caylyn (11) and Gavin (8), who attend Celeste Henkel Elementary. Caylyn enjoys being part of the Girl Scouts and playing basketball. Gavin enjoys playing soccer and basketball.

They are an adventure seeking family with interests in a variety of activities such as riding bikes, checking out new eateries, visiting different parks, going to water parks in the summer, and snowing tubing in the winter. They also entertain their 1-year old English Bulldog, Otis. Their favorite meals to enjoy together are pizza and dining at a Japanese Steakhouse.



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.

**"I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord;
they are plans for peace, not disaster,
to give you a future filled with hope."
Jeremiah 29:11**



Announcements



Welcome to our Church Family!

Audrey Higgins joined our congregation on December 26, 2021. She has moved to our community from Columbus, Georgia. Welcome to our church family!

Wednesday Evening Menus

January 5

chicken pot pie, green beans, & chocolate chip cookies
Kids meal – grilled cheese & tots

January 12

salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, & peach cobbler
Kids meal - cheeseburgers

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.

Wednesday Evening Menus

The children portray the nativity at the Christmas music program on Sunday, December 19.

