



# Forerunner

**First Baptist Church**  
**1024 E. Stuart Drive**  
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## **We All Want To Belong ... Lent 2020**

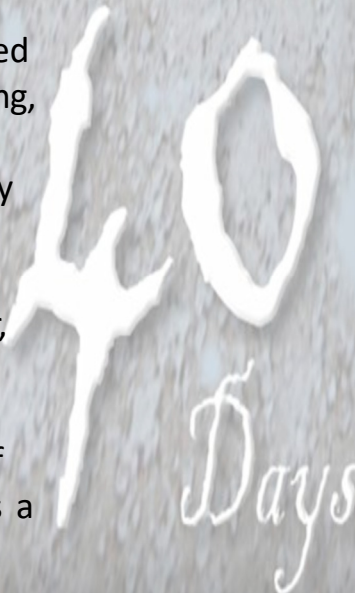
**And so it is, I think, with  
all of us, we want a place  
to belong...**

**I**t's one reason we observe Lent, why we head to church to get ashes, why we go without meat or chocolate or television and slip an extra folded bill into the collection basket on Sunday or volunteer at a soup kitchen on Monday.

- We need to make things right.
- We want to return to God.
- We want to be home.

It turns out that's what God wants too. "Return to me, with your whole heart," we hear at the beginning of the season, on Ash Wednesday.

We are prodigal children who have drifted away. We need to be back where we belong, in the arms of a loving father. And so we begin the return: Lent, the long forty-day walk back. Lent is a penitential season, a time for doing without. Ashes are just the beginning. Our music becomes simpler, our liturgies plainer. We fast, we pray. We may give up chocolates or meat or television, but we shouldn't lose sight of something vitally important: this is a journey we undertake with joy.



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## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

### **Sundays**

9:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship Service  
5:30 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**

### **March 01**

11:00 am—Worship/Communion Service

### **March 04**

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

### **March 08**

*Daylight Savings Time Begins*

### **March 10**

11:00 am—Women on Mission

### **March 11**

4:00 pm—Loss Support Group

### **March 15**

12:15 pm—CentriKids Camp Information  
& Registration—Fellowship Hall

### **March 16**

3:30 pm—Soup Kitchen (Rooftop)

### **March 18**

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

### **March 23**

6:30 pm—Deacon's Meeting

### **March 29**

12:15 pm—Special Called Business Mtg

## Nursery Schedule



- Mar 01** Lewis & Marian Porter
- Mar 08** Tammy Anders  
Erica Testerman
- Mar 15** Kevin & Tara Spurlin
- Mar 22** Ronnie & Debbie Harris
- Mar 29** Scott & Sara Hall



## First Impressions Team

- Mar 01** Tony & Ginny Mays  
Pam Turner
- Mar 08** Johnny & Karen Dickson  
Ruth Hall
- Mar 15** Mike Coomes, Ruth Hall  
Kathy Cox
- Mar 22** Marty & Cathy Parks  
Tammy Wyatt
- Mar 29** Joe & Sara Lindsey  
Lewis Porter



## Golf Cart Schedule

- Mar 01** Mike Coomes
- Mar 08** Joshua Rosenfeld
- Mar 15** Gerald Cox
- Mar 22** Nathan Lyons
- Mar 29** Dick Cooley



## Security Team Schedule

- Mar 01** Eric Testerman  
Ed Barker
- Mar 08** John Patterson  
Mike Coomes
- Mar 15** Paul Walker  
Scott Hall
- Mar 22** Jack Edwards  
Terry Anders
- Mar 29** Lee Coomes  
Jack Bryant

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The season begins with ashes. But Lent? Lent is about the fire. Over these forty days, it's good to ask ourselves, how can we fan the flame and make it grow? How can we turn a flicker into a blaze? On Ash Wednesday, ashes—the remnant of a flame—are placed on our brows. And the great work of these Lenten days begins.

- The work of conversion and repentance.
- The work of praying more faithfully, loving more deeply.

At the beginning, all we see are ashes. But Lent is about something more: working to fan the flame, rediscovering something we may have too easily forgotten, and allowing the light of Christ to show us the way of returning home to the arms of our loving God. In spite of sin and indifference, in spite of living in a world crowded by cynicism and doubt, we are still what our baptism proclaimed us to be. We are "children of the light." And the candle still burns.

*In Christ's Love,*  
Kevin

## Gospel Singing The Inspirations Sat., April 4<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 pm CCHS Auditorium

**The Inspirations** will be in concert at Carroll Country High School auditorium Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, with Kevin Kemp singing the National Anthem. Doors open at 4 pm. Concessions include Hot Dogs, Chips, Desserts, Drinks and Coffee. Tickets are \$10.

All proceeds go to support the **Galax Hope House Ministries**, "a Christ-faith-based ministry that offers help to the homeless and hurting in our area." They provide shelter, food, clothing, health assistance, addiction recovery, educational needs, employment services and spiritual development. Please prayerfully consider supporting our fundraiser. If you cannot attend but would like to support this ministry, you can mail a check to: Galax Hope House Ministries, 408 W. Center St., Galax, VA 24333.

*Tammy Harmon, Executive Director*  
*Galax Hope House Ministries*



## Minister to Youth & Families

Happy March FBC!

As you know, we are new to this area so this mild winter has really surprised us, but it looks like spring is just around the corner. I was walking in the fields today and noticed a daffodil in bloom! That reminds me of the new life we find in Christ and the new beginning Wendy and I are making here with you! Thank you all for trusting us with your most precious gift, your children!

Check out the FBC Galax Facebook page for pictures from our family skate night. It was a huge success! We estimate that around 150 of our FBC family and friends showed up for a great night of fun and fellowship!



There are a few things going on that I would like to remind everyone about. We are taking registrations for the youth mission trip, **MFuge**, and will continue to until April 26<sup>th</sup>. Camp is **July 23-27** at Ridgcrest Conference Center in North Carolina and is for youth who are in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The total cost is \$344. The deposit is \$60, and there will be another installment of \$60 due on April 19<sup>th</sup>. You may find information packets and forms on the table outside of my office.



The children's camp, **CentriKid**, will be **July 6-10** and will be at Eagle Eyrie here in Virginia. The total cost will be \$359. This is a wonderful camp for kids who are in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, and an experience they're not likely to forget. Many Children make their first commitment to Christ at CentriKid. We will have an informational and registration Meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship following worship. Please join us if you are even considering this camp.

Finally, we are gearing up for **VBS**, so please keep an eye on your email for information regarding that. If you haven't received an email invitation to get involved and would like to be - please contact me.

I pray your spring season is getting off to as exciting start as mine!

*Blessings,*  
*Pastor Steve*



## A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

This is a great time to "shake off those winter blues" and come to choir. We're looking for folks who are willing to lead in worship and share their talents on Sunday mornings. Along with weekly Sunday worship, three special services coming up are **Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday.** You won't want to miss these exciting, meaningful worship events. Preparations will soon be underway, and we hope you'll join us! Rehearsals are **every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** in the choir room. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship! No experience is required...and we have a seat just for you. See you soon!



## GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

**Romans 8:28:** "And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good for those who are called according to His purpose." As we start the new year, we see the Lord working in the Hispanic ministry in so many ways. This past month, we had the opportunity to invite a Pastor from Guatemala who taught us for 3 weeks which was truly a blessing. There are families who have begun attending church again and my heart rejoices as I see them. The Lord is faithful, and we pray that He will guide us and give us wisdom to follow His guidance at all times. The first week of every month we have a fellowship time when families bring food and we stay after the worship service, having a great time as we talk and laugh together, and rejoice in the fact that we can see the Lord working. He has great plans for us and we are anxious to see what is coming. We bless and glorify His name and thank Him for His Love. We continue to pray for a new pastor, but in the mean time we rest on His promises and thank Him because we know that He is in control.

*Greetings and many blessings,  
Daniel Sanchez*



**Donor Fund In Memory of:**  
Gardner Brannon Mary E. Brannon  
Fran Cregar Fund

*Thank you*

Dear Friends at FBC,

Thanks so much for all your love and support during this very difficult time. I appreciate all your encouraging messages and cards, and they have been so helpful.

I am hoping to be back in Galax in May. I miss you so much. You are like family to me.

*God Bless You,  
Chachy Demolina*

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Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you all so very much for thinking of me and my family during the loss of my dear older brother. I am a firm believer in prayers and I appreciate the kind words, prayers and thoughts from everyone. Also, for the most thoughtful basket of useful and helpful items one needs in an unexpected time. It was the most useful and appreciated. Again, thank you all for everything.

*God Bless You & Prayers for Everyone,  
Janet Nuckolls*



... to Duane Alexander on the death of his father, **Atchley Alexander**, who passed away Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

## SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING March 29

There will be a very short business meeting after the worship service on March 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the best use of our Endowment Fund.



## ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Who is Annie? Annie Armstrong was never concerned with what the world expected. She was born in Baltimore 1850, during a time when women were not expected to be leaders, speak up or to be visionaries, but Annie didn't conform to the standards. She served, challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries like Lottie Moon, a China missionary, who served for 11 years without a furlough. She advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people, and gained support for the first African American female missionaries. She refused a salary because she would never give to the Lord "that which costs me nothing." (2 Sam. 24:24).

**It's all  
about the  
gospel**

**Our goal for First Baptist this year is \$3,000.** Your prayers and gifts to AAEO provide support for thousands of missionaries who plant churches in unreached communities. Every day lives are being impacted and transformed. This is a great opportunity to support local missions in which 100% of gifts directly support the missionaries and their missions.

## Kentucky Mission-April 24

The Women on Mission is now collecting **food items** to be delivered to the **children's home in Kentucky.** There are boxes near the church office for your donations, and they will be collecting food through April 23.

## WMU ANNUAL MEETING

The WMU Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday April 25, 2020 at 10:00 am at First Baptist Galax. If you are interested in attending, please let the church office know by April 14: phone 276-236-5185 or you may email [womgalax@gmail.com](mailto:womgalax@gmail.com).

# The Closet schedule

## March 04

Judy Hennis, Susan Honaker, Ann McMillan

## March 11

Debbie Patterson, Lisa Siegle, Elaine Widner

## March 18

Phyllis Barker, Mary Ann Hampton, Paulette Peterson

## March 25

Martha Dozier, Margaret Liddle, Patricia Edwards

### CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	01/26/2020	02/02/2020
Evening Attendance	123	153
Sunday School	178	185
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	227	260
Hispanic Worship Service	57	53
Total Worship Attendance	284	313
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	11,069.45	12,067.91
REQUIRED TO DATE	37,500.68	46,875.85
RECEIVED TO DATE	36,993.14	49,061.05
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,754.11	2,483.91
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 12,823.56</b>	<b>\$ 14,551.82</b>
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	99%	105%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	118%	129%

### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	546	455
Bible Study/Other Service	284	417

	02/09/2020	02/16/2020
Evening Attendance	61	167
Sunday School	176	166
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	251	231
Hispanic Worship Service	50	52
Total Worship Attendance	301	283
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	6,384.51	6,990.89
REQUIRED TO DATE	56,251.02	65,626.19
RECEIVED TO DATE	55,445.56	62,436.45
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	3,097.49	2,601.85
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 9,482.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,592.71</b>
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	99%	95%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	68%	75%

### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	368	495
Bible Study/Other Service	-	314



### Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

### Friday

8:30 to 3:00

### CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld ..... Senior Pastor  
(Office) 236-5185  
Rev. Steve Goatley ..... Minister of Youth & Families  
(Office) 236-5185  
Mrs. Wendi Pemberton ..... Minister of Music  
(Office) 236-5185  
Mrs. Marlene Tipton ..... Administrative Secretary  
Mrs. Marie Combs ..... Financial Secretary  
Mrs. Nancy Hazelwood ..... Organist  
Mrs. Patty Davis ..... Pianist  
Mrs. Marian Porter ..... Weekday Preschool Director  
Preschool/Extended Session  
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Spurlin ..... Sunday School Co-Directors  
Mrs. Penny Adams ..... Bus Ministry Director  
Mrs. Martha Easter, RN ..... Volunteer Health Nurse  
Mr. Paul Sawyers ..... Sexton

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## Prayer Requests

Patricia Edwards, knee replacement; Family of Doug Bagley (Wendy Goatley's brother); Family of Eva Bowers (Jennifer Shupe's mother); Linda Riddle, knee surgery; Mark McMickle; Mike Compton, lung cancer; Hilda Hodges; 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 Larowe; 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 - Gaye Iroler, Rm 14 (Terry Anders' Mother); Glennis Morris, Rm 111-B; Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D

## Irish Blessing

"May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your  
back. May the sun shine warm

### STATISTICS - CONT'D

02/23/2020

Evening Attendance	-
Sunday School	167
11:00 A.M. Worship	210
Hispanic Worship Service	47
Total Worship Attendance	257
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,281.12
REQUIRED TO DATE	75,001.36
RECEIVED TO DATE	70,717.57
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,394.15
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 9,675.27</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd 94%  
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd 88%

### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship	347
Bible Study/Other Service	478

upon your  
face, and  
rains fall  
soft upon  
your fields.  
And until we  
meet again,  
May God  
hold you in  
the palm of  
His hand."

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# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship / Communion Service 5:30pm-TruNorth	<b>2</b> 5:15pm-Pilates Class 6:00pm-Youth Band 6:30pm-Bible Study <i>with Pastor Kevin</i>	<b>3</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<b>4</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Kingdom Kids 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm) 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir	<b>5</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<b>6</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 5:30pm-TruNorth  	<b>9</b> 5:15pm-Pilates Class 6:00pm-Youth Band	<b>10</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 10:00am-Staff Meeting 11:00am-Women on Mission	<b>11</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 4:00pm-Loss Support Grp 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm) 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir	<b>12</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<b>13</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 12:15pm-CentriKid Info & Registration 5:30pm-TruNorth	<b>16</b> 3:30pm-Soup Kitchen (Rooftop) 6:00pm-Youth Band	<b>17</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<b>18</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Kingdom Kids 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm) 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir	<b>19</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<b>20</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 5:30pm-TruNorth	<b>23</b> 6:00pm-Youth Band 6:00pm-Bible Study <i>with Pastor Kevin</i> 6:30pm-Deacons' Meeting	<b>24</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 10:00am-Staff Meeting	<b>25</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm) 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir	<b>26</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<b>27</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 12:15pm-Spec. Called Business Mtg 5:30pm-TruNorth	<b>30</b> 5:15pm-Pilates Class 6:00pm-Youth Band 6:30pm-Bible Study <i>with Pastor Kevin</i>	<b>31</b> 9-12 Weekday Preschool				

# MARCH

*Birthdays  
of the Month*



**March 5**

*Missy Adams  
Susan Dillon*

**March 15**

*Jimmy Adams  
Beverly Rios*

**March 27**

*Ed Barker  
Dana Bobbitt  
Forest Newman  
Kevin Spurlin*

**March 6**

*Pablo Gonzalez*

**March 17**

*Dennis Combs  
Tony Mays*

**March 28**

*K.T. Carico  
Tim Cruz*

**March 10**

*Ivon Ibarra*

**March 18**

*Judy Hennis*

**March 29**

*Tara Spurlin*

**March 11**

*Eulogia Perez*

**March 23**

*Isai Perez, Jr.*

**March 30**

*Jose Cruz  
Sylvia Rudolph*

**March 13**

*Joan Miller*

**March 25**

*Glenn Adcock  
Gardner Brannon, Jr.*

**March 31**

*Joana Galvan*

**March 14**

*Janet Nuckolls*