



# Forerunner

First Baptist Church  
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## The Battle of Prayer

*“When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”* MATTHEW 6:6

“Jesus did not say, ‘Dream about your Father who is in the secret place’, but He said, ‘...pray to your Father who is in the secret place...’”

## Prayer is an Effort of the Will

“After we have entered our secret place and shut the door, the most difficult thing to do is to pray. We cannot seem to get our minds into good working order, and the first thing we have to fight is wandering thoughts. The great battle in private prayer is overcoming this problem of our idle and wandering thinking. We have to learn to discipline our minds and concentrate on willful, deliberate prayer.” Oswald Chambers

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### Sundays

- 9:30 am—Bill Davis' Sunday School Class  
- under tent, weather permitting
- 10:00 am—Faith Explorers Class  
- in Common Ground Classroom
- 11:00 am—Worship Service in Sanctuary  
(Live on Facebook & 98.1 FM Radio)
- 7:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)

#### Mondays

- 6:00 pm—Pastor Kevin's Bible Study  
on Facebook

#### Wednesdays

- 6:30 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)
- 6:30 pm—Worship, Devotion & Prayer  
with Pastor Kevin  
- under tent, weather permitting

#### Thursdays

- 6:30 pm—Meditation & Devotion  
with Pastor Kevin  
On Facebook

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September 8

- 11:00 am—Women on Mission

#### September 17

- 11:30 am—Grief Support Group

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It is more important than ever that we engage our heavenly Father in the discipline of prayer. As noted above, it is an effort of our will. Every day we have a will to do this or that, but do we have the will to sit for any length of time at the feet of Jesus? If we want our country to be about the Father's business, then we must tarry after the things above, and we must yield and fight the battle of prayer below.

Will you take the time and the will to discipline yourself today in the battle of prayer?

*In Christ,*

*Kevin*

#### WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS

*There is no condition of life in  
which we cannot abide in Jesus.  
We have to learn to abide in Him  
wherever we are placed.*



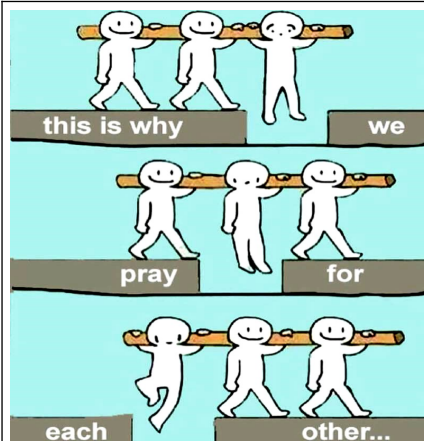
#### WILLING PARTNERS NEEDS OUR HELP!

Their thrift store at **21 Matthews Street** will be opening within the week and Kathy could use some volunteers to help in the processing room and with traffic in the parking lot.

Their food bank will be opening towards the end of September and these are her needs:

- ◆ September 23: help with unpacking pallets of food and organizing the food in the store
- ◆ September 28: Help putting food boxes together
- ◆ September 30 from 11am-3PM: Help with traffic; taking food out to the cars; finish putting the food boxes together

If you can assist, please give Kathy a call at (276) 233-5416.



#### GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

This past week we received news from the missionaries who we support in Nicaragua. They told us that their ministry has recently seen two families and another couple receive Jesus as their Savior in the midst of this time of the world-wide pandemic. We are so thankful for this report and give God all the glory for that!

We have not made a decision to reopen the Hispanic church as of yet. One reason is that we are having problems with our air-conditioning system in the sanctuary, and we are waiting to have this repaired before we reopen.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to be on the lookout for a new pastor.

*Many Blessings,  
Daniel Sanchez*

#### Certain People are a Joy to Know

People who know how to brighten a day  
With heart-warming smiles  
And with kind words they say,  
People who know how to gently impart  
The comfort it takes  
To cheer someone's heart,  
People who know how to always come thru  
When there's anything  
They can possibly do,  
People who know how to willingly share,  
Who know how to give  
And who know how to care,  
Who know how to let  
All their warm feelings show...  
Are people that others  
Feel lucky to know.

— Amanda Bradley—



Hello Church Family!

You know, I just love that we are considered family in the eyes of God and can relate to each other in that way. Maybe that's because family ministry is such a passion of mine. I love to see families in worship and fellowship together. I believe that parental and adult participation is an essential part of any youth and children's ministry and that more will always be caught than taught.

If you haven't already, you will notice as the future rolls into existence that I am always reaching out to involve our adults in ministry with the kids of FBC. They won't tell you and may even try to keep you from getting involved, but believe me, they need you! I recall a Barna study I read not too long ago. They polled a large number of students that remained involved with their local church even though so many were falling away. The results of that poll indicated that one of the most important factors in keeping our young people involved in the church is the relationships they have with adults within the church. These are adults of all ages, not just the parents of their friends. Your involvement with what they are doing and pouring into their lives makes all the difference! That involvement could be anything from greeting them when they arrive, arranging snacks, providing transportation, teaching or even just hanging out, playing a game or being available to talk.

As we keep moving toward in-person worship and fellowship, I ask you to pray about how God might be leading you to invest in the lives of our young people. You don't need to be a bible scholar or have all of the answers. You don't need to be young or old or have any special talents. You just need to be willing to allow God to use you, your faith and your life experiences to help encourage and train up the next generation.

If you would like to talk with me about how you might become involved, please give me a call or email me at [sgoatley@fbcgalax.org](mailto:sgoatley@fbcgalax.org).

*May God bless and keep you,*

*Pastor Steve*





## A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

**"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."**  
Psalm 118:1 NKJV

As September arrives, we are back to in-person worship, Wednesday evening prayer time, youth events, and Sunday school classes, all with safety measure in place. Things are slowly returning to "normal," but sadly, choir is not one of these activities. The experts say it's still not safe to sing...so a special hello to my choir folks! I miss our times together leading in worship.

I was reading in Robert J. Morgan's **THEN SINGS MY SOUL** (2011 edition, pg. 11) and was struck by these words from Harold Brown. *"The ability of one man without political office or power to change history solely by his teaching and example is without parallel... until Martin Luther would once again transform Europe from his pulpit..."* Mr. Morgan is telling the story of Bernard of Clairvaux and his calling to ministry. *"[He] fought heresy and helped preserve the doctrine of the Trinity. He [also] advocated a militant faith that depended on both sword and Spirit. This man, then, is a paradox to us. We don't know whether to claim him or disdain him."*

Let us hear these words from **"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"** as we might from a hallway in a monastery and consider what God has done for us.

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown;  
How pale Thou art with anguish,  
With sore abuse and scorn!  
How doth that visage languish  
Which once was bright as morn!

What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever,  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord let me never, never  
Outlive my love to Thee.

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# Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Patty and I want to thank our church family for the many expressions of sympathy, including cards, calls, and texts, upon the death of my mother, Sybil Davis. You are all loved and appreciated.

Bill Davis



... to the family of **Gladys Catron** who passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020.

... to Bill Davis on the death of his mother, **Sybil Davis**, who passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

... to Beulah Harris on the death of her daughter, **Karen Seaton**, who passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2020.



The Women on Mission meeting is resuming this month! Our meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month, **September the 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am**. Please come join us in the Common Ground classroom where we will be social distancing. We will be discussing some business and also discussing projects for the rest of the year.

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions will look different in the coming year, reflecting the changing world in which we live as we face the challenges of a global pandemic.

This annual state missions offering is a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

As always, this critical offering seeks to meet real needs of real people by funding ministries in a variety of specific areas. For the rest of 2020 and looking toward 2021, the allocations of this offering are being redirected in a way that will allow us to focus on human needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis.

### Changes in Distribution

The state missions offering will be distributed as follows:

- 70% of funds to WMUV-directed projects
- 30% of funds to BGAV-directed projects
- All projects have a direct correlation to COVID-19 relief efforts
- Funds will be distributed monthly and will begin in Summer 2020 in order to respond more quickly to immediate needs

If you feel led to give, please send money to the church office or if you want to give online, go to <http://www.almahunt.org> or <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/bgav> and there is a section that you select for Alma Hunt.

This year there is no set goal in mind, but if you feel led to give, please do and help out local mission projects in Virginia. We will be collecting the whole month of September.



## First Impressions Team

**Sept 06** Marty & Cathy Parks  
**Sept 13** Tony & Sonia Truitt  
**Sept 20** Sam & Nancy Blair  
**Sept 27** Basil & Nancy Carpenter



## Security Team Schedule

**Sept 06** Gerald Cox / Dick Cooley  
**Sept 13** Mike Coomes / Jack Bryant  
**Sept 20** Royce Easter / Jack Edwards  
**Sept 27** John Patterson / Basil Carpenter

## CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	08/02/2020	08/09/2020
Evening Attendance	0	13
Sunday School	0	51
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	0	82
Hispanic Worship Service	0	0
Total Worship Attendance	0	82

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	13,340.29	15,677.37
REQUIRED TO DATE	290,630.27	300,005.44
RECEIVED TO DATE	267,379.28	283,056.65
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	848.01	2,688.76
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 14,188.30</b>	<b>\$ 18,366.13</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	92%	94%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	142%	167%

### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	592	453
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	877	560

	08/16/2020	08/23/2020
Evening Attendance	35	47
Sunday School	61	35
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	73	86
Hispanic Worship Service	0	0
Total Worship Attendance	73	86

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	5,176.43	9,593.55
REQUIRED TO DATE	309,380.61	318,755.78
RECEIVED TO DATE	288,233.08	297,826.63
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	566.78	2,161.90
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 5,743.55</b>	<b>\$ 11,755.45</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	93%	93%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	55%	102%

### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	602	582
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	610	154



### Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

### Friday

8:30 to 12:00

## CHURCH STAFF

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 Mrs. Patty Davis ..... Pianist  
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The family of Dr. William Waddell; Dr. Bill Eddings; Carolynne Johnson, hip replacement (Susan Higgins' sister); Everett Bryant; 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; Johnny Hodges, cancer (Hilda Hodges' brother); Chad Trent, cancer (Linda Riddle's nephew); Sharon Garrett, cancer; Barbara Baxley; Laila Cox; Alice Hasbrouck (Susan Honaker's sister); Kim Kinser, cancer (Mary Dotson's daughter); Lou Brock (Betty Parrish's daughter); Mike McMillan; Juan Rios; Colene Larowe; Geraldine McMillan (Rhonda McMillan's mother); Fran Halsey; K.T. Carico; Betty Walker, Stage IV cancer (Penny Adams' sister); Stanley Meador (Marie Combs' son); Max Brown, leukemia (Martha Dozier's great-grandson); Nell Bartlett; 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 - Gaye Iroler, Rm 14 (Terry Anders' Mother); Glennis Morris, Rm 118-B; Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D



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# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 10:00am-Staff Meeting	<i>2</i> 6:30 pm-Worship, Devotion & Prayer with Pastor Kevin Under tent, weather permitting 6:30pm-TruNorth	<i>3</i> 6:30 pm-Meditation/Devotion with Pastor Kevin on Facebook	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
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**September 1**

*Shirley White*

**September 5**

*Glennis Morris*

**September 9**

*Duane Alexander*

*Mary Ann Dotson*

**September 11**

*Ruth Lyon*

**September 13**

*Basil Carpenter*

**September 17**

*Mandy Archer*

*Nancy Hazelwood*

*Adrian Hernandez*

*Jeff Holderfield*

*Sue Holt*

*Trace Lumpkin*

**September 18**

*Jack Bryant*

**September 21**

*Mike Stevens*

**September 22**

*Debbie Patterson*

*Charlie Quesenberry*

**September 25**

*Frank Plichta*

**September 26**

*Debra Cone*

*Helen Robinson*

**September 27**

*Jack Edwards*

*Wanda Harris*

**September 28**

*Joe Sizemore*