



# Forerunner

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

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**congratulations  
to our  
2020  
Graduate !**

**DR. ANTHONY  
LEONARD**



Anthony is graduating from  
Washington University School of  
Ophthalmology in St Louis,  
Missouri.

Parents:  
Robert & Barbara Leonard



# REimagine

**... what we  
can do  
together  
for the  
Kingdom**

**D**uring this time of lock-down and beginning the process of re-opening, I have asked our Deacons to think about the vision, mission, and purpose of FBC Galax. This is a time in which we have been thrust against our wishes, and yet we can see how the hand of God may begin to use us in new and exciting ways as we come up out of it.

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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sundays

10:00 am—Sunday School Classes:  
Bill Davis & Kevin Spurlin  
Online via ZOOM

11:00 am—Worship Service  
Live on FACEBOOK

8:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)  
with Pastor Steve  
Online via ZOOM

### Mondays

6:00 pm—Pastor Kevin's Bible Study  
Live on FACEBOOK

### Wednesdays

6:30 pm—Meditation & Devotion  
with Pastor Kevin  
Live on FACEBOOK

### Thursdays

8:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)  
with Pastor Steve  
Online via ZOOM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 01

6:30 pm—Deacons' Meeting

### June 14

Father's Day

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The questions we ask and attempt to answer with our lives as leaders and as churches give shape to who we are and who we are becoming. If our most meaningful questions are:

- ◇ "How many people attend our worship service?"
- ◇ "How much money are we bringing in?"
- ◇ "How many programs do we have each week?"

This can orient us to doing a good job of counting but a poor job of measuring transformation. As we move forward and begin to reopen, come to life again, I think we need to start to ask ourselves a different set of questions. Let us think about the outcomes we are looking for and God's call on our church, to be able to then ask the questions to accomplish these outcomes.

JR Woodward has four questions he asks of churches that want to re-imagine their purpose and calling to be more of a missional minded community of faith. JR writes:

1. *Do I have a life worth imitating?*
2. *Do we have a community worth joining?*
3. *Do we have a mission worth dying for?*
4. *Is what we are multiplying reproducible?*

In Gil Rendle's book, *Doing the Math of Mission*, he makes two really important distinctions between counting ministry and measuring ministry and the importance of doing both. He says, "counting is giving attention to numbers" and "measuring is giving attention to change."

I believe it is vital for us to reflect on and think about the church and its culture we want to live into. Especially, as we move to re-open the church and how we can reach our community, to be able to accomplish the transformation that the Gospel calls us to. May we begin together to re-imagine what our purpose may be during Covid-19 as we re-open.

*In Christ's Love,*  
Kevin



## GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

Isaiah 55:8-9

8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

We are all very eager to be able to worship the Lord together as a congregation, and we hope this will happen soon. At the same time, we find much comfort in the understanding that He has a plan, and He is letting His people go through this for a reason. I think our prayer must be for Him to show us what He wants to teach us during this hard situation, and we also need to be praying for all of those who are suffering because of the loss of their love ones and those who are going through tough financial difficulties and ask the Lord to show us how we can help.

Thankfully, the Lord has been good to us in the Hispanic congregation, and we are doing well. We are continuing to work hard doing some repairs on the building, and we are continuing to live-stream the services on Sunday morning.

We ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue our search for a new pastor.

*God bless you all,*  
Daniel Sanchez

**P**rayer is the most important conversation of your day. Take it to God before you take it to anyone else.



## Minister to Youth & Families

Good Morning FBC Family!

I want to wish you all a happy and healthy month of June! As I sit on my front porch enjoying the sounds of the birds, the smells of flowers and cut grass, the thought strikes me that even in the midst of a global pandemic, God is still making all things new!

Several of you have expressed to me that you just wish life would get back to "normal." Still others tell me they are wondering if we will ever see the "normal" we used to know again. I can only say I don't really know. What I do know is that our God is in the business of making ALL things new! And that, mysteriously, "in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28 NIV)

So, take heart my friends. God is still on the throne, and we will soon worship together and share in the sweet fellowship of communion.

**SOME THINGS TO NOTE:** I am still sending out an at-home version of KidzQuest children's church along with other resources for children's worship. We also are meeting with the TruNorth Youth Ministry online via Zoom on Thursday and Sunday evenings.

If you're not currently receiving these resources and information but would like to, please email me at [sgoatley@fbcgalex.org](mailto:sgoatley@fbcgalex.org) so I can get you on the list!

*Yours in Christ,*  
Pastor Steve

**N**ot every day is a good day,  
live anyway.

Not everyone will tell you the truth,  
be honest anyway.

Not all deals are fair,  
play fair anyway.

Not all you love will love you back,  
love anyway.



## A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

**"And those the Lord has  
rescued will return. They will  
enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy  
will crown their heads.  
Gladness and joy will overtake  
them, and sorrow and sighing  
will flee away."**

Isaiah 35:10 NIV

The beginning of June is just days away, and still we continue to distance ourselves from social gatherings. I hope that this interesting time in our nation's history finds you and your families staying strong and healthy. I am reminded of the hymn **"He Keeps Me Singing"** by Luther Bridgers. Robert J. Morgan states in **THEN SINGS MY SOUL** (his 2011 edition on pg. 529) that *"though battered by life, the patriarch Job declared that God is able to give us 'songs in the night' (chapter 35 verse 10); that God is strong enough to keep us singing, even in the night seasons."* Mr. Bridgers experienced unimaginable tragedy in his lifetime, and after a lengthy recovery from grief and depression, he wrote this hymn because *"he recalled the Bible's promise of 'songs in the night.'"* Ponder these verses, and may they minister to all of us during this unprecedented time:

***There's within my  
heart a melody;  
Jesus whispers sweet and low,  
"Fear not, I am with thee,  
peace be still,"  
In all of life's ebb and flow,  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,  
Sweetest name I know,  
Fills my ev'ry longing,  
Keeps me singing as I go.***

***Though sometimes He leads  
through waters deep,  
Trials fall across the way;  
Though sometimes the path  
seems rough and steep,  
See His footprints all the way.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,  
Sweetest name I know,  
Fills my ev'ry longing,  
Keeps me singing as I go***

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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dillon  
Georgia Higgins McMillan Howard  
& Lois Randall Dillon  
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## Thank you

Dear FBC Members,

On behalf of the Galax Hope House Ministries, I want to thank you for supporting us with your prayers and monetary gifts. With our house staying full most of the time, your gift is always very much appreciated. Also, thank you for blessing us with supplies and food, especially during this virus isolation time. It's wonderful to live in such a caring community. Thank you for helping us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the homeless and hurting. May God richly bless each of you as you have been a blessing to us.

*With Much Love & Appreciation,  
Galax Hope House Ministries Board & Residents  
Susan C. White, VP*

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Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your very gracious donation to Oakland United Methodist Church in memory of my mother. Mom loved her church, and she would be so pleased by your memorial.

*Betty Testerman*

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Dear Friends at FBC Galax,

I miss all of you. I really loved going to church at First Baptist. I appreciated your friendliness and smiles. Perhaps I will be able to come see you sometime this summer. My prayers are with you and all our country.

*Love,  
Lalla Cox*



... to Shirley White on the death of  
her sister, **Peggy Jo Horton**,  
who passed away on Saturday,  
May 1, 2020.



The Women on Mission meeting is canceled for June. We hope to resume in July. We felt that it was in the best interest of our group to postpone any meetings until the church opens back up for regular services, or possibly until most everyone feels safe to begin meeting again.

We hope everyone is doing well and enjoying their time with their families. We encourage you to continue practicing safety when you go out, especially now as our state is allowing businesses to open back up.



As we go forward in this time of uncertainty, let us continue in prayer for the world, our country and community, the leaders in government, healthcare workers and all other essential workers, all the people who are out of work, and family's with loved ones in nursing homes. Let's ask God to shine His light on this world to give us a pathway through this pandemic. Our prayer is that everyone will have a blessed June!





## Sunday School Classes—Online

**B**ill Davis and Kevin Spurlin are continuing their classes at 10 AM each Sunday morning through ZOOM Video Conferencing. If you are missing being in Sunday School, call the church office (236-5185) and we will help you connect with one of these "Virtual Sunday School Classes." Here are the *total number of families* who logged in to classes in May:

May 03 — 51  
May 10 — 49  
May 17 — 38  
May 24 — 41

### CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	05/03/2020	05/10/2020
Evening Attendance	0	0
Sunday School	0	0
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	0	0
Hispanic Worship Service	0	0
Total Worship Attendance	0	0

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	11,573.28	13,333.43
REQUIRED TO DATE	168,753.06	178,128.23
RECEIVED TO DATE	156,501.76	169,835.19
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	2,352.85	1,768.31
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 13,926.13</b>	<b>\$ 15,101.74</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	93%	95%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	123%	142%

#### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	1,200	617
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	790	800

	05/17/2020	05/24/2020
Evening Attendance	0	0
Sunday School	0	0
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	0	0
Hispanic Worship Service	0	0
Total Worship Attendance	0	0

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	5,412.80	7,025.09
REQUIRED TO DATE	187,503.40	196,878.57
RECEIVED TO DATE	175,247.99	182,273.08
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	702.75	1,846.41
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 6,115.55</b>	<b>\$ 8,871.50</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	93%	93%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	58%	75%

#### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	710	715
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	845	0



#### Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

#### Friday

8:30 to 12:00

### CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld ..... Senior Pastor  
(Office) 236-5185  
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(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  
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## Prayer Requests

Sympathy to the family of Arthur Neese Jr.; Debbie Lineberry, broken wrist; Sympathy to the family of Suzy George; Everett Bryant; David Fender, lymph node cancer (Ann Carol Roberts' brother); Carolynne Johnson (Susan Higgins' sister); Judy Hennis; Mark McMickle; Miles Compton, lung cancer; Hilda Hodges; Betty Parrish; Cami Gathercole & her daughter (Cami is daughter of Joe & Barbara Sizemore); Stanley Armstrong, cancer; 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** - Gene Cox, Rm 225-D; Gaye Iroler, Rm 14 (Terry Anders' Mother); Glennis Morris, Rm 220-B; Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:00pm-Bible Study <i>with Pastor Kevin</i> on FACEBOOK 6:30pm-Deacon's Meeting	<b>2</b> 10:00am-Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:30pm-Mediations & Devotions <i>with Pastor Kevin</i> on FACEBOOK	<b>4</b> 8:00pm-TruNorth Meeting via ZOOM <i>with Pastor Steve</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:00am-S.S. Classes Meeting via ZOOM 11:00am-Worship Service on FACEBOOK 8:00pm-TruNorth Meeting via ZOOM <i>with Pastor Steve</i>	<b>8</b> 6:00pm-Bible Study <i>with Pastor Kevin</i> on FACEBOOK	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30pm-Mediations & Devotions <i>with Pastor Kevin</i> on FACEBOOK	<b>11</b> 8:00pm-TruNorth Meeting via ZOOM <i>with Pastor Steve</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:00am-S.S. Classes Meeting via ZOOM 11:00am-Worship Service on FACEBOOK 8:00pm-TruNorth Meeting via ZOOM <i>with Pastor Steve</i>  Father's Day	<b>15</b> 6:00pm-Bible Study <i>with Pastor Kevin</i> on FACEBOOK	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30pm-Mediations & Devotions <i>with Pastor Kevin</i> on FACEBOOK	<b>18</b> 8:00pm-TruNorth Meeting via ZOOM <i>with Pastor Steve</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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**June 2**

*Julie Schultheis*

**June 13**

*Marian Porter*

**June 22**

*Horacio Acencio*

**June 3**

*Kimberly Leming*

**June 15**

*Virginia Newman*  
*Lib Russell*

**June 24**

*Mimi Banks*  
*Moises Gonzalez*  
*Juana Ibarra*

**June 4**

*Beulah Harris*

**June 16**

*Marcus Blevins*  
*David McPherson*

**June 27**

*Elijah Rosenfeld*  
*Tom Whittle*

**June 5**

*Bobbi Sizemore*

**June 20**

*Patty Davis*  
*Amanda Montoya*

**June 28**

*Nancy Blair*

**June 6**

*Isai Perez, Sr.*

**June 11**

*Stanley Armstrong*

**June 29**

*Julia Blevins*