



Preschool Director Kristina Kyles reads a book to the Two Year Old Class.

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From the Pastor...

Every Sunday there is a moment in worship when everyone is smiling and happy. You might think it is during a song or when we are greeting. Those are upbeat moments, but I'm talking about another time.

Everyone turns and smiles when the children go out for Kids at Worship. Melissa and Kristina give an encouraging wave and little feet patter down the aisles. Some run with excitement and others cling to mom or dad for a minute longer, but all are cute.

Children and youth are vital to the life of our congregation. They are the church of the future, but they are learning how to be church right now. That is why we include them in every aspect of worship. They are learning to sing, read scripture, take up the offering and pray.

Each summer our children and youth get a wonderful opportunity to grow deeper in their faith as they attend summer camps. These camps are a vital time to get away and focus on God's call upon their lives. These camps, however, are not cheap. So our kids need our help.

On Sunday, February 16, 2025 our children and youth will sponsor a Soup Fundraiser. You can help by making a pot of soup or a dessert. You can also help by eating with us in Adams Hall or taking a to-go bowl. Just contribute whatever you feel led to do and all the funds will go to help with camp costs.

So, smile at the kids when you see them each week; but also let them know they are loved by supporting our children's and youth ministries. I look forward to sharing a bowl of soup and some fun fellowship with you on February 16, 2025.



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11:00 a.m.

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Schedule

Sunday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, February 10

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 13

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, February 16

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:00 a.m. Soup Lunch Fundraiser

Monday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 20

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. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
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A Message from Minister of Missions Elizabeth Kilby

We are excited to head to the Black Mountain Children's Home for our first of two weekends we will spend in that area helping recovery. The children's home, though missed by most damage, did have a very disastrous land slide on their property resulting in the loss of some buildings and much debris.

We will be there March 28-30 for the weekend to help with their next items on their project list. More information on this will come as they know more.

The cost for this trip is \$75.00 and includes lodging and food for the weekend.

To sign up please see me or email esb7432@gmail.com, and I will get you on the list and more information.

Elizabeth Kilby



Financial Statistics

	1/26	2/2
In Person	146	158
Live Stream	21	n/a
Sunday School	87	85

Financial Statistics

	February	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	73,461.00	453,501.00
Budget Receipts	13,853.00	353,674.00
Goals Not Met	(59,609.00)	(99,828.00)
Alms	819.00	5,399.00
Designated	337.00	39,291.00

A Snippet from Our Past

On Sunday, January 26 the pastor wrapped up the January focus on Baptist Distinctives with his sermon "A Free Church in a Free State," emphasizing our belief in religious freedom for all. As we continue celebrating our 150th anniversary, we're sharing a snippet from the October 9, 1960 edition of *The Interim*. In his editorial "It's On My Heart" Pastor John Sykes addresses a similar theme during the election year of Nixon vs. Kennedy.

*Why all this fuss about a candidate's religious faith? I am afraid some of us are guilty of opposing a man on religious grounds when that is not the heart of the issue at all. Needless to say, it has been the target of much that has been said in the past. The Southern part of our nation has a long Protestant background. As early as the Civil War and certainly after that war was this section of the country dared not mention the name Catholic. At that time we were closer to the Reformation - our forefathers remembered the Holy Wars that were brought about by a church that refused to let people have the Bible in their own language and preach as they saw fit. Today we have forgotten all that. It may be a good that we have. Yet it is not a good thing to forget that the main issue in all this talk centers to one thing: **Will a man sitting in the highest seat in our land do away with the Separation of Church and State?***

Fundamentals of Baptist Doctrine

1. CHRIST IS LORD. With Baptists this is supreme and sufficient. What did Jesus say? That is our law. What did Jesus do? That is our example.
2. THE NEW TESTAMENT IS OUR RULE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE. If Christ is our Lord, we must obey him, but how are we to obey him unless we know his will? And where can we find his will revealed except in the New Testament?
3. THE SOUL IS COMPETENT IN RELIGION. "Any person who ever lived or ever could live, has as much inherent right to deal personally with God as any other person who ever did or ever could live."
4. BAPTISTS BELIEVE IN AN EXPERIENCE OF GRACE AND A REGENERATED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
5. A CHURCH IS A SPIRITUAL DEMOCRACY. That is, it is a self-governing entity with members of which have equal rights, privileges, and duties.
6. THE ORDINANCES ARE SYMBOLS OF GREAT RELIGIOUS FACTS BOTH HISTORICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL. In taking this position, Baptists stand alone, but they are warranted in doing so by the teaching of the New Testament, the example of our Lord, and his evident purpose in giving the two ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

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Announcements

Staying On Mission: Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow

February 9, 2025
Resilience in Challenging Times
James 1:2-8, 12

February 16, 2025
Resilience in the Midst of Loss
Revelation 21:1-5

February 23, 2025
Resilience When Things Are Going Great
Genesis 41:17-38

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Parents Night Out Friday, February 28, 2025

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Children (birth-grade 5) are invited for a fun evening with Melissa and Kristina. Children will make a craft, play in the gym, eat pizza, and watch a movie. Cost is \$5.00 per child.

Hospice Chaplain Tangela Cameron

On Wednesday, February 19, Hospice Chaplain Tangela Cameron will speak at 6:00 p.m. to help us process times of grief. This is part of February theme of Resiliency.

FIFTH STREET MINISTRIES

February Needs

VETERANS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Financial support. Even though the new tiny homes are in place, the installation is not fully funded.

MY SISTER'S HOUSE

Lysol spray and wipes, Clorox spray and wipes.
Windex. Baby wipes

NURSE

Any cold-cough medications:
Tylenol Cold/Cough (tablet or liquid)
Robitussin Cold/Cough
Daytime Liquid NyQuil Cold and Cough
Cough drops

KITCHEN

Breakfast meats
Pancake syrup
Coffee
Sugar
Non dairy creamer
Grease-cutting dish detergent-Dawn
Dark colored large dish rags



HAPPY
Valentine's Day