



# Forerunner

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

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## March & Our Lenten Journey

**Jonah 4:8-11**

*8 As the sun was rising, God appointed a scorching east wind. The sun beat down so much on Jonah's head that he almost fainted, and he wanted to die. He said, "It's better for me to die than to live." 9 Then God asked Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "Yes," he replied. "It is right. I'm angry enough to die!" 10 So the Lord said, "You cared about the plant, which you did not labor over and did not grow. It appeared in a night and perished in a night. 11 Should I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than 120,000 people who cannot distinguish between their right and their left, as well as many animals?"*

Jonah knew what would happen when he went to Nineveh. He knew what God would do if the people repented. He dreaded his assignment so much that he attempted to travel to the ends of the earth (Tarshish) to escape God's directive for him.

The Romans knew what would happen when they executed Jesus of Nazareth. This so-called "King of the Jews" who was flogged, crucified, and buried would be forgotten like all those who preceded Him. So too did the chief priests and the scribes know what would happen when they set this course of events in motion. It would secure their world, their high priestly positions, and at the end of the day, it would be just another failed messiah who couldn't save the Jews from oppression.

The women, who go to the tomb on the third day to anoint Jesus' lifeless body, they too bought into the usual expectations of one who has been crucified. The angels' admonishment of the terrified women at the tomb—"Why do you look for the living, among the dead?" (Luke 24:5), is similar to the one God gives Jonah at the end of the book, where God comically reminds the angry prophet just how many children and animals there are in Nineveh.

*Should I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than 120,000 people who cannot distinguish between their right and their left, as well as many animals?"*

This Lenten season, which Ash Wednesday kicks off on March 6, is a reminder to Jonah, the women at the tomb, and to us—that our God promises release to the captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and eternity to us and to all of His creation!

May we travel with our risen Lord for 40 days, beginning March 6, that leads us to the glory of resurrection Sunday!

In Christ,  
 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

### March 03

11:00 am—Worship / Communion Service

### March 04

6:30 pm—Bible Study with Pastor Kevin

### March 07

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

### March 09

*Sunday School Teachers & Workers Mtg*  
 8:30 am—Coffee & Donuts  
 9:00 am—Webcast

### March 10

*Daylight Savings Time Begins*

### March 11

6:30 pm—Bible Study with Pastor Kevin

### March 12

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

### March 13

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

### March 14

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

### March 18

3:30 pm—Soup Kitchen Ministry  
 (Rooftop)  
 6:30 pm—Deacons' Meeting

### March 21

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

### March 25

6:30 pm—Bible Study with Pastor Kevin

### March 27

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

### March 28

6:00 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

## Nursery Schedule



### March 03

Kevin & Tara Spurlin

### March 10

Tammy Anders, Erica Testerman

### March 17

Lewis & Marian Porter

### March 24

Ronnie & Debbie Harris

### March 31

Scott & Sara Hall



## First Impressions Team

**Mar 03** Johnny & Karen Dickson  
Gary Ballard

**Mar 10** Tony & Ginny Mays  
Bob Leonard

**Mar 17** Doug & Lora Williams  
Patricia Edwards

**Mar 24** Dick & Linda Cooley  
Regina Snow

**Mar 31** Basil & Nancy Carpenter  
Debbie Patterson



## Golf Cart Schedule

**Mar 03** Dick Cooley

**Mar 10** Mike Coomes

**Mar 17** Steve Hazelwood

**Mar 24** Terry Anders/Tyler Houk

**Mar 31** Paul Walker



## Security Team Schedule

**Mar 03** Jack Bryant / Scott Hall

**Mar 10** Paul Walker / Johnny Dickson

**Mar 17** Terry Anders / Jack Edwards

**Mar 24** Lee Coomes / John Patterson

**Mar 31** John Patterson / Mike Coomes



- 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 the item or check it 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.



**Resurrection 2019** was a great success and time of spiritual growth for the youth. Thank you again for your support!

On Sunday mornings, the youth group is continuing to study the Bible through *The Bible Project* learning about each book and the different themes that are carried through the entire Bible. In the evenings, TruNorth is going through the Tim Tebow book, *Know Who You Are: Live Like it Matters*.



The youth is also planning a summer mission's trip to Bluefield in June. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Meagan or Pastor Kevin. The cost is \$300/person and \$180 for children grades 3-5. Parents are encouraged to attend too! This is open to children who have completed 3rd grade through college. More information can be found at: <https://impactmissioncamps.org/bluefield/>



## Catch the buzz...

We are inviting you to help us fill our **Operation Christmas Child Basket** which is in the Fellowship Hall.



**Items still needed for February:**

## Accessories

We will be collecting items all year long to store for our packing party this November.



**Items for March:**

## Quality Crafts

**Share the joy!**





## Sunday School LIVE Webcast

**Saturday,  
March 9  
9:00-11:00 am**

**FOR:** Sunday School Teachers & Assistants and **EVERYONE** who feels led to help in this Sunday School Ministry!

**8:30 am:** Coffee & Donuts

**9:00 am:** Live Webcast Begins

This will be in the Common Ground Classroom. NO CHARGE.

♦ **Purpose:** To make disciples by reaching people, teaching people and ministering to people

♦ **Description:** Every church has a mission—to fulfill the Great Commission; but every church doesn't have a strategy to accomplish this mission. We will discuss why and how Sunday School should be your church's strategy to accomplish the Great Commission.

**If you're currently helping or thinking about helping in this ministry, we encourage you to attend this valuable workshop.**



## GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

In view of our vision of Evangelical Outreach ("10 + for Christ"), we are preparing a Salvation Campaign from April 18 to 21, and we ask for your prayers for these meetings.

During the past month, we had a very well-attended meeting for our gentlemen and the ladies. Another blessing was the presentation and dedication to the Lord of our newest member, Pablo Alvarado, my recently-born grandson.

We are in a series of studies based on the Word of God. Thursdays we study "The Defense of Truth"; then on Sunday mornings the theme is "Basic Biblical Doctrines" and in the afternoon our theme is "Evangelizing the Religious and the Sinner".

Thank you for your prayers for this ministry and my family. May God bless you greatly and you will be in our prayers.

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



### Donor Fund In Memory of:

Gardner Brannon Mary E. Brannon  
Fran Cregar Fund

James & Linda Riddle Myrtle Trent  
Youth Fund

Debbie Adams John Adams, Sr.  
Rev. Ricardo Alvarado  
Annie Armstrong Offering

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### Donor Fund In Honor of:

Debbie Adams Hispanic Congregation  
Annie Armstrong Offering

*Thank You!*

Dear FBC Family,

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, visits and food that was delivered while I've been recovering from a fall. The outpouring of love and support from my church family has been very touching. Your concern and thoughtfulness is so very much appreciated.

Love,  
Sara Lindsey



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

Mondays: 8:30 AM, Rm 271  
above the Fellowship Hall

### **The REFIT Mission and Vision:**

**W**e 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!

For more information, please contact Patti Holderfield or Samantha Goad.



### **Who is Annie?**

Annie Armstrong was never concerned with what the world expected.

Annie 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 had served for 11 years without a furlough. She advocated for Native American 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).

Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary mission leadership. That changed a lot of people's lives along the way and is still doing it today through the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** with \$1 billion given today and over 5,000 missionaries that have support from the gifts that are given. All gifts are 100% in support of the missionaries and missions that are local and around our country. **Our goal for First Baptist this year is \$2,000.** Help support our local missionaries through this offering in which one woman decided to change the world's view about what was expected from women.

The **Annual Meeting** of the New River Baptist Association WMU will be held on **Saturday April 6, 2019 at 10:00 am**. This year it will be at **Fries Baptist Church**, 111 East Main Street, Fries, VA. If you are interested in going to this meeting, please let the church office know by the March 18<sup>th</sup> or email [womgalax@gmail.com](mailto:womgalax@gmail.com).



... to Tammy Anders on the death of her father, **Coy Russell**, who passed away Saturday, February 16, 2019.

## The Clothes Closet Schedule

### March 06

Phyllis Barker, Judy Hennis  
Susan Honaker, Ann McMillan

### March 13

Benita Bryant, Debbie Patterson  
Lisa Siegle, Elaine Widner

### March 20

Paulette Peterson

### March 27

Martha Dozier, Margaret Liddle

#### CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	<u>02/03/2019</u>	<u>02/10/2019</u>
Evening Attendance	118	127
Sunday School	169	168
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	215	211
Hispanic Worship Service	62	49
Total Worship Attendance	277	260
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	11,309.84	5,620.23
REQUIRED TO DATE	46,139.75	55,367.70
RECEIVED TO DATE	42,803.06	48,423.29
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	2,886.72	4,059.51
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 14,196.56</b>	<b>\$ 9,679.74</b>
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	92%	87%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	122%	60%

	<u>02/17/2019</u>	<u>02/24/2019</u>
Evening Attendance	47	-
Sunday School	134	149
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	151	219
Hispanic Worship Service	55	53
Total Worship Attendance	206	272
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	5,322.08	10,946.25
REQUIRED TO DATE	64,595.65	73,823.60
RECEIVED TO DATE	53,745.37	64,691.62
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,926.06	1,172.74
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 7,248.14</b>	<b>\$ 12,118.99</b>
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	83%	87%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	57%	118%



**Monday - Thursday**

**8:30 to 5:00**

**Friday**

**8:30 to 3:00**

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

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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

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## Prayer Requests

Basil Carpenter; Edna Coleman, broken hip; Family of Shirley Truitt; Family of Pamela Vaughn (Linda Vaughn's daughter); Doris Bedwell; Betty Parrish; Sara Lindsey; Wanda Jean Harris; Mike McMillan; Nancy Blair; 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); Arville Stanley (Glenn Morris' brother); Chad Eddy (Tara Spurlin's brother); Geraldine McMillan (Rhonda McMillan's mother); Ronald Vaught, stroke (Lib Russell's cousin); 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; 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:** Hillsville Health & Rehab - Martha Combs, Rm 203 (Dennis Combs' Mother); Doris Marshall, Rm 206 (Benita Bryant's Mother); Galax Health & Rehab - Juanita Bolt, Rm A-23 (David Banks' Mother); Waddell Nursing Home - Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D; Yadkin Nursing Care Center - Kent Cox, Rm 202;

### **I Am My Neighbor's Bible**

I am my neighbor's Bible,  
He reads me when we meet.  
Today he read me in my home,  
Tomorrow in the street.

He may be a relative or friend,  
Or slight acquaintance he may be,  
He may not even know my name,  
Yet - he is reading me.

Dear Christian friends and brothers,  
If we could only know  
How faithfully the world records,  
Just what we say and do.

Oh, we would make our record plain,  
And labor hard to see  
Our worldly neighbors won to Christ,  
While reading you and me.

- Author Unknown

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> 9-12 Weekday Preschool	<i>2</i>
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**March 2**

*Eugenia Larrowe*

**March 5**

*Missy Adams  
Susan Dillon*

**March 6**

*Pablo Gonzalez*

**March 10**

*Ivon Ibarra*

**March 13**

*Joan Miller*

**March 14**

*Janet Nuckolls*

**March 15**

*Jimmy Adams  
Beverly Rios*

**March 17**

*Dennis Combs  
Russell Dickerson  
Tony Mays*

**March 18**

*Judy Hennis*

**March 22**

*Rose Cox*

**March 25**

*Glenn Adcock  
Gardner Brannon*

**March 27**

*Ed Barker  
Dana Bobbitt  
Forest Newman  
Kevin Spurlin*

**March 28**

*K.T. Carico  
Timoteo Cruz*

**March 29**

*Tara Spurlin*

**March 30**

*Sylvia Rudolph*

**March 31**

*Joana Galvan*