



Forerunner

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

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September 1–30, 2019**

Hello FBC Galax!



We are Steve and Wendy Goatley and we are very excited to join you in ministry September 9! For those of you who may not know, Steve has been selected to fill the role of Pastor to Youth and Families. We thought it might be fun to share a little of who we are and where we come from so you can get to know us a little bit.

We are coming to you from Mooresville, NC where we live in a little log cabin with our dog, Mejo and our two cats, Asia and Jax. Steve has been serving Rocky Mount Church as the youth pastor and a contemporary worship leader for the 10 years. Wendy has been active in the life of the church and works for a local hospital where she pays all the bills. She also has been splitting her time between here and back east to help our daughter and spend time with our adorable grandson.

We have two daughters, Alison and Molly, who are married and building families of their own. One lives back east in the Elizabeth City area, where we are from and the other is in Reno, NV. Alison, our oldest, has given us our first grandchild and has grown into an amazing new mom. Our youngest, Molly, has recently relocated to Reno to be with her husband who is completing his medical residency. They really seem to be enjoying it out there!

Before Mooresville, we lived in Elizabeth City, NC for most of our adult lives. This is where Steve first accepted the call to ministry. He was the Youth and Children's Minister for many years at First Baptist of Elizabeth City. This is where we raised our daughters and think of as "back home." We have lots of friends and warm memories from there and cannot wait to make new ones in Galax with you!

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
6:00 pm—Pastor Kevin's Bible Study
"The Book of Revelation"

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

September 01

11:00 am—Worship / Baptismal Service

September 02

Labor Day—Church Offices Closed

September 03

9:00 am—Weekday Preschool Begins

September 08–15

Alma Hunt Offering Emphasis Week

September 08

11:00 am—Worship / Recognizing
First Responders

September 10

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

September 11

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

September 16

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

September 25

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

Nursery Schedule

- Sept 01** Lewis & Marian Porter
Sept 08 Tammy Anders,
Erica Testerman
Sept 15 Phyllis Barker,
Dana Bobbitt
Sept 22 Ronnie & Debbie Harris
Sept 29 Scott & Sara Hall



First Impressions Team

- Sept 01** Doug & Lora Williams
Tammy Wyatt
Sept 08 Johnny & Karen Dickson
Bob Leonard
Sept 15 Basil & Nancy Carpenter
Gary Ballard
Sept 22 Dick & Linda Cooley
Lewis Porter
Sept 29 David & Mimi Banks
Patricia Edwards



Golf Cart Schedule

- Sept 01** Mike Coomes
Sept 08 Johnny Dickson
Sept 15 Terry Anders
Tyler Houk
Sept 22 Paul Walker
Sept 29 Tammy Anders



Security Team Schedule

- Sept 01** Royce Easter
Jack Bryant
Sept 08 Scott Hall
Paul Walker
Sept 15 Terry Anders
Johnny Dickson
Sept 22 David Banks
Mike Coomes
Sept 29 Jack Edwards
Ed Barker



The Sunday School ministry is a way to engage with fellow believers in a small group format on Sunday morning; a time when we are already "geared up" to encounter God. FBC has classes for everyone.

Beginning in September:

- **Pre-School Class** – "I can know God's love and I can show God's love." (Lifeway)
- **K-2nd Grade Class** – "The World Begins" a look at Genesis (Gospel Light)
- **3rd – 5th Grade Class** – "An Adventure in Trust: Joseph" (Think Orange)
- **Youth (6th – 12th Grade)** – The Bible Project video series
- **Faith Explorers Class** (Young adult and young at heart) – "Ready to Launch" by J. D. Greear – Biblical teaching about raising children to be arrows shot out into the world on mission for Christ. This is not just a study for parents, but anyone who takes an active role in spiritually nurturing the next generation of Christ-followers based on Psalm 127:4-5.
- **"Painful Grace":** a look at how Jeremiah reveals God's heart (Connections by Smith and Helwys)
 - ◇ **Common Ground Class** (Co-ed mostly couples)
 - ◇ **Adult One Class** (Co-ed over 40)
- **"How can I become in daily life who I am already in Christ?":** a walk through the book of Ephesians (Lifeway's Explore the Bible Series)
 - ◇ **Sisters in Christ Class** (Ladies over 50)
 - ◇ **Willing Workers Class** (Ladies over 50)
 - ◇ **Worth Higgins Class** (Men over 55)

We invite you to join us for Sunday School. If you have questions about these classes or where they meet, please contact the Sunday School Directors (276-236-8453) or the church office.



PASTOR KEVIN'S BIBLE STUDY MONDAYS - 6 PM BEGINNING SEPT. 9th

We are excited to begin a new Bible Study September 9th on **The Book of Revelation**. We will meet from **6–7 pm** on **Mondays** in the Common Ground Classroom near the church offices. We hope this study will be very informative for you and help all of us understand a very difficult and at times scary book of the Bible on prophecy. We look forward to seeing you in September!



HOW TO BRING PEOPLE TO OUR CLASS?

As I was reading this question, I believe it is in regards to Sunday School. This is a universal question with Sunday school, small groups and even coming to church. It is important that we understand that we have to ask others directly. But before we even think of asking others, we must be proud of our class, our group, and our church.

If we do not think it is very good, then I doubt we would be interested in asking others to join in. Pew research has shown that only 1 in 5 non-church individuals ever get asked to come. More than 50% said they would go if they were asked by a friend, colleague or neighbor. We have to stop assuming their position and/or interest and just invite, invite, and invite.

I also want to encourage everyone that we should be inviting and watching our classes and small groups grow. If we are not excited about potential growth and reaching outside of our comfort zones, then at the end of the day we are nothing more than a country club missing a golf course...

*In Christ's Love,
Kevin*



A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

If you listen closely, you can hear Christmas music ringing through the hallways of FBC. The Sanctuary Choir just started rehearsals for our 2019 Christmas celebration, and you're not too late to join in on the fun and fellowship! Plan to meet us on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** in the choir room as we practice those old, familiar Christmas carols, heartwarming favorites like **"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"** and **"Here We Come A'Caroling,"** and new, toe-tapping melodies that are sure to become family favorites. We'll travel through time to witness centuries of people anticipating and then celebrating the birth of the long-awaited Messiah. **"For how shall they believe if they have not heard, and how shall they hear if the story isn't told? Go and tell ... REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY...that Jesus Christ is born!"**



GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

We have all somehow become obsessed with highspeed, 'fast'-ness and instant everything and we wish God operated at the same fast pace. But in the Bible, we see God working at His own pace, sometimes using long periods of time to teach us or accomplish His goals. In Sunday School, we've studied the life of David and saw how the Lord used a long period of persecution and trouble to develop the character he needed for the kingdom. When we started looking for a new pastor we thought it will be a quick process, but so far we have not found one. In the meantime, we have been learning to wait on the Lord. We continue studying the book of Nehemiah and see how God's people can accomplish any task when they are united and work together despite the circumstances. We as Christians can always be sure God is in control, always working even when we can't see it. At the end of the day, we can relax and rest on the understanding that He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all—so how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:32) And Psalm 46:10 says, **"Be still, and know that I am God."**

Daniel Sanchez



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Fran Cregar Fund

Raleigh & Shelby Puckett Steven Cone
Macha Missions

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

My family and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, kind words, food, flowers, and hugs throughout this sad season in our lives. Words can't express how touched we were by the loving kindness extended to our family. Thanks to everyone who provided food for the gathering in the Fellowship Hall. It was beautiful and so appreciated. A special thank you to the choir for the uplifting music. You made a difficult day a beautiful day!

Debra Cone & Family



... to Debra Cone on the death of her daughter, **Kathryn Toland**, who passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

... to Martha Easter on the death of her twin sister, **Mary Corbin**, who passed away Saturday, August 3, 2019.



We invite you to help us fill our **Operation Christmas Child Basket** located in the Fellowship Hall.



Items for
September:

Games



WOM wants to say **THANK YOU** for your support of our August project collecting school supplies for teachers and students. Your response was tremendous and much appreciated.

Alma Hunt
Offering for Virginia Missions

Each September, the Women's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) sponsor **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions**. This offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and ministries as well as making possible other special ministries, outreach projects and initiatives uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists but not funded through regular streams of giving. **The goal for First Baptist Galax this year is \$2,500.** This year's theme is "Together as One" and the Emphasis Week is September 8-15, 2019. Thank you for your support of this special offering.



- 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.

The Closet Schedule

September 04

Judy Hennis, Susan Honaker, Ann McMillan

September 11

Benita Bryant, Debbie Patterson

Lisa Siegle, Elaine Widner

September 18

Phyllis Barker, Paulette Peterson

September 25

Martha Dozier, Margaret Liddle

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	08/04/2019	08/11/2019
Evening Attendance	52	42
Sunday School	145	140
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	271	215
Hispanic Worship Service	48	47
Total Worship Attendance	319	262
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,062.03	6,330.37
REQUIRED TO DATE	286,066.45	295,294.40
RECEIVED TO DATE	260,846.76	267,179.13
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	2,486.31	1,276.79
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,548.34	\$ 7,607.16
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	91%	90%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	87%	69%

	08/18/2019
Evening Attendance	39
Sunday School	157
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	211
Hispanic Worship Service	42
Total Worship Attendance	253
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,227.95
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,039.20
REQUIRED TO DATE	304,522.35
RECEIVED TO DATE	275,216.33
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,845.28
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 9,884.48
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	90%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	87%



Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

Friday

8:30 to 3:00

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld Senior Pastor
(Office) 236-5185
Pastor Steve Goatley Minister of Youth & Families
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(Office) 236-5185
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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
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Spurlin Sunday School Co-Directors
Mrs. Penny Adams Bus Ministry Director
Mrs. Martha Easter, RN Volunteer Health Nurse
Mr. Paul Sawyers Sexton

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Prayer Requests

Basil Carpenter; Dr. James DeBoe, knee replacement; Barbara Baxley; Laila Cox; Alice Hasbrouck (Susan Honaker's sister); Imogene Frye: Kim Kinser, cancer (Mary Dotson's daughter); Lou Brock (Betty Parrish's daughter); Mark Horton, multiple myeloma; Wanda Jean Harris; Mike McMillan; Juan Rios; Colene Larrowe; Arville Stanley (Glenn Morris' brother); Geraldine McMillan (Rhonda McMillan's mother); 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; 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** - Glenn Morris, Rm 111-B; Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D; **Yadkin Nursing Care Center** - Kent Cox, Rm 202;

Labor Day Blessing

*Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

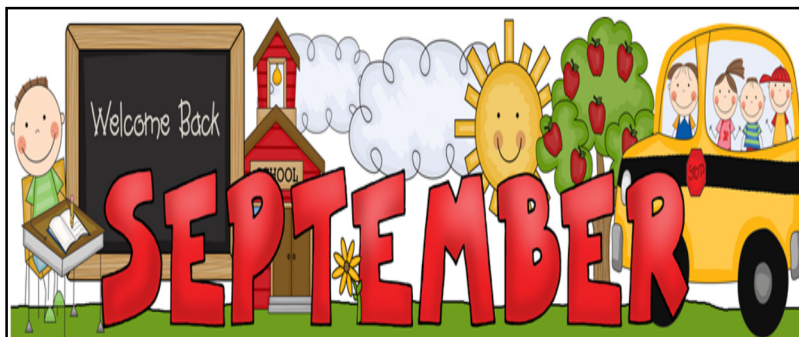
*Matthew 5:16
(KJV)*



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September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service/ Baptism	2  CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	3 9-12 Weekday Preschool Begins	4 9-12 Weekday Preschool 1:30pm-Clothes Closet 6:30pm-Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting (Fellowship begins at 6 pm)	5 9-12 Weekday Preschool	6 9-12 Weekday Preschool	7
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September 1

Shirley White

September 15

*Jerry Carpenter
Gary Williams*

September 22

*Debbie Patterson
Charlie Quesenberry*

September 5

Glenn Morris

September 17

*Nancy Hazelwood
Adrian Hernandez
Jeff Holderfield
Sue Holt
Trace Lumpkin*

September 25

Frank Plichta

September 9

*Duane Alexander
Mary Ann Dotson*

September 26

*Debra Cone
Helen Robinson
Mary Lynn Terry*

September 11

Ruth Lyon

September 18

*Wayne Amburgey
Jack Bryant*

September 27

*Jack Edwards
Wanda Harris*

September 13

Basil Carpenter

September 21

Mike Stevens

September 28

*Judie Gauvreau
Joe Sizemore*