



Forerunner

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Our Lenten Journey...

Psalm 77:8

*Have His mercy and
lovingkindness ceased
forever?*

*Have His promises
ended for all time?*



Have his mercy and loving-kindness ceased forever?

Or is "His grace" and mercy no other than grace to objects in misery? Unbelief in our culture says it is gone, that no more will be shown, and that the treasures of it are exhausted. However, faith says it is not gone, and observes that God is the God of all grace, is rich in mercy, and abundant in goodness. The Son is full of grace and truth, and there are continual supplies of it always. The mercy of God is new every morning, it endures for ever, it is from everlasting to everlasting.

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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
(and Live on Facebook & 98.1 FM Radio)
- 6:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)

Mondays

- 6:00 pm—Pastor Kevin's Bible Study
In the Sanctuary
(and Live on Facebook)

Wednesdays

- 6:30 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)
- 6:30 pm—Worship, Devotion & Prayer
with Pastor Kevin (Sanctuary)

Thursdays

- 6:30 pm—Meditation & Devotion
with Pastor Kevin (Facebook Only)

Tuesdays & Thursdays

- 6:30 am—Prayer for Nation/Community
(Church Parlor)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 01

- 1:00 pm—Soup Kitchen Need:
Rolls / Desserts

March 07

- 12:30 pm—Youth Informational Meeting
Fellowship Hall

March 09

- 11:00 am—Women on Mission

March 14

- Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 15

- 1:00 pm—Soup Kitchen Need:
Rolls / Desserts
- 6:30pm—Deacons' Meeting

March 18

- 11:30 am—Grief Support Group

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Has His promise ended for all time?

The sense of the Psalmist may be, will He speak never a word of comfort anymore? Unbelief says He will not, but Faith says He will; and that though He allows us into the wilderness, yet He will speak comfort there. God's promises and mercy may be sometimes scarce and rare, and there may be few preachers of it; yet it lives and abides for ever, it is the everlasting Gospel.

The promise or promises of the Gospel: Faith says not one of these shall fail, grounding it upon the ability of God, and His power to perform. His faithfulness, which He will never suffer to fail; and the promises of God are so far from failing for evermore, that they never fail at all. **There never was any instance of any from the creation of the world to this present time, have ever failed; the promises of God.**

Joshua 23:14 says:

And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. Know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one thing of them has failed.

2 Corinthians 1:20 says:

For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in Him. Therefore, the "Amen" is also spoken through Him by us for God's glory.

As we draw ourselves closer to Christ this Lenten season, may we never give up on our God and never stop believing in and holding to His promises!

*In Christ,
Kevin*



Minister to
Youth & Families

The following letter has been written by team member Kevin Spurlin and I thought this would be a great place to share it.

*Blessings,
Pastor Steve*

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

FBC-Galax is committed to invest prayerfully and mightily in our next generation. Pastor Steve, Pastor Kevin, Tara and I have collectively developed a vision for ministering to children and youth during the Sunday School hour with plans to offer classes for all children and youth beginning Easter Sunday, April 4th.

We are planning for a time where grades K-5 meet together for a short praise/worship time with songs, skits, and/or Bible stories. Following that, they will break into more traditional age-specific groups for further study and activities. We anticipate having the doors open at 9:30 with worship activities starting at 9:45. We plan to wrap up by 10:30 so that parents can pick up children to attend congregational worship as a family. We will also be offering Pre-K and nursery once again during Sunday School. This is a new and exciting opportunity that we hope will not only encourage our children's walk with God, but also give more adults opportunities to engage with our young ones.

How can you help? Pray! As you pray for our children, their future, and God's direction for our Children and Youth Ministry, please pray that God will show you what role you have in investing in this ministry. We are looking for new team members to be involved in worship time, for those with special gifts to help organize materials and crafts, and for age-specific leaders and assistants. Some roles may not require serving during the entire Sunday School hour for those who have other responsibilities on Sunday mornings.

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Also, we invite you to attend a special informational meeting following the regular worship service on March 7th. This will be a great opportunity to have lunch with the team, learn about our vision, review the curriculum that we will be using, ask questions, and see how you may be able to contribute.

Between now and March 7th, pray. It is imperative that we equip our children and youth to carry forth the Gospel in their time, and we want to join together with you in this effort.

*In His Service,
Kevin Spurlin*



**GREETINGS
FROM OUR
HISPANIC
CONGREGATION!**

We continue to have good attendance on Sundays. Thankfully everything is going well and we are excited for the days to come. **A new pastor is coming the first week in June and we are on the lookout for a house around Galax for him and his family to rent.** We ask for your prayers on this matter, and please let us know if you are aware of any available houses.

We recently started a new series of sermons on the book of Ephesians and this has been a real blessing to our congregation.

Please keep us in your prayers and God bless you all.

Daniel Sanchez

*The church does not
exist to entertain the
saved. It exists to train
disciples to glorify
God and reach the
lost.*



A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

"But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God--and righteousness and sanctification and redemption." I Corinthians 1:30 NKJV

During this season of Lent, I enjoyed reading the story of **"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"** in Robert J. Morgan's **THEN SINGS MY SOUL** (2011 edition, pg. 81). Let's picture the little German village of Herrnhut together. On one side of town we see **"God's Acre,"** a Moravian cemetery where the tomb of Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf is found. (He was known as the town's founder.) Just beyond that we see the remains of his manor house. This is important because even though he studied to be **"a diplomat and statesman, he had a tender heart toward the Lord and felt God's call to ministry."** One day he came across **"an unexpected opportunity. In nearby Moravia, a group of Christians were being persecuted for their faith. They approached [him], asking for refuge on his estate. He assisted them in building a community named Herrnhut, a word meaning 'under God's watch'."** It was there in 1732 **"that two men were commissioned for overseas missionary work. It was a historic moment, for virtually no Protestant group had previously sent out missionaries; but between 1732-1742, more than 70 missionaries left Herrnhut."** It is interesting to note that **"it was Zinzendorf's London-based Moravians who later led John and Charles Wesley to genuine faith in Christ and helped launch their history-changing ministry."** Isn't it amazing to see what God can do when we allow Him to work through us?!? And something we should try, **"on the night that the two missionaries were commissioned, the church sang 100 hymns!"**

**Jesus Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these
arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which, at the mercy seat of God,
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me, e'en for my soul, was shed.**

**Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.**

CCLI Song # 121256 John Wesley | Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf | William Gardiner © Words: Public Domain
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Penelope Marie Davis

Belated congratulations to Bill & Patty Davis on the arrival of their new granddaughter! Penelope was born on October 28, 2020. She weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 20" long. The parents are Brad & Kelly Davis.



Noah Wyatt Harrell

Congratulations to Pastor Steve and Wendy Goatley on the birth of their new grandson! Noah was born on January 29, 2021. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 21" long. The parents are Jared & Alison Harrell.



*The
Soup
Kitchen
is Back!*

**Every
1st Monday & 3rd Monday**

Beginning Monday, March 1, we will resume providing meals to the Soup Kitchen. Because of Covid restrictions, we will not be serving the meal but rather *The Soup Kitchen* staff will assemble meals for take-out delivery.

You can help by bringing rolls and desserts to the church by **1 pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday** of each month.

If want to assist with meal preparations, you are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall around 9 or 10 am on the 1st and/or 3rd Monday of each month. *Thanks for any help!*



Who is Annie?

Annie Armstrong was never concerned with what the world expected. She was born in Baltimore in 1850, during a time when women were not expected to be leaders, speak up, or to be visionaries, but Annie didn't conform to their standards. She was a women of change in a century that wasn't ready for women to change, still she prospered and made a way for herself and also helped show others the way. Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer for her visionary leadership that still inspires millions today.

Annie Armstrong's vision is still going strong today, with a reported offering that has surpassed \$1 billion dollars, and with over 5,000 missionaries being supported from these gifts that have been received.

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING[®]**
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

It's time again for the annual *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* and the week of prayer which is March 7-14th. **Our goal for First Baptist this year is \$3,000.**

Your prayers and gifts to AAEO provide support for thousands of missionaries who plant churches in unreached communities. Every day lives are being impacted and transformed. This is a fantastic opportunity to support local missions. All gifts are 100% in support of the missionaries and missions that are local and around our country.

***"What a glorious thing it is to be
a co-worker with God in
winning the world for Christ."***

~ Annie Armstrong ~

First Impressions Team



Mar 07 Mike Coomes & Ruth Hall
Mar 14 Johnny & Karen Dickson
Mar 21 Tony & Sonia Truitt
Mar 28 Marty & Cathy Parks

Security Team Schedule



Mar 07 Mike Coomes / Jack Edwards
Mar 14 John Patterson / Paul Walker
Mar 21 Terry Anders / Basil Carpenter
Mar 28 Scott Hall / Gerald Cox

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

| | 01/31/2021 | 02/07/2021 |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Evening Attendance | 44 | 83 |
| Sunday School | (Zoom) 23 | (Zoom) 40 |
| 11:00 A.M. Worship Service | (Snow Day) 0 | (Snow Day) 0 |
| Hispanic Worship Service | 0 | 29 |
| Total Worship Attendance | 0 | 29 |
| BUDGET REQUIRED | \$ 9,384.04 | \$ 9,384.04 |
| BUDGET RECEIVED | .00 | 5,440.05 |
| REQUIRED TO DATE | .00 | 56,304.24 |
| RECEIVED TO DATE | .00 | 44,688.00 |
| DESIGNATED RECEIPTS | .00 | 1,285.11 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$.00 | \$ 6,725.16 |
| % Required Yrly Budget Rec'd | 0% | 79% |
| % Required Wkly Budget Rec'd | 0% | 58% |

Facebook Views

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|------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 11:00 A.M. Worship Service | 936 | 651 |
| Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other | 478 | 484 |

| | 02/14/2021 | 02/21/2021 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Evening Attendance | 75 | - |
| Sunday School | 78 | 93 |
| 11:00 A.M. Worship Service | 107 | 116 |
| Hispanic Worship Service | 26 | 40 |
| Total Worship Attendance | 133 | 156 |
| BUDGET REQUIRED | \$ 9,384.04 | \$ 9,384.04 |
| BUDGET RECEIVED | 12,031.48 | 10,184.70 |
| REQUIRED TO DATE | 65,688.28 | 75,072.32 |
| RECEIVED TO DATE | 56,719.48 | 66,904.18 |
| DESIGNATED RECEIPTS | 3,257.23 | 16,101.58 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$ 15,288.71 | \$ 26,286.28 |
| % Required Yrly Budget Rec'd | 86% | 89% |
| % Required Wkly Budget Rec'd | 128% | 109% |

Facebook Views

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|------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 11:00 A.M. Worship Service | 331 | 503 |
| Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other | 699 | 92 |



Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

Friday

8:30 to 12:00

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We Believe In The Power Of Prayer



The Family of Doris Johnson (Wynn Combs' mother); Steve & Larkin Conley; Nick Marquina, seizures; Family of Mary Rourke; Chip Haydt (Michelle Holt Haydt's Husband); Max Brown, leukemia (Martha Dozier's great-grandson); Charlotte Frye East; Sharon Garrett, cancer; Lou Ann Brock (Betty Parrish's daughter); Linda Cooley; Joe Soles, cancer; Our Preschool Department; Dr. Bill Eddings; Judy Hennis; 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); 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



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March 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|--|-----------|-----------|
| | 1 1:00pm-Soup Kitchen: Need Rolls / Desserts 6:00pm-Pastor Kevin's Bible Study in Sanctuary & on Facebook | 2 6:30am-Prayer Time 10:00am-Staff Meeting | 3 6:30pm-Worship, Devotion & Prayer with Pastor Kevin -in Sanctuary 6:30pm-TruNorth | 4 6:30am-Prayer Time 6:30pm-Meditation/Devotion with Pastor Kevin (Facebook Only) | 5 | 6 |
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MARCH


*Birthdays
of the Month*



March 5

*Missy Adams
Susan Dillon*

March 6

Pablo Gonzalez

March 10

Ivon Ibarra

March 11

Eulogia Perez

March 13

Joan Miller

March 14

Janet Nuckolls

March 15

*Jimmy Adams
Beverly Rios*

March 17

*Dennis Combs
Tony Mays*

March 18

Judy Hennis

March 23

Isai Perez, Jr.

March 25

*Glenn Adcock
Gardner Brannon, Jr.*

March 27

*Ed Barker
Dana Bobbitt
Forest Newman
Kevin Spurlin*

March 28

*K.T. Carico
Tim Cruz*

March 29

Tara Spurlin

March 30

*Jose Cruz
Sylvia Rudolph*

March 31

Joana Galvan