



Forerunner

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

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*The Music Ministry of
First Baptist Church
presents*

Repeat the Sounding Joy

Created by Deborah Craig-Claar
Arranged and Orchestrated by David T. Clydesdale

Featuring
The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Saturday, December 7
and
Sunday, December 8
7:00 PM

First Baptist Church Galax
1024 E. Stuart Drive
Galax, Virginia

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

December 05

8:30 am—Breakfast / Leaf Raking

December 07 & December 08

7:00 pm—The Music Ministry Presents
"Repeat the Sounding Joy"

December 10

11:00 am—Women on Mission

December 11

11:00 am—Sunshine Group:
Making Fruit Baskets
4:00 pm—Loss Support Group
6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids
Christmas Celebration

December 16

3:30 pm—Soup Kitchen (Rooftop)

December 18

11:00 am—Preschool Christmas Program

December 24

5:30 pm—Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
with Communion

December 24 & December 25

Church Offices Closed

December 31

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Nursery Schedule



- Dec 01** Lewis & Marian Porter
Dec 08 Tammy Anders,
Erica Testerman
Dec 15 Phyllis Barker,
Dana Bobbitt
Dec 22 Ronnie & Debbie Harris
Dec 29 Scott & Sara Hall



First Impressions Team

- Dec 01** Tony & Sonia Truitt
Regina Snow
Dec 08 Mike Coomes, Ruth Hall
Pam Turner
Dec 15 Johnny & Karen Dickson
Debbie Patterson
Dec 22 Tony & Ginny Mays
Patricia Edwards
Dec 29 Joe & Sara Lindsey
Tammy Wyatt



Golf Cart Schedule

- Dec 01** Tammy Anders
Dec 08 Basil Carpenter
Dec 15 Larry Spangler
Dec 22 Steve Hazelwood
Dec 29 Mike Coomes



Security Team Schedule

- Dec 01** Royce Easter
Jack Bryant
Dec 08 Scott Hall
Paul Walker
Dec 15 Lee Coomes
Johnny Dickson
Dec 22 Terry Anders
Jack Edwards
Dec 29 Ed Barker
Mike Coomes

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear FBC Family,

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room." — *Joy to the World*

This Christmas don't miss the point of celebrating Christmas. Don't be like the innkeeper who missed Jesus because he was too busy.

"While they were there [in Bethlehem], the time came for her to give birth, and she gave birth to her Son, her firstborn; and she wrapped Him in [swaddling] cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no [private] room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:6-7)

We see over and over again in the Gospels, how many individuals would not and could not see their Messiah, their creator, standing right in front of them. Please allow nothing else to take the place of worshipping Jesus Christ this season.

On Christmas morning we will unwrap our Christmas presents, but eventually the newness and excitement of it all will wear off.

- The present that was once so precious to you will end up stuffed in the bin, broken in a few weeks or passed on to the goodwill store.
- A newer version of your latest technological trinket will arrive that has more apps, or is thinner, or faster, or just looks so much cooler.
- In time, your Christmas gifts will mostly be forgotten or reach the point where there is just no more luster left to it.

But God has given us the ultimate gift—the gift of His Son Jesus Christ.

Don't get so distracted that you will miss Christmas this year.

As Watts and Handel once wrote, **"Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room."**

In Christ's Love,
Kevin



Minister to Youth & Families

First and foremost, Wendy and I would like to thank you all for throwing such a wonderful welcome luncheon in our honor. You have made us both feel so welcome and loved! Thank you for that! Pastors and their families are just like everyone else and big changes like this can be a little scary. Your kind words and gestures go a long way to calm those fears.

It's hard to believe that it's already November and we are in full holiday mode! Thanksgiving is here and Christmas is right around the corner! During this time the youth ministry will meet less in favor of opportunities for families to meet together for the season's festivities, so please keep an eye on your bulletin and the church schedule.



Also, we are beginning a new Sunday School Class for our middle school students. It will begin on Sunday, November 24th in the old Hispanic room next to the Youth Room. I can't wait to see how this class grows!

This season I am thankful that God has brought my family to such a beautiful place and given us a new church family to grow with. What are you thankful for?

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



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.



A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

The Thanksgiving turkey is finished, the dishes are cleaned and put away, and hopefully we've taken the time to reflect on the countless blessings of this past year. **And now...** it's time to join in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. The Music Ministry invites you to join us as we prepare our hearts for the true meaning of this joyous season. Travel with us through time to that very first Christmas, and then help us as we **"Go and Tell It!...as we REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY!"** This worship event will take place on **Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8 at 7:00 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you!



GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

This past month I asked a family member from Mexico about a small congregation we used to visit 20 years ago when I was living there. I was told they are in a difficult economical situation because they live on a small island and survive by fishing the lake that surrounds the island. This made me realize how blessed we are in this country. I know the Lord can use us to bless those brothers and sisters on that very poor island, so I told our congregation about this family and their response was amazing. We decided to collect money and buy them blankets and sweaters for the winter. Even some of our children wanted to participate! We collected \$700 and sent it to Mexico (this is \$13,000 in pesos). We are blessed that we can give thanks to the Lord for all we have by sharing His love and mercy with people in need. *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."* Matthew 25:35-36. We are truly blessed when we can bless others.

Please continue to pray that we find the right pastor for our congregation.

*Many blessings,
Daniel Sanchez*



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



Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Many heartfelt thanks for the cards, texts, call and prayers during my mother's decline and death. I cannot tell you how much the words comforted, encouraged and nourished our souls during this difficult time. We felt lifted and carried, and for that we are very grateful. God bless each of you!

Larkin Conley



ANNUAL FRUIT BASKET PROJECT

The **Sunshine Group** will be meeting December 11th at 11:00 am in the Common Ground Classroom. Following this meeting, the Women on Mission — and anyone else who would like to — are invited to join them in the Fellowship Hall to help assemble fruit baskets that will be delivered to our homebound as well as our nursing home residents.



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight &
Communion Service*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
5:30 PM**

We hope you will join us for this special service on Christmas Eve as we worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior. Please invite family and friends to join us as we sing hymns and songs of the Christmas season. We will share in Communion, praising our God for sending his Son into this world to give us the best present possible — **His Son!**



We wish to thank everyone so much for the generous donations received this year to **Samaritan Christmas Child Shoeboxes**. This ministry is a life-changer in so many kids' lives around the world, giving them hope and showing them that someone cares about them. This month, Samaritan's Purse volunteers will begin delivering these boxes to needy children around the world and they desire your prayers that these boxes will indeed make a difference in each life they touch.



December is the month we focus on the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Lottie was 32 years old when she was called to the mission field in China. She had left behind a turned-down marriage proposal, her job, family and friends to follow God's lead. The path she took was not normal for an educated woman from a wealthy southern family.

For thirty-nine years Lottie served in Tengchow and P'ingtu. The people rejected and feared her, but she refused to leave and baked cookies to get people to come to her house. She changed her customs and learned the people's language. She didn't just serve the people of China, she identified with their customs and culture and was eventually accepted by many, even having some accept Christ as their Savior.

Our church's goal this year for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$3,000, with 100% of this going directly to sustain the international missionaries and their work. Lottie Moon offering envelopes will be available in the pews for your convenience.

December 1st - 8th is **The Week of Prayer** for International Missions. You will receive a *Prayer Guide* in one of the Sunday Bulletins. Please help us pray for these missionaries; they answered the call just as Lottie Moon did, so let's not only pray for the missionaries but for the people that they are trying to reach.

The Closet Schedule

December 04

Judy Hennis, Susan Honaker, Ann McMillan

December 11

Debbie Patterson, Lisa Siegle, Elaine Widner

December 18

Phyllis Barker, Mary Ann Hampton, Paulette Peterson

December 25

Closed for Christmas Holiday

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	10/27/2019	11/03/2019
Evening Attendance	123	179
Sunday School	144	168
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	188	227
Hispanic Worship Service	40	42
Total Worship Attendance	228	269
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	9,290.75	11,408.47
REQUIRED TO DATE	396,801.85	406,029.80
RECEIVED TO DATE	357,608.24	369,016.71
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,551.55	3,063.24
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,842.30	\$ 14,471.71
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	90%	91%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	101%	124%

	11/10/2019	11/17/2019
Evening Attendance	47	164
Sunday School	162	155
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	236	209
Hispanic Worship Service	44	39
Total Worship Attendance	280	248
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,013.00	6,387.78
REQUIRED TO DATE	415,257.75	424,485.70
RECEIVED TO DATE	377,029.71	383,417.49
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,250.74	998.03
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 9,263.74	\$ 7,385.81
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	91%	90%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	87%	69%



Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

Friday

8:30 to 3:00

CHURCH STAFF

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Prayer Requests

Annie Burcham, (Paul Sawyers' mother-in-law); Joan Williams, cancer (Doug Williams' step mom); Carolynne Johnson (Susan Higgins' sister); Martha Easter, shoulder surgery; Chad Trent, cancer (Linda Riddle's nephew); Sharon Garrett, cancer; Nancy Carpenter; Sara Lindsey; Zachary Thornton, 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); Mark Horton, multiple myeloma; 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
1 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service/ 1st Sunday of Advent	2 5:15pm-Pilates Class <div>7:00 PM</div>	3 9-12 Weekday Preschool Sanctuary Choir	4 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm) 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir / Orchestra — Christmas Program	5 9-12 Weekday Preschool 8:30am-Breakfast & Leaf Raking	6 9-12 Weekday Preschool Rehearsal	7 7:00pm-Christmas Program <i>"Repeat the Sounding Joy"</i>
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29 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service	30 5:15pm-Pilates Class	31 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED				



December 4

*Jane Alderman
Mac Higgins*

December 10

Dorothy Bowles

December 24

Erica Testerman

December 5

*Debbie Adams
Ericka Gonzalez*

December 11

Krista Shaw

December 25

*Ginger Vaughan
Gay Zachary*

December 6

Robert Leonard

December 13

Audrey Turner

December 26

Burgandy Bobbitt

December 7

*Doug Morgan
Sue Priest*

December 14

Linda Riddle

December 27

*Patricia Edwards
Kaitlyn Turner*

December 8

Haley Larrowe

December 18

Sara Lindsey

December 28

Jackie McGrady

December 9

John Adams, Jr.

December 22

*Stacey Morgan
Tammy Wyatt*

December 29

Freddie Bobbitt

December 31

Linda Painter