



# Forerunner

**First Baptist Church**  
1024 E. Stuart Drive  
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## The Month of "Love"

The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. <https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2>

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial—which probably occurred around A.D. 270—others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15, Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus. <https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2>

Lupercalia survived the initial rise of Christianity but was outlawed—as it was deemed "un-Christian"—at the end of the 5th century, when Pope Gelasius declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day. It was not until much later, however, that the day became definitively associated with love. <https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2>

With much reading and research, there is more to the holiday than one would consider. Valentine's day is shrouded in mystery, paganism, and Christianity. So rather than celebrating one day to love another (seemingly forced upon us), I would encourage you to think about every day being a day for each of us filled with the intent to love. We should not relegate just one day to show our love and appreciation for one another (especially our spouses and family members). The scripture is very clear on how often we should love one another.

### 1 John 4:7-12, 19

*7 Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His One and Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 10 Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and His love is perfected in us. 19 We love because He first loved us.*

Love as Paul defines in 1 Corinthians 13, is a love that is sacrificial without any expectation of return. This is the love God showed us on the cross of Jesus Christ and therefore is the same love we must show one another. We sing, "They Will Know We Are Christians by our Love, by our Love... yea They Will Know We Are Christians by our Love" and may that be our mantra for FBC Galax!

*In Christ's Love,*  
Kevin

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sundays

9:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship Service  
6:15 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)

### Mondays

8:30 am—REFIT Exercise Class  
5:15 pm—Pilates Class

### 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

### February 03

11:00 am—Worship / Communion Service  
12:15 pm—Spiritual Formations Meeting  
6:00 pm—Super Bowl Party for Youth:  
The Rosenfeld's House

### February 04

6:30 pm—Bible Study with Pastor Kevin

### February 07

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

### February 10

12:15 pm—Annual Business Meeting

### February 11

6:30 pm—Bible Study with Pastor Kevin

### February 12

11:00 am—Women on Mission  
5:30 pm—Loss Support Group

### February 13

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

### February 14

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

### February 18

3:30 pm—Soup Kitchen Ministry  
(Rooftop)  
6:30 pm—Bible Study with Pastor Kevin

### February 21

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

### February 25

6:30 pm—Bible Study with Pastor Kevin

### February 27

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

### February 28

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

## Nursery Schedule



### February 03

Class 1: Kevin & Tara Spurlin  
Class 2: Patti Holderfield

### February 10

Class 1: Scott & Sara Hall  
Class 2: Phyllis Barker, Dana Bobbitt

### February 17

Class 1: Tammy Anders,  
Erica Testerman  
Class 2: Lewis & Marian Porter

### February 24

Class 1: Ronnie & Debbie Harris  
Class 2: Lewis & Marian Porter



## First Impressions Team

**Feb 03** Mike Coomes, Ruth Hall  
Patricia Edwards  
**Feb 10** Joe & Sara Lindsey  
Debbie Patterson  
**Feb 17** Sam & Nancy Blair  
Tammy Wyatt  
**Feb 24** Tony & Sonia Truitt  
Lewis Porter



## Golf Cart Schedule

**Feb 03** Tammy Anders  
**Feb 10** Basil Carpenter  
**Feb 17** Larry Spangler  
**Feb 24** Doug Morgan



## Security Team Schedule

**Feb 03** Jack Edwards / Lee Coomes  
**Feb 10** Ed Barker (double duty)  
**Feb 17** Mike Coomes / Eric Testerman  
**Feb 24** Dick Cooley / Royce Easter



- Open Sunday mornings. On weekdays during office hours, please see Church Secretary.
- Explore Adult, Children, and Teen Fiction, Non-Fiction, DVDs, Audiobooks, and Reference Materials.
- Put your name and the date on the library card in the book or other item, if there is one, and leave it on the counter. Please return item or check out again within two weeks. Please record your name and address in the black book so that we have a record of your visit.
- Comments and Suggestions, or Volunteer to Serve on Library Team: E-mail Deborah Alexander at [daloweartist@gmail.com](mailto:daloweartist@gmail.com).



## Loss Support Group

Everyone is invited to join us for the Loss Support Group. We meet in the Church Parlor from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 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.



**Pilates Class** meets on Mondays at 5:15 pm upstairs in the Pilates Room. Anyone is welcome to come—bring your mat, weights and exercise ball. We promise you will have fun as we exercise! Cost is \$1.00 donation per class. For more information see Becky Adams or call the church office: 236-5185.



The Personnel team is meeting and working on putting together a search team for the hiring of our **Youth and Family Life Minister**. We are excited to begin this process with the expectation of our Lord navigating us to find the person He has anointed for our church families and their youth/children. As the team is developed and the process begins, we will keep you updated.



Please put us in your fervent prayers and it is an honor to serve with you and our Lord!

Pastor Kevin

## Super Bowl Party!



for our youth at:  
**THE ROSENFELD'S HOUSE**  
324 Fox Run Drive, Galax

**Sunday, February 3**  
**Beginning at 6 PM**

Parents are also welcomed to stay and hang out for the game. Food and refreshments will be provided.



## GLOVES, SCARVES & HATS

The children are continuing to learn how we can show our caring and love for others by collecting various items each month to help fill shoe boxes this fall for Operation Christmas Child. A donation box is located in the Fellowship Hall. Each month they focus on a different item to collect - February is gloves, scarves & hats!

During the 11:00 am worship hour, our dedicated teachers have the children involved with arts & craft projects, handbells & songs, Bible stories & lessons taught on their level, and of course, snacks!

Cathy Parks



## A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

**"Happy Valentine's Day"** from the Music Ministry and a huge "thank you" to all who participated in **"My Heart Longs For Christmas."** The 2018 Christmas program was made possible by each one who gave of their time and talents. We give God the glory for the hearts and lives that were touched! We also thank all of you who brought food items for the community food bank.

And now let those involved in the Music Ministry be the first to say **"Happy Easter!"** Yes, before long, Easter music will be heard throughout the halls of FBC. Rehearsals will soon be underway, so don't miss this opportunity to be a part of retelling the story of Jesus' life and ministry, His death on the cross, and His glorious resurrection. Contact the music office for any questions regarding the 2019 Easter program, Sunday morning worship with the Sanctuary Choir, or playing an instrument during the worship services. We have a seat reserved just for you!!



## GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

Thank you for your prayerful support of the Hispanic ministry, as more people are being reached and established in the word of God. Our theme for 2019 is Evangelism, giving emphasis to the Great Commission and the growth of our membership. We have a well-established vision and goals of reaching 10+ for Christ, so each activity will be focused on meeting this goal. Our new 2019 financial commitment is having our own bank account, always with the approval of FBC. This year our church is faced with making decisions concerning repairs to the building as well improvement of the heating system.

We pray that together with Pastor Kevin, our ministries will have a strengthening perspective for the glory of God. And continue to help us pray for the residence of our daughter Abigail.

Que Dios los bendiga,  
Rev. Pedro Alvarado Rodríguez



### Donor      Fund      In Memory of:

Gardner Brannon      Mary E. Brannon  
Fran Cregar Fund



## PABLO ALVARADO

**C**ongratulations to Ricky and Natalia Alvarado on the birth of their new baby boy. **Pablo** was born on January 2 weighing 8 lbs., 11oz. His big brother is Ricardo, and the proud grandparents are Rev. Pedro & Rocio Alvarado.

### collecting items for



### Suggested Items Needed:

- ◆ Monetary Donations
- ◆ Laundry Detergent (powder only)
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Twin Blade Razors
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Body Wash
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Cleaning supplies with Bleach
- ◆ Lysol
- ◆ Greased Lightening
- ◆ Furniture Polish
- ◆ Dryer Sheets
- ◆ Brillo Pads
- ◆ Dish Liquid
- ◆ Antibacterial Liquid Soap
- ◆ Kitchen Towels
- ◆ Wash Clothes
- ◆ Men's Work Boots

To learn more about the goals and objectives of the Hope House Ministry, click the link below to visit their website: [The Hope House](http://TheHopeHouse.org)



## Women on Mission

### February 10th-17th is Focus on WMU Week.

WMU (Woman's Missionary Union) is a Southern Baptist organization which provides opportunities for congregations to participate in ongoing missions for each age group and for families. Women on Mission (WOM) is a missional organization for adult women which is under the auspices of WMU.

Our WOM meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am in the Common Ground Classroom. Women of all ages are always invited to join us. Come and learn about missions from around the world as well as mission opportunities available in our own community.



### Calling the 'Prayer Warriors' of our Shoe Box Ministry

Our boxes are going to the children's hearts in Africa!

The KidzQuest Gang has a Drop Off Box in the fellowship hall! We are collecting gloves, mittens, scarfs or hats to store for our packing party in November. Share the Joy!

### Bible Study with **Pastor Kevin** **Mondays at 6:30 pm**



### UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE from Adam to Adam...

### "How Does God Provide the Lamb?"

**Y**ou're invited to meet with Pastor Kevin in the Fellowship Hall on **Mondays at 6:30 pm** starting **February 4th** to learn more about God's Word!



## The Closet Schedule

### February 06

Phyllis Barker, Judy Hennis  
Susan Honaker, Ann McMillan

### February 13

Benita Bryant, Debbie Patterson  
Lisa Siegle, Elaine Widner

### February 20

Paulette Peterson

### February 27

Martha Dozier, Margaret Liddle

#### CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	12/30/2018	01/06/2019
Evening Attendance	31	89
Sunday School	135	157
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	213	259
Hispanic Worship Service	53	49
Total Worship Attendance	266	308
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,345.71	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	11,267.70	12,877.79
REQUIRED TO DATE	485,976.92	9,227.95
RECEIVED TO DATE	451,886.23	12,877.79
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,611.30	2,333.87
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 12,879.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,211.66</b>
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	92%	139%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	120%	139%

	01/13/2019	01/20/2019
Evening Attendance	39	83
Sunday School	0	159
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	0	212
Hispanic Worship Service	0	43
Total Worship Attendance	0	255
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	.00	12,284.46
REQUIRED TO DATE	.00	27,683.85
RECEIVED TO DATE	.00	25,162.25
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	.00	2,372.97
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ 14,657.43</b>
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	0%	90%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	0%	133%



**Monday - Thursday**

**8:30 to 5:00**

**Friday**

**8:30 to 3:00**

#### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kevin Rosenfeld ..... Senior Pastor  
(Office) 236-5185  
Rev. Pedro Alvarado Rodriguez ..... Hispanic Pastor  
(Office) 236-5185 (Cell) 233-0719  
Mrs. Wendi Pemberton ..... Minister of Music  
(Office) 236-5185 (Home) 236-0108  
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  
Mrs. Penny Adams ..... Bus Ministry Director  
Mrs. Martha Easter, RN ..... Volunteer Health Nurse  
Mr. Paul Sawyers ..... Sexton

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## Prayer Requests

Sara Lindsey; Wanda Jean Harris; Mike McMillan; Nancy Blair; Jim & Pat Puckett (Pat is Elaine Widner's sister); Juan Rios; Russell Dickerson; Steve Cone; Colene Larrowe; Cami Gathercole & Ava Rhodes (Joe & Bobbi Sizemore's daughter & granddaughter); Mary Corbin (Martha Easter's sister); Fred Adams; Lou Ann Brock (Betty Parrish's daughter); Sylvia Robinson; Arville Stanley (Glenn Morris' brother); Chad Eddy (Tara Spurlin's brother); Geraldine McMillan (Rhonda McMillan's mother); Ronald Vaught, stroke (Lib Russell's cousin); David Smith, cancer; Fran Halsey; K.T. Carico; Betty Walker, Stage IV cancer (Penny Adams' sister); Iva Wagner, (Glenn Morris' sister); Stanley Meador (Marie Combs' son); Gladys Catron; Norma Jean Isom, cancer; 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; Rose Cox; Ronald Cummings (Dolly Moss' brother); Betty Fender (Ann Roberts' mother); Our Country; The Unemployed; USA Military and other coalition forces;

**NURSING HOMES:** Trinity Mission - Doris Marshall, Rm 206; Waddell Nursing Home - Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D; Yadkin Nursing Care Center - Kent Cox, Rm 202;

**The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity and an understanding**

**of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep concern.**

**Beautiful people DO NOT just happen.**

~ Elizabeth Kubler Ross ~

#### WORSHIP STATISTICS - CONT'D

	01/27/2019
Evening Attendance	-
Sunday School	145
11:00 A.M. Worship	184
Hispanic Worship Service	55
Total Worship Attendance	239
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	6,330.97
REQUIRED TO DATE	36,911.80
RECEIVED TO DATE	31,493.22
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	753.93
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 7,084.90</b>
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	85%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	68%

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# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i> 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship & Communion Serv. 12:15pm-Spiritual Formation Team Meeting 6:00pm-Super Bowl Party: Rosenfeld's House	<i>4</i> 8:30am-REFIT Exercise 5:15pm-Pilates Class 6:30pm-Bible Study <i>with Pastor Kevin</i>	<i>5</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 10:00am-Staff Meeting	<i>6</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm) 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir	<i>7</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool 6:00pm-Ladies' Bible Study	<i>8</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<i>9</i>
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**February 4**

*Gilberto Sanchez*

**February 14**

*Lisa Shaw*

**February 20**

*Jacob Lawson*

**February 10**

*Frank Merrill*

**February 23**

*Earl Morgan*

**February 17**

*Ann McMillan*

**February 11**

*Tonya Alessi*

**February 25**

*Anthony Leonard*

**February 18**

*Keith Barker*

*Henry Zatarain*

*David Roberson*

**February 27**

*Anne Vaughan*

**February 12**

*Kent Cox*

**February 19**

*Angie Lawson*

*Bill Vaughan*

**February 28**

*Pat Fielder*

**February 13**

*Edit Pineda*

*Bart Turner*