



Forerunner

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

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A State of the Union...

1 Timothy 2:1-7 *Instructions on Prayer*

- 1 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,
- 2 For kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.
- 3 This is good, and it pleases God our Savior,
- 4 Who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, Christ Jesus, Himself human,
- 6 Who gave Himself—a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time.
- 7 For this I was appointed a herald, an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), and a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

- 9:45 am—Bill Davis' Sunday School Class
- Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am—Faith Explorers Class
- Common Ground Classroom
- 11:00 am—Worship Service in Sanctuary
(Live on Facebook & on 98.1 FM Radio)
- 6:00 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

Thursdays

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 5

6:30 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

November 10

11:00 am—Women on Mission

November 12

6:30 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

November 19

11:30 am—Grief Support Group
6:30 pm—Ladies' Bible Study

November 25

No Evening Activities

November 26-27

Church Offices Closed

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As the days are upon us to vote, may we be people of prayer and on our knees. Let us make our spiritual lives a priority before we even get close to the ballot box. We need to remember that we are Christians first, and Americans second. Our home is not of this world and we must remember this important truth.

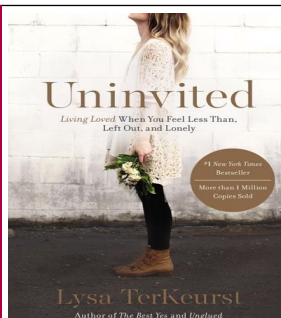
I leave you with words about prayer from Oswald Chambers to help all of us during these anxious and uncertain times...

"Prayer does not fit us for greater works; prayer is the greater work. We think of prayer as a common sense exercise of our higher powers in order to prepare us for God's work. In the teaching of Jesus Christ, prayer is the working of the miracle of the Redemption in me which produces the miracle of Redemption in others by the power of God. The way fruit remains is by prayer, but remember it is a prayer based on the agony of Redemption, not on my agony."

Prayer is the battle, and it makes no difference where you are. Whichever way God engineers circumstances, the duty is to pray. Never allow the thought — "I am of no use where I am;" because you certainly can be of no use where you are not. Wherever God has dumped you down in circumstances, pray" (from My Utmost For His Highest, Oct. 17)

***In Christ's Love,
Kevin***

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY



Facilitator: Tara Spurlin
Thursday Evenings from
6:30 to 8 pm
Beginning November 5
In the Common Ground Classroom

"Uninvited"

***Living Loved When You Feel
Less Than, Left Out and Lonely***

This is a 6-session DVD series lead by Lysa TerKeurst. There is a book and study guide that can be purchased to accompany the study. All ladies invited!



GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." Isaiah 26:3

Throughout the bible and in human history, you can see long periods of time where God alternately permitted good and evil men to be kings, queens, or judges. Some of these leaders were profoundly evil and others were very close to the Lord. Daniel 2:21 states ***"He changes the times and the seasons, He removes Kings and sets up Kings."*** In every circumstance, the Lord has been in control and permitted those rulers to be in power with a purpose. It is very sad in our present time that people who call themselves Christians can get so bitter with each other that sometimes they fight, and even families get divided because of politics. They become afraid of the future and lose their own peace of mind. We must remember that the past, present and futures times are in the hands of the Lord. Perhaps we as Christians, instead of spending hours watching the news, should spend more time reading our bibles to get a better knowledge of the Lord. That way we will know that He is in control.

Our Hispanic congregation continues to do great, with our services on Sundays being well attended. Please continue to pray for us as we seek a new pastor.

***God bless you all,
Daniel Sanchez***



Minister to Youth & Families

How to Use a Pumpkin to Talk About Jesus With Your Kids

Say: A pumpkin is round and shiny on the outside. Its skin is tough and hard to puncture. It looks perfect and wonderful. Sometimes, we pretend that we are all perfect and wonderful.

But we know that's not true. We have all made mistakes. We have all done bad things, but we keep them hidden inside thinking no one can see past our tough exteriors.

But God knows each one of us from the inside out.

Read [Psalms 139:1](#).

First, take the top off the pumpkin and begin scooping out the pumpkin. Collect in the bowl and begin passing the pumpkin guts.

Say: God loves each one of us, but our Sin, the bad things we have done, make God sad.

Read [Romans 3:23](#).

Say: The slimy inside of the pumpkin reminds me of the bad things we'd done that we keep hidden away inside. As you touch the slimy insides of the pumpkins, think of the wrong things you have done. These things make us feel yucky, don't they?

Show the pumpkin guts on your own hands and demonstrate how difficult it is to get off your hands.

Say: No matter how hard we try, we can't seem to get rid of those guilty feelings by ourselves. Alone, our sin keeps a death grip on our lives. I know that when we do bad things, we deserve to be punished, to suffer and pay for our sin.

Read [Romans 6:23](#).

Say: That is Good News! As we scrape all the slimy stringy stuff away, the pumpkin becomes clean inside.

In the same way, as we tell God we are sorry about, lying, cheating, unkind words we said that hurt others feelings — he forgives us for the wrong things we have done. He can make us clean on the inside.

How is that possible?

..... please continue reading at:
<https://childrensministry.com/pumpkin-gospel-presentation/>

Have fun with it and close with a prayer.

***Blessings,
Pastor Steve***



A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

***"In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you."***

I Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV

"There are 138 passages of Scripture on the subject of thanksgiving, and some of them are powerfully worded. Colossians 3:17 says: 'And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.'" As November rolls in, let us ponder on these words. Many will make holiday plans with family and friends and usher in a season of 'thanksgiving' during this unprecedented pandemic.

***O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.***

Robert J. Morgan, in **THEN SINGS MY SOUL** (his 2011 edition, pg. 25), tells the story of Martin Rinkart, the author of **"Now Thank We All Our God."** He began his work as a pastor "just as the Thirty Years' War was raging through Germany." With "floods of refugees" streaming into the city, an army "encompassing the city gates," and "plague, famine, and fear" filling the inside of the city walls, it "was a tremendous strain on pastors. Homes were destroyed, and people began dying in increasing numbers. ...Pastors themselves took ill and perished, until at last only Martin Rinkart was left." It was he "who left the safety of the city walls to negotiate with the enemy, and he did it with such courage and faith that there was soon a conclusion of hostilities, and the period of suffering ended. ...Knowing there is no healing without thanksgiving, [he] composed this hymn for the survivors of Eilenberg."

***Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.***

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... to the family of **Colene Larowe**, who passed away Saturday, October 3, 2020.

... to Terry Anders on the death of his mother, **Gaye Anders Iroler**, who passed away Sunday, October 4, 2020.

... to Rev. Steve Goatley on the death of his mother, **Linda Herr**, who passed away Friday, October 9, 2020.



The Women on Mission meeting this month is on Thursday, November 10th at 11 am, and you are cordially invited to join us in the Common Ground classroom.

We extend thanks to everyone who contributed canned and packaged food items for Global Hunger Sunday. All the food items will be delivered to our local food bank, Willing Partners.



The National Collection week is November 16th - 23rd. You can pack a shoebox the traditional way or if you would rather not go out and shop, Samaritan will "build a box for you" for \$25. Follow this link: [BUILD A SHOEBOX](#) and they will take care of everything.

Our wonderful Youth Group has pre-assembled all the shoeboxes, and these are available to pick up for those who want to pack the traditional way.



Dear Friends in Galax,

I want to thank you for all you have done for the children's home. We are blessed by you and are looking forward to your coming visit. We always enjoy visitors. It has been a long and trying time with this Coronavirus. Stay safe and God's blessings upon all of you!

Dr. Mary Bennett
Sonshine Children's Center
Linefork, KY

First Impressions Team



Nov 01 Tony & Sonia Truitt
 Nov 08 Phil Helms & Gay Zachary
 Nov 15 Basil & Nancy Carpenter
 Nov 22 Johnny & Karen Dickson
 Nov 29 Dick & Linda Cooley

Security Team Schedule



Nov 01 Johnny Dickson / John Patterson
 Nov 08 Jack Edwards / Dick Cooley
 Nov 15 Paul Walker / Terry Anders
 Nov 22 Basil Carpenter / Mike Coomes
 Nov 29 Gerald Cox / Scott Hall

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	10/04/2020	10/11/2020
Evening Attendance	48	25
Sunday School	77	60
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	98	83
Hispanic Worship Service	33	32
Total Worship Attendance	131	115

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	10,123.28	6,119.97
REQUIRED TO DATE	375,006.80	384,381.97
RECEIVED TO DATE	352,661.00	358,780.97
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	3,364.05	1,866.63
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 13,487.33	\$ 7,986.60

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	94%	93%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	108%	65%

Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	423	342
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	582	513

	10/18/2020	10/25/2020
Evening Attendance	34	12
Sunday School	88	83
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	115	103
Hispanic Worship Service	35	68
Total Worship Attendance	150	141

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	11,868.66	6,597.15
REQUIRED TO DATE	393,757.14	403,132.31
RECEIVED TO DATE	370,649.63	377,246.78
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	2,311.05	1,863.58
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 14,179.71	\$ 8,460.73

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	94%	94%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	127%	70%

Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	409	277
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	458	123



Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

Friday

8:30 to 12:00

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Prayer Requests



Our Country; Jim Thomas, stroke; Joe Soles, cancer; Jimmy Morris, lung & pancreatic cancer (Glenn Morris' nephew); Our Preschool Department; Dr. Bill Eddings; Everett Bryant; Judy Hennis; Mark McMickle; Miles Compton, lung cancer; Hilda Hodges; 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; 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); 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** - Glenn Morris, Rm 118-B; Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D



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November 3

Anita Hernandez
Lilly Somner

November 10

Patti Holderfield

November 23

Skylar Cline

November 6

Ronnie McGrady
Lisa Whittle

November 11

Daniel Sanchez

November 25

Larry Spangler

November 14

Fernando Robles

November 26

Phyllis Moore
Christy Sumner

November 7

Gary Ballard

November 16

Tony Gonzalez

November 27

Penny Adams

November 8

Paulette Peterson

November 18

Martha Easter

November 28

Karen Stevens

November 9

Jorge Robles
Linda Soles

November 19

Jorge Pineda

November 30

Terry Anders
Gary Orwig