



Forerunner

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**"And she shall bring forth a son, and
thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he
shall save his people from their sins."**

The Names of the Christmas Child

As I looked at the scriptures, I think it is important to spend some time looking into the names of the Messiah. These names identify the baby that was going to be born on that first Christmas day.

Immanuel-Matthew 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel—which means, 'God with us'".
The name Immanuel stands for "God with us!" God knew that you and I would face rejection, betrayal, pain, heartache, humiliation, sickness and all other challenges that come against us in life. He knew that we are flesh and blood and that we face the battles of flesh and blood.

He therefore decided that He would take on the form of you and me, the form of flesh and blood, so that he could identify with us perfectly; in the exact way that we face the pains and the rejections that we go through. In fact, we have a High Priest who is touched with our very infirmities and feelings, because He went through the same challenges as we face, as He walked on this earth in true flesh and blood, as we do.

The King of the Jews– Mathew 2:2

"The Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?'"

A CALL TO WORSHIP

Sundays

9:30 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service
(Live on Facebook & 98.1 FM Radio)
6:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)
6:00 pm—Adult Bible Study

Mondays

6:00 pm—Bible Study on Facebook Only

Wednesdays

6:00 pm—Worship, & Devotion
6:30 pm—Prayer Group
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal

**No Wednesday Night Services on
December 22 or December 29
No Wednesday TruNorth Meetings
during the month of December**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

December 1—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30

December 5—Communion

Called Business Meeting after Worship

December 6—Soup Kitchen

(Please bring rolls/ desserts by 1 pm)

December 7—Staff Meeting @ 1:00 pm

December 14 Women on Mission- 11am

December 15— 11:00 am

Preschool Christmas Program

December 15—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30

December 16—Loss Support- 11:30 am

December 19—Youth Party — 6-8 pm

December 24— 5:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service

December 24—Thru 27th Church Offices
Closed



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We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."
What a beautiful part of the Christmas story. The Magi came from far away. They came from far places; from different parts of the world. Maybe they joined up together at some point, followed the star, and came to their destination. But when they came, they asked a question. The question they asked is, "Where is He, who is born King of the Jews?"

Jesus– Matthew 1:21
"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

What an amazing statement! You are to have a child and you are to give him the name Jesus, for He is going to save his people. What a beautiful name, Jesus! The Lord saves. That's what the name Jesus means. Jesus saves from sin. Sin is the most destructive force in the world, far greater than any weapons known to human kind because sin destroys you forever. But Jesus came to save people from their sin. That is why He died.

Messiah-Matthew 2:4
"When he had called together all the people's chief priests and the teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born."

That word Christ, the meaning of that word is Messiah. Messiah was the dream of the Jewish nation. Messiah was the dream of God's people. Messiah was who everybody was looking for. And Messiah means...actually it's more than a name, the name Christ is actually a title. It's a title which only our Lord has and it means the 'The Anointed One.'
When the Messiah, when Jesus, when Immanuel, when the King is with us, our joy is not built on how prosperous our Christmas can be. Our joy is not built on how many gifts we receive. Our joy is not built on all the goodwill we receive from people. But our joy is received by the fact, the absolute fact, the reality that the Messiah, the Anointed One is with us. He will never leave us. He will never forsake us.

May you have an incredible celebration of the birth of our Savior this Christmas season.

In Christ's Love,

Kevin



Hey Church Family!
I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I pray that this Christmas season fills you all with hope, wonder and especially the Holy Spirit. This is one of my favorite seasons of the year.
In the church it's called the season of Advent. It's a time of waiting for the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child. Instead of allowing the media driven, money spending, sales frenzy of the world saturate your season this year, why not take the time with your family to really focus on the point of Christmas. I ran across this wonderful article by Christine McParland on how to celebrate advent as a family. I hope you will take time to visit and read. She lists four ideas on how to help little ones learn the discipline of waiting in hope during this amazing season.
God bless you all and Merry Christmas!

It can be hard for young children to appreciate the significance of Christmas; a 2,000 year old story in the Bible seems less exciting than the latest toy ad. But often it's just as hard for adults to focus on the true "Reason for the Season." With many Christmas festivities being cancelled this year, you can take advantage of extra time (as well as help put some cheer back into the season) with these four ways to celebrate Advent as a family.
1. Light An Advent Wreath
Kids will probably recognize the Avent wreath from church, but having one at home may be a new experience for them! Especially if you're unable to attend church in person this year, lighting your own Advent wreath each Sunday can be a beautiful new tradition for your family.
<https://www.tyndale.com/sites/readthearc/4-ways-to-celebrate-advent-as-a-family/>

**Peace,
Steve,
Minister to Youth & Families**



As we usher in the season of Advent, we are grateful to all of those at FBC who were willing to give of their time and talent to trim trees, hang greenery and lights, and place poinsettias around the sanctuary to enhance our worship experience. They did a magnificent job, and just as they prepared the sanctuary for this Christmas season, let us prepare our hearts for the upcoming birth of our Savior. Plan to be a part of Sunday worship every week during the month of December as the Sanctuary Choir presents special Christmas music. We are thankful for their willingness to share their time and talent to lead us in worship each week!

And just as the angels and shepherds came to worship the Messiah, let us, too, accompany them in singing praises to the newborn King. We are always looking for new folks to be a part of the Sanctuary Choir, so if you are interested, please join us on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary for a great time of rehearsal and fellowship. We'd love to see you!!

-Wendi

*It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,"
From heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.*

*For lo the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.*

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Jesus said to him,
"I am the way,
the truth,
and the life.
No one comes
to the Father,
except through me."

—John 14:6, World English Bible

THIS MONTH KINGDOM
KIDS HAS FOCUSED ON
THE BIBLE VERSE,
JOHN 14:6
"JESUS IS THE WAY,
THE TRUTH AND THE
LIFE.
NO ONE COMES TO THE
FATHER EXCEPT
THROUGH ME."
THE CHILDREN, YOUTH,
AND VOLUNTEERS WERE
TREATED TO A SPECIAL
THANKSGIVING MEAL OF
CHICKEN WINGS
PREPARED BY
PASTOR KEVIN.
EVERYONE SHARED A
SPECIAL EVENING OF
PRAISE AND
THANKFULNESS TO GOD.



The Women on Mission would like to say a big thank you to everyone that donated money for us to shop for shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We packed 36 boxes and we still had funds left. This money will be delivered to the Samaritan Purse when we go to help pack shoeboxes. We were overjoyed and thank you for your support in this wonderful ministry that can not only touch the life of a child but the family as well.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering starts in December. Here is a little history about the Lottie missionary. Lottie was 32 years old when she was called to the mission field in China. She had left behind a turned-down marriage proposal, her job, family and friends to follow God's lead. The path she took was not normal for an educated woman from a wealthy southern family. For thirty-one years, Lottie served in Tengchow and P'ingtu. The people rejected and feared her, but she refused to leave and she baked cookies to get the people to come to her house. She changed her customs and learned the people's language. She didn't just serve the people of China, she identified with their customs and culture and was eventually accepted by many, even having some accept Christ as their Savior. Our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering this year is \$3,000, with 100% of this going directly to sustain the international missionaries and their work. If you would like to donate, the Lottie Moon inserts and special offering envelopes are located at the Welcome Desk and also at the church office. Thank you for your donations.



It has been a great joy for our family to experience the fall season in Virginia and see all the tree colors, and now we are eager to see the snow again which we experienced for the first time in our lives last year and it was incredible! My children are asking when the snow is coming again. This past month we had the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving with the Hispanic congregation and we had a wonderful time. We had some visitors and we were blessed to share with them not only the meal but also the word of God. We ask you to keep the Hispanic ministry in your prayers for our spiritual growth and we are praying for you as well. God bless and prosper you all so you can grow in His love and knowledge
Pastor Lino Rodriguez



DONOR * FUND *IN MEMORY OF

Gardner Brannon—Mary E. Brannon
Preschool Program
Joe & Linda Soles— Bonnie Bodrig
FBC Soup Kitchen Fund
Debbie Adams—John Adams, Sr.
Soup Kitchen





Ava Rhodes, Tracy Hasbrouck, Joyce Fender, Judie Gauvreau, Steve & Larkin Conley, Barbara Baxley, Mike McMillian, Juan Rios, Nell Bartlett, Betty Parrish, Susie Huffman, Joe & Linda Soles Great Grandson & family, Bill Cox Donald & Katherine Martin, Tony & Ginny Mays, Betty Parks, Judy Hennis, Sam & Nancy Blair, Glennis Morris, Waddell Nursing Home & Martha Combs, Hillsville Health & Rehab.
Pray for our Country & the US Military & other coalition forces.
Condolences to Linda Soles & family on the passing of her sister, Bonnie Bodrog.
Condolences to the Phyllis Moore family &
Condolences to the Jean Acencio family on the passing of her mother, Wilma Thomas

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	11/07/2021	11/14/2021
Evening Attendance	54	110
Sunday School	88	83
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	132	135
Hispanic Worship Service	37	38
Total Worship Attendance	311	366

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	14,528.68	9,961.90
REQUIRED TO DATE	422,281.80	431,665.84
RECEIVED TO DATE	421,806.62	431,768.52
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	4,030.19	5,441.05
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 18,558.87	15,402.95

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	100%	100%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	155%	107%

	11/21/2021	11/28/2021
Evening Attendance	19	(12/1 #s will be added)
Sunday School	100	92
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	160	153
Hispanic Worship Service	35	(Did Not Meet) 0
Total Worship Attendance	314	245

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	6,893.29	3,135.81
REQUIRED TO DATE	441,049.88	450,433.92
RECEIVED TO DATE	438,661.81	441,797.62
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	5,393.46	15,515.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 12,286.75	\$ 18,651.77

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	100%	98%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	74%	34%



Mark Clampett visited the Preschool on November 2nd. Mark lives in Grayson County & is from a Sioux Tribe. He shared very interesting and fun information such as tribal attire, drums & other items & tribal traditions.



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Monday—Friday 8:30—5:00 Friday—8:30—1:00

TEAM VOLUNTEERS



Nursery
Dec 5th Tara Spurlin
Dec 12th Erica Testerman
Dec 19th Sara Hall
Dec 26th Erica Testerman

Security Team
Dec 5th Scott Hall & Gerald Cox
Dec 12th Terry Anders & Dick Cooley
Dec 19th Phil Helms & Mike Coomes
Dec 26th Jack Edwards & John Patterson

Welcome Center
Dec 5th Kathy Cox
Dec 12th Ruth Hall
Dec 19th Pam Turner
Dec 26th Debbie Patterson

First Impressions Team
Marty & Cathy Parks
Phil & Gay Helms
Basil & Nancy Carpenter
Mike Coomes & Ruth Hall

Tech Sound
Dec 5th Mike Stevens
Dec 12th Trevor Anders
Dec 19th Gary Ballard
Dec 26th Bryan Dillon

Tech Projection
Bryan Dillon
Jessica Whitaker
Jessica Whitaker
Trevor Anders



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH &
GOD'S STOREHOUSE SOUP KITCHEN'S
MINISTRY FOR FEEDING THE HUNGRY**



God's Storehouse Soup Kitchen is a non-profit organization on a mission to help those in need, including the homeless, children in foster care, low income families, those suffering trauma or addictions and many more. They have been providing the Galax Community with free hot meals since 2014.

First Baptist Church provides one of these hot meals for God's Storehouse Soup Kitchen on the first Monday of each month. We have heard that everyone loves the meals prepared by the First Baptist Church; after all, we have our own renowned chef, Pastor Kevin Rosenfeld and other great cooks that prepare desserts and bread. ***Pastor Kevin stated, "We want to prepare an extra special meal each month for these people because they may not get many good hot meals."***

The church has a Soup Kitchen Fund and this money is used to purchase the meat and other items needed to prepare the monthly meals.

***Your donations and volunteer service is greatly appreciated.
Without your help this food ministry would not be possible!***

**Debbie Patterson is collecting items for God's Storehouse during the month of December:
December 5th & December 12th—Male & Female Hygiene Items such as soap, deodorant,
shampoo, toothpaste, etc.
December 19th—Paper Products**

**TO PLACE A POINSETTIA IN THE SANCTUARY
IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE,
PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

**THE COST WILL BE \$7.00 PER POINSETTIA.
A LIST OF ALL MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA
WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.**

**YOU MAY TAKE YOUR POINSETTIA HOME AT THE END
OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.**





CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICE
5:30 PM
CHRISTMAS—A BELOVED PERSPECTIVE

PASTOR KEVIN'S DECEMBER SERMON SERIES

December 5th
"Mighty God"
Second Sunday of Advent
Communion

December 12th
"Everlasting Father"
Third Sunday of Advent

December 19th
"Prince of Peace"
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 26th
"A Life That is Real"

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR HELPING BRING
THE MIRACLE AND MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS TO FBC
YOU GUYS DID A GREAT JOB—EVERYTHING IS BEAUTIFUL!**



OH HOLY NIGHT
MERRY CHRISTMAS





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> Marie Thomas	<u>4</u> Jane Alderman
<u>5</u> Debbie Adams Erika Gonzalez	<u>6</u> Robert Leonard	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> John Adams, Jr.	<u>10</u> Dorothy Bowles	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Audrey Turner Roseila Munoz	<u>14</u> Linda Riddle Crystal Adams	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> Sara Lindsey
<u>19</u> Donna Garland	<u>20</u> Josh Schultheis	<u>21</u> Joy Turner	<u>22</u> Tammy Wyatt	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Erica Testerman	<u>25</u> Ginger Vaughan Gay Helms 
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Patricia Edwards Kaitlyn Turner	<u>28</u> Jackie McGrady	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Linda Painter	



December 2021 Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal Kingdom Kids	2	3 <i>Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission Trip to Boone</i>	4
5 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Business Meeting 6:00 pm TruNorth & Adult Bible Study 2nd Advent	6 10 am Paper Pals 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin On Facebook <i>Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission Trip to Charlotte</i>	7 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	8 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal	9	10 <i>Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission Trip to Charlotte</i>	11
12 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm TruNorth & Adult Bible Study 3rd Advent	13 10 am Paper Pals 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin On Facebook	14 11:00 am Women on Mission	15 11:00 am <i>Preschool Christmas Program</i> 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal Kingdom Kids	16 11:30 am Loss Support Group	17	18
19 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 –8:00 pm Youth Party 6 pm Bible Study 4th Advent	20 10 am Paper Pals 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin On Facebook	21 <i>Winter Begins</i> 	22 NO EVENING SERVICES OR EVENING ACTIVITIES	23	24 5:30 pm Candlelight Service & Communion Church Offices Closed	25 
26 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship NO EVENING YOUTH MEETING OR BIBLE STUDY	27 Church Offices Closed THERE WILL BE NO FACEBOOK BIBLE STUDY	28	29 NO EVENING SERVICES OR EVENING ACTIVITIES	30	31 Church Offices Closed 	