



# Forerunner

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

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**May 1–31, 2021**

**Dear Church Family,**

**Thank You,  
 Thank You,  
 Thank You!**



I want to express deep gratitude for your support and investment into me and our shared philosophy of missions. The team had a great weekend in Kentucky with Mary, her kids, and the community. We could not do it without your financial support, prayer support, and allowing us the time to go. Here are a few highlights of our weekend...

- A special bonding experience within the team and becoming vulnerable to each other in very special ways
- Quality time spent with the children in Mary's home, being able to give one-on-one attention to the kids who are starved for affection and love
- Extensive cleaning by the girls within the home for Mary by refurbishing the logs (walls) in her dining room and great family room (she lives in a log home)
- The men were able to seed grass and cover with hay in areas where the banks of the creek were restored after the flooding

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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sundays

9:45 am—Sunday School  
 11:00 am—Worship Service  
 (Live on Facebook & 98.1 FM Radio)  
 6:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)

### Mondays

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

### Tuesdays

10:00 am—Staff Meeting

### Wednesdays

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

### Tuesdays & Thursdays

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 03

1:00 pm—Soup Kitchen

### May 05

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

### May 06

National Day of Prayer

### May 07

6:00 pm—Fuller House Ministries Dinner

### May 09

Mother's Day

### May 11

11:00 am—Women on Mission

### May 17

1:00 pm—Soup Kitchen  
 6:30 pm—Deacons' Meeting

### May 19

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

### May 20

11:30 am—Grief Support Group

### May 23

6:00 pm—New River Bapt. Assoc. Mtg  
 Hillsville First Baptist Church

### May 31

Memorial Day  
 Church Offices Closed

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- The men completely cleaned and organized the downstairs of the church and kitchen from vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, kitchen and stock room
- To feed Mary and the kids dinner and then spend time with her sharing her story. We spent about an hour and a half listening to Mary as she shared her journey from a young child to where she is today and how she has been faithful to the call of ministry by our Lord
- To be a part of the community in worship on Sunday morning and listening to Doc share his testimony, his singing, music from the community and my message
- To be able to feed the community (fed 70 people) and the young girls who attended (about 25) who are in a program because they are at-risk, in rehab, or in trouble with the law, and to see them respond and sing to the Lord was such a blessing
- To watch the hugs and eyes swell as we were saying our good-byes to Mary and the kids

I want to encourage you to talk with the team and hear from them first-hand how the trip impacted them and what it meant to be able to minister there in Linefork, Kentucky. Thank you so much for these experiences and I look forward to many more with you in our future together.

*In Christ's Love,  
Kevin*



Minister to  
Youth & Families

FBC Families,

Happy Spring! I just love this time of year! There is new birth everywhere we look and that always reminds me of all that Jesus has done for each one of us. It also reminds me that we have successfully reimagined and relaunched **KidzQuest** and our **youth Sunday school**. Please remember to take advantage of these vibrant ministries for your children. They both begin every Sunday morning at 9:45 and end at 10:45. KidzQuest is for children in kindergarten through 5th grade and is in room 264, and youth is for kids in grades 6-12 and is in the youth room. We also have a preschool class downstairs in the preschool wing with Mrs. Penny.

If your children are in KidzQuest, please look for their take-home devotions and Parent Sheets each week. These are intended to help you as parents continue the conversation from their Sunday morning class and help foster a life of quiet times with their devotions.

As many of you know, Pastor Kevin and I have been working on a mission trip for the youth ministry to Kentucky. This promises to be an amazing time of service, worship and fellowship for all involved! We will be sending out details and forms this month, so keep an eye out for that in your email. The dates to save are June 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to pray about being involved in these very important ministries. Most only involve an investment of around two hours per week and the blessings are too many to list. We can always use more group leaders in KidzQuest on Sunday mornings. Our youth Sunday school could also use a few more teachers for Sunday mornings and we really need more adults leaders for youth on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

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You don't need to have a special ability to teach or a degree as a counsellor. The four main requirements for any of these positions is the willingness to love these kids and to serve God in a meaningful way, a spirit of cooperation and the ability to pass a background check. It doesn't matter if you're in your 20's or one of our senior members, God can use you just the same. Maybe this spring can be a time of new things for you too!

*Blessings,  
Pastor Steve.*



**Attention:  
2021  
Graduates**

We will feature this year's graduates in our **June Forerunner**. If you are graduating from high school or college, we would love to have your photo, name of the school you are graduating from and your future plans, if known. **DEADLINE: May 24**. Please email your picture and information no later than May 24 to [secretary@fbcgalax.org](mailto:secretary@fbcgalax.org) or drop it by the church office. Your picture will be scanned and returned



**GREETINGS  
FROM OUR  
HISPANIC  
CONGREGATION!**

*"Make every effort to keep the  
unity of the Spirit through  
the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3*

For several weeks now I've been preaching from Ephesians and we've been studying the importance of keeping unity among the brethren. During this pandemic, we are thankful that we have been able to keep moving forward and are excited that the congregation is still united. We are looking forward to the new pastor who will be here next month, and are thankful we found a house for youth in Galax. Please keep us all in your prayers.

*God bless you all,  
Daniel Sanchez*





## A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

**"...nevertheless I am not ashamed,  
for I know whom I have believed  
and am persuaded that He is able to  
keep what I have committed to Him  
until that Day." 2 Timothy 1:12 NKJV**

Fanny Crosby is a household name when it comes to hymn singing. This beloved hymnist wrote some of our very favorites: **"To God Be the Glory," "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," "Praise Him! Praise Him!," "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," "I Am Thine, O Lord," "He Hideth My Soul," "Lord, Here Am I,"** and **"Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"** just to name a few. She also wrote **"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine."**

Robert J. Morgan's **THEN SINGS MY SOUL** (2011 edition, pg. 325) tells how this familiar hymn came to be. Here's the story of two women - Fanny Crosby and Phoebe Knapp. One worked in slums and rescue missions and the other lived a lavish lifestyle. Unlikely friends? They were *"dearest friends, and Fanny was a frequent houseguest at the Knapp Mansion (which contained one of the finest collections of instruments in the country)."*

*"One day in 1873, while Fanny was staying at the Knapp Mansion, Phoebe said she had a tune she wanted to play. Going to the music room, she sat at the piano and played a new composition of her own while the blind hymnist listened. Fanny immediately clapped her hands and exclaimed, 'Why, that says BLESSED ASSURANCE!' She quickly composed the words, and a great hymn was born."*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood!**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight!  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

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Mrs. Mary Martin	James & Linda Riddle
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First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the very generous love offering you collected for our mighty warrior, Max. We will forever be grateful for the love, support and especially the prayers offered up for Max and our family. We ask that you continue to pray for Max as his battle enters a new phase at Duke in the next couple of weeks. Your financial support is helping us be able to put our energy and focus on his treatment and recovery. By His stripes Max will be healed.

Love,  
The Brown Family  
Brad, Emily, Max & Madalyn

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Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank so much you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Also, thank you for the beautiful flowers for Helen's funeral. We know Helen would be so grateful that you thought of her!

The Family of  
Helen Robinson



It is time once again for the annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** sponsored by the Tri-Area Pregnancy Resource Center. This is a major fundraiser for this organization which ministers to the women in our community who are currently or have been involved in a crisis pregnancy. In 2019, the center had 218 client visits and had 30 new clients and saw 14 births!



**The 2021 Baby Bottle Campaign** will kick off with the distribution of baby bottles on

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, and end on Father's Day, June 20. Everyone is asked to take a bottle on Mother's Day, fill it with loose change and returned the filled bottles on Father's Day. These will then be delivered to the Tri-Area Pregnancy Resource Center. This is a local missional effort and your participation will be appreciated. Baby bottles will be located in the annex area and in front of the church office.

## Kingdom Kids !

The Kingdom Kids are back! We had well-attended meetings in April and plan to meet again in May on the 5<sup>th</sup> and on the 19<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



... to Benny White on the death of his sister, **Anna Ruth Sharp**, who passed away on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

... to the family of **Helen Robinson** who passed away Saturday, April 10, 2021.



## First Impressions Team

**May 02** Phil & Gay Helms  
**May 09** Marty & Cathy Parks  
**May 16** Tony & Sonia Truitt  
**May 23** Basil & Nancy Carpenter  
**May 30** Mike Coomes & Ruth Hall



## Security Team Schedule

**May 02** Paul Walker / Scott Hall  
**May 09** Basil Carpenter / Jack Bryant  
**May 16** Gerald Cox / Johnny Dickson  
**May 23** Royce Easter / Phil Helms  
**May 30** Mike Coomes / Jack Edwards

## CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	04/04/2021	04/11/2021
Evening Attendance	62	52
Sunday School	113	123
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	204	155
Hispanic Worship Service	37	40
Total Worship Attendance	241	195

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	17,848.93	8,808.62
REQUIRED TO DATE	131,376.56	140,760.60
RECEIVED TO DATE	138,075.10	146,883.72
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,667.26	1,458.98
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 19,516.19</b>	<b>\$ 10,267.62</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	105%	104%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	190%	94%

### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	382	407
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	192	319

	04/18/2021	04/25/2021
Evening Attendance	113	-
Sunday School	132	102
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	140	120
Hispanic Worship Service	38	33
Total Worship Attendance	178	153

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,976.02	5,764.72
REQUIRED TO DATE	150,144.64	159,528.68
RECEIVED TO DATE	155,859.74	161,624.46
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,951.16	1,494.28
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 10,927.18</b>	<b>\$ 7,259.00</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	104%	101%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	96%	61%

### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	362	438
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	173	94



## 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*



Judy Liddle (Jealynn Coleman's aunt); Susan Rorrer (Megan Chilton's Mother); Shirley Melton; Mac Higgins, Warren Bolt (David Banks' Stepfather); Titus & Catherine Lane; Steve & Larkin Conley; Nick Marquina, seizures; Teagan Fell (Lisa Siegle's Granddaughter); Chip Haydt (Michelle Holt Haydt's Husband); Max Brown, leukemia (Martha Dozier's great-grandson); Sharon Garrett, cancer; Joe Soles, cancer; Our Preschool Department; Dr. Bill Eddings; Everett Bryant; 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); 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

## Tough Times Don't Last

I said, "Sometimes I fail."  
 He said, "I'll see you through."  
 I said, "But what if I fall?"  
 He said, "I will carry you."  
 I said, "My fears are great."  
 He said, "Trust me alone."  
 I said, "But I'm depressed."  
 He said, "I'll cheer you on."  
 I said, "Life isn't easy."  
 He said, "Please let me help."  
 Remember, I love you."



I said, "Lord, I accept."

# May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i>
<b>2</b> 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 6:00pm-TruNorth	<b>3</b> 1:00pm-Soup Kitchen 6:00pm-Pastor Kevin's Bible Study on Facebook	<b>4</b> 6:30am-Prayer Time 10:00am-Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> 6:30pm-Kingdom Kids 6:30pm-Worship, Devotion & Prayer with Pastor Kevin 6:30pm-TruNorth	<b>6</b> 6:30am-Prayer Time  <b>National Day of Prayer</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00pm-Fuller House Ministries Dinner	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service  <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>10</b> 6:00pm-Pastor Kevin's Bible Study on Facebook	<b>11</b> 6:30am-Prayer Time 10:00am-Staff Meeting 11:00am-Women on Mission	<b>12</b> 2:00pm-Lions Club Mtg 6:30pm-Worship, Devotion & Prayer with Pastor Kevin 6:30pm-TruNorth	<b>13</b> 6:30am-Prayer Time	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>23</b> 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 6:00pm-TruNorth 6:00pm-NRBA Meeting: FBC Hillsville	<b>24</b> 6:00pm-Pastor Kevin's Bible Study on Facebook	<b>25</b> 6:30am-Prayer Time 10:00am-Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> 6:30pm-Worship, Devotion & Prayer with Pastor Kevin 6:30pm-TruNorth	<b>27</b> 6:30am-Prayer Time	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service:	<b>31</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>(Church Offices Closed)</b>					



*Birthdays  
of the  
Month*



**May 06**

*Paola Galvan*

**May 15**

*Scott Hall*

*Joe Lindsey*

**May 23**

*Judy Brannock*

*Pam Turner*

*Maggie Williams*

**May 08**

*Rhonda McMillan*

**May 20**

*Carolyn Matthews*

**May 25**

*Tammy Anders*

*Austin Lumpkin*

*Isabel Robles*

**May 12**

*Mimi Pemberton*

**May 22**

*Karen Dickson*

*Marlene Johnson*

**May 31**

*Bryan Dillon*