

Holly Hinceman, Debi Martin, and Jenna Martin volunteer at Operation Inasmuch.



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## From the Pastor...



I hope you are enjoying our continued 150th Celebration as much as I am. I love getting inspiration from our past and building on our core values. It thrills me even more to imagine what God will do in our future.

So, part of our 150th Anniversary celebration will be a spiritual discernment process. We will seek God's vision for our church moving forward. This will be accomplished through a series of church-wide visioning sessions over the next few months.

Our first visioning session is Sunday, September 14, 2025. After worship we will go to the FLC Fellowship Hall for a quick lunch and some table talk. The focus of our first session will build off our Sesquicentennial celebration as we examine at our core values.

Dr. Michael Cheuk (pronounced like "Chuck") will be our facilitator. Michael is a certified coach and consultant who has helped many individuals and organizations live into their calling. He lives in Charlottesville, VA with his wife, Beth, and they have two young adult children.

Michael is a lot of fun, and he will make this process enjoyable and meaningful. He is a wonderful facilitator, but an even better listener. He isn't coming to tell us what to do, but to help us find what God is calling us to do.

I look forward to undertaking this process with you. If possible, please plan to join us as we think about God's calling for the next 150 years of our church's life. You are wonderful congregation and I'm honored to be your pastor.

## Schedule

### Sunday, September 7

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream  
11:15 After Worship Sunday School

### Monday, September 8

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program  
5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal  
6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,  
Adult Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, September 11

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, September 14

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream  
11:00 a.m. Congregational Visioning Session

### Monday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, September 17

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball  
2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program  
5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal  
6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,  
Adult Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, September 18

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. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director  
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions  
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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## Spiritual Statistics

	8/24	8/31
In Person . . . . .	202	167
Live Stream . . . . .	20	16
Sunday School . . . . .	85	72

## Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	62,687.00	811,013.00
Budget Receipts	62,121.00	798,089.00
Goals Not Met	(566.00)	(12,924.00)

# Operation Inasmuch

## Saturday, August 23, 2025

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for all who came out and helped with Operation Inasmuch. Thank you to those who donated and prayed for this special day. We had a great time being all together and getting things accomplished for our partners and connections in the community. If you have pictures from the day please send them to [kayley@statesvillefbcc.org](mailto:kayley@statesvillefbcc.org). As I work on getting some of these supplies out to the partners now that we are finished with pulling them together, I am reminded how deep our community is, and how blessed we are to do life together. The response already from those in the community about these supplies has been huge. We look forward to more things like this in the future to help bring us together as a congregation as well as the greater Statesville community.

Many thoughts and prayers.  
Elizabeth





## Announcements

### **2025-2026 Proposed Ministry Budget Correction**

Technology is great, until it isn't. We had a spreadsheet formula error in the proposed budget we sent out. All of the line items are correct, but the total was wrong. The total of the new budget is \$1,041,353, not \$1,155,899. We apologize for the error and any confusion it might have caused. The Proposed Ministry Budget (with the corrected new total) will be presented for vote without discussion on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

### **After Worship Sunday School**

Many have mentioned that they would like more Bible Study, but that 9 am on Sunday morning is not a good time for them. Beginning Sunday, September 7, 2025, Dr. Hersey Miller will offer an "After Worship Sunday School Class." It will use the same curriculum as our regular classes, but meet from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. If you are interested, join Dr. Miller in room 102 of the Education Building (Heritage Hall Two). If you have children and plan to attend, please let Melissa Wilson know.

provide an opportunity for them.

### **Congregational Visioning Session Sunday, September 14, 2025**

We've spent a lot of time during our Sesquicentennial Celebration focusing on our past and present ministries. It is now time to look forward as well! Please plan to be present Sunday, September 14, 2025, for the first of four congregational visioning sessions.

After worship, we will have a quick lunch followed by a time of exploring our core values. Michael Cheuk, a consultant with the Center for Congregational Health, will lead our time together. We need your input, so please make plans to attend.

### **Senior Adult Luncheon**

**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

Clay Lunsford and the Gospel Voices will entertain. The menu includes country style steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. Cost is \$6.00 payable at the door. Please make your reservation by Monday, September 15.

### **Dried, Silk, & Artificial Flowers Needed**

Do you have dried, silk, or artificial flowers you no longer want? Please bring them to Jerry Campbell or leave your donations on the pew near the portico driveway. Jerry is creating floral arrangements with the repurposed flowers for the Household Items room in our Clothes Closet. Our shoppers really appreciate a touch of beauty for their homes. Vases are not needed. Thank you!

## **Trunk or Treat**

**Sunday, October 26  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Children of all ages are invited for a fun evening of trunk or treating. Please let Melissa know if you'd like to decorate your trunk. We will need LOTS of candy. Please pick up an extra bag while you're out.

