



Forerunner

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

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Dear Church Family,

As I was reading and meditating on our upcoming new year, I came across Billy Graham's prayer for the new year. This prayer is so relevant and appropriate, I thought I would share it with you. I am excited for 2020 and where God may lead us to be His light for our community. I hope you will not only read this but meditate on it and allow his words to penetrate your souls...

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant more than a decade later.

“Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:45 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service
6:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)

Mondays

5:15 pm—Pilates Class
6:00 pm—Youth Band Practice
6:00 pm—Pastor Kevin's Bible Study
“The Book of Revelation”

Tuesdays

10:00 am—Staff Meeting

Wednesdays

1:30 pm—Clothes Closet
6:30 pm—Sanctuary Choir
6:30 pm—Prayer Meeting
(Fellowship begins at 6:00 pm)

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 01

Church Offices Closed

January 05

11:00 am—Worship Service /
Ordination Service for
Pastor Steve Goatley

January 08

4:00 pm—Loss Support Group
6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

January 14

11:00 am—Women on Mission

January 20

3:30 pm—Soup Kitchen (Rooftop)
6:30 pm—Deacons' Meeting

January 22

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

Nursery Schedule



- Jan 05** Scott & Sara Hall
Jan 12 Lewis & Marian Porter
Jan 19 Phyllis Barker,
 Dana Bobbitt
Jan 26 Kevin & Tara Spurlin



First Impressions Team

- Jan 05** Keith & Lynne Barker
 Ruth Hall
Jan 12 Phil Helms, Gay Zachary
 Tammy Wyatt
Jan 19 Sam & Nancy Blair
 Lewis Porter
Jan 26 Basil & Nancy Carpenter
 Gary Ballard



Golf Cart Schedule

- Jan 05** Joshua Rosenfeld
Jan 12 Nathan Lyons
Jan 19 Dick Cooley
Jan 26 Terry Anders/Tyler Houk



Security Team Schedule

- Jan 05** Mike Coomes
 Paul Walker
Jan 12 Scott Hall
 Johnny Dickson
Jan 19 Terry Anders
 Eric Testerman
Jan 26 Jack Bryant
 John Patterson

— Kevin's Letter Continued —

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow Your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives.

Be with their families also and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen"

In Christ's Love,
 Kevin



Minister to Youth & Families

Merry Christmas First Baptist!

Wendy and I are so excited to be spending our first Christmas in the Galax area with our new church family! What a wonderful gift God has given us! Of course, this season causes many of us to begin looking ahead to the new year and I am certainly in that group. I begin to ponder what will be, where I should focus more energy and reflect on both the challenges and successes of the previous year.

One of the areas I want to improve in this year is communication. With that in mind, I offer this schedule of office hours. As most of you know a minister's schedule is very fluid as we try to meet the needs that arise in any given week, but these office hours are times that you should be able to catch me in the office on a regular basis.

Pastor Steve's OFFICE HOURS

- **Monday: 3pm-5pm**
- **Tuesday: 10am-2pm**
- **Wednesday: 3pm-5pm**
- **Thursday: 9am-2pm**
- **Friday: Off**
- **Saturday: Off**

I am sure there will be some unexpected exceptions, but for the most part I'll be here to answer calls (276-236-5185), or sit and have a chat. You can also reach me by:

Email: sgoatley@fbcgalax.org

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<https://www.facebook.com/steve.goatley.7>

Instagram: s_goatley

I pray each of you experience Jesus in a very special way this season and ask you all to pray for all of our children to have a safe and Christ-centered holiday.

Blessings,
 Pastor Steve



A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

Many thanks to all of you who helped to make **Christmas 2019** so special! The Music Ministry is grateful to each one who gave of their time and talent to make **"Repeat the Sounding Joy"** an exciting musical event! It's always so meaningful to worship with our family and friends during the holiday season, and we are grateful for the opportunity to give back to our community both through the program and through the food drive. Thank you for your contributions.

For those of you who are thinking about joining the Sanctuary Choir, January is right around the corner! We have "oodles" of new worship music just waiting to be learned, so this is a great time to start. Make choir attendance one of your new year's resolutions! May God bless you, and may we be selfless in our service to others now and in the coming year. Happy New Year to all!!



GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

On December 14th, the church in Mexico received the offering that we collected last month for them. It was enough to buy sweaters, tennis shoes and blankets for 34 families. They were very thankful for this gift, and our church is thankful as well that we could bless them.

Here in our church, we worked on replacing the carpet on the stage and installing new hardwood flooring. It was a lot of work, but the guys of the congregation worked very hard and for very long hours to get it all done, and we are thankful for that also. There is no doubt that 2019 was a year with ups and downs for us as a church, but we saw our wonderful Lord working in every circumstance He is good, and we are pleased to serve Him. We don't know what 2020 is going to bring for us, but we do know that the Lord is in control and we can rest in Him.

We wish you a wonderful New Year and we thank you for your prayers and support.

*God bless you,
Daniel Sanchez*



Donor Fund In Memory of:

Galax Lions Club F. Kent Cox
Capital Campaign

Debbie Adams John Adams, Sr.
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Donor Fund In Honor of:

Jeff & Patti Holderfield Marian Porter
Sonshine Children's Center

Willing Workers Class Bill Vaughan
Capital Campaign



... to Doug Williams on the death of step mother, **Joan Williams**, who passed away on Monday, December 2, 2019.

... to Scott Hall on the death of his grandfather, **Scott Isom**, who passed away Thursday, December 5, 2019.

... to Frank Merrill on the death of his brother, **Clarence Edward Merrill**, who passed away on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.



Loss Support Group (NEW Day & Time)

Everyone is invited to join us for the Loss Support Group. We meet in the Church Parlor from **4:00 to 5:00 pm** on the **2nd Wednesday of each month**. It is free and open to the community.

You will find this group to be a safe place for you to connect with people who are experiencing similar emotions without any pressure for you to share or commit to the group. Remember, loss is not limited to the death of a loved one. Any life change that causes grief is a loss.



WHAT IS THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION?

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) of Virginia creates an environment in the church to hear and understand God's call and to receive nurturing in that call. WMU creates an awareness and sensitivity toward people of other cultures and languages as people whom God loves.

Churches with WMU are likely to have a more actively involved laity in all areas of church missions and ministry. WMU leads people to experience missions personally through mission action and witness, and begins at the birth of a child, teaching her or him about God's great love for all people.

The activities of those involved in WMU help a church fulfill its mission, and helps a church stay focused on the commission Jesus gave His followers.

WMU creates a window to the world. Each benefit mentioned above is an outgrowth of prayer for missions; engaging in mission action and witnessing, learning about missions, supporting missions, developing spiritually toward a mission's lifestyle; and participating in the work of the church and the denomination.

If you are interested in helping our church grow and in strengthening Christ followers through missions education, join us at our Women on Mission meeting (a division of WMU) the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Common Ground Classroom.



We wish to **thank everyone** who gave so generously to the Lottie Moon Offering during the month of December. The total collected so far is **\$3,090** and at the time of this publication, donations are continuing to come in! May God continue to bless all who have a heart for this ministry!



January 01

Judy Hennis, Susan Honaker, Ann McMillan

January 08

Debbie Patterson, Lisa Siegle, Elaine Widner

January 15

Phyllis Barker, Mary Ann Hampton, Paulette Peterson

January 22

Martha Dozier, Margaret Liddle, Patricia Edwards

January 29

Nancy Blair, Linda Cooley

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	11/24/2019	12/01/2019
Evening Attendance	72	42
Sunday School	132	159
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	216	246
Hispanic Worship Service	40	45
Total Worship Attendance	256	291
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	11,198.20	10,840.90
REQUIRED TO DATE	433,713.65	442,941.60
RECEIVED TO DATE	394,615.69	405,456.59
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,190.80	2,724.51
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 12,389.00	\$ 13,565.41
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	91%	92%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	121%	117%

	12/08/2019	12/15/2019
Evening Attendance	579	45
Sunday School	164	165
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	220	254
Hispanic Worship Service	43	48
Total Worship Attendance	263	302
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	11,137.01	6,209.98
REQUIRED TO DATE	452,169.55	461,397.50
RECEIVED TO DATE	416,593.60	422,803.58
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,986.34	2,877.73
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 13,123.35	\$ 9,087.71
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	92%	92%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	121%	67%



Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

Friday

8:30 to 3:00

CHURCH STAFF

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Betty Parrish; Cami Gathercole & her daughter (Cami is daughter of Joe & Barbara Sizemore); Stanley Armstrong, cancer; Johnny Hodges, cancer (Hilda Hodges' brother); Carolynne Johnson (Susan Higgins' sister); Chad Trent, cancer (Linda Riddle's nephew); Sharon Garrett, cancer; Barbara Baxley; Laila Cox; Ronald Vaught; Alice Hasbrouck (Susan Honaker's sister); Imogene Frye; Kim Kinser, cancer (Mary Dotson's daughter); Lou Brock (Betty Parrish's daughter); Wanda Jean Harris; Mike McMillan; Juan Rios; Colene Larrowe; Geraldine McMillan (Rhonda McMillan's mother); Fran Halsey; K.T. Carico; Betty Walker, Stage IV cancer (Penny Adams' sister); Stanley Meador (Marie Combs' son); Gladys Catron; Max Brown, leukemia (Martha Dozier's great-grandson); Mary Littreal; Sylvia Robinson, cancer; Nell Bartlett; Betty Robinson, kidney failure; Judy Fayne, cancer (Eugene Fayne's daughter); John & Debby Stringer; Ronald Cummings (Dolly Moss' brother); Betty Fender (Ann Roberts' mother); Our Country; The Unemployed; USA Military and other coalition forces;

NURSING HOMES: Hillsville Health & Rehab - Martha Combs, Rm 203 (Dennis Combs' Mother); Doris Marshall, Rm 206 (Benita Bryant's Mother); **Waddell Nursing Home** - Glennis Morris, Rm 111-B; Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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January 5

*Jason Shaw
Henry Zatarain*

January 11

John Fielder

January 22

*Kelly Haga
Charlotte McPherson*

January 6

Doug Williams

January 15

Mike McMillan

January 27

Eva Cruz

January 8

*Samuel Ibarra
Margaret Liddle*

January 17

Laila Cox

January 30

*Alexa Galvan
Juan Hernandez
Sherry Lumpkin*

January 9

Kathy Bryant

January 20

Lee Coomes

January 31

*Sam Blair
David Hampton*

January 10

*Mary Ann Dickerson
Thomasine Lemons
Marty Parks*