THE INTERIM

Ruby Kate Lowrance, Luna Madison, and Brock Lowrance hunt eggs at the Easter Egg Hunt in 2021.

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From the Pastor...

Watching the coverage of Russia's war on Ukraine brings about deep heartache and anxiety. It is so horrendous, but what can we do? As Christians, we are called to both pray and act. We pray because only God can bring about an end to this madness. We act because God calls us to participate in God's work of peace making.

Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them how to pray. Jesus responded with the words we recite every Sunday in the Lord's Prayer.

> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
> Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
> Give us this day our daily bread,
> and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
> for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

This prayer gives us a template of how to pray for Ukraine:

- Pray that God's will is done, and peace returns to this region.
- Pray that Putin and his forces will realize their sin, stop this madness, and bow to God's will.
- Pray for Ukrainian leaders and world leaders that God will give them strength and wisdom.
- Pray for the welfare of the Ukrainian people, that their daily needs will be met and that they will be delivered from evil.
- Pray for the Russian people that they might learn the truth and intervene for good.
- Pray for God's kingdom of love and grace to break out, even amidst evil and tragedy.

God also calls us to put actions to our prayers:

- Give to relief efforts to help the people trapped in Ukraine.
- Give to relief efforts to help refugees who have fled Ukraine.
- Contact your congressperson, senators, and the president to express support for Ukraine.
- Use social media to send messages of hope and support.
- Continue to educate yourself about the situation and look for other tangible ways to help.
- Don't become overwhelmed by despair. Instead focus on hope.

As Paul reminded the Galatians during their turbulent days, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" Galatians 6:9.

Schedule

Sunday, March 27
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, March 28
8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
Wednesday, March 30
8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program
5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice
Thursday, March 31
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
Sunday, April 3
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 4
8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
Wednesday, April 6
8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program
5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice
Thursday, April 7
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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Happy Birthday

April 2
Betty Dykes
Taylor Osborne
Gavin Williams
April 4
Lydia Green
April 5
Amanda Church
April 6
Kevin Beale
April 7
Jack Devine
Darbee Lewis
April 8
Shirley Deal
April 9
Judy Pisano
April 11
Art Fincannon
April 12
Charles Guy
Marc Poole
April 14
Jane French
Rebecca Robbins
April 16
Anna Gordon
Lois Hawkins
Chris Hedrick
April 17
Will Kyles
Jeff Templeton
Susan Webb
April 18
Susan Plyer
Jim Van Zee
April 20
Mary Elliott Moore
April 21
Brock Lowrance
Bob Turnipseed
April 23
David McDaniel
April 25
Melissa Tompkins
April 26
Leah Johnson
Sylvia Jolly
Mary Jane Rash
April 27
Peggy Yeckley
April 28
Sandra Henderson
Max James
April 29
Lucy Rash
April 30
Allen Lippard
Julie Wellman

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of March 13 & 20, 2022

	3/13	3/20
Live Stream Views	25	32
In-Person	133	160
Sunday School	93	114

Financial Statistics

	March	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	69,545.00	472,036.00
Budget Receipts	53,146.00	681,469.00
Monthly Not Met/YTD Met	(16,399.00)	209,433.00
Eddie Steele Fund	3,580.00	3,580.00
Designated	8,691.00	63,051.00

A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

In 3 months we will be on the ground for our first mission trip since the pandemic began. To say I am excited is an understatement. Yet, there is a list of things to complete and accomplish before then. What a great way to be reminded of the Lenten season as it is a season of preparation for Easter. There is so much more mission that is going on during the season of Easter and so much more mission than the Mission trip. Mission opportunities are all around us at all times. They are in the conversations and the people that God orchestrates to cross our path. They are in our workplace. The opportunities are within our friends and families. Opportunities to encourage, inspire, pray and walk with others are all around us. We have to pay attention to where God is leading us and use our "Best Yes" and obey His calling. So maybe His calling for your life this week is to invite someone to lunch who you have nothing in common with or call someone who you have been avoiding. Look for the blessing as you bless others. God does not want to be compartmentalized he wants to be within everything that we do, the entire nature of our being. Invite him to share in the process of preparing for Easter and watch what doors, windows, and rooms will be open to you. He is a good God full of wonderful surprises. Maybe you are in a time in your life where all you see is darkness. The neat thing is that He is there too. You just can't see him. Call on and draw near to Him and He will guide you.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth

Learning More About Our Members
Jeff & Paulette Templeton

Although Jeff and Paulette Templeton have both attended FBC since the 1980s, they met at Wednesday Night Bible Study and were married by Pastor Nelson in 2017. Paulette is a retired paralegal and Jeff retired after 34 years with Iredell-Statesville Schools.

Jeff serves on the Deacon Ministry Team, Business Management Team, Personnel Committee, and in the Clothes Closet. He also teaches the Horizons and Pioneer Sunday School Classes. Paulette volunteers in the church office and with the Homebound Ministry. They both assist with the Wonderful Wednesday After School Program and sing monthly at Brookdale Assisted Living.

Paulette has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Jeff has a daughter and two granddaughters.

Outside of the church, Jeff and Paulette enjoy trips to the North Carolina mountains, playing pickle ball, and spending time with their cat, Larry. In 2019, they traveled to the Holy Land and had an unforgettable experience.

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.

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Announcements

Welcome to our Church Family!

Nina Waters joined our congregation on Sunday, March 13. Welcome to our church family!

Wednesday Evening Menus

March 30
pot roast, rice, baked apples, & brownies
Kids meal: mac & cheese

April 6
TBA
Kids meal: TBA

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 to egg hiders. 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.

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

"Great is his faithfulness;
his mercies begin afresh each morning."
Lamentations 3:23