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May 5, 2024

## From the Pastor & Mission Pastor...

Thank you for making Operation In-As-Much a huge success! We had 58 people come out on a Saturday to show God's love.

Some stayed at the church where we:

- Made Birthday Bags, Hygiene Bags, and Snack Bags for Iredell Christian Ministries and Yokefellow Ministries.
- Cooked and froze food to use for our home bound, and our Caring Committee
- Worked in the clothes closet.
- Prepared Spanish and English activities for Powercross, and
- Organized and purged our medical equipment ministry (overflow supplies were then donated to Assist Me in Charlotte).

Others went outside the church where we:

- Painted a hopeful rainbow at Yokefellow Ministries food pantry
- Landscaped and beautified the Boys and Girls Club (along with working on play areas) and
- Cleaned up outside and organized the clothes closet at Fifth Street Ministries.

Whether we worked at the church or in the community, our work showed Christ love.

We are honored to serve as pastors at a church that believes in doing and supporting missions. As much as we enjoy these special days, however, we are even more grateful that our congregation engages in ministry every day of the year. Rarely does a week go by that we don't hear positive reports about something our members have accomplished.

When Jesus told his disciples that "in-as-much as you've done it to the least of these, you've done it unto me;" he didn't just mean a yearly project. Jesus was talking about a way of life. Jesus' in-as-much saying include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, caring for strangers, clothing those in need and visiting people who are sick or in prison.

We don't think the in-as-much sayings are meant to be all inclusive, but rather an example of the types of works Jesus expects of his followers. Whether or not you were able to participate in Operation In-As-Much, We hope you will keep your eyes open for ways you can help those in need. In a world filled with hostility, we all could use more of God's love.

## Schedule

### Sunday, May 5

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 11:00 a.m. Godly Play Session for Adults

### Monday, May 6

- 8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, May 8

- 8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
- 2:30 p.m. Wond. Wednesday After School Prog.
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Music & Missions
- 6:00 p.m. Youth on Mission
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, May 9

- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, May 12

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

### Monday, May 13

- 8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, May 15

- 8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
- 2:30 p.m. Wond. Wednesday After School Prog.
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Music & Missions
- 6:00 p.m. Youth on Mission
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, May 16

- 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  
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## A Message from Elizabeth Kilby

Thank you so much for everyone who came out to the Bingo Fundraiser. We raised \$1009.00. It was a great time to be together and fellowship and win some great prizes.

Please continue to be in prayer for our mission team as we prepare for our travel and those who we will be ministering to.

We are looking ahead to the Yard Sale on Saturday, June 1. We will collect items the week prior to the event.

Again thank you so much for your continued partnership.

Many thoughts and prayers.  
 Elizabeth



## Spiritual Statistics

	4/21	4/28
In Person . . . . .	168	155
Live Stream . . . . .	19	16
Sunday School . . . . .	82	74

## Financial Statistics

	April	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	68,764.00	602,177.00
Budget Receipts	56,358.00	541,210.00
Goals Not Met	(12,406.00)	(60,967.00)
Alms	320.00	9,007.00
Designated	18,652.00	88,216.00

# Operation Inasmuch Saturday, April 20, 2024





## Announcements

### New Arrival!

The Williams family is blessed to announce the newest addition to our family, Paisley Anne, on February 20, 2024.

The overjoyed parents are Alexis Williams and Casey Addair. Beaming grandparents, Stan and Cathy Williams and Daune Williams. Proud uncle, Luke Williams. And, very pleased great auntie, Andrea Williams.

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### Wednesday Evening Menus

Cost of the meal is \$6.00/adult and \$4.00/child. No reservation is needed.

**May 8**  
tacos

**May 15**  
BBQ, baked beans, slaw,  
mac & cheese, & dessert

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### Godly Play Session for Adults Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

The second Sunday of the month, we use the Montessori based Godly Play curriculum with the children during worship. We will meet in Adams Hall and travel to the Godly Play room together.

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### Children's Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 5, 2024  
Godly Play

Sunday, May 12, 2024  
Kids at Worship

Sunday, May 19, 2024  
Family Worship

Sunday, May 26, 2025  
Kids at Worship

### Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, May 16, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Clay Lunsford and the Gospel Voices will entertain. The menu includes chicken pie, green beans, slaw, and strawberry parfait. Cost is \$6.00 payable at the door. Please make your reservation by Monday, May 13 at noon.

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### Graduation Sunday May 19, 2024

We will recognize our six high school graduates on Graduation Sunday. Laundry baskets will be on the first pew for the congregation to fill with items that will be helpful to the graduates on their next adventures.

These items include: gift cards, command strips or hooks, surge protectors, journals, index cards, scissors, tape, pens, markers, highlighters, small first aid kits, batteries, flashlights, duct tape, lint rollers, chapstick, tide pens or shout wipes, can opener, snacks, candy/gum/mints, plastic utensils, paper plates, and chip clips.



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### Upcoming Events

*Kids Passport Camp*  
June 12-15, 2024

*Youth Passport Camp*  
June 23-28, 2024

*Greece Mission Trip*  
July 9-19, 2024

Jubilee Sunday  
July 28, 2024

*Vacation Bible School*  
July 29 - August 2, 2024