

THE INTERIM

Jones and Izzy Faulkenberry prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt in 2021.



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From the Pastor...

Have you ever felt like you were experiencing emotional whiplash? Perhaps you've received wonderful news, only to have something terrible happen a little later. Or maybe in the midst of a tragedy, something wonderful happened.

Dr. Gerald May, in his book *The Dark Night of the Soul*, says it this way: "I am no longer very good at telling the difference between good things and bad things...Some things start out looking great, but wind up terribly, while other things seem bad at the beginning but turn out to be a blessing in disguise."

Dr. May goes on to talk about his battle with cancer and all its ups and downs. He writes:

I was diagnosed with cancer in 1995, which I thought was bad thing. But the experience brought me closer to God and to my loved ones than I'd ever been, and that was wonderfully good. The chemotherapy felt awful, but resulted in a complete cure, which I decided was good. I later found out it may also have caused the heart disease that now has me waiting for a heart transplant. As some point I gave up trying to decide what's ultimately good or bad. I truly do not know.

Dr. Gerald May, The Dark Night of the Soul, p. 2

During Holy Week, our Lord experienced an overwhelming range of emotions. People welcomed him with shouts of hosanna, only to turn on him with shouts of crucify him! He had a special meal with his beloved disciples, but one of these trusted friends betrayed him the same night. Jesus was arrested for sedition, declared innocent, but sentenced to crucifixion anyway.

Amidst all these disparate experiences the greatest shift came with Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. When all hope seemed lost, God's grace prevailed. God turned the greatest tragedy into the greatest victory. Therefore, we can have hope, no matter how we feel or what we are experiencing.

If you truly want to experience Easter, I encourage you to also join us for Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday services. I also urge you to take time on Good Friday to read through the Passion Narratives found in Luke 22 & 23. I pray that, whatever you are going through in life, you will know the joy of Easter.

Schedule

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday

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, April 11

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, April 13

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

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

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, April 14

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

6:00 p.m. Family Night Meal

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, April 16

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson

Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast - FLC

9:00 a.m. Joint Sunday School - FLC

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

Monday, April 18

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 20

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

No Wednesday Evening Activities

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, April 21

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

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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A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

Two dates to take note of:

Mission Trip Yard Sale

Saturday, April 30, 2022

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Mission Trip Yard Sale is just around the corner - Saturday, April 30. We will collect items, Tuesday April 26, at 12 noon to Friday, April 29, at 12 noon. If you need help with getting the donations to the church please let Elizabeth know and she will coordinate with you. We will not accept clothes or broken items. The yard sale will be Saturday, April 30, from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. if you would like to come help or shop please let me know.

Mission Trip Spaghetti To-Go Lunch

Sunday, May 22, 2022

We will have a Spaghetti to-go lunch after church on Sunday, May 22. Come take a lunch to share with a friend or family member and support the mission trip. We are so excited to come together and be able to have these fundraisers again and to support one another as we live a life on mission!

Many thoughts and prayers,
 Elizabeth



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Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of March 27 & April 3, 2022

	3/27	4/3
Live Stream Views.	19	21
In-Person.	162	150
Sunday School.	113	111

Financial Statistics

	March	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	69,545.00	472,036.00
Budget Receipts	62,976.00	691,299.00
Monthly Not Met/YTD Met	(6,569.00)	219,263.00
Eddie Steele Fund	3,880.00	3,880.00
Designated	8,876.00	63,236.00

2022 Chicago Mission Trip Team

Please be in prayer as we prepare for the trip:

Nelson Granade
Valerie Granade
Holly Hinceman
Hilda Lee

Melissa Tompkins
Melissa Wilson
Lily Wilson
Kristina Sellers

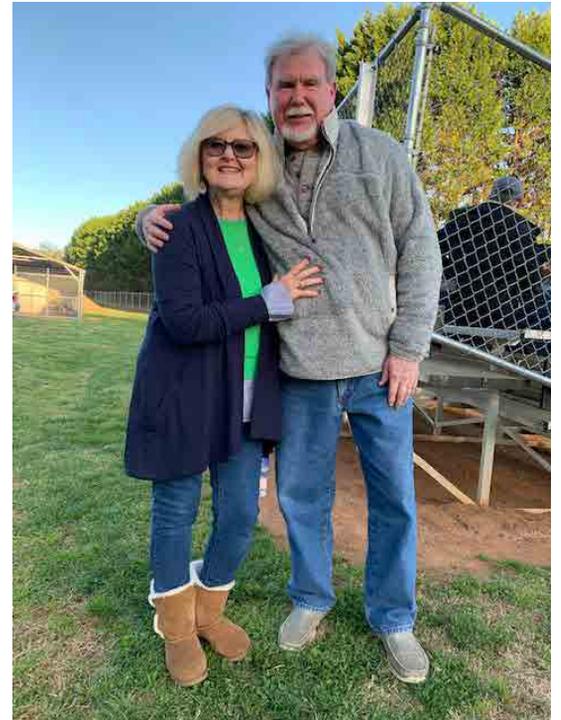
William Barnard
Elizabeth Kilby
Lydia Blevins
Luke Wimpy

Learning More About Our Members Steve & Jeri Koontz

Jeri was born and raised in FBC, so there was not a doubt that she and Steve would attend FBC after marrying and moving back to Statesville. Her parents and grandmother attend FBC too.

Steve and Jeri are both retired. Jeri retired from teaching in the Iredell-Statesville Schools after 30 years. She taught various elementary grades, but ended her career as a K-5 art teacher. Steve held various management positions over his career, including Carolina Tire and Heilig-Meyers Furniture. He finished his career with the Manheim/Statesville Auto Auction. Steve was the Finance Manager, then later became the Regional Credit and Collections Manager.

Steve and Jeri have 2 sons. Andrew married his high school sweetheart, the former Sara Dunham after he graduated from Appalachian State University and Sara from Elon University. They have 2 sons - Maddox (10) and Weston (6). They live in Statesville. Their son, Matt, has lived and worked in Greensboro, then Raleigh since he graduated from NC State.



Over the years Jeri has helped in the nursery, been a teacher to the 3 year olds, substitute taught for my father's Sunday School class, served as a deacon, served on the flower committee and caring committee, and helped with VBS. Steve has chaired the recreation committee, is currently a deacon, and is a substitute on the security committee. They also have served on the Welcome/Greeting committee and currently help with Wonderful Wednesday's and wherever they are needed.

Steve and Jeri enjoy spending time with their children, grandchildren, family and friends. We enjoy going to the beach, attending Carolina Hurricanes hockey games, and returning to Boone and Blowing Rock as much as possible! Steve is athletic, specifically enjoys golf and pickleball. He is very friendly, and is definitely a people person! He NEVER meets a stranger! Jeri enjoys arts and crafts, making flower arrangements, decorating for events, and helping others.

Steve and Jeri love First Baptist and consider it home. The congregation is a family in which they are proud to be members!

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

Wednesday Evening Menus

April 14

salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn,
& pineapple angel food cake
Kids meal: hot dogs & tots

April 20

No Wednesday Evening Activities

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 2022

Thank you to everyone who stuffed the eggs with treats! We are in need of egg hidiers. If you would like to help hide eggs, please be on the church front lawn at 9:15 a.m. that day.

Easter Breakfast

Janet McLain and Lynn Deal will organize our Easter breakfast. If you would like to help, please contact Janet at 704-838-3732 or Lynn at 704-876-0970.

Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, April 21, 2022

11:00 a.m. - FLC

A group of Statesville area soloists will present a musical program, some of them you probably know. They are: Melody Beatty (Morrison), Laurel Eason, Cathy Everhart, Rodney Harrison, Darin Johnson, Kelli Mitchell, Grant Stanley, and Accompanist Doris Swaim. Cost of the meal is \$6.00 payable at the door. The menu: chicken breasts, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, tossed salad and dessert.

Because the church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 18, we must have your reservation no later than noon on Thursday, April 14. Call the church at 704-873-7231.

Holy Week at FBC

Wednesday, April 13

2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
After School Program
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
(reservations required)
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 15

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
at St. Johns Lutheran Church
no multi-church service

Saturday, April 16

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 17

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast - FLC
9:00 a.m. Joint Sunday School - FLC
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

