



Forerunner

First Baptist Church
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Let Us Focus On ... **New Endings for 2019**

I was reading an article by Cathy Irvin and saw this quote, *"No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending"* (Unknown). I began to think about that statement and pondered what could that mean for FBC Galax.

One of the opportunities we have each and every day is to choose how we are going to spend it. Our endings are determined by our starting points. If we can start the day with the peace that Jesus left for us, then maybe, just maybe, we will find ourselves by the end of the day barely clinging to it. We have a mandate and a calling on all of our lives to show the world around us that the kingdom truly exists.

If I were to make a New Year resolution, it would be to have a deeper commitment, a deeper love, and a deeper passion for Christ. I am reminded by the words of Denzel Washington, "I have never seen a U-Haul following a hearse." May we not tarry after the things that are temporal, but invest ourselves in totality, to the eternal future that awaits creation.

My Prayer for FBC Galax in 2019 is:

*"Lord, use me that my days may end as
an answered prayer to someone in our community.
Lord, make me a communion offering for my family,
my church, my work place, my neighborhood, my ball team,
my friends, my enemies and the stranger I pass every day.
Lord, break me down as Christ was our broken bread
and poured-out wine on Golgotha.
And, Lord, may I not look back with regret,
but realize that my new endings will be the direct result of
every new beginning in which I may be
poured out to you as an offering for peace..."*

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

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

January 01

Church Offices Closed

January 07

8:30 am—REFIT (Exercise)

January 08

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

January 09

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

January 10

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

January 14

8:30 am—REFIT (Exercise)

January 17

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

January 21

8:30 am—REFIT (Exercise)
3:30 pm—Soup Kitchen Ministry
(Rooftop)
7:00 pm—Deacons' Meeting

January 23

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

January 24

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

January 25—January 27

Resurrection 2019 (Youth)
Pigeon Forge, TN

January 28

8:30 am—REFIT (Exercise)

January 31

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

Nursery Schedule



January 06

Class 1: Tammy Anders,
Erica Testerman

Class 2: Patti Holderfield,
Marian Porter

January 13

Class 1: Kevin & Tara Spurlin

Class 2: Lewis & Marian Porter

January 20

Class 1: Scott & Sara Hall

Class 2: Lewis & Marian Porter

January 27

Class 1: Ronnie & Debbie Harris

Class 2: Phyllis Barker, Dana Bobbitt



First Impressions Team

- Jan 06** Johnny & Karen Dickson,
Gary Ballard
- Jan 13** Fred Adams, Nancy Carpenter
Bob Leonard
- Jan 20** Dick & Linda Cooley,
Regina Snow
- Jan 27** Marty & Cathy Parks,
Pam Turner



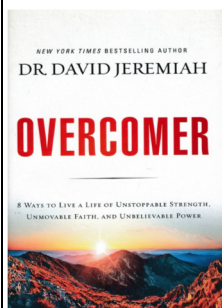
Golf Cart Schedule

- Jan 06** Mike Coomes
- Jan 13** Jack Bryant
- Jan 20** Terry Anders
Tyler Houk
- Jan 27** Paul Walker



Security Team Schedule

- Jan 06** Eric Testerman / Dick Cooley
- Jan 13** Royce Easter / Jack Bryant
- Jan 20** Scott Hall / Paul Walker
- Jan 27** Johnny Dickson / Terry Anders



Ladies' Bible Study

Starting
January 10
6:00 pm

In Overcomer, Dr. David Jeremiah will teach you how to *suit up for victory!*

Living the life of an Overcomer starts with one very simple, yet often overlooked action: **putting on your armor.**

You've heard it before, from the book of Ephesians. The wonderful metaphor—the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, the shoes of peace—the Armor of God.

But what if there's more to it than just a metaphor?

What if there are deeper truths God wants to reveal about the spiritual battles that are raging in unseen realms?

God has given you eight strategies for putting on your armor—for being prepared in the fight against the evil one and for **OVERCOMING** in His name.

For more information or to sign up, contact Patti Holderfield at 233-9812.



... to Helen Robinson on the death of her brother, **Emory "Guy" Crouse**, who passed away on Saturday, November 3, 2018.

...to the family of **Bea Clark** who passed away on Thursday, November 15, 2018.

... to Deborah Alexander on the death of her mother, **Frances Brown**, who passed away on Monday, December 10, 2018.



We would like to again thank the congregation and everyone who joined us at the spaghetti lunch and donated money for our trip to Resurrection 2019! The theme of Resurrection 2019 is **Voices United**. As we head to Pigeon Forge on January 25th-27th, we are excited for this opportunity to grow and be challenged in our faith! Please pray that this will be a time of spiritual growth for the youth and they will come back with a passion to serve.

At the end of 2018, we finished the Baptist Faith and Message on Sunday mornings. We will be beginning a new lesson this month focusing on "Who we are in Christ?".

TruNorth continues to go through the Bible Project, learning about different themes throughout the Bible and understanding the historical context.

The Bible verse for the youth in January: *Romans 15:6* **"So that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one mind and one voice."**



**A FUN WAY
to exercise
to music!!**

Mondays — 8:30 AM

The REFIT Mission and Vision:

We believe the heart is more than a muscle. That a person is more than a body. That relationships are as important as results. We believe fitness isn't for the fit...it's for the willing.

Change your body. Change your mind. Change your life. Workout and have fun! Christian music! First class is **FREE** — then \$3 a class or \$10 for a month. Both Men & women are welcome! There is always some heart work at the end which is a short devotion and prayer! **We will start Monday, January 7th at 8:30 am** upstairs in the KidzQuest Room.

For more information, please contact
Patti Holderfield: 233-9812 or
Samantha Goad: 733-1346.



GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

Hallelujah! And Glory to God! Our Lord did a miracle in the health of my wife. After spending more than twenty-four hours in intensive care in the hospital, indications are that she is recovering with the new medications she was prescribed. Thank you to all who were praying for her!

Regarding the Hispanic ministry: after having focused in recent months on our relationship and communion with God through topics such as: *Holiness, A Heart for God, Spiritual Disciplines, Practical Christian Life* and others, we are now making plans for the year 2019. Our focus will be on *Evangelism*, emphasizing the Great Commission and the growth of our membership.

As this year comes to a close, we are preparing ourselves for a new financial commitment next year, activities to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, and welcoming in the New Year.

Que Dios los bendiga (God bless you),
Rev. Pedro Alvarado Rodriguez



Dear FBC Church Family,

A **HUGE** thank you to the Band of Brothers and everyone who so graciously offered their time and muscle to move us into our new home! Thank you to everyone who stopped by to welcomes us, who brought food (we went a week without having to purchase groceries!), your prayers, and just how wonderful all of you have received our family. We appreciate you all more than we can express!

Love,
Kevin, Linda,
Joshua, Elijah and Ruby



Donor Fund In Memory of:

Gardner Brannon Mary E. Brannon
Fran Cregar Fund (Nov.)

James & Linda Riddle Nean Calloway
The Preschool Fund

Debbie Adams John Adams, Sr.
Lottie Moon

Gardner Brannon Mary E. Brannon
Fran Cregar Fund (Dec.)

Kent & Laila Cox Carol Cox
Sanctuary Windows

Joe & Marianne Webb John Adams, Sr.
Jane A. Edwards
Sanctuary Fund

Donor Fund In Honor of:

James & Linda Riddle Margaret Ballard
The Preschool Fund

Willing Workers SS Class Bill Vaughan
Capital Campaign

Thank You!

Thank you, First Baptist Church, for designating our organization as the recipient of your community project which was affiliated with the Christmas Musical this year. The canned goods and the generous monetary donation will truly help us greatly. Please keep us in your prayers during this very stressful time. God bless you all and have a wonderful Christmas.

*In Christ's Love,
Kathy Cooley, Director
(On behalf of Willing Partners, Inc.)*

Dear First Baptist:

Your many expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated. Thank you so very much for your prayers, and the Bereavement Bag of items that were used during this time was so wonderful. God bless you ALL.

*The Family of Geneva Lowe,
Ronnie Lowe, Dennis & Marie Combs*



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 more 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 churches grow and strengthening Christ followers through missions education, join us at our Women on Mission (a division of WMU) meeting 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 Christmas Offering during the month of December. The grand total collected was **\$1,252**. May God continue to bless all who have a heart for this ministry!

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

| | <u>11/04/2018</u> | <u>11/11/2018</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Evening Attendance | 85 | 12 |
| Sunday School | 150 | 142 |
| 11:00 A.M. Worship Service | 208 | 184 |
| Hispanic Worship Service | 56 | 44 |
| Total Worship Attendance | 264 | 228 |
| BUDGET REQUIRED | \$ 9,345.71 | \$ 9,345.71 |
| BUDGET RECEIVED | 8,892.65 | 8,334.44 |
| REQUIRED TO DATE | 410,211.24 | 419,556.95 |
| RECEIVED TO DATE | 387,151.28 | 395,485.72 |
| DESIGNATED RECEIPTS | 2,125.04 | 1,104.68 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$ 11,017.69 | \$ 9,439.12 |
| % Required Yrly Budget Rec'd | 94% | 94% |
| % Required Wkly Budget Rec'd | 95% | 89% |

| | <u>11/18/2018</u> | <u>11/25/2018</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Evening Attendance | 9 | 93 |
| Sunday School | 151 | 154 |
| 11:00 A.M. Worship Service (joint) | 304 | 212 |
| Hispanic Worship Service (worship) | 0 | 50 |
| Total Worship Attendance | 304 | 262 |
| BUDGET REQUIRED | \$ 9,345.71 | \$ 9,345.71 |
| BUDGET RECEIVED | 6,264.69 | 9,057.03 |
| REQUIRED TO DATE | 428,902.66 | 438,248.37 |
| RECEIVED TO DATE | 401,750.41 | 410,807.44 |
| DESIGNATED RECEIPTS | 4,312.56 | 2,398.97 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$ 10,577.25 | \$ 11,456.00 |
| % Required Yrly Budget Rec'd | 93% | 93% |
| % Required Wkly Budget Rec'd | 67% | 96% |

| | <u>12/02/2018</u> | <u>12/09/2018</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Evening Attendance | 735 | SNOW DAY 0 |
| Sunday School | 165 | 0 |
| 11:00 A.M. Worship Service | 210 | 0 |
| Hispanic Worship Service | 60 | 42 |
| Total Worship Attendance | 270 | 0 |
| BUDGET REQUIRED | \$ 9,345.71 | \$ 9,345.71 |
| BUDGET RECEIVED | 10,565.07 | .00 |
| REQUIRED TO DATE | 447,594.08 | .00 |
| RECEIVED TO DATE | 421,372.51 | .00 |
| DESIGNATED RECEIPTS | 3,945.61 | .00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$ 14,510.68 | \$.00 |
| % Required Yrly Budget Rec'd | 94% | % |
| % Required Wkly Budget Rec'd | 113% | % |

| | <u>12/16/2018</u> | <u>12/23/2018</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Evening Attendance | 47 | 0 |
| Sunday School | 156 | 136 |
| 11:00 A.M. Worship Service | 203 | 202 |
| Hispanic Worship Service | 48 | 48 |
| Total Worship Attendance | 251 | 250 |
| BUDGET REQUIRED | \$ 9,345.71 | \$ 9,345.71 |
| BUDGET RECEIVED | 9,492.26 | 9,753.76 |
| REQUIRED TO DATE | 466,285.50 | 475,631.21 |
| RECEIVED TO DATE | 430,864.77 | 440,618.53 |
| DESIGNATED RECEIPTS | 11,783.53 | 4,262.01 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$ 21,275.79 | \$ 14,015.77 |
| % Required Yrly Budget Rec'd | 92% | 92% |
| % Required Wkly Budget Rec'd | 101% | 104% |



Jim & Pat Puckett (Pat is Elaine Widner's sister); Family of Martha Van Engen (Meagan Helmick's grandmother); Mike Stevens, heart surgery; Russell Dickerson; Jennifer Shupe, eye surgery; Steve Cone; Colene Larrowe; Cami Gathercole & Ava Rhodes (Joe & Bobbi Sizemore's daughter & granddaughter); Fred Adams; Lou Ann Brock, (Betty Parrish's daughter); Todd & Lisa Shaw; Sylvia Robinson; Arville Stanley (Glennis 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, (Glennis Morris' sister); Dee Carico Toliver, lymphoma; 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;

new year
new beginnings

**Sometimes as we journey the highway of life
And moments of joy cross our path,
Let's remember the Source, the Giver of gifts,
So the beauty of His giving will last.**

**For sometimes in blindness we sort of abuse
The good that we find along the way,
Thus making the journey a little bit rough
By the things that we do and we say.**

**Each day's a new blessing, another new chance
To correct all the errors we've sown,
And the blessing to start all over again
And to know that much better we've grown.**

~ Chris Hambernard ~

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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
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January 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|-----------|
| | | 1  Happy New Year Church Offices Closed | 2 9-12 Weekday Preschool 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm) | 3 9-12 Weekday Preschool | 4 9-12 Weekday Preschool | 5 |
| 6 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 6:15pm-TruNorth | 7 8:30am-REFIT (Exercise) 5:15pm-Pilates Class | 8 9-12 Weekday Preschool 10:00am-Staff Meeting 11:00am-Women on Mission 5:30pm-Loss Support Group | 9 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Kingdom Kids 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm) | 10 9-12 Weekday Preschool 6:00pm Ladies' Bible Study | 11 9-12 Weekday Preschool | 12 |
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January 2

Tammy Black

January 5

Jason Shaw

Henry Zatarain

January 6

Doug Williams

January 7

Steve Cone

January 8

Samuel Ibarra

Margaret Liddle

January 9

Kathy Bryant

January 10

Mary Ann Dickerson

Thomasine Lemons

Marty Parks

Stephen Thomas

January 11

John Fielder

January 15

Mike McMillan

January 17

Laila Cox

January 20

Lee Coomes

January 22

Kelly Haga

Charlotte McPherson

January 27

Eva Cruz

January 30

Alexa Galvan

Juan Hernandez

Sherry Lumpkin

January 31

Sam Blair

David Hampton