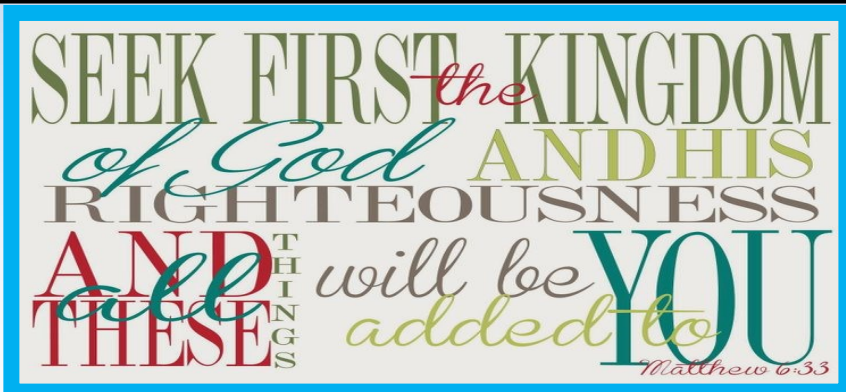




# Forerunner

**First Baptist Church**  
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## THE SIMPLE SECRET TO A GREAT NEW YEAR

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. - **Matthew 6:33**

The simple secret is this: To experience a great year, just do what Jesus said, “Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things [the things you and I worry about] shall be added to you” (**Matthew 6:33**). If you will seek Him first, He promises to meet all your needs.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SEEK HIM FIRST?

1. It means that you spend time with Him at the first of each day, praying and reading His Word, asking Him for direction, guidance, help and insight ... confessing your sins when you blow it, and seeking His grace to help in your time of need.
2. It means you put His agenda above your agenda. You pray, “Not my will, but Thine be done” (**Luke 22:42**). You live your life to please Jesus, not to please yourself.
3. It means you obey Him and do what He says in the power He supplies. You don't let your fleshly desires control you; you let Jesus control you.
4. It means you invest your time, talent and resources in the kingdom of God, not the kingdom of self.
5. It means you recognize that He is everything, and in Christ “are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (**Colossians 2:3**). The true treasures of life—love, joy, peace, fulfillment, true success—are only found in Jesus ... so you spend your time seeking Him.



### Sundays

- 9:30 am—Sunday School  
(Adult, Teen & Child Classes)
- 11:00 am—Worship Service  
(Live on FBC Website & 98.1 FM Radio)
- 6:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)
- 6:00 pm—Kids Explorers-Starting 1/16/22

### Mondays

- 6:00 pm—Bible Study on FBC Website

### Wednesdays

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

**No Wednesday TruNorth Meetings**  
during the month of January



**January 3—Church Offices Closed**

**January 3—Soup Kitchen**  
(Please bring desserts only by 1 pm)

**January 4 Preschool Begins**

**January 4—Staff Meeting @ 1:00 pm**

**January 5—Wednesday Night Worship & Devotion, Choir Rehearsal & Prayer Group Begins for 2022**

**January 5—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30 pm**

**January 10 @ 6 pm—Bible Study Begins for 2022 - [www.fbcgalax.org](http://www.fbcgalax.org)**

**January 11 — Women on Mission- 11am**

**January 19—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30 pm**

**January 20—Loss Support Group 11:30**





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As we continue in the pandemic with so much uncertainty that surrounds us, let us put our trust in Christ, and Christ alone. He is our rock and our fortress. He is our delivery and our sustainer. He alone, can provide all that we need regardless what is happening in the world around us.

May we enter 2022 seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and I know that He will supply our needs...

In Christ's Love,

Kevin

**Pastor Kevin's  
January 2022  
Sermon Series**

**January 2**  
**1 John 1:5-10; 2:1-6**  
**"Walking & Talking"**

**January 9**  
**1 John 2:7-11**  
**"Something Old,  
Something New"**

**January 16**  
**1 John 2:12-17**  
**"The Love God Hates"**

**January 23**  
**1 John 2:18-29**  
**"Truth or Consequences"**

**January 30**  
**1 John 3:1-10**  
**"The Pretenders"**

Happy New Year! I want to thank you all for the time Wendy and I were able to take over the Christmas weekend to spend with family! I absolutely treasure those moments I get to spend with my children and grandchildren. I hope each of you had some special times over the Christmas Holiday. We do have to remember however that there are many who have suffered a difficult loss this year or even in the years before who may not have enjoyed the holiday so much. I pray that we will each be in prayer for those and when possible be a comfort. As we look to the New Year, I'd like to take a moment to think about what we have all endured this past couple of years and maybe draw something out of it to guide us this year. I have prayed about it a lot and I have found that our own mortality seems to be staring us in the face as we hear of so many who have passed on or been very ill. Rather than allow ourselves to be frightened into solitude or becoming overly cynical about the future, I would challenge all of us to make the most of every day we are given! Perhaps that means pulling back your scheduling a bit to have more quality time with your family rather than just busy time. Maybe God is calling you and your family to each join a ministry of the church and share your experiences together. Notice I said "join" not just attend. Joining entails becoming an active participant rather than showing up as a consumer. I believe that God is calling all of us to that. That is how we become the hands and feet of Jesus. Whatever you do this year, call it a resolution, a change in direction or even just a refocusing on what is important, be intentional about it. Be intentional in your conversations with your children. Be intentional as you listen to others. Most of all be intentional as you seek God's direction in your life and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in helping your children do the same. I can promise you that Jesus is faithful and will be there if you look to Him this year.

Many blessings and Happy New Year!  
Pastor Steve

The familiar carols are already becoming distant memories, and our favorite decorations have all been packed away. In just a few short days, we will be ringing in the New Year, and with that, many resolutions will be made. We hope that you will put the FBC Music Ministry on your "to do list" and join us in 2022 for a great time of fellowship! With new music on the horizon and the Lenten season just around the corner, **we need YOU!! Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, January 5, at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you. Remember, no experience is needed, so join us as we prepare music for leading in Sunday worship. See you soon!! - Wendi

*Another year is dawning:*

*Dear Father, let it be,  
In working or in waiting,  
Another year with Thee;  
Another year of progress,  
Another year of praise,  
Another year of proving  
Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of mercies,  
Of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness  
In the shining of Thy face;  
Another year of leaning  
Upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting,  
Of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of service,  
Of witness for Thy love;  
Another year of training  
For holier work above.*

*Another year is dawning:*

*Dear Father, let it be,  
On earth or else in heaven,  
Another year for Thee.*

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BETHLEHEM, HEBREW BET LEHEM (HOUSE OF BREAD), THE CITY HAS A LONG HISTORY THROUGHOUT THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, RACHEL WAS BURIED THERE (GENESIS 35:19), BOAZ WAS BORN IN THAT CITY (RUTH 2:4), KING DAVID WAS ALSO BORN THERE AND ANOINTED THERE (1 SAMUEL 16:1-13) AND JOSEPH THE FATHER OF JESUS WAS NATIVE OF THAT CITY. WHY WAS JESUS BORN IN THAT CITY? BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL BE IN THAT CITY, AND IN HIS PLAN THERE WASN'T A BETTER PLACE THAN THE HOUSE OF BREAD, FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE THAT CAME FROM HEAVEN TO BE BORN, THE KIND OF ISRAEL, THE WORLD'S REDEEMER, THE ETERNAL KING.  
- FABIO ROSSI

LAST FRIDAY WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCH, WITH THE JOY TO CELEBRATE WITH THE BRETHREN AND REMEMBERING THE REAL MEANING OF THE SEASON THAT IS THE BIRTH OF OUR MIGHTY SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

**EMMANUEL:**  
**GOD WITH US FOREVER.**  
**GOD IN OUR LAUGHS AND TEARS.**  
**GOD WITH US IN THE RAINY & SUNNY DAYS.**  
**GOD WITH US WHEN IT MAKES SENSE AND WHEN IT DOESN'T.**  
**GOD WITH US WHEN WE SEE HIM AND WHEN WE DON'T.**  
**GOD WITH US IN THE MANGER, IN THE CROSS AND GOD WITH US IN THE ETERNITY.**  
**- WENDY BELLO**

**BLESSINGS,**  
**PASTOR LINO RODRIGUEZ**



*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 to 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 11th 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. Contributions totaled \$2,288.00.*

*May God continue to bless all who have a heart for this ministry!*

*We would like to celebrate each heart & hand of the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry. Our boxes are on the way to the children of Benign, West Africa & Honduras! Special thanks to the children & youth for the Praise Parade, the Women on Mission's shopping and packing party and also the drivers for our volunteers to travel safely to Boone & Charlotte. We will have an opportunity to return to Charlotte to assist with assembling the on-line gifts. If you are interested in more information, please contact Patti Holderfield. Blessings upon your New Year*



This month the youth and children attending the Wednesday night Kingdom Kids Ministry learned about the joy of worship at Christmas. Christmas is all about Jesus Christ. How can you worship Jesus?

You can sing like the angels did, you can share the new of Jesus like the shepherds did, you can give like the wise men did, and you can

**"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."**  
**Mark 12:30**



**DONOR \* FUND \*IN MEMORY –HONOR**

Gardner Brannon—Mary E. Brannon  
Preschool Program  
James M. Baxley—James T. Baxley (son)  
General Fund  
Debbie Adams—Honor of Imogene Frye  
Lottie Moon Fund  
William Teisher—Honor of  
Nancy Carpenter—Playground Fund



Ava Rhodes, Tracy Hasbrouck, Joyce Fender, Joyce Hill, Judie Gauvreau, Steve & Larkin Conley, Barbara Baxley, Mike McMillian, Juan Rios, Nell Bartlett, Betty Parrish, Susie Huffman, Joe & Linda Soles Great Grandson & family, Debra Cone, Bill Cox Donald & Katherine Martin, Tony Mays, Matthew Patton, Betty Parks, Judy Hennis, Sam & Nancy Blair, Denton Taylor, Audrey Merrill, Beverly Rios-Waddell Nursing & Rehab, Glennis Morris-Waddell Nursing Home & Martha Combs-Hillsville Health & Rehab.

Pray for our Country & the US Military & other coalition forces. Condolences to Ann Roberts & Family for the passing of her Aunt, Joyce Hill.

Condolences to the Teresa Sage Lineberry Family (Patti Holderfield's Aunt).

Condolences to the David Allen "Bud" Nelson Family.

Condolences to the Benny Largen Family (Barbara Leonard's Brother)

#### CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	12/05/2021	12/12/2021
Evening Attendance	50	114
Sunday School	96	109
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	145	159
Hispanic Worship Service	36	31
Total Worship Attendance	327	413

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	9,317.94	10,174.78
REQUIRED TO DATE	459,751.86	469,135.90
RECEIVED TO DATE	451,115.56	461,290.34
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	800.13	6,626.68
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 10,118.07</b>	<b>16,801.46</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	99%	99%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	100%	109%

	12/19/2021	12/26/2021 (+Christmas Eve)
Evening Attendance	17	49
Sunday School	93	49
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	180	96
Hispanic Worship Service	47	46
Total Worship Attendance	337	191

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	12,112.50	4,421.15
REQUIRED TO DATE	478,519.94	487,970.08
RECEIVED TO DATE	473,402.84	477,823.99
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	4,064.35	3,739.90
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 16,176.85</b>	<b>\$ 8,161.05</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	99%	98%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	129%	48%

#### CHURCH STAFF

**Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld.....Senior Pastor**  
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**Rev. Steve Goatley.....Minister of Youth & Families**  
(Office) 236-5185  
**Mrs. Wendi Pemberton.....Minister of Music**  
(Office) 236-5185  
**Ms. Barbara Bourne.....Administrative Secretary**  
**Mrs. Marie Combs.....Financial Secretary**  
**Mrs. Nancy Hazelwood.....Organist**  
**Mrs. Patty Davis.....Pianist**  
**Mrs. Marian Porter.....Weekday Preschool Director**  
**Mrs. Sara Hall.....Preschool/Extended Session**  
**Mr. Kevin Spurlin.....Sunday School Director**  
**Mrs. Penny Adams.....Bus Ministry Director**  
**Mrs. Martha Easter, RN.....Volunteer Health Nurse**  
**Scott Bedsaul.....Sexton**

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**Church Office Hours:**  
**Monday—Friday 8:30—5:00 Friday—8:30—1:00**

## Preschool News



**The Preschool Staff enjoyed a Christmas Breakfast On December 15th.**

#### LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The Loss Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month in the Common Ground Room at the church.

For More Information please contact Debbie Adams at 276-233-2533 or [debbiefadams@icloud.com](mailto:debbiefadams@icloud.com).



**Debbie Adams  
Coordinator**

#### TEAM VOLUNTEERS

##### NURSERY

Jan. 2 Sara Hall  
Jan. 9 Erica Testerman  
Jan. 16 Tara Spurlin  
Jan. 23 Sara Hall  
Jan. 30 Erica Testerman

##### SECURITY TEAM

Jan. 2 Scott Hall & Basil Carpenter  
Jan. 9 Jack Bryant & Royce Easter  
Jan. 16 Phil Helms & Mike Coomes  
Jan. 23 Johnny Dickson & John Patterson  
Jan. 30 Jack Edwards & Terry Anders

##### WELCOME CENTER

Jan. 2 Pam Turner  
Jan. 9 Debbie Patterson  
Jan. 16 Sarah Keatley  
Jan. 23 Robert Leonard  
Jan. 30 Debbie Harris

##### TECH SOUND

Jan. 2 Mike Stevens  
Jan. 9 Bryan Dillon  
Jan. 16 Trevor Anders  
Jan. 23 Gary Ballard  
Jan. 30 Trevor Anders

##### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Marty & Cathy Parks  
Phil & Gay Helms  
Basil & Nancy Carpenter  
Dick & Linda Cooley  
Johnny & Karen Dickson

##### TECH PROJECTION

Bryan Dillon  
Trevor Anders  
Jessica Whitaker  
Jessica Whitaker  
Bryan Dillon





**PRESCHOOL PAPER PALS  
MEETS EVERY MONDAY @ 10:00 AM  
IN THE CHURCH PARLOR  
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH  
CUTTING & PREPARING CRAFT PROJECTS  
FOR THE PRESCHOOL TEACHERS.  
THERE IS ALWAYS GREAT FELLOWSHIP,  
A POT OF COFFEE & POSSIBLY A GOOD BISCUIT, BANANNA  
BREAD OR SOME OTHER SPECIAL TREAT!**



# 2022 CHURCH ELECTED MINISTRY TEAMS

## 2022 OFFICERS

<b>Moderator . . . . .</b>	<b>Bill Davis</b>
<b>Vice Moderator . . .</b>	<b>Marty Parks</b>
<b>Church Clerk . . . . .</b>	<b>Patty Davis</b>
<b>Treasurer . . . . .</b>	<b>Paul Walker</b>
<b>Historian . . . . .</b>	<b>Evelyn Beamer</b>

## DEACONS

### Serving through 2022:

<b>Duane Alexander</b>	<b>Cathy Parks</b>
<b>Scott Hall</b>	<b>Eric Testerman</b>
<b>Jeff Holderfield, <i>Leader</i></b>	

### Serving through 2023:

<b>Basil Carpenter</b>	<b>John Patterson</b>
<b>Gerald Cox</b>	<b>Doug Williams</b>
<b>David McPherson</b>	

### Serving through 2024:

<b>John Adams, Jr.</b>	<b>Bill Vaughan</b>
<b>Dick Cooley</b>	<b>Paul Walker</b>
<b>Kevin Spurlin</b>	

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**

**Serving through 2022:** Tammy Anders, *Recorder*  
Mike Stevens

**Serving through 2023:** Mike Coomes  
Royce Easter

**Serving through 2024:** Kathy Cox  
Lora Iroler-Williams

**BUDGET MANAGEMENT**

**Serving through 2022:** Duane Alexander, *Recorder*  
Scott Hall

**Serving through 2023:** Gerald Cox  
Travis Robinson

**Serving through 2024:** Becky Adams  
Susan Dillon

Marie Combs, *E.O.* / Paul Walker, *E.O.*

**PERSONNEL TEAM**

**Serving through 2022:** Larry Spangler  
Tammy Wyatt

**Serving through 2023:** Gary Ballard, *Assistant Leader*  
Sara Hall

**Serving through 2024:** Dick Adams  
Open  
(Nomination to be made at the January Business Meeting)



**365 NEW DAYS  
365 NEW CHANCES**

**DEAR GOD,  
I'M PLACING  
2022  
IN YOUR HANDS**





**Jeremiah 29:11**

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future.”**

***HAPPY NEW YEAR***







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<div>Bring on the NEW YEAR!</div>		<u>1</u> <i>Terry Snow</i> <i>Danny Vo</i>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> <i>Henry Zatarain</i>	<u>6</u> <i>Ed Fitzgerald</i> <i>Doug Williams</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> <i>Margaret Liddle</i> <i>Samuel Ibarra</i>
<u>9</u> <i>Kathy Bryant</i>	<u>10</u> <i>Mary Ann Dickerson</i> <i>Thomasine Lemons</i> <i>Marty Parks</i>	<u>11</u> <i>John Fielder</i>	<u>12</u> <i>Jackie Cruz</i>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> <i>Graham Parks</i>	<u>15</u> <i>Mike McMillan</i>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> <i>Laila Cox</i>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> <i>Lee Coomes</i> <i>Cindi Fitzgerald</i>	<u>21</u> <i>Terry Madrigal</i>	<u>22</u> <i>Charlotte McPherson</i>
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <i>Eva Cruz</i>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> <i>Alexa Galvan</i> <i>Juan Hernandez</i> <i>Sherry Lumpkin</i> <i>Jared Russell</i>	<u>31</u> <i>Sam Blair</i> <i>David Hampton</i>					





# January 2022 Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>
<u>2</u> 9:30 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship	<u>3</u> Church Office Closed  Soup Kitchen - Please have desserts to the church before 1:00 pm.	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin  6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal Kingdom Kids	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> 9:30 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship  Business Meeting following worship  6:00 pm TruNorth Youth	<u>10</u> 10 am Paper Pals  6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin Live FBC Website	<u>11</u> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	<u>12</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin  6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
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