



Forerunner

First Baptist Church
1024 E. Stuart Drive
Galax, VA 24333

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*Have other
plans for
Christmas Day?*



*Then join First Baptist for a
special Christmas celebration
on **Christmas Eve!***

What a Strange Way to Save the World



Message by Pastor Sam Bartlett

*Saturday,
December 24th,
5:30 PM*



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:45 am-Sunday School
10:00 am-Hispanic Sunday School
11:00 am-Worship Service
11:00 am-Hispanic Worship Service
5:00 pm-Youth Band Practice (4U)
6:00 pm-Hispanic Bible Study/Prayer
6:30 pm-TruNorth
6:30 pm-Kids N The Kitchen

Mondays

5:15 pm-Pilates Class
7:30 pm-Orchestra Practice

Tuesdays

7:30 pm-Boy Scouts

Wednesdays

5:15 pm-Pilates Class
5:30 pm-Praising Princesses
6:30 pm-Followers
6:45 pm-SpiritSong
7:30 pm-Sanctuary Choir
8:00 pm-Adult Praise Band

Thursdays

12:00 pm-Men's Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3 and December 4

7:00 pm—*Repeat the Sounding Joy*
FBG Music Ministry Presentation

December 4—December 11

Week of Prayer/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 7

6:00 pm—YFAM Potluck and Fellowship

December 8

6:30 pm—Common Ground Christmas Party

December 11

3:00 pm—Angel Tree Gift Distribution Party
3:00 pm—Grief Share Seminar
6:30 pm—Vicky Towns
Professional Storyteller

December 13

11:00 am—Women on Mission

December 14

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids Christmas Celebration

December 15

11:30 am—Sunshine Group (Fruit Baskets)

December 18

11:00 am—Baptismal Service

December 20

11:00 am—Preschool Christmas Program

December 23

Church Offices Closed

December 24

5:30 pm—Christmas Eve Service

December 26

Church Offices Closed



The Bible in One Year

DECEMBER 1
 DANIEL 8:1-27
 1 JOHN 2:1-17
 PSALM 120:1-7
 PROVERBS 28:25-26

DECEMBER 2
 DANIEL 9:1 - 11:1
 1 JOHN 2:18 - 3:6
 PSALM 121:1-8
 PROVERBS 28:27-28

DECEMBER 3
 DANIEL 11:2-35
 1 JOHN 3:7-24
 PSALM 122:1-9
 PROVERBS 29:1

DECEMBER 4
 DANIEL 11:36 - 12:13
 1 JOHN 4:1-21
 PSALM 123:1-4
 PROVERBS 29:2-4

DECEMBER 5
 HOSEA 1:1 - 3:5
 1 JOHN 5:1-21
 PSALM 124:1-8
 PROVERBS 29:5-8

DECEMBER 6
 HOSEA 4:1 - 5:15
 2 JOHN 1:1-13
 PSALM 125:1-5
 PROVERBS 29:9-11

DECEMBER 7
 HOSEA 6:1 - 9:17
 3 JOHN 1:1-14
 PSALM 126:1-6
 PROVERBS 29:12-14

DECEMBER 8
 HOSEA 10:1 - 14:9
 JUDE 1:1-25
 PSALM 127:1-5
 PROVERBS 29:15-17

DECEMBER 9
 JOEL 1:1 - 3:21
 REVELATION 1:1-20
 PSALM 128:1-6
 PROVERBS 29:18

DECEMBER 10
 AMOS 1:1 - 3:15
 REVELATION 2:1-17
 PSALM 129:1-8
 PROVERBS 29:19-20

DECEMBER 11
 AMOS 4:1 - 6:14
 REVELATION 2:18 - 3:6
 PSALM 130:1-8
 PROVERBS 29:21-22

DECEMBER 12
 AMOS 7:1 - 9:15
 REVELATION 3:7-22
 PSALM 131:1-3
 PROVERBS 29:23

DECEMBER 13
 OBADIAH 1:1-21
 REVELATION 4:1-11
 PSALM 132:1-18
 PROVERBS 29:24-25

DECEMBER 14
 JONAH 1:1 - 4:11
 REVELATION 5:1-14
 PSALM 133:1-3
 PROVERBS 29:26-27

DECEMBER 15
 MICAH 1:1 - 4:13
 REVELATION 6:1-17
 PSALM 134:1-3
 PROVERBS 30:1-4

DECEMBER 16
 MICAH 5:1 - 7:20
 REVELATION 7:1-17
 PSALM 135:1-21
 PROVERBS 30:5-6

DECEMBER 17
 NAHUM 1:1 - 3:19
 REVELATION 8:1-13
 PSALM 136:1-26
 PROVERBS 30:7-9

DECEMBER 18
 HABAKKUK 1:1 - 3:19
 REVELATION 9:1-21
 PSALM 137:1-9
 PROVERBS 30:10

DECEMBER 19
 ZEPHANIAH 1:1 - 3:20
 REVELATION 10:1-11
 PSALM 138:1-8
 PROVERBS 30:11-14

DECEMBER 20
 HAGGAI 1:1 - 2:23
 REVELATION 11:1-19
 PSALM 139:1-24
 PROVERBS 30:15-16

DECEMBER 21
 ZECHARIAH 1:1-21
 REVELATION 12:1 - 13:1a
 PSALM 140:1-13
 PROVERBS 30:17

DECEMBER 22
 ZECHARIAH 2:1 - 3:10
 REVELATION 13:1b-18
 PSALM 141:1-10
 PROVERBS 30:18-20

DECEMBER 23
 ZECHARIAH 4:1 - 5:11
 REVELATION 14:1-20
 PSALM 142:1-7
 PROVERBS 30:21-23

DECEMBER 24
 ZECHARIAH 6:1 - 7:14
 REVELATION 15:1-8
 PSALM 143:1-12
 PROVERBS 30:24-28

DECEMBER 25
 ZECHARIAH 8:1-23
 REVELATION 16:1-21
 PSALM 144:1-15
 PROVERBS 30:29-31

DECEMBER 26
 ZECHARIAH 9:1-17
 REVELATION 17:1-18
 PSALM 145:1-21
 PROVERBS 30:32

DECEMBER 27
 ZECHARIAH 10:1 - 11:17
 REVELATION 18:1-24
 PSALM 146:1-10
 PROVERBS 30:33

DECEMBER 28
 ZECHARIAH 12:1 - 13:9
 REVELATION 19:1-21
 PSALM 147:1-20
 PROVERBS 31:1-7

DECEMBER 29
 ZECHARIAH 14:1-21
 REVELATION 20:1-15
 PSALM 148:1-14
 PROVERBS 31:8-9

DECEMBER 30
 MALACHI 1:1 - 2:17
 REVELATION 21:1-27
 PSALM 149:1-9
 PROVERBS 31:10-24

DECEMBER 31
 MALACHI 3:1 - 4:6
 REVELATION 22:1-21
 PSALM 150:1-6
 PROVERBS 31:25-31



FAMILY LIFE MINISTER NEWS

Professional Storyteller
Vicky Towns presents
"Stories to Warm the Heart and Tickle the Funny Bone"
 Sunday, December 11th
 6:30 p.m.

Vicky blends humor, mime and audience participation to create a delightful and zany cast of Christmas characters that will entertain the whole family. Everyone is invited to attend this special event featuring Christmas stories from around the world. Following the presentation, Christmas cookies and cider will be served in the fellowship hall.



Is the blessed life attainable or just another hopeless pursuit?

Let 2012 mark the start of a blessed life by joining Pastor Sam for this new series of sermons beginning New Year's Day, Jan 1.



Meet Our New Church Sexton

We would like to extend a warm First Baptist welcome to our new sexton, **Mr. Paul Sawyers**, who will be joining our staff on December 1. After retiring from a successful career with VDOT, Paul has been serving as a part-time custodian for the Carroll County school system. He and his wife Gwen reside in Fancy Gap and are members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Paul is looking forward to meeting and serving our First Baptist family, and it is our pleasure to have him join our team.



A Word from the Music Minister

Merry Christmas from the Music Ministry of First Baptist Galax! We hope that you will worship with us as the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra present **REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY** on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 7:00 p.m. These ministries have been hard at work since early September, so invite your friends and family to this special time of celebration. Please bring a non-perishable food item with you to the worship services. These items will be donated to a local food bank to help families in our community this holiday season.

As the new year approaches, we hope that you will make plans to join us. January is a **great time** to become a part of the Sanctuary Choir or Orchestra. There's new music to be learned and preparations to be made for the upcoming Easter season. Mark your calendars now. If you have any questions, contact Wendi Pemberton or Linda Bartlett. We look forward to seeing you!!



Greetings From Our Hispanic Congregation!

God's blessings continue to pour out to our congregation even through the tragic passing of our friend and brother, Moises Serrano. It has been very hard for us, but we have the full assurance that Moises is with the Lord and we will see him soon.

As a result of Moises's death, three people accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior on Nov. 27th. As I tell the congregation, the Lord's plans are always good, because He is good.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you who have shown your support by praying for the Hispanic Congregation

DIOS te bendiga (GOD bless you)

*At HIS service
Ricky Alvarado*



It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Ashlen Billings and Zachary Lawson on the birth of their son, **Braiden Cade Lawson**, born on November 3. Braiden weighed 6 lb. and was 19.5 inches long. His grandparents are Wayne & Angela Lawson.



Dear First Baptist,

Thanks so much to everyone for all their prayers and get-well cards since my fall. I really miss attending church but have been listening to the CDs or the live streaming on WWWJ. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Glady's Catron

Dear FBG Members,

A great big THANKS to all who supported our Photo Fundraiser! You are some nice looking folks and the pictures we saw were awesome! We hope you liked your photos and that you know how much we appreciate your help raising funds so we can minister to these young men. You all helped us raise money which will go toward summer camp, supplies, and more. Our prayer is that God multiplies each dollar and reaps a huge harvest of character in the guys!

*With much appreciation,
BSA Troop 424 & Committee*

Dear First Baptist Church,

Many thanks to all of those who helped with serving Thanksgiving Dinner on November 17 to our Nursing Home residents and Homebound friends. The fellowship was wonderful and the food was delicious.

Glennis Morris



Memorials

Donor	Fund	In Memory of
Mary Alice Higgins	Endowment Fund	Virginia Higgins
John & Debbie Adams	General Fund	Hiter Robinson



We offer our deepest sympathy to...

...the family of **Dr. Hiter Robinson** who passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2011.



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

- ◆ NATIONAL GOAL: \$175 MILLION
- ◆ FBC-GALAX GOAL **\$5,000**

Jesus has given all believers a mandate to take the gospel to all nations, and we have opportunities to show His love and salvation to people around the world. One of those opportunities is the Week of Prayer for International Missions (Dec. 4-11).

Every one of us, without exception, can pray for missionaries. Along with our prayers, we can give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering — all of which goes directly to support mission work in other countries. Would you make plans to seize this opportunity and do something extravagant for our Lord? Consider making this offering your major Christmas expenditure. That is a Christmas gift that will never lose its luster!



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, Dec. 11, from 3 - 5 pm
Church Parlor

Help for those dealing with grief during the holidays: No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. Sponsored by First Baptist Church, Galax. Hosted by Joseph and Nan Northcut. The seminar is FREE. To register, call the church office at 236-5185.

Nursery Schedule

December 04

Class 1: Patti & Stew Merdian
Class 2: Lewis & Marian Porter



December 11

Class 1: Lyle & Angle Hartt
Class 2: Phyllis & Sydney Barker

December 18

Class 1: Leah Amburgey, Judy Hennis
Class 2: Justin & Kristen Quesenberry



December 24

Saturday Night: Jessie Harmon

First Impressions Team



- December 04** Ruth Davis, Imogene Frye, Bob Leonard, Mikki McCraw, David Vaughan, Benny & Shirley White
December 11 Steve & Debra Cone, Sue Holt, Karen Stevens, Phil & Patricia McCraw, Mary & Cathy Parks
December 18 Debbie Carlson, Joe & Sara Lindsey, Kathleen Higgins, Mary Hutchins, Doug & Lora Williams
December 24 Fred Adams, Gary Ballard, Donald Handy, (Christmas Eve) Susan Honaker, Lewis Porter, Anne Vaughan

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	<u>10/30/2011</u>	<u>11/06/2011</u>
Evening Attendance	104	165
Sunday School	200	208
11:00 A.M. Worship	338	297
Hispanic Worship Service	53	46
Total Worship Attendance	391	343
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 8,896.81	\$ 8,896.81
BUDGET RECEIVED	7,193.05	10,724.10
REQUIRED TO DATE	391,551.83	400,448.64
RECEIVED TO DATE	374,174.20	384,898.30
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	5,758.50	2,302.64
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 12,951.55	\$ 13,026.74
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	96%	97%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	81%	121%

	<u>11/13/2011</u>	<u>11/20/2011</u>
Evening Attendance	125	284
Sunday School	200	204
11:00 A.M. Worship	268	275
Hispanic Worship Service	49	55
Total Worship Attendance	317	330
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 8,896.81	\$ 8,896.81
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,469.12	8,036.09
REQUIRED TO DATE	409,345.45	418,242.26
RECEIVED TO DATE	393,367.42	401,403.51
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	548.00	907.78
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 9,017.12	\$ 8,943.87
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	96%	96%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	96%	91%



Jane Alderman; Dr. Winford Hendrix; John Stringer & Debby Stringer; Bea Clark's family (granddaughter-multiple injuries from a car accident); Ardith Nuckles, broken wrist; Donnie Meader; William McMillan, (Rhonda McMillan's father); Bob Johnson; Gladys Catron; Rose Cox; Ronald Cummings (Dolly Moss' brother); Roger Alley & his family; Phillip Segal; The Unemployed; Pauline Robertson; Earlene Epperson (Debby Stringer's mother); Kimberly Graham; Rick & Susan Stark; Bronson Mabe; Rayburn Martin; Shirley Parsons; Jim Young (salvation); Betty Fender (Ann Roberts' mother); Lee Jones (Martha Dozier's son); Lisa Lewis, cancer; Jared Johnson for salvation (Angel Hartt's brother); Casa Betel; Karen Osborne; Linda Johnson, cancer (Iva Ward's niece); Elizabeth Roberts, colon cancer (Ann Carol Roberts' mother-in-law); Robert Beasley, Alzheimer's disease (Bill Beasley's brother); Joan Baker (Donna Beasley's sister); Robert Bunn (Debbie Harris' father); Polly Painter; Viola Easter (Royce's mother); Jo Stringer (John Stringer's mother); **USA Military and other coalition forces**; Chris Burnett; Christopher Littreal; and Paul Ferguson (Afghanistan).

NURSING HOMES: Westwood Hills - Harold Smith, Rm 700; Golden Living - Nannie Sizemore, Rm B-3 (Joe Sizemore's mother); RidgeCrest (Mt. Airy) - Jane Edwards, Rm 221; Waddell Nursing Home - Tommy Adams, Rm 107-B; Auralea Curtis, Rm 205A; Elizabeth Hill, Rm 115-B; Dorothy Marie Horton, Rm 222; Aleta Reavis, Rm 126-A; James Reavis, Rm 223-A; Wheatland - Hazel Lowe, Rm C-12; Grayson Nursing & Rehab Center, Independence, VA - Benjamin Smith, Rm 146 (Dolly Moss' father).

WORSHIP STATISTICS - CONT'D

	<u>11/27/2011</u>
Evening Attendance	0
Sunday School	225
11:00 A.M. Worship	287
Hispanic Worship Service	61
Total Worship Attendance	348
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 8,896.81
BUDGET RECEIVED	6,664.40
REQUIRED TO DATE	427,139.07
RECEIVED TO DATE	408,067.91
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	845.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 7,509.40
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	96%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	75%



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Sam Bartlett..... Senior Pastor
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December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<i>2</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<i>3</i> 7:00pm Christmas Program <i>Repeat the Sounding Joy</i>
<i>4</i> 6:00pm Hispanic Bible Study 7:00pm Christmas Program <i>Repeat the Sounding Joy</i> Second Sunday of Advent	<i>5</i> 5:15pm Pilates Class 7:30pm Orchestra Practice	<i>6</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Boy Scouts	<i>7</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 5:15pm Pilates Class 5:30pm Praising Princesses 6:00pm YFAM Potluck Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Followers 7:00pm Adult Praise Band	<i>8</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 12:00pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Common Ground Christmas Party	<i>9</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<i>10</i>
Week of Prayer for International Missions / Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (December 4 — December 11)						
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<i>18</i> 11:00am Baptismal Service 5:00pm Youth Band Practice 6:00pm Hispanic Bible Study 6:30pm TruNorth 6:30pm Kids N the Kitchen Fourth Sunday of Advent	<i>19</i> 5:15pm Pilates Class 7:30pm Orchestra Practice	<i>20</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Preschool Christmas Program	<i>21</i> 5:15pm Pilates Class 6:45pm SpiritSong 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir 8:00pm Adult Praise Band	<i>22</i> 12:00pm Men's Bible Study	<i>23</i> CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	<i>24</i> 5:30pm Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm Hispanic Service 8:00pm Hispanic Meal
<i>25</i> 	<i>26</i> CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 5:15pm Pilates Class 8:00pm Adult Praise Band	<i>29</i> 12:00pm Men's Bible Study	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>



December

Birthdays

December 2

Kenley Adams

December 9

John Adams, Jr.

December 23

Jaycie Pemberton

December 3

*Rylea Amburgey
Press Turbyfill*

December 10

*Dorothy Bowles
Josie Quesenberry*

December 24

John Vaughan

December 4

Jane Alderman

December 11

Krista Shaw

December 25

Ginger Vaughan

December 5

*Debbie Adams
Erika Gonzalez
Nick Merdian*

December 12

Michael Lewis

December 26

Burgandy Bobbitt

December 6

*Alix Gennette
Bob Leonard
Nancy McKenzie*

December 14

*Crystal Adams
Linda Riddle*

December 27

Rosa Gonzalez

December 7

*Sue Miles
Jan Oldham*

December 17

*Bestabel Esquivel
Don Lowe*

December 29

Freddie Bobbitt

December 8

Eleanor Hutchins

December 18

Sara Lindsey

December 31

Debbie Stringer