

*Melissa Wilson hugs Henry Crouch at her 10th anniversary celebration on Sunday, August 21.*



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## From the Pastor...

I love that First Baptist Church of Statesville is large enough to make a significant difference in long term community issues and small enough to nimbly meet pressing needs in individual lives. Not many churches can do both well.

For instance, we are one of the largest contributors to Iredell Christian Ministries and Yokefellow Ministries. We also have several folks on these agency's boards and even more who volunteer in direct service. So, together we make a continuous impact on helping those who are hungry or lack adequate clothing or shelter. Meeting these basic needs strengthens families and helps kids do better in school. Our ongoing support is crucial and effective.

At the same time, our congregation moves quickly to meet needs that arise out of the blue. For instance, when the floods hit Kentucky, Elizabeth Kilby and our Missions Team quickly organized to gather supplies and take a crew to help "mud out" the house of a young mom with two kids. We didn't cure everything, but we made a huge difference in the life of one family.

Similarly, we responded quickly when Iredell Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department asked if we might provide clothing for folks who were being discharged "without a shirt on their back". Often clothing must be cut off, has been stained with blood, or is just unsanitary. We know this is true because folks have shown up at our church wearing only a hospital gown.



Brett Eckerman, our member and Iredell United Way Director, was approached by the hospital with this need and Elizabeth Kilby, Brenda Falter and other clothes closet volunteers quickly put together several outfits in assorted sizes to be stored at hospital. In other words, we now have little "auxiliary clothes closet" at Iredell Memorial Hospital.



I can give many more examples of the difference YOU make, but I'll leave you with one final case that is an example and a challenge. Due to inflation and supply issues, our local food banks don't have enough protein to provide for families in need. We are working with United Way on a project called "Where's the Meat." Our goal is to purchase \$25,000 worth of proteins to share in our community.

Our Missions Team is considering making a gift from the church, but you can also contribute directly by designating a gift through FBCS or giving online at <https://bit.ly/IredellMeat>. It will take the entire community to meet this need, but I'm counting on First Baptist Church to lead the way!

## Schedule

### Sunday, August 28

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, August 29

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, August 31

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Bible Study

### Thursday, September 1

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, September 4

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, September 5

Labor Day

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, September 7

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

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

5:15 p.m. Fall Kick Off

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, September 8

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Friday, September 9

6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out

## 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

### September 2

Peggy Sykes  
 Catherine Taylor

### September 3

Tyler Williams  
 Kelly Wilson

James Yeckley

### September 5

Jerry Campbell

### September 6

Sarah Johnson

Ruth Shankle

### September 7

Kim Allen

### September 8

Brenda Johnston

John Jones

Amanda Tompkins

### September 10

Jo Ann Alexander

Emily Ashley

Patricia Fyfe

Betty Watts

### September 11

Bradley Hedrick

### September 12

Angie Roberts

### September 13

Emily Mullins

### September 14

Terri Helms

### September 15

Renee Barker

Danny Stikeleather

### September 16

Lillie Laws

### September 19

Curtis Abell

### September 20

Brenda Baker

### September 21

Sherry Ashley

Mackenzie Barker

Ted Evans

### September 25

Mary Hunt

Lillian Marsh

### September 27

Ben Faulkenberry

James Hunter

Jackson Wimpy

### September 29

Beth McDaniel

## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of August 14 & 21, 2022

	8/14	8/21
Live Stream Views. . . . .	12	25
In-Person. . . . .	151	152
Sunday School. . . . .	89	104

## Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	79,977.00	799,766.00
Budget Receipts	39,967.00	1,008,759.00
Monthly Not Met/ YTD Met (40,010.00)		208,993.00
Alms	954.00	12,508.00
Designated	7,222.00	113,071.00

## A Message From Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

We had a quick wonderful time in Kentucky. We worked hard and were able to make a significant difference in the life of Amanda. Her house had flood waters come up to the door knobs. We were took her house down to the studs, tore out paneling and carpet, and removed appliances and the last of the home items to get the house ready for FEMA to take the next steps. We gave her donations of baby wipes, sheets, snacks, Gatorade, and diapers. We dropped the rest of the supplies off with Meridzo Ministries who is dispersing out supplies to the entire flood area. We had five from our church and 2 from Freedom Church to go with us and we are very thankful for Freedom Church's donations to the trip as well.

We were also able to provide clothing for the few at Iredell Memorial Hospital who don't have any clothes to change into once they are discharged. Special thanks to the Clothes Closet Team and Brett Eckerman for making this connection possible so there are a few clothes on hand when this need arises.

Pictured: Elizabeth Kilby Jamie Wells (Freedom Church), Heath Stone (Freedom Church), Ben Faulkenberry, Andrew Kilby, Jody Parlier, and William Barnard





## Announcements

### A Note of Appreciation From

#### Minister of Children & Youth Melissa Wilson

Thank you for the wonderful reception & gifts in honor of my tenth anniversary at FBC. It is my privilege to serve alongside you and fills me with joy to work with the children & youth. Your support and encouragement has made the past ten years wonderful and I look forward to many more years serving together.

### Wonderful Wednesday After School Program Begins September 7, 2022

Children in grades K-5 are invited to our after-school program. We provide transportation to the church, snacks, and homework assistance. Parents need to pick up their children by 5:15 p.m. Families are welcome to join us for our Wednesday evening activities: Family meal (5:15-6:15 p.m.), Adult Bible Study and Music & Missions for children (6:00-7:00 p.m.). Scan the QR code to register your child now.



### Wednesday Night Kick Off September 7, 2022

Our Wednesday evening activities will kick off September 7. We will have inflatables in the gym for the children and a delicious cook out style meal. Cost of the meal is \$5.00/adults and \$4.00/child (12 & under). You DO NOT need a reservation. After the meal, we will review everything we accomplished this summer and the 2022-2023 proposed church budget will be presented. Join us for a wonderful evening!

### Parents Night Out Friday, September 9, 2022 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Drop your children off to enjoy pizza, movie, craft, and some fun play time while you enjoy an evening out. Cost per child is \$5.00. Scan the QR code to register.



### FBC Christmas Choir

First Baptist Church's Christmas Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. The choir is open to anyone wishing to participate in this year's Christmas program. We will rehearse every Wednesday starting at 7:00 p.m.

This year's Christmas presentation is entitled "Song of Emmanuel: A Cantata for Christmas". The musical presentation weaves new songs and favorite carols with the spoken word to create a refreshing cantata for Christmas. Mary, the shepherds, angels and others all had a "song" to sing on that holy night, and their message of Emmanuel's coming is beautifully captured in this wonderful worship cantata.

Please contact James Martin, Minister of Music and Worship, if you are interested in participating in this year's Christmas Choir. You can reach James by e-mail ([jmartin@statesvillefbc.org](mailto:jmartin@statesvillefbc.org)) or by calling the church (704-873-7231).

### FBC Women of Faith Thursday, September 22, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Make plans to attend a meaningful evening complete with a delicious meal, good music, inspirational message and wonderful fellowship with other ladies. Our speaker Dawn Smith Jordan of Irmo, SC, a former Miss South Carolina shares her story of triumph through tragedy. Tickets are \$15.00 each and sold in advance. Tickets can be purchased before the Sunday worship services in the Welcome Center, 9:40-9:55 a.m. You may also purchase tickets online by scanning the QR code. Complimentary childcare is available for children aged birth-school age. Registration is required at time of purchase.

