



March 2026

First Family News

**Love GOD.
Love Others.
Change The World.**



This is the day
that the
LORD
has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24

**March 2026
Worship Opportunities**

Sundays
 9:00 AM Bible Study
 10:00 AM Worship
 4:00 PM Adult Choir
 5:00 PM Children Choir
 6:00 Children, F3, G2

Wednesdays
 11:00AM Bible Study
 6:30 PM Bible Study
 7:30 PM Choir Practice

ADDITIONAL MARCH ACTIVITIES

3/2 BMW @6:30 p.m.
 3/2 Easter Hunt Planning Meeting @ 6:00p.m.
 3/3 Men's Ministry Meeting @6:30 p.m.
 3/4 Special Called Business Meeting @6:30p.m.
 3/9 Prayer Warriors @ 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 3/8 Final Planning Meeting for Easter Egg Hunt @ 4:00p.m.
 3/8 Deacon's Meeting @11:30 a.m.
 3/21 Community Clean Up 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
 3/28 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

OUR FINANCIAL RECORDS

February 22, 2026

General Fund Needed Weekly	\$8,001.02
General Fund Needed	\$64,008.16
Given to Date	\$79,819.00

February 1 *Church was cancelled due to weather*

February 8	Bible Study	88
	Worship	171

February 15	Bible Study	88
	Worship	163

February 22	Bible Study	97
	Worship	173

MARCH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Children's Church Workers

****Please remember to sign up in the Welcome Center****

3/1
TBD

3/8
Sherra Bowdler

3/15
TBD

3/22
Donna Padgett & Denise Cato

3/29
TBD

Safety Teams

3/1 Team 4	3/8 Team 1
3/15 Team 2	3/22 Team 3
3/29 Team 5	

Deacon of the Week

March 1	Leon Addy
March 8	John Gantt
March 15	Jim Doebler
March 22	Paul Havird
March 29	Dale Wiggins

March is Bible Study and Bible Study Class emphasis month! Please plan to join us for a lite breakfast on Sunday mornings in March at 8:30 a.m. for fellowship with Bible Study attendees. We have a class for everyone! Please be in prayer as we seek, as a church, to study God's Word in our daily devotions and share his Word among believers in a Bible Study class. If you're currently not a part of a Bible Study Class, please consider joining in studying God's Word. Also be in prayer for our high attendance Sunday and catered luncheon on March 29th with as many of you being present and a part of this ministry.

March Birthdays

3/3 Bobby Boutwell, Katie Ray Williams
3/7 Claire Cogdill
3/8 Morgan Spradley
3/11 Kimberly Gunter
3/12 Jackson Kirkland
3/13 Jennifer Hair
3/14 Linda DeLoach Hair
3/15 Pastor Henry Stamper, Hanna Miller, Tony Ridgell
3/17 Daniel Padgett
3/18 Randy Robertson
3/22 Olin Gambrell, Randy Taylor
3/24 E.J. Sullivan
3/25 Keith Lancaster, Hannah Leaphart
3/27 Lynda Smullen
3/28 Van Gantt
3/30 Tammy Crim, Beverly Taylor, Chris Camp

March Anniversaries

3/7 Neil & Denise Cato
3/12 Dustin & Hope Crapps



From the first office on the left...

Hey y'all! I hope everyone had the best February! It seemed to be so short but yet so sweet! My family & I endured the flu and it was tough but thankfully everyone is on the mend! It brings to mind how you can get through anything with God's faithful help! He really will get you through any situation you go through in life! I received a devotion book that has really spoken to me-A simple Amen! Praying the Psalms in the Seasons of Life. I have really enjoyed it! Pause and reflect this bible verse- "For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction." *Psalm 1:6* This verse, if you look closely, is saying God is present in both guiding and protecting those who seek Him. It also says the path of the wicked leads to destruction since God is not on that path and they rely on themselves not God which is not what we want to do! Everyday we walk one of these two paths, so when life feels uncertain or unclear let *Proverbs 3:6* anchor you! "Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." Don't walk alone! Ask Jesus to lead you in the way that gives life peace!

Love in Christ!

Always,

Laken



Beverly's Blessing Blog from the Office Upstairs!

Spring is on its way! Easter is almost here! I love this season when things begin to bloom, and new life is resurrected all around us!

I am studying "The Bible In A Year", and this week's topic is Worship! One of my favorite topics! I wanted to share something with you that I learned and I believe is important about worship and here it is-

"Worship is our whole-life response to God's worth and glory, extending far beyond music to encompass all aspects of living. It involves both personal devotion and corporate celebration, acknowledging God's supremacy in all things." John 4:23-24 "Yet a time is coming and now has come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is Spirit and His worshipers must worship in spirit and truth".

I have read these verses many times, but this time I paused, I pondered and I prayed.... I paused to reflect and ask myself if my worship reflects a true worshiper. Then I pondered, "What does that even mean? So, I looked it up and this is what I learned: "Truly worshipping God means offering 100% of oneself - heart, mind, and actions - in complete, daily, surrender to His will, moving far beyond mere musical or ritualistic praise. It is an act of recognizing God's supreme worth, involving obedience to His commands, gratitude and a lifestyle that reflects His character in every circumstance." Wow! Then I humbly prayed and asked God to forgive me for times my worship was not 100% and I asked Him to help me to live my life as a true worshiper. No matter where I may be emotionally, mentally or physically, and no matter where I may be in the moments of my life, whether I am in church, at home or in Walmart. I asked the Holy Spirit to help me to carry myself in a spirit of worship and to remind me and show me when I am not giving my all for Him who gave his all for me.

As we get ready to enter into the Easter season, I would ask you to Pause, Ponder, and Pray about your worship and just see if the Holy Spirit has a new direction for you as a true worshiper too! What a blessing it is to learn and grow in our faith as we worship Our Lord and Savior 100%, heart, mind and spirit, in all that we do and in all that we say and in every song we SING!

The adult choir and FBCB Kids choir are looking forward to presenting our Easter music "Marvelous Love" and "This is Why We Sing" on March 29th, Palm Sunday!

We hope you will plan to be there!

Practice for the adult choir is every Wednesday at 7:30 and Sunday's at 4:00!

FBCB Kids Choir is Sunday's at 5:00! Come and join us, we would love to have you!

Many Blessings,

Beverly

Welcome Team Schedule for March, 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team A--Welcome Center</u>	<u>Team B--Foyer</u>
March 1	John & Van Gantt	Judy Fox & Donna Padgett
March 8	Ruthine Clarke & Kathy Ernst	Krista Parrish & Stephanie Koellner
March 15	Rhonda Dority & Patricia Mitchum	Ray Cockrell & Dale Robertson
March 22	Paula Buzhardt & Robin Stewart	Gary & Lynda Smallen
March 29	Vaughn & Kathy Ernst	Dave & Allison Reese

**Ever wanted to
be apart of an
amazing team
that's making a
dynamic
difference in
the life of a
child?**



**Volunteer for Children's
Church!!**

Easter Sunday Fundraiser

On Easter Sunday, the Youth is sponsoring a floral decorated cross on the front lawn. This is a fundraiser for our Youth Center renovations. Roses will be available at \$5 each either In Memory of or In Honor Of a Loved One! A sign-up sheet will be available in the Welcome Center on March 15th, 22nd, and 29th! Thank you so much for supporting our youth ministry!



Welcome New Members



Left to right- George, Jessica, Elliott, John, & Jose Becerra with Pastor Henry



Adrian Gardner with Pastor Henry

From the Middle Office

March is Bible Study emphasis month. So I'm asking, "It's 9:00 on Sunday morning... do you know where your kids are?"

If you grew up in the 80s, that probably rings a bell. Back then, the nightly PSA would come on: "It's 10 o'clock. Do you know where your children are?" It was a different world—more latchkey kids, more parents working outside the home, and far fewer ways to stay connected. No Life360. No group texts. No "share your location." You just hoped everyone made it home before dark.

Fast-forward to today, and we're basically connected all the time. We can see where our kids are within mere feet of their location. We can text, call, snap, or ping them instantly. And if they don't respond right away, our minds go into overdrive imagining why they left us on "read." But here's the funny thing: For all our digital connection, we've never been more disconnected from each other in real life—especially within the church.

The Bible reminds us of something our phones can't fix: we need each other. Hebrews 10:24–25 encourages us to "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another."

You are probably asking "Why does it matter? It's only an hour." Think about what Bible Study actually offers: a place where people know your name, a chance to share life, not just sit in a pew, a time of learning and growing together, a safe space for kids and teens to ask questions and build friendships, adults who pray for each other, check in on each other, and walk through life together. It's not just a class. It's community. It's discipleship. It's family. And when families show up the whole church becomes more connected. We stop being a crowd and start being a body.

When you walk into Bible Study, you're doing more than attending a lesson. You're strengthening the ties that hold the church together. And maybe most importantly, we model for our children that faith isn't something we squeeze in, it's something we build our lives around. Spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident. It happens in relationships. It happens in community. It happens when we show up.

So let me ask again, "It's 9:00 on Sunday morning...do you know where your children are?"

I hope to see everyone there!!!

In Christ Love,

Kelly

The flyer features a central title "Community Cleanup" in a large, bold, serif font. To the left, a cartoon illustration of a man in a yellow shirt and orange shorts is shown from the side, bending over to pick up a green trash bag. To the right, a cartoon illustration of a woman in a yellow shirt and green shorts is shown from the front, kneeling and putting trash into a white bag. The background is white with several green bushes scattered around. Three speech bubbles contain text: one at the top center, one at the bottom left, and one at the bottom right.

Community Cleanup

Youth and Adults are invited to join in. Bring work closed-toe shoes

We will gather after the clean up and eat lunch at Mi Rancho. The meal for youth participants will be covered.

Saturday, March 21, 2026
9:00am-12:00pm
College Park
423 College Street,
Batesburg-Leeville.



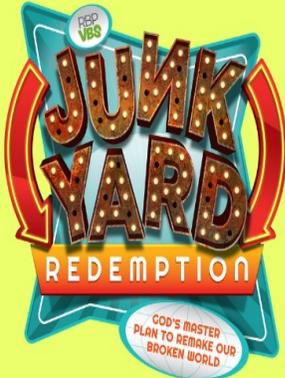
Camp Longridge
2026

KIDS WEEK #1
JUNE 8-12

TEEN WEEK
JUNE 22-26

IT'S GOING TO BE A BLAST!!

Mark your calendars!!



VBS will be
July 27-31st
9:00am-12:00pm



We are looking for some really good junk for VBS.

We need old signs, hubcaps, milk jugs, stop lights, and other things to decorate the Welcome Center and Sanctuary.

We also need "diner" style decor for the fellowship hall. Records, table decor, a jukebox.....

So look around your house and see what you can lend us for the week!

FBCB AFTER PROGRAM SCHOOL
2026-27

WHAT WE OFFER

- Homework Support
- Snack
- Free Time
- Trusted Supervision
- Safe, Christian Environment

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\$80 per week  
\$300 per month  
Discounts available

**Sign up before March 31<sup>st</sup> and receive one week free in August!!**

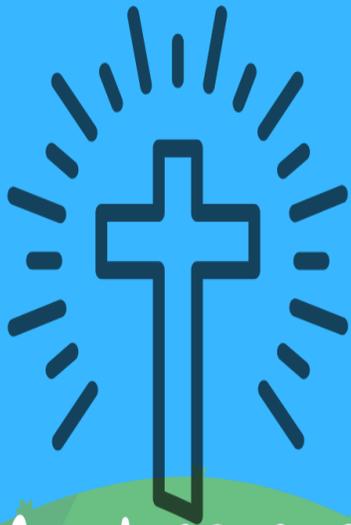
Monday-Friday  
2:30 pm - 6:00PM  
803-604-2136  
[www.fbcbbatesburg.org/child-care](http://www.fbcbbatesburg.org/child-care)



# FBCB Easter Egg Hunt

436 West Church Street, Batesburg-Leesville SC 29006

For ages 1  
year old -  
12 years  
old



Games,  
Crafts,  
Egg Hunt

March 28, 2026

10:00-11:30am



## FBCB MMO

# SUMMER PROGRAM

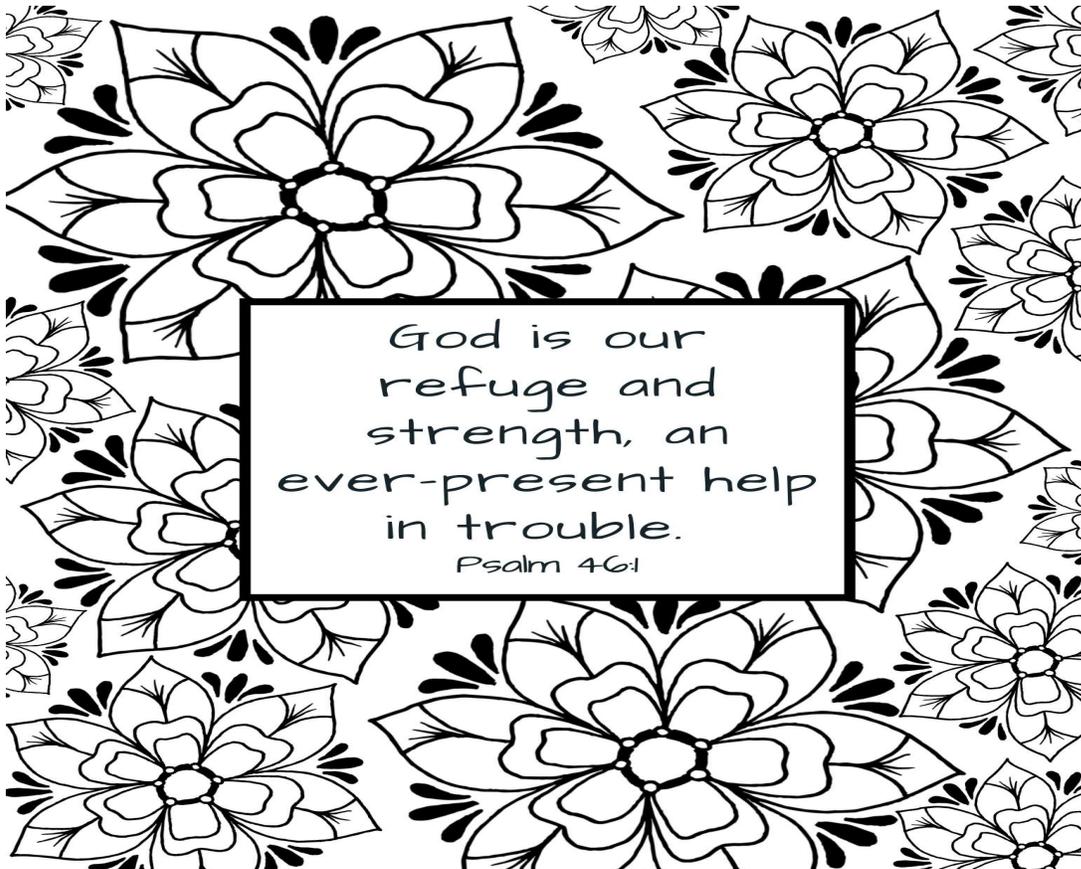
## ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!!!

Registration for currently enrolled families  
closes March 31st

June 8th-July 24th  
8:30am-12:00pm Mon-Fri

Please see Jackie  
or Kelly for the  
information  
packet.

### Color & Enjoy!!



God is our  
refuge and  
strength, an  
ever-present help  
in trouble.  
Psalm 46:1

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**F i r s t B a p t i s t C h u r c h B a t e s b u r g**

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**MARCH: BIBLE STUDY EMPHASIS**

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10

All during the month of March, we are emphasizing the importance of Bible Study. Of God's people being dedicated to learn and understand the truth of God's Word.

To say that it is a necessary endeavor is to put it lightly. For every Christian the Bible is more than a book, it is the very words of God given to us not just for knowledge sake but for our spiritual well-being. It is through constant Bible study that we discern God's truth, God's will, and God's purpose for our life. To neglect God's Word hinders our spiritual walk and jeopardizes our spiritual witness.

It is a sad fact, but a true fact, that far too many Christians today are ignorant of God's Word. They have little to no understanding of the truth, principles, and doctrine contained within Scripture. Worse still, is the fact that many are complacent when it comes to the Bible. They either lack the motivation or simply don't care to make God's Word a priority in their life. What so many fail to understand is that they do so at the peril of their own spiritual life. God's calling on our life is a call to maturity and not a calling to infancy. So many Christians today are little more than "babes in Christ" who seek to be spoon-fed the Bible rather than discover for themselves the truths that lay within. Let me be clear, this is not God's calling for His people. Yes, God desires us to learn from others and learn with others. But even more, God desires for us to be responsible to learn for ourselves. Our spiritual life is just that----OURS. It rests on us.

Let me ask you: Are you motivated to learn God's Word? Are you driven to know more about God and His will for your life? Is it a priority in your life? If not, I pray it will be. It's why our church offers Bible study at various times during the week. At 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings, 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Wednesdays. Our hope is if you're not a part of one these Bible study opportunities that you will be soon. Our desire and purpose as a church is to see every believer grow and mature in their faith. To become well-equipped disciples who know God's Word and depend on God's Word for their spiritual life and well-being.

So let me make one final plea, if you're not a part of our weekly Bible Study, I pray you start this week. Your spiritual life will thank you, I promise.

In Christ's Abundant Love,

Pastor Henry