



Forerunner

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Spiritual gifts are supernatural empowerments given by the Holy Spirit to the followers of Christ so that they can do the work of building up the body of Christ, that is, the church, and extend the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

Spiritual gifts are not innate, natural talents, like an ear for music or the ability to draw, but rather they are empowerments that the Holy Spirit gives to a believer to minister to the body in ways that were not possible by mere natural effort apart from the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual gifts are empowerments for building up the church and extending the Kingdom of God. In 1 Corinthians 14, the Apostle Paul instructs this congregation on the function of spiritual gifts. He repeats several times that they are to strengthen or build up the church.

- ◇ *But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement, and comfort (1 Corinthians 14:3).*
- ◇ *...try to excel in gifts that build up the church (1 Corinthians 14:12).*
- ◇ *...All of these things must be done for the strengthening of the church (1 Corinthians 14:26).*

Of course, it must also be noted that Paul suggests that spiritual gifts can have a witnessing function to non-believers.

But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!" (1 Corinthians 14:24–25).

WHO CAN HAVE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

The Holy Spirit is the owner and dispenser of the spiritual gifts. As believers, we are stewards of the gifts of God. Every believer can expect the Holy Spirit to minister through him or her with spiritual gifts.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good... (1 Corinthians 12:7). This protects us from a static view of spiritual gifts and leads into a more dynamic relationship with the Holy Spirit where we can expect Him to move through us in multiple ways for His Glory as He sees fit.

Spiritual gifts are supernatural empowerments given by the Holy Spirit to believers in Christ to build up the church and extend the Kingdom of God. Our standard, as we approach God for the release of His empowerment in our lives and the lives of the people to whom we minister, should be "Expectation without Agenda."

JESUS IS OUR FOCUS AND COMPLETING HIS MISSION IS OUR MANDATE

The gifts of the Spirit are to serve His purposes in the church and in our world. With the guidelines we have been given in God's Word, believers everywhere should embrace the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives and move out to fulfill our Lord's Commission.

I will be asking all of you to complete a spiritual assessment survey for our church to better understand where God has gifted you to serve within our team-based ministries and our communities. I look forward and am excited to see how God will be using this body for His eternal purposes.

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

May 02

- 12:00 pm—Galax Police Dept. Courtyard
National Day of Prayer Service

May 04

- 8:00 am—Preschool Teachers:
CPR & First Aid Training

May 05

- 11:00 am—Worship / Communion Service

May 06

- 6:30 pm—Bible Study with Pastor Kevin

May 08

- 6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

May 12

Mother's Day

May 13

- 6:30 pm—Bible Study with Pastor Kevin
(Final Class)

May 14

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

May 20

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

May 22

- 6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

May 23

- 9:30 am—Preschool Commencement

May 27

Memorial Day—Church Offices Closed

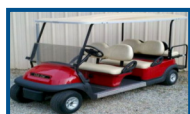


- May 05** Scott & Sara Hall
- May 12** Kevin & Tara Spurlin
- May 19** Tammy Anders,
Erica Testerman
- May 26** Lewis & Marian Porter

First Impressions Team



- May 05** Joe & Sara Lindsey
Gary Ballard
- May 12** Sam & Nancy Blair
Bob Leonard
- May 19** Tony & Sonia Truitt
Patricia Edwards
- May 26** Benny & Shirley White
Regina Snow



Golf Cart Schedule

- May 05** Dick Cooley
- May 12** Mike Coomes
- May 19** Johnny Dickson
- May 26** Terry Anders/Tyler Houk



Security Team Schedule

- May 05** Johnny Dickson /Terry Anders
- May 12** Ed Barker / Lee Coomes
- May 19** Jack Edwards / John Patterson
- May 26** Mike Coomes / David Banks



A FUN WAY to exercise to Christian music!!

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

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 info: contact Patti Holderfield or Samantha Goad.



- 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 dalowearmist@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 2nd 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.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 2 GALAX PD COURTYARD

Join us for a community-wide prayer service on Thursday, May 2nd during the *National Day of Prayer*. **We will meet from noon until 12:45 pm in the courtyard of the Galax Police Dept., 353 N Main St.** This is a time of prayer for our community, our nation and our world.

In case of clement weather, we will meet at Cornerstone Community Church, 227 S. Main St., Galax.



2019 GRADUATE PICTURE & INFORMATION NEEDED

We will feature this year's graduates in our **June Forerunner**. If you are graduating from high school or college, we would love to have your photo, name of the school you are graduating from and your future plans, if known.

DEADLINE: May 22. Please email the information along with your photo to secretary@fbcgalax.org or drop it by the church office no later than Wednesday, May 22. Your picture will be scanned and returned to you.



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



Items for May:
Hygiene Products

Share the joy!



A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

A huge thank you to all of you who were involved with **"Triumphant and Alive!" Easter 2019** was a great success even though our plans didn't turn out as we originally thought. Thank you for your commitment to excellence and your willingness to be flexible with scheduling. We appreciate all of you!!

With May's arrival comes new Sunday worship music and the start of our patriotic preparations. If you are not already connected with the Music Ministry, then this is a great time to get started...we have a seat just for you!! We'll spend time working on Sunday morning worship and special music for our patriotic service which will take place at the end of June. You won't want to miss out on the fun and fellowship!

And for those of you who play an instrument, we'd love to see you come out and be a part of Sunday morning worship. You'll be able to play with all of the congregational music and the choir specials. If you're interested, please contact the church music office.

"O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace." Hymn #216



GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

Greetings and thank you for your prayers for our evangelistic campaign March 18 to 21. I would like to share with you the blessings we received from this campaign, which had good participation from the members of our church and 8 visitors. One family came forth to reconcile with God, and others were listening to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The "seed" of the Gospel was sown in their hearts! This Saturday, the gentlemen will go for a walk for a time of sharing as men of the church, and Sunday we will celebrate 'the day of the child'. Regarding the study of the Word of God on Thursdays, we are giving priority to the theme of prayer. Thank you for your prayers for the ministry and my family.

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



Donor Fund In Memory of:

Skyline National Bank Earl Morgan
Capital Campaign

Collinsville Printing Co. Earl Morgan
Capital Campaign

Mrs. Linda Byers Earl Morgan
Capital Campaign

David Roberson Fred Adams, Jr.
Russell Dickerson
Earl Morgan
Sylvia Hancock
General Fund

Frank & Lelia Edwards Fred Adams, Jr.
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Capital Campaign

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Capital Campaign

Danny & Ann Roberts Russell Dickerson
Capital Campaign

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Imogene Norman
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Capital Campaign

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Capital Campaign

Debbie Adams John Adams, Sr.
Minister's Discretionary Fund

Donor Fund In Honor of:

Debbie Adams Imogene Frye
General Fund

Debbie Adams Iona Adams
General Fund



It is time once again for the annual **Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by the Tri-Area Pregnancy Resource Center.** This is a major fundraiser for this organization which ministers to the women in our community who are currently or have been involved in a crisis pregnancy. In 2018, the center had 149 client visits and saw 18 births!



The 2019 **Baby Bottle Campaign** will kick off with the distribution of baby bottles on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, and end on Father's Day, June 16. Our goal for FBC Galax is 150 bottles. Everyone is asked to take a bottle on Mother's Day, fill it with loose change and returned the filled bottles on Father's Day. These will then be delivered to the Tri-Area Pregnancy Resource Center. This is a local missional effort and your participation will be appreciated.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family & Friends,

Thank you for the love, comfort and acts of kindness you shared during Russell's illness and his going home to Glory. He loved to worship, pray and fellowship with you. I thank God every day for you and pray that we will continue to care for each other and reach out to those around us.

*May God Bless You Always,
Mary Ann Dickerson & Family
Matthew 5:16*

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you all so much for the sympathy cards, prayers and thoughts during Daddy's illness and passing. Your thoughtfulness has meant a lot to us during this difficult time.

Debbie & Phoenix Lineberry

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank everyone so much for the visits, calls, prayers and paper products. Your kindness has been greatly appreciated.

*Dee Morgan,
Doug & Stacy Morgan, & Family*

The Closet Schedule

May 05

Judy Hennis, Susan Honaker,
Ann McMillan

May 12

Benita Bryant, Debbie Patterson
Lisa Siegle, Elaine Widner

May 19

Mimi Banks, Phyllis Barker, Paulette Peterson

May 26

Martha Dozier, Margaret Liddle

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	03/31/2019	04/07/2019
Evening Attendance	85	123
Sunday School	161	145
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	198	174
Hispanic Worship Service	48	52
Total Worship Attendance	246	226
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,454.08	7,382.63
REQUIRED TO DATE	119,963.35	129,191.30
RECEIVED TO DATE	110,236.45	117,619.08
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	3,409.33	4,128.02
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,863.41	\$ 11,510.65
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	91%	91%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	91%	80%

	04/14/2019	04/21/2019
Evening Attendance	513	-
Sunday School	155	70
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	214	275
Hispanic Worship Service	49	70
Total Worship Attendance	263	345
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	7,010.88	6,758.12
REQUIRED TO DATE	138,419.25	147,647.20
RECEIVED TO DATE	124,629.96	131,388.08
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	3,154.51	3,301.72
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,165.39	\$ 10,059.84
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	90%	88%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	75%	73%



Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

Friday

8:30 to 3:00

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld Senior Pastor
(Office) 236-5185
Rev. Pedro Alvarado Rodriguez Hispanic Pastor
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Mrs. Wendi Pemberton Minister of Music
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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
Mr. Paul Sawyers Sexton

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Prayer Requests

Alex Fowler, surgery on May 9; Family of Doug Barr; Lou Brock, (Betty Parrish's daughter); Peggy McCall, kidney failure; Mark Horton, multiple myeloma; Kim Kinser (Mary Ann Dotson's daughter); Basil Carpenter; Doris Bedwell; Betty Parrish; Wanda Jean Harris; Mike McMillan; Nancy Blair; Juan Rios; Steve Cone; Colene Larrowe; Cami Gathercole & Ava Rhodes (Joe & Bobbi Sizemore's daughter & granddaughter); Mary Corbin (Martha Easter's sister); 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;

God Bless All the Mothers!

"Give her of the fruit of her hands;
and let her own works praise her
in the gates." Proverbs 31:31

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm)	2 9-12 Weekday Preschool 12:00pm-Galax PD Courtyard Nat'l Day of Prayer Service	3 9-12 Weekday Preschool	4 8:00am-Preschool Teachers CPR/First Aid Training (Fellowship Hall)
5 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship & Communion Service 6:30pm-TruNorth	6 8:30am-REFIT Exercise 5:15pm-Pilates Class 6:30pm-Bible Study <i>with Pastor Kevin</i>	7 9-12 Weekday Preschool	8 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm) 6:30pm-Kingdom Kids	9 9-12 Weekday Preschool	10 9-12 Weekday Preschool	11
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19 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 6:30pm-TruNorth	20 8:30am-REFIT Exercise 5:15pm-Pilates Class 3:30pm-Soup Kitchen (Rooftop) 6:30pm-Deacons' Meeting	21 9-12 Weekday Preschool	22 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm-Kingdom Kids 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm)	23 9-12 Weekday Preschool 9:30am-Preschool Commencement	24	25
26 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service	27  memorial DAY <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	28 10:00am-Staff Meeting	29 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm)	30	31	



May 05

Lora Melton

May 20

Carolyn Matthews

May 25

*Tammy Anders
Austin Lumpkin
Isabel Robles*

May 06

Paola Galvan

May 22

*Karen Dickson
Marlene Johnson*

May 27

Stew Merdian, III

May 08

Rhonda McMillan

May 23

*Judy Brannock
Pam Turner
Maggie Williams*

May 29

Pedro Alvarado

May 12

Mimi Pemberton

May 15

*Scott Hall
Joe Lindsey*

May 31

Bryan Dillon