

Caroline Taylor and Sarah Johnson help prepare for the Easter breakfast.



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From the Pastor...

I've always thought there should be a hymn entitled, *God of Our Mothers* to go along with *God of Our Fathers*. After all, much of what we learn of God comes from our mothers. Even though my dad was my pastor, I still think I learned as much or more about God from my mother.

William Ross Wallace said, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." I would go further to say that the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that teaches us God's love. And it goes far beyond the cradle.

Wise mothers stir their children's relationship with God throughout their entire lives. Yes, showing them God's love and keeping them engaged in church is vital to a good spiritual start. Praying for kids and demonstrating ongoing faith is important throughout life.

I know many adults who have given their mom credit for praying and guiding them through difficult situations. I remember a time I was tired and not sure faith was worth it. My mom counseled me, "Christian life is worth living, because it's the only way to real life."

It's no wonder the Bible is filled with motherly images of God. Often God is referred to as a mother bird or hen. Psalms 17, 57 and 91 all speak of taking refuge in God's wings. Deuteronomy 32:11-12 refers to God as a mother eagle. Even Jesus himself proclaimed that he would have liked to gather Jerusalem like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings (Matthew 23:37).

Isaiah, in particular, uses many mother images for God, such as:

"For a long time, I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. Isaiah 42:14

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! Isaiah 49:15

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." Isaiah 66:13

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Schedule

Sunday, May 8

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, May 9

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, May 11

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, May 12

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, May 15

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, May 16

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, May 18

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, May 19

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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A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

Thank you so much for all of your donations, thoughts, and prayers for the yard sale. We raised \$2,486.22 and someone rounded it up to \$2,500.00 total. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We were also able to support the housewares of the Clothes Closet and Yokefellow Ministries with our remaining items. The mission trip team did a great job of working, loading, cleaning, and prepping for and during the day. I could not be more proud of them! Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 22, right after the service at 11:00 a.m. for our Spaghetti To-Go Fundraiser. We will have some freezer meals as well for you to take home and enjoy at a later date. We love each of you and are thankful for the community that we each share.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth



Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of April 24 & May 1, 2022

	4/24	5/1
Live Stream Views.....	16	20
In-Person.....	154.....	131
Sunday School.....	107	91

Financial Statistics

	May	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	67,806.00	600,694.00
Budget Receipts	14,296.00	763,150.00
Monthly Not Met/YTD Met	(53,510.00)	162,456.00
Alms	798.00	9,020.00
Designated	3,334.00	81,692.00

Learning More About Our Members

The Allen Family

Jason and Kimberly Allen joined our congregation in 2002. Kimberly's Dad had started to attend FBC after his move to North Carolina, and as they were looking for a church home followed him here. They were also looking to start having children and wanted to set down roots at a church home, which they clearly have! Jason and Kim have two daughters, Catherine (19) and Elizabeth (17).

Jason was born and raised in Indiana and served in the United States Air Force for eight years. Kimberly was born and raised in Maryland and served in the United States Air Force for four years. They met in Delaware and the rest is history!

Kimberly teaches second grade at Cloverleaf Elementary and Jason is a Solution Engineer at NICE (although the girls tell people he is a stay-at-home dad).



Catherine (Katie) is out of the nest and is serving in the United States Air Force as a Linguist. Katie has a huge passion for horses, music, and is an avid athlete. Elizabeth is currently a Junior at South Iredell High School and participates in tennis as well as lacrosse. Liz loves spending time with her friends and of course, shopping!

Kimberly currently serves as a member of the Missions Team and Handbells as well as getting the Acolytes ready every Sunday morning. Jason is a member of the Business Management team, has served a few times as part of the Deacon Ministry Team, and is a member of the Sanctuary Choir.

For fun their family enjoys traveling! They have been on several cruises over the years and occasionally make treks to the mountains or the beach. Their absolute most favorite place to visit is Walt Disney World and they try to go as often as time (and budget) allows.

Kimberly is an accomplished equestrian while Jason is the head chef of the household.

The Allens absolutely love their extended church family and look forward to spending time in fellowship every chance they get!

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.

Happy Mothers' Day!

*She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
Proverbs 31:26*





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Announcements

Wednesday Evening Menus

May 11

chicken a la king, noodles, mixed vegetables, &
peach cobbler
Kids Menu: hot dogs & tots

May 18

spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, & jello
Kids Menu: same as adults menu

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

Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, May 19, 2022 11:00 a.m. - FLC

We will host local magician, Chris Benfield, owner of Mr. Marvel's Magic Show. He has 40 years experience entertaining young and old. Please call the church at 704.873.7231 no later than Monday, May 16, to reserve a seat for the meal and show. Cost of the meal is \$6.00, payable at the door. The menu: pork chops, rice with gravy, green beans, tossed salad, and dessert.

Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser Sunday, May 22, 2022 11:00 a.m. - Adams Hall

To raise funds for the Chicago Mission Trip, the Chicago team will host a to-go spaghetti lunch. After the worship service, stop by to grab lunch and to make a donation.



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Of course, there is also that motherly-protective side of God. Did you know that God is the original Mamma Bear?

Like a bear robbed of her cubs, I will attack them and rip them open! Hosea 13:8

This Mothers' Day, I'd like to thank all the moms, and other women of our congregation who mother us, for all they do to show us God's love. I hope on this special day that you will find joy, appreciation and a little well-earned rest.



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