



Forerunner

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WHAT'S YOUR

NEW YEAR'S

RESOLUTION?

Resolutions, Resolutions, Resolutions

Every year I tell myself it will finally be the year I keep all my resolutions. How hard can it possibly be to finally set aside a half an hour for exercise each day, or to stop consuming so much coffee, and to never sleep for less than eight hours again?

Why are New Year's resolutions so hard to keep? I cannot answer that other than we are not really fully committed to the things we make resolute.

I would try so hard to do the right things but I always ended up falling flat. I convinced myself that as long as I was the "good guy," I'd be fine, so I tried really hard to live up to certain standards to please everyone, and hopefully God too. The problem, though, is that there's nothing anyone can do in his or her own power to "earn" God's favor.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

- 9:45 am—Bill Davis' Sunday School Class
- Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 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

January 01

Church Offices Closed

January 03

- 6:00 pm—New Year's Bonfire (*new time*)
(Youth Group)

January 05

- 5:30 pm—Personnel Team Meeting

January 12

- 11:00 am—Women on Mission

January 18

- 6:30 pm—Deacons' Meeting

January 21

- 11:30 am—Grief Support Group

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As **Ephesians 2:8** (AMP) states,

⁸ For it is by grace [God's remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ] that you have been saved [actually delivered from judgment and given eternal life] through faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [not through your own effort], but it is the [undeserved, gracious] gift of God;

God's gift of His son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins through His death and resurrection is just that – a gift. Doing all the good, noble things in the world will never earn **salvation**, and like verse 9 says, nobody could ever think of boasting about such an undeserved gift.

Of course, the desire to do the right things is one result of making Jesus the Lord of your life, but we all continue to mess up because, after all, we are just sinners saved by grace.

This new year, however, in light of any New Year's resolutions you may have made (or already broken), join me in remembering the assurance of one thing we never have to work to attain: God's grace. It's hard to live up to our New Year's resolutions, but it's impossible to earn God's favor through good works or noble aspirations.

This year, may we be resolute to introducing at least 1 person to Jesus Christ. Let us be resolute to the call of discipleship and our calling to go and tell the story. May we realize and thank God anew for the gift of His grace and salvation through Jesus.

In Christ's Love,
Kevin



GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

Our congregation is continuing to do well, but we cannot deny that this has been a very tough year. Even with everything that has happened, we are determined to remain thankful to the Lord as He is always so good to us!

For several months we have been praying for a new pastor for our congregation, and we were finally able to bring in a candidate from the state of Texas. He and his family will be staying here in the Galax area until mid January, preaching and reaching out to the families in our congregation. We ask for your prayers, that the Lord will guide us to make the right decision when the time comes for that.

So we are excited and hopeful about the new year! Despite the pandemic, we are having good attendance every Sunday and we are grateful for that.

Thank you so much for keeping us in your prayers.

God bless you all,
Daniel Sanchez



Lost and Found ?

If you are missing a purse, keys, watch, bracelet, earrings, necklace, sunglasses, etc., please check the "Lost & Found" box located on the book shelf across from the church office.



Minister to Youth & Families

Hello FBC Family!

I pray you all had a wonderful Christmas! As we look toward the new year, I thought it might be a great time to begin a new family tradition or reinforce a current one that is of upmost importance. In all my years as a pastor to youth and children, the number one difficulty kids seem to have is prayer. Just try asking a group of kids, "Who wants to pray?" Most of the time you will hear crickets! They are so nervous, and many just have no idea what to say. More than anything they don't want to sound silly in front of their friends.

There's an old saying, "*the family that prays together stays together*", and I really believe that. There are so many benefits to praying as a family. In a recent article by Focus on the Family, the author made a statement that is spot on, "*Nothing will communicate the why and the how of effective prayer to your kids like seeing you pray.*" I hope you will take time this month to read this article and focus on the importance of prayer with your children.

The article can be found online at: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/an-essential-guide-to-effective-prayer-for-family/>

Remember, you are a blessing!

With love in Christ,
Pastor Steve.



**Please note
time change:**

New Year's

bonfire
January 3rd
6:00—8:00 pm



A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

Happy New Year to each one of you! 2020 brought about many changes to the Music Ministry (and to church worship in general) but a huge **"thank you"** to each one who stepped up and helped to make weekly worship more meaningful during these past several months. We couldn't have done it without you. May God bless our church in this upcoming year!

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV

I was touched by the story of **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"** in Robert J. Morgan's **THEN SINGS MY SOUL** (2011 edition, pg. 521). *"In 1907, Henry van Dyke was invited to preach at Williams College in Massachusetts. At breakfast one morning, he handed the college president a piece of paper, saying, 'Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's Hymn of Joy.'"* When someone later asked him about this hymn, Mr. van Dyke replied, *"These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time --hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thought of the age, and are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on earth overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Therefore this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope."*

**Joyful joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

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Capital Campaign

Mrs. Debbie Adams John Adams, Sr.
Lottie Moon

Mrs. Fran Halsey Bill Halsey
General Fund



First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the donation to the Hope House. This is a great blessing and will bless many in need. God bless you!

*Merry Christmas!
Tammy Harmon,
The Hope House*



... to Beulah Harris on the death of her son, **Mark Bunn**, who passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

... to Benita Bryant on the death of her mother, **Doris Marshall**, who passed away Thursday, December 24, 2020.



What is the Woman's Missionary Union?

The Woman's Missionary union (WMU) began 132 years ago in the hearts of visionary leaders to pray and systematically raise money for missions. Since that time, the WMU has helped lead Southern Baptist churches across the country in giving over \$6.6 billion through the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** and the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**.

Women in our WMU treasure our rich missions heritage and our passion and purpose of making disciples of Jesus who live in the mission fields. This focus of WMU is driven by being:

- ◇ Biblically-rooted: Scripture guides us in knowing God, His ways, His character, His mission, His redemptive acts and His purpose for the church.
- ◇ Missions-focused: Jesus commissioned His disciples to proclaim good news, disciple people of all nations and teach them to live out the truths He taught.
- ◇ Church-based: Jesus gave the church authority to act on His behalf. Teaching all ages prepares the church to fulfill His mission.
- ◇ World-aware: God is always at work among all peoples, and we join Him where we discern He is calling us.
- ◇ Denominationally-supportive: No one church can do alone what many churches can do together. Our voluntary cooperation extends the missions reach of a local church.

The Women on Mission meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 11 AM in the Common Ground Classroom. You are invited to come to our next meeting on January 12th and learn more about these missions and how you can help.

We wish to thank everyone who gave so generously to the Lottie Moon Offering during December. **The total collected was \$3,016.70.** May God continue to bless all who have a heart for this ministry!

First Impressions Team



Jan 03 Marty & Cathy Parks
 Jan 10 Phil Helms & Gay Zachary
 Jan 17 Basil & Nancy Carpenter
 Jan 24 Mike Coomes & Ruth Hall
 Jan 31 Johnny & Karen Dickson

Security Team Schedule

Jan 03 Scott Hall / Basil Carpenter
 Jan 10 Jack Bryant / Royce Easter
 Jan 17 Phil Helms / Mike Coomes
 Jan 24 Johnny Dickson / John Patterson
 Jan 31 Jack Edwards / Terry Anders



CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	11/29/2020	12/06/2020
Evening Attendance	32	56
Sunday School	80	74
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	104	129
Hispanic Worship Service	36	31
Total Worship Attendance	140	160

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	6,067.44	12,879.93
REQUIRED TO DATE	450,008.16	459,383.33
RECEIVED TO DATE	421,146.23	434,026.16
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	643.76	2,789.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 6,711.20	\$ 15,669.83

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	94%	94%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	65%	137%

Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	447	440
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	656	319

	12/13/2020	12/20/2020
Evening Attendance	22	0
Sunday School	77	69
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	91	108
Hispanic Worship Service	28	33
Total Worship Attendance	119	141

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,291.70	12,413.29
REQUIRED TO DATE	468,758.50	478,133.67
RECEIVED TO DATE	442,317.86	454,731.15
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	3,964.11	1,431.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 12,255.81	\$ 13,844.75

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	94%	95%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	88%	132%

Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	559	577
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	824	710



Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

Friday

8:30 to 12:00

CHURCH STAFF

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We Believe In The Power Of Prayer



Max Brown, leukemia (Martha Dozier's great-grandson); David Peterson; Charlotte Frye East; Sharon Garrett, cancer; The Family of Roma Williams; Lou Ann Brock, broken hip, pneumonia (Betty Parrish's daughter); Juan Lopez, Linda Cooley, knee replacement; Tony & Marie Snead Baldwin; Rubye Edwards (Kristin McMickle Burnette's Grandmother-in-law); Joe Soles, cancer; 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); Barbara Baxley; Laila Cox; Alice Hasbrouck (Susan Honaker's sister); Kim Kinser, cancer (Mary Dotson'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); 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); **Waddell Nursing Home** - Glennis Morris, Rm 118-B; Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D

STATISTICS - CONT'D

12/27/2020

Evening Attendance	0
Sunday School	66
11:00 A.M. Worship	72
Hispanic Worship Service	39
Total Worship Attendance	111

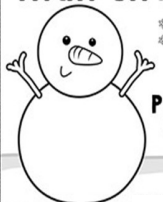
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	7,251.32
REQUIRED TO DATE	487,508.84
RECEIVED TO DATE	461,982.47
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	356.68
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 7,608.00

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	98%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	77%

Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship	410
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	0

"Wash me
 and I shall
 be whiter
 than snow."



Psalm
 51:7 KJV

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Church Offices Closed</i> HAPPY 2021 NEW YEAR	2
3 9:45am-Bill Davis Class Fellowship Hall 9:45am-Faith Explorers Common Ground Room 11:00am-Worship Service 6:00pm-Youth Bonfire	4 6:00pm-Pastor Kevin's Bible Study on Facebook	5 10:00am-Staff Meeting 5:30pm-Personnel Mtg	6 6:30pm-Worship, Devotion & Prayer with Pastor Kevin 6:30pm-TruNorth	7 6:30pm-Meditation/Devotion with Pastor Kevin on Facebook	8	9
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January 1

Danny Vo

January 5

Henry Zatarain

January 6

Doug Williams

January 8

*Samuel Ibarra
Margaret Liddle*

January 9

Kathy Bryant

January 10

*Mary Ann Dickerson
Thomasine Lemons
Marty Parks*

January 11

John Fielder

January 12

Jackie Cruz

January 15

Mike McMillan

January 17

Laila Cox

January 20

Lee Coomes

January 22

Charlotte McPherson

January 27

Eva Cruz

January 30

*Alexa Galvan
Juan Hernandez
Sherry Lumpkin*

January 31

*Sam Blair
David Hampton*