



Forerunner

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

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Vacation Bible School **July 26-29 6-8 PM** **PreK - 5th Grade**



Send your kids on a mountaintop adventure!

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids discover Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. Rocky Railway is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings®. *Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!* Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid™, that will provide alpacas to families in need in Ecuador, South America.

There will be a special outing to Fort Chiswell Zoo on Friday, July 30. Details will be announced soon.

Register for VBS online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/fbcgalax-vbs> or pick up a registration form in the church office.

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)

Tuesdays

10:00 am—Staff Meeting

Wednesdays

6:30 pm—Prayer Group
Common Ground Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 05

Church Offices Closed
1:00 pm—Soup Kitchen

July 07

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

July 13

11:00 am—Women on Mission

July 15

11:30 am—Grief Support Group

July 17

11:00 am—WMU Annual Meeting

July 21

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

July 25

12:15 pm—Quarterly Business Meeting

July 26-29

6-8 pm—Vacation Bible School

July 30

Special VBS Outing to Fort Chiswell Zoo
(details & time to be announced soon)

The Modern Day Parable of the \$5 Dollar Bill...

Psalms 139:14

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

During my recent mission trip to Kentucky with our youth group, Mary shared this story with us and gave me permission to pass it along to the church.



"I was sitting before a group of kids and raised a \$5 dollar bill and asked if any one wanted it. Well, everyone raised their hands. I asked why? They responded that it was of value, it was worth \$5 and they could buy something with it or save it. I then crumpled the bill in my hand and asked them again if they wanted it. Again, they said yes, it was worth \$5, even in a crumpled, wrinkled state.

I then took the \$5 dollar bill and placed it beneath my feet and trampled it underfoot. It was now dirty, filthy, wrinkled and in really bad shape. I asked a third time, who would like this \$5 dollar bill. All the hands still went up and they said to me that no matter what condition the \$5 dollar bill was in, it has not lost its value.

I then said to them, that is exactly how your heavenly Father feels about you. Your worth to God has always been the same from before you were born and will be till the day you die. No matter how much you have been wrinkled, dirty, filthy, disrespectful, disobedient, etc... your Father in heaven loves you just the same."

In order to experience that love, you must place your trust and faith in His Son Jesus Christ. Your value will never change or be diminished in your Father's eyes, regardless of the choices you make. He loves you that much and He showed you that love when He died on the cross... for you!

*In Christ's Love,
Pastor Kevin*



Minister to
Youth & Families

Hey Church Family!

This month I thought I would give you a report of our youth mission trip to Linefork KY. Our group left the church on Wednesday, June 30 and returned on Sunday the 27th. It was an amazing trip from the very beginning. We took three vehicles and I drove the youth in the church van. There is something especially magical when you take a group of students on a trip away from home. On the drive up I could see and hear the barriers begin to fall as the students and myself began to bond sharing stories and laughter.

When we arrived, we all noted what a beautiful place Miss Mary has created for the residents. We got settled into the bunk house and got ready for the mission ahead. We enjoyed meeting Miss Mary's kids and I especially enjoyed watching our student befriend Jonathan, Ayden and JoAnna. Ayden is just a little fella and he is very shy, but by the second day the kids had him laughing and playing with them in the creek. It was truly a joy to see him so happy!!

While we were there we built eight benches that convert into picnic tables to set around the fire pit. Then the kids spent the next day painting all of the playground equipment a bright red and blue. It looked really wonderful when they finished! Saturday we spent the day unloading three trucks of food, clothing, appliances and furniture. It totaled 130,000 pounds! The three bay garage used for a food pantry was nearly empty when we arrived, but was busting as the seams after the trucks were unloaded. God really knows how to send the blessings!

Each day Pastor Kevin made sure we were fueled up with wonderful meals. My favorite was the shrimp and rice! We started our days with group devotions and it was wonderful to share that time together. In the evenings we gathered around the fire pit for s'mores and fellowship. It was a great way to share about our day. If you ever have the opportunity to take a trip to Miss Mary's, I highly recommend it! If you want an extra special blessing, go as a chaperone with a bunch of kids!!

*Blessings,
Pastor Steve*



We have had a blessed month with great attendance - averaging 50 children and youth - at our Wednesday evening meetings. This month our lessons focused on Matthew 5 the Beatitudes and John 14: *Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.*

We had a "School's Out" Celebration with special guests bringing ice cream treats and grilling hot dogs. This month one of our sweet children asked with enthusiasm, "Are we going to read the Bible tonight?" What a blessing to hear and see the excitement of a child about reading the Bible! We all need to have this childlike enthusiasm in our walk with God. We serve an awesome God!



**GREETINGS
FROM OUR
HISPANIC
CONGREGATION!**

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23



**(Pastor Lino & Cindy Rodriguez,
with children Pablo and Denise)**

Thankfully, our new Hispanic minister, **Pastor Lino Rodriguez**, and his family arrived in Galax the first week of June. They were living in Floyd County while we searched for a house in Galax. We are happy to report we found a house in Galax and they moved in the last week of June. We are very thankful to the Lord for that, and pray that the Lord uses their lives to minister to the Hispanic community in Galax and the surrounding counties. We pray that the Holy Spirit will open many doors so they can share the gospel with others. The congregation is very happy the new Pastor & his family are here. We have had some wonderful times of fellowship with them already. All the glory be to the Lord and we pray that his name be glorified in every decision we make as a congregation.

Daniel Sanchez



A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." Philippians 3:20 NIV

This is the month we sing favorites like **"America the Beautiful"** and **"My Country, 'Tis of Thee."** Many of us will hang flags and enjoy cookouts with family and friends. Our hearts will be stirred with patriotism and gratefulness as we celebrate the birth of our nation.

This is the story of our national anthem from Robert J. Morgan's **THEN SINGS MY SOUL** (2011 edition, pg. 147). This is about Francis Scott Key, an attorney and evangelical Christian, who *"undertook a hostage-recovery mission at the request of the President of the United States. He was seeking the release of a prominent physician, Dr. Beanes, who had been taken captive. During the assignment he was detained by enemy troops and forced to watch a brutal assault on the eastern seaboard."* *"Toward the morning of September 14, 1814, when it became clear that American forces had withstood the 25-hour bombardment, he penned [a] hymn, scribbling it on the back of an envelope."* Once back in Baltimore, Francis wrote it out *"in fuller form,"* and then his brother-in-law had the hymn printed and distributed. *"One copy landed in the hands of an unknown musician who adapted it to the tune 'To Anacreon in Heaven.'"* And thus our national anthem was born!

*Oh say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

*Oh thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"*

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you all for the cards and calls during a particularly difficult time in my life. Your support means everything to me.

*With much appreciation,
David Roberson*

Dear Church Family & Friends,

For the first time in over a year and half, I was able to visit my Mother in her room at Waddell Nursing Home. As I was going through all her mail, I was overwhelmed by the number of cards she has been receiving from church members. I want to thank each of you for remembering her. She loves her cards and keeps everyone of them. If you would like to send her a card, her address is Glennis Morris, Room 118, Waddell Nursing Home, 202 Painter St., Galax, VA 24333. Many thanks again.

Marie Combs



... to Don Lowe on the death of his son, **Donald Lowe**, who passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021.



NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 04	Sara Hall
July 11	Erica Testerman
July 18	Sara Hall
July 25	Tara Spurlin



The WOM thanks everyone for your support of this year's Baby Bottle Campaign. All the money raised was delivered to the Tri-Area Pregnancy Center, and they were very appreciative of your very generous donations. If you still have your baby bottle, please return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Come join us at our monthly meeting in July on the 13th for a good time of fellowship and to learn about how we help our church and community. **We will be collecting school supplies for Galax school for this fall**, starting toward the middle or end of July to August. There will be a list sent out later when we know all that is needed.

Our Annual WMU meeting is scheduled for July 17 in our Fellowship Hall. We would love for you to join us for this meeting, so be on the lookout for more information about this event. We hope everyone has a wonderful Fourth of July!

A BIG thank you to everyone who gave money to help Memory, the lady in Zambia, raise enough money to attend the Choma School of Nursing. The goal was reached and even surpassed (\$355 total). She will use the extra money for books or next year's tuition. May God bless all those who gave **so generously!**



The **Casserole Team** needs a few more volunteers in the rotation to occasionally deliver a meal to those who have been hospitalized or maybe had a death in the family, etc. If you can help with this worthwhile ministry, please contact the church office at secretary@fbcgalax.org or 236-5185 and we will get your information to Becky Adams, Team Leader. She appreciates your help!

First Impressions Team



July 04 Basil & Nancy Carpenter
Pam Turner
July 11 Mike Coomes
Debbie Patterson
July 18 Johnny & Karen Dickson
Patricia Edwards
July 25 Tony & Sonia Truitt
Robert Leonard



Security Team Schedule

July 04 Phil Helms / Mike Coomes
July 11 Johnny Dickson / John Patterson
July 18 Jack Edwards / Terry Anders
July 25 Paul Walker / Scott Hall

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	05/30/2021	06/06/2021
Evening Attendance	63	4
Sunday School	122	123
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	132	128
Hispanic Worship Service	39	45
Total Worship Attendance	171	173
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,783.96	16,839.73
REQUIRED TO DATE	206,448.88	215,832.92
RECEIVED TO DATE	207,898.46	224,738.19
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	519.94	2,520.10
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 9,303.90	\$ 19,359.83
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	101%	104%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	94%	179%

	06/13/2021	06/20/2021
Evening Attendance	75	5
Sunday School	144	119
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	161	140
Hispanic Worship Service	43	35
Total Worship Attendance	204	175
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	5,944.48	9,853.56
REQUIRED TO DATE	225,216.96	234,601.00
RECEIVED TO DATE	230,682.67	240,536.23
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	2,082.65	542.08
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 8,027.13	\$ 1,395.64
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	102%	103%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	63%	105%



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



Kim Kinser, cancer is back (Mary Dotson's daughter); Martha Easter, knee surgery; Ava Rhodes (Joe & Bobbie Sizemore's granddaughter); Debbie Osborne; Judie Gauvreau, pancreatic cancer; David Roberson; Bill Cox, stroke; Crystal Anderson, heart attack; Mildred Grubb; Steve & Larkin Conley; Nick Marquina, seizures; Max Brown, leukemia (Martha Dozier's great-grandson); Sharon Garrett, cancer; Joe Soles, cancer; Our Preschool Department; Judy Hennis; Miles Compton, lung cancer; Cami Gathercole & her daughter (Cami is daughter of Joe & Barbara Sizemore); Stanley Armstrong, cancer; Johnny Hodges, cancer (Hilda Hodges' brother); Barbara Baxley; Laila Cox; 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 - Glenn Morris, Rm 118-B

Jesus on the 4th of July

*We gather 'round to celebrate on Independence Day
Pay homage to our country as the children run and play.*

*With barbecues and picnics and fireworks in the air
The flag we own is proudly flown to show how much we care.*

*The stars and stripes spell freedom, She waves upon the breeze
While bursts of colors can be seen above the towering trees.*

*This is all quite wonderful, we revel in delight
But God above in divine love has brought this day to light.*

*With just a stroke of liberty, a touch of His great hand
He gave democracy to us and helped this country stand.*

*The stripes upon our Stately Flag were touched by His sweet grace
Each star of white that shines so bright reflects His loving face.*

STATISTICS - CONT'D

06/27/2021

Evening Attendance	12
Sunday School	124
11:00 A.M. Worship	136
Hispanic Worship Service	42
Total Worship Attendance	178
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	5,132.24
REQUIRED TO DATE	243,985.04
RECEIVED TO DATE	245,668.47
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	6,112.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,245.21
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	101%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	55%


*So as you turn to face
the flag for battles that
were fought
Be filled with pride for
those who died and
freedoms that were
bought.*

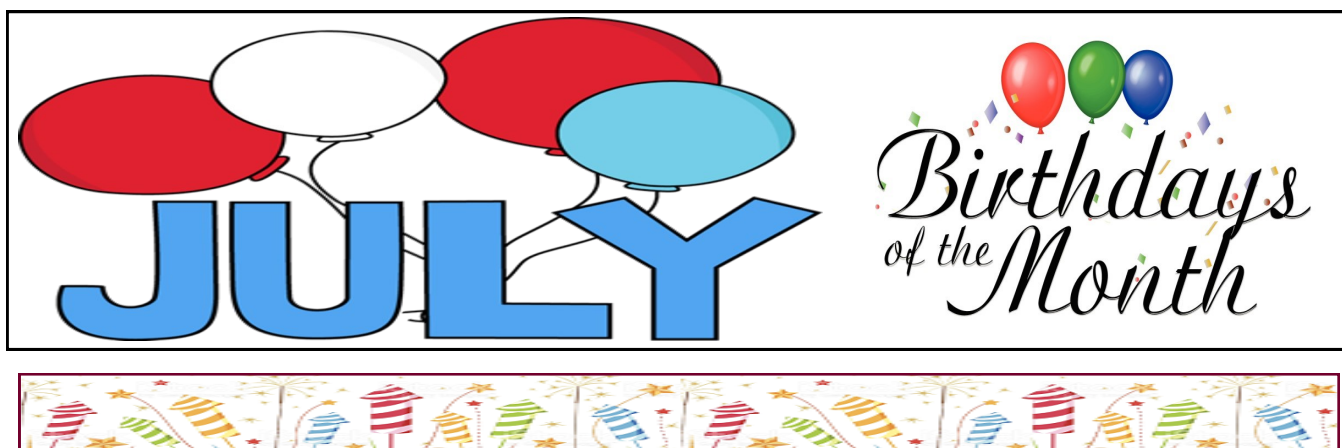
*But don't forget to
thank the One that
gives the bright
display
The reason why we
paint the sky on
Independence Day.*

by: Marilyn Ferguson

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July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 	5 1:00pm-Soup Kitchen Church Offices Closed: July 4 th Holiday	6 10:00am-Staff Meeting	7 6:30pm-Kingdom Kids 6:30pm-Prayer group	8	9	10
11 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 6:00pm-TruNorth	12	13 10:00am-Staff Meeting 11:00am-Women on Mission	14 6:30pm-Prayer group	15 11:30pm-Grief Support Group	16	17 11:00-WMU Annual Mtg
18 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 6:00pm-TruNorth	19	20 10:00am-Staff Meeting	21 6:30pm-Prayer group 6:30pm-Kingdom Kids	22	23	24
25 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 12:15pm-Qrtly Business Meeting 6:00pm-TruNorth	26 <div> Vacation Bible School — Rocky Railway Monday-Thursday 6-8 pm </div>	27 10:00am-Staff Meeting	28 6:30pm-Prayer group	29	30 <div> VBS Outing to Fort Chiswell Zoo (Time TBA) </div>	31



July 2
Hilda Hodges

July 9
Ben Williams

July 18
Linda Cooley
Susan Honaker

July 3
Joyce Orwig
Betty Parrish

July 11
Joyce Phillips

July 19
Lupita Ramirez

July 4
Frances Halsey

July 12
Phyllis Barker
Donnie Handy

July 22
Linda Rosenfeld

July 6
Dan Schultheis

July 13
Kayla Archer
Bill Davis

July 23
Royce Easter

July 8
Steve Hazelwood
Eugenio Ibarra
Barbara Leonard
James Sumner
Benny White

July 16
Nancy Carpenter
Wendy Goatley

July 25
Eula Merrill

July 29
Ruth Hall
Mark Painter