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# From the Pastor...

Thank you for your generous response to help Hurricane Helene relief. We were able to immediately send \$1,500 immediately from last year's budget. We also sponsored five round-trip flights from our airport. Since then, we've collected \$9,920, which is being spent on ongoing relief efforts.

On top of these funds, we have sent several trailer loads of needed goods. Items that we've sent so far include:

- Snack bags
- Canned Food
- Bottled Water
- Disposable utensils
- Paper products
- Can openers
- Charcoal
- Pet Food
- Blankets
- Coats
- Tarps
- Portable potties

- Kerosene heaters
- Kerosene
- Electric heaters
- LP gas tanks
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Cots
- Hand sanitizer
- Saws
- Rakes
- Shovels
- Gloves

Even our children have gotten involved as they made "portable potties" from five-gallon buckets and toiletry items. They also made snack bags for over 100 displaced children.

Our support for our neighbors in Northwest North Carolina will continue for a long time. We have formed a partnership with Black Mountain Children's Home to help them rebuild. They lost several buildings, including their cafeteria.

We hope to take several mission trips to help this community and beyond. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call our Minister of Missions, Elizabeth Kilby. We appreciate Elizabeth's leadership in these efforts.

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## Schedule

### Sunday, November 3 All Saints Day

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream 4:00 p.m. Ordination of Kristina Kyles

Monday, November 4

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, November 6

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball 2:30 p.m. Wond. Wed. After-School Program 5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal 6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Thursday, November 7 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Sunday, November 10 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream Monday, November 11 8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball Wednesday, November 13 8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball 2:30 p.m. Wond. Wed. After-School Program 6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Thursday, November 14

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 KylesChildren	's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby	Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman	Accompanist / Music Assistant

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## Having Trouble Hearing in Worship?

Several folks have mentioned having trouble hearing in the sanctuary. We are aware of this issue and are doing several things to improve the situation. First, we are having the system serviced and recalibrated. Second, we have installed a longer mic to better pick up those who are speaking. Third, we are increasing the volume in the sanctuary. Fourth, we have ordered new headphones for our Williams Hearing Assistance Devices (these should be easier to use and more comfortable). Lastly, we are encouraging our speakers to project more and enunciate clearly.

There are also some things you can do to help us. If you are having trouble hearing, please let us know specifics (where you sit, if the sound seems muffled, if it is too soft, etc.). Please also consider moving to another place in the sanctuary, where you might hear better. Also, try one of the hearing assistance devices, as you can control your own volume. These are available in the Narthex.

We also want to thank our audio-visual team for their work each week. These folks are volunteers who give of their time and expertise to help us worship. Their work often goes unnoticed, unless something goes wrong. They need our feedback and our encouragement as they strive to do their best.

## **Financial Statistics**

	10/20	10/27
In Person	171	162
Live Stream	19	16
Sunday School	89	78

## **Financial Statistics**

	October	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	78,359.00	78,359.00
Budget Receipts	47,359.00	56,069.00
Goals Not Met	(30,828.00)	(22,290.00)
Alms	2,005.00	2,005.00
Designated	13,804.00	13,804.00

# **Supples for Hurricane Helene Relief**





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## Announcements

#### Ordination of Kristina Kyles Sunday, November 3, 2024 4:00 p.m.

You are invited to the ordination of Kristina Kyles. All ordained persons associated with First Baptist Church of Statesville are welcome at the Ordination Council at 3:00 p.m.

### All Saints Day Sunday, November 3, 2024

All Saints Day is the day we remember those who have gone on to be with the Lord this past year. We do this to honor their service to our church and to comfort their loved ones. We realize that our faith must be passed from generation to generation. We honor those who set an example of for us and remember our call to live faithfully in our lifetime.

#### Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, November 21, 2024 11:00 a.m. - FLC

The Gospelaires will be featured at the Seniors Luncheon Thursday, November 21. Meal will be BBQ, potato wedges, slaw, and dessert of pumpkin gooey cake. 6.00 for each meal. Call by Monday, November 18 for meal reservation.

### White Christmas Saturday, December 7, 2024

For White Christmas we will have multiple ways to serve. You can serve on the set up team, collect and sort food, buy gifts for the families, provide items for the parents to stuff a stocking for their children, or be a buddy for the shoppers.

We will host in the gym this year, and hope to have the participants come in and pick up the gifts, and make an individualized stocking for their children should they choose. Gifts will be due Saturday, November 30 and we will have a wonderful day as a community on Saturday, December 7 as we have White Christmas that morning.

#### A Message from Minster of Missions Elizabeth Kilby

There are so many things going on for the Fall and winter. Thank you for all the disaster relief help. We have two opportunities with Western North Carolina. We will make a meal for volunteers in the mountains. We will also adopt some children from the same area for Christmas. More information on these opportunities will be available soon.

As White Christmas draws near, I'm so thankful of the ways we are able show compassion, love, and care of the people around us

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November 2 Piper Lewis November 4 Eric King November 5 Charlie Fairies November 7 Zoe Devine Bill Eckliff Emma Rose Gordon Andrew Mullins Andy Poole November 8 Sharon Abercrombie Hannah Byrd November 9 Shannon Ashley November 12 Macie Durfee Kelley James Kathy White November 14 Valerie Granade

November 15 Jim Falter Sue Hedrick November 16 Sherry Johnson Vicki Marsh November 17 Boomer Lewis November 18 Kavlev Crouch November 20 Nicole Pratt November 21 Sebastian Acosta Jack Tillery November 22 Alan Williams November 23 Nancy Milstead November 24 Marian Moore November 25 Nedra Van Zee