

Henry Crouch and Audrey Tompkins-Horne play on the church playground.



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From the Pastor...

Easter is one of the best times to invite someone to First Baptist Church. It is always one of our most inspirational services. So, your guests will have a positive experience. It is also one of the times folks are most open to church. So, your prospects are more likely to say yes.

Churches don't grow because they have the best pastors and programs. These are important and we have quality staff and ministries. Churches grow when members reach out and invite friends and family to be a part of something that is meaningful to them.

My friend and church consultant, Bo Prosser, is fond of saying, "People go where they know they are cared for and prepared for." It's both catchy and true. Folks want to find a place where they are accepted and loved. We all need to be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

As we draw closer to Easter, **I'm issuing a challenge to each member of First Baptist Church.** Ask God to lead you to someone you can reach out to between now and Easter. Close your eyes in prayer and then open them to see who God reveals. Then invite them to join you this Easter.

There are dozens of excuses to not do this. We are all busy. Easter is a time for family. We don't want to be pushy. There are even more reasons to do this. It is of ultimate value to our friends. Our church only grows when we reach out. Christ commands it.

In over thirty years of ministry, I've only seen a few people become a part of a church through advertising. Most people who have connected with congregations do so because they are connected to a person in that congregation. They come because they are invited by someone they know and trust.

Easter is just six weeks away (April 17). It might seem like a long time, but it will be here before we know it. You need time to pray and to reach out. Inviting them now lets them plan. Telling them when and where to meet you shows you care and are looking for them. The church's success this Easter is in your hands.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nolan", is located at the bottom right of the page.

Schedule

Sunday, March 13

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 14

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, March 16

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 17

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, March 18

6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out

Sunday, March 20

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 21

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, March 23

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, March 24

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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CBF's Ukraine Repsonse Efforts

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel are working to provide relief to Ukrainians.

Gennady and Mina Podgaisky — Kyiv, Ukraine (currently in North Carolina)

The Podgaiskys are working through their networks to provide friends and neighbors with evacuation information and connecting Ukrainians to resources in the country such as transportation, relocation to safety, shelters and contact information for medical advice and the location of food/shelter.

They are also sending funds to trusted ministry partners and individuals in Kyiv, Romania and Spain to provide humanitarian relief. The Podgaiskys have partnered with the War Orphan Project, a new ministry putting together a plan to aid an orphanage that is taking care of the children whose parents were killed during the Russian invasion. As of March 4, the ministry had taken in more than 45 orphaned children from just one area of Ukraine.

Gennady and Mina are counselors and have been providing around-the-clock emotional support to ministry partners, church council, church members, Bible study members, and other friends and neighbors. They are doing so via phone calls and a variety of social messaging apps. They are praying with, providing encouragement to, and offering counseling

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Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of February 27 & March 6, 2022

	2/27	3/6
Live Stream Views.	37	36
In-Person.	146	146
Sunday School.	113	94

Financial Statistics

	February	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	65,198.00	402,491.00
Budget Receipts	59,055.00	628,323.00
Monthly Not Met/YTD Met	(6,143.00)	225,832.00
Alms	3,351.00	6,702.00
Designated	7,311.00	54,360.00

A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

It is crazy to think that by the time you read this we will be finalizing the numbers for the mission trip. In just a few short months we will be in Chicago serving on the ground. We have been able to serve many the past few weeks meeting needs across the community. We have helped with clothing needed for a DSS placement. We have actually provided two washing machines for families in our community, as well as built a ramp for a community member. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes in ministry and in missions. There are so many people who are an integral part of making things happen, and I am so thankful for both their leadership and their servant hearts, and your hearts for being willing to contribute, give, volunteer, and serve.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth

Learning More About Our Members The Kilby Family

Andrew and Elizabeth Kilby have roots at FBC. After serving at other places, their hearts for missions and family brought them back to FBC in May 2019. Elizabeth serves as our Minister of Young Families & Missions. Elizabeth teaches the Adventurers Sunday School class, works with the Clothing Closet, and organizes mission trips and projects. Andrew serves along side Elizabeth and works the sound board on during Sunday worship.

Andrew works at T&J Panel, a septic panel company, where he makes the panels that will be installed underground. He also works at River Creek Lodge, a wedding venue in Stony Point. In addition to serving as a minister at FBC, Elizabeth teaches at Catawba Valley Community College, works part time at an income tax office, and takes care of their crazy kiddos, Luke & Matilda.



Luke and Matilda are 3 year old twins, who have a heart of gold when they are not hungry or tired. They love "adventures" - parks, crafting with nana, fishing with pa, and anything outside, especially water.

As a family they love anything outside - hiking, biking, anything with water, and paddleboarding. Andrew and Elizabeth love a good concert or sporting event. They love to have fun and make fun of themselves - trying not to take life too seriously. They love getaways. Trips to the mountains reset Andrew, and trips to the beach to hear the waves restore Elizabeth.

Elizabeth has published two books, and Andrew loves everything about Boone, (in his words) Go App.

Elizabeth has coordinated and led mission trips for 12+ years, and traveled all across the globe. They are working on getting stamps on Andrews passport.

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.



Announcements

Wednesday Evening Menus

March 16

bbq chicken breasts, rice, corn
& chocolate chip cookies
Kids meal: bbq chicken, mac & cheese

March 23

chicken alfredo, penne pasta, mixed veggies, &
chocolate pudding
Kids meal: hot dogs & tots

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.

Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, March 17, 2022

11:00 a.m. - FLC

Dave Sanderson will present a program entitled
"Miracle on the Hudson". He was on the flight by
Sully Sullenberger that landed on the Hudson
River after an encounter with a flock of birds. To
reserve a seat, you should call the church
704-873-7231 prior to noon on Monday, March 14.
Cost of the meal \$6.00 payable at the door. Wear-
ing of masks is recommended, but not required.
The menu: Irish stew, tossed salad, and dessert.

Parents Night Out Friday, March 18, 2022 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Melissa and Kristina will offer a Parents Night Out
on Friday, March 18. The children (brith-grade 5)
will enjoy an evening of pizza, movies, crafts, and
recreation. Cost is \$5.00/child. Please register at
<https://www.vbspro.events/p/events/0412ce>.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16, 2022

The Easter Egg Hunt is just a few shorts weeks
away. Help us prepare! Please pick up a bag of
eggs, take them home and stuff with individually
wrapped candy or other prizes, and bring back to
the church.

A Note of Appreciation from Carson & Laura Foushee

FBC Statesville,

Thank you so much for your recent gift to our min-
istry in Japan. Your faithful partnership continues
to encourage and sustain us in our work along-
side the Japan Baptist Convention.

Your support is especially appreciated as we pre-
pare to welcome a new child this spring and new
work in a new city this fall. We ask for your
prayers for these transitions ahead. Know we
pray also for you and enjoyed joining online for
Lessons and Carols at Christmas!

Love,
Carson & Laura

CBF Ukraine Response Effort continued from page 3

to people in crisis in different parts of Ukraine,
including areas already occupied by Russian
forces as well as those on the front lines defending
Kyiv, staying in bunkers/makeshift bomb shelters
and evacuees.

The Podgaisksys have been giving numerous
interviews with television, radio and podcasts and
sharing with ministry partners and contacts in the
United States on how they can pray and help.
They are speaking in CBF congregations regularly
and recording videos to send to groups, churches
and partners.

Please give generously to the Ukraine Relief Fund
at www.cbf.net/ukraine.

Full blog post can be read at [https://cbf-
blog.com/2022/03/08/updates-
from-cbfs-ukraine-re-
sponse-efforts-march-8/](https://cbf-blog.com/2022/03/08/updates-from-cbfs-ukraine-response-efforts-march-8/)