



Forerunner

First Baptist Church
1024 E. Stuart Drive
Galax, VA 24333
276-236-5185
www.fbcgalax.org

Volume 49, No. 2
February 1-28, 2022



What is Love...

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

1 If I speak human or angelic languages but do not have love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 And if I donate all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited,

5 does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs.

6 Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth.

7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends.

Many have heard these verses recited in wedding ceremonies or have seen them written on Valentine's Day cards. At a certain point, some might say 1 Corinthians 13 has been quoted too much, which can cause words to lose their meaning. Others have heard someone say, "I love you," but a happy ending didn't follow. For some, the word "love" has been exhausted. That's because if we read or speak beautiful words about love again and again, but do not do it with intention or understanding, then the words begin to sound like empty statements. 1 Corinthians 13 teaches that people must connect to love, specifically the love of God, in order to live meaningful lives.



Sundays

9:30 am—Sunday School
(Classes for all ages)
11:00 am—Worship Service
(Live on FBC Website & 98.1 FM Radio)
6:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)
6:00 pm—Kids Explorers

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 Youth Meetings during the month of February



February 1—Intro to Youth Session
@ 6:30-7:30 pm (See Pastor Steve)

February 2—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30 pm

February 7—Soup Kitchen
Please bring rolls & desserts by 1 pm

February 8—Women on Mission 11 am

February 8—Staff Meeting @ 1:00 pm

February 13—Business Meeting
(Following Worship Service)

February 16—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30 pm

February 17—Loss Support Group 11:30

February 18- 6-9 pm Parents Night Out
Kids Quest Room - Dinner & snacks for
the kids & a movie & games.
See Pastor Steve for more details.



(Continued)

Instead of mentioning romance in 1 Corinthians 13, the great love chapter teaches about the love of God; agape love, everlasting love, unconditional love, unselfish love. God’s love is wide open. His love is available to any people who will yield their hearts and lives to Him.

The Bible confirms this, saying, “Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known” (1 Corinthians 13:12).

God knows people very well, and He loves us. He knows the strengths and weaknesses, the secret sins and personal joys. God desires to save us from ourselves. His love gives us a second chance, and really, more chances than we deserve.

Bill Graham says, “No matter what sin you have committed, no matter how dirty, shameful or terrible it may be, God loves you. You may be the very gate of hell itself, but God loves you with an everlasting love.”

Unlike a lovesick admirer, God does not simply profess His love in words. God proves His love in action. The Bible Says, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

Jesus Christ’s sacrifice represents the ultimate act of love because it shows God’s grace. Christ is not just a good person who did good things for people and then was willing to die for His actions. Christ died in order to bring people closer to God.

This Valentine’s Day, and as we embrace the month of Love, may we do it with God’s love, God’s grace and the unconditional love we have received through Jesus!

In Christ’s Love,

Kevin



Happy Valentines Church!

Isn’t Valentine’s Day a strange holiday? As children it can be exciting! A day filled with happy notes and candies. When we get a little older it can become really stressful and a bit embarrassing. That act of proclaiming your love to that special guy or girl. Do they feel the same? Did I get them a good enough present? Are they going to laugh at me? Finally, as we grow older, some still hold onto the idea of a day to reconnect with our spouses while still others just kind of ignore it. Let’s not forget, for some it can also be a sad time of remembering the loss of a special someone. As we study our already crowded calendars filled with all of the things we need to do, it can be a tricky day to navigate.

At its core, Valentine’s Day is a day to celebrate love and all that it entails. Looking at this day through that lens reminds me that there is no greater love than that of our Heavenly Father for His children. Reflective of that love is the love of a parent or guardian for their children. It’s a love filled with hope, wonder, worry and even conflict as they grow into who they’re going to become. Yes, that dreaded word, conflict. That conflict that begins the first time they look defiantly into your eyes and tell you No! It’s comical at the time. The sight of a little toddler making their first stand. They might even be stamping their little foot as they utter the word. Comical as it is, it’s merely the first of many to come as they grow and become independent, free-thinking people.

Over the years many parents have come to me asking for advice on how to handle conflict with their precious gift from God and the one piece that most have told me that has made the greatest impact is this: pick your battles and pick them wisely. As parents we must choose which battles are worth the fight and which ones we should probably let go. These might actually be opportunities for our kids to learn by allowing them to make their own choices and then helping them through what follows. It may be celebrating a good decision or helping them navigate the fallout of a poor one, but each are steps on the ladder of maturity. Ephesians 6:4 reads, “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” I believe this is what the author is telling us; choose your battles wisely and by the way, the most important is making sure they know the love and saving grace of Jesus. That’s a love worth celebrating every day on our calendars.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



As January comes to a close, and February comes rolling in, **LOVE** is in the air. It’s everywhere. Wherever we turn we see paper hearts, boxes of Valentines, chocolates, and flowers—all given to those we enjoy spending time with and love. But let us not forget the greatest gift that we can receive. Romans 5:8 tells us that **“...God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** How grateful we are!

So as we purchase those Valentines and chocolates and fix a delicious meal, let us remember what God did for us on the cross, and share that with those we love.
- Wendi

***I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.***

***For me it was in the garden
He prayed, “Not My will, but Thine;”
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.***

***He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Cal’ry,
And suffered and died alone.***

***When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.***

***How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!***

CCLI Song # 25297. Charles Hutchinson Gabriel. © Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain
For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved.
www.ccli.com. CCLI License # 102567



THIS NEW YEAR WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO START BLESSING A SMALL CHURCH IN THE STATE OF OAXACA, MEXICO. WE WERE ABLE TO SEND AN OFFERING THAT HELPED THEM ON REBUILDING THEIR TEMPLE THAT WAS DESTROYED BY THE WIND AND RAIN LAST YEAR, AND WE ALSO WERE ABLE TO BUY CLOTHES, SHOES, AND BLANKETS FOR THE FAMILIES THERE THAT NEED LOTS OF HELP. THEY LIVE IN A SMALL FISHING COMMUNITY AND SURVIVE BY SELLING WHAT THEY FISH AND IT BLESSED OUR LIVES TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME HELP FOR THEM. WE ARE THANKFUL WITH THE LORD FOR THE WAY THAT HE BLESSES US AND FOR THE GIVING HEART OF THE HISPANIC CONGREGATION. WE PRAY THAT WE CAN CONTINUE SUPPORTING THEM IN THE FUTURE AND SOME DAY BE ABLE TO MAKE A MISSION TRIP TO THAT PLACE.

EVERYDAY THE LORD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW.

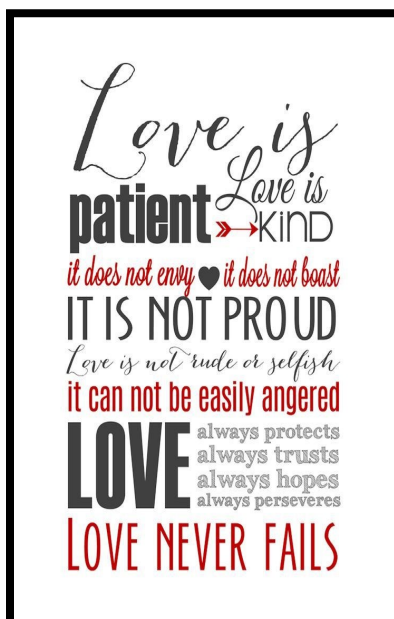
MANY BLESSINGS,
PASTOR LINO RODRIGUEZ



WMU
(Women's Missionary Union)
is a Southern Baptist organization which provides opportunities for congregations to participate in ongoing missions for each age group and for families. Our WOM (Women on Mission) group is a missional organization for adult women which is under the auspices of WMU.

The WOM meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am in the Common Ground Classroom. This month's meeting is on February 8th.

Women of all ages are always invited to join us. Come and learn about the missions from around the world as well as mission opportunities available in our own community.



Where will you find 40 plus children, youth, and adults eager to fellowship, praise and learn about Jesus? Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall is where you will find the excitement! All of us volunteers with the Kingdom Kids Ministry Team are incredibly thankful to minister to and fellowship with all the children and youth. We are thankful for our faithful van drivers, food preparation team, and teachers. We are thankful for each child that comes and thankful to the church for its support. Most of all, we are thankful to God for His blessings on this 20 year plus ministry. Each of us who volunteers with the Kingdom Kids Ministry Team walk away each Wednesday night blessed by the love shown by these precious children, their excitement about learning the Bible, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mark 10:13-16 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. The children and youth were treated this month to a home-cooked meal of lasagna, homemade rolls (as one little girl said, "These are yummy rolls! May I have another one?"), and desserts. The focus this month is on the broken, imperfect world's need for the perfect Savior, Jesus Christ. Each one of us is imperfect. We each have weaknesses. We suffer failures. We all have faults, fears, and frustrations. Confess your sins (faults) to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working (James 5:16). God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). We are delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our own lives as well (1 Thessalonians 2:8). Although He died on the cross in weakness, Jesus now lives by the might power of God. We, too, are weak, but we live in Him and have God's power (2 Corinthians 13:4).

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	01/02/2022	01/09/22
Evening Attendance	68	37
Sunday School	77	79
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	141	130
Hispanic Worship Service	43	36
Total Worship Attendance	329	282
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,356.91	\$ 9,356.91
BUDGET RECEIVED	14,891.58	9,241.35
REQUIRED TO DATE	9,356.91	18,713.82
RECEIVED TO DATE	14,891.58	24,132.93
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	5,297.30	371.35
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 20,188.88	9,612.70
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	160%	129%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	160%	99%

	01/16/2022	01/23/2022
Evening Attendance	Snow	56
Sunday School	Snow	66
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	Snow	120
Hispanic Worship Service	Snow	36
Total Worship Attendance	000	278
BUDGET REQUIRED		\$ 9,356.91
BUDGET RECEIVED		17,406.18
REQUIRED TO DATE		37,427.64
RECEIVED TO DATE		41,539.11
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS		3,593.83
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 21,000.01
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd		111%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd		186%

	01/30/2022 (Will add 2/2/22 Numbers)
Evening Attendance	74
Sunday School	137
11:00 am Worship Service	41
Hispanic Worship Service	252
Total Worship Attendance	
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,356.91
BUDGET RECEIVED	5,213.09
REQUIRED TO DATE	46,784.55
RECEIVED TO DATE	46,752.20
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,088.01
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,301.10
% Rquired Yrly Budget Rec'd	100%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	56%



Charles Larrowe (Harlos Larrowe's Brother), Mark Liddle (son of Margaret Liddle), Tracy Hasbrouck, Joyce Fender, Judie Gauvreau, Steve & Larkin Conley, Barbara Baxley, Mike McMillian, Nell Bartlett, Susie Huffman, Joe & Linda Soles Great Grandson & family, Bill Cox, Tony Mays, Donald & Katherine Martin, Wanda Harris, Ava Rhodes, Waylon & Braylan Thomas (Twin Grandsons of Kim Leming), Matthew Patton, Betty Parks, Patricia Edwards, Sam & Nancy Blair, Denton Taylor, Audrey Merrill, Juan & Beverly Rios (Home), Glennis Morris-Waddell Nursing Home & Martha Combs-Hillsville Health & Rehab. Judy Hennis-Galax Health & Rehab, Pray for our Country & the US Military & other coalition forces. Condolences to John & Debbie Patterson's Family for the passing of John's Sister, Perian Moose.

In Loving Memory

DONOR ** IN MEMORY or HONOR ** FUND

Frances Halsey — Bill Halsey—General Fund

Gardner Brannon—Mary E. Brannon—Preschool Fund

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld.....Senior Pastor
Pastor Steve Goatley.....Minister of Youth & Families
Mrs. Wendi Pemberton.....Minister of Music
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

CHURCH PHONE: 276-236-5185
CHURCH FAX 276-236-5186

E-MAIL: secretary@fbcgalax.org

Website: www.fbcgalax.org



www.facebook.com/FBCGalax

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

TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Feb 6
Feb 13
Feb 20
Feb 27

NURSERY

Tara Spurlin
Sara Hall
Erica Testerman
Tara Spurlin

Feb 6
Feb 13
Feb 20
Feb 27

SECURITY TEAM

Paul Walker & Scott Hall
Basil Carpenter & Mike Coomes
Terry Anders & Phil Helms
Royce Easter & Johnny Dickson

Feb 6
Feb 13
Feb 20
Feb 27

WELCOME CENTER

Pam Turner
Regina Snow
Cindy Fitzgerald
Debbie Patterson

Feb 6
Feb 13
Feb 20
Feb 27

TECH SOUND

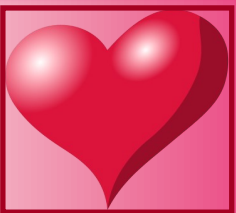
Bryan Dillon
Gary Ballard
Mike Stevens
Bryan Dillon

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Tony & Sonia Truitt
Dick & Linda Cooley
Phil & Gay Helms
Basil & Nancy Carpenter

TECH PROJECTION

Trevor Anders
Jessica Whitaker
Jessica Whitaker
Trevor Anders



Pastor Kevin's February 2022 Sermon Series





February 6th— Romans 1:16-17, 18-32; 2 Timothy 3:1-5
"How We Got Here"
Communion





February 13th— 1 Timothy 4:1-2; Revelation 3:1-3, 14-20
"Where Is The Church?!"

February 20th— 1 John 4:7-16
"The Foundation of Love"

February 27th— 1 John 4:17-21; 5:1-5
"Love, Honor & Obey"

A Valentine From God

For God so lo  ed the world,
That He g  ve
his on  y
Begott  n
So 

 hat whosoever
Believeth  n Him
Should  ot perish,
But have  verlasting life.

John 3:16



WHAT IS AGAPE LOVE?

**In Christianity,
agape is unconditional love,
“The highest form of love, charity” and “the love of God
for man
and of man for God.”**

**This is contrast to philia,
brotherly love, or philautia, self-love, as it embraces a
universal, unconditional love that transcends and persists
regardless of circumstances!**

**Agape love is about giving to others, sacrificing our time,
energy and resources for someone else without expecting
anything in return. Agape love is about responding
calmly when faced with difficulties, sacrificing without
complaining, and waiting patiently.**

**Christians believe this is the highest type of love, and it is
the love that Jesus has for humans. Agape involves
feeling so much love for someone that you put them
before yourself!**

**Jesus gives his final commandment to his apostles to love
one another.**

**Christians believe that God has unconditional love and
enduring love for all human beings, known as agape.
They believe that he showed this love by sacrificing his
son, Jesus, to atone for human sin. In this sense, agape
is also a self-sacrificing kind of love!**



COZY UP ON THESE COLD WINTER DAYS
WITH A GOOD BOOK FROM THE FBC LIBRARY
DUANE & DEBORAH ALEXANDER
YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED, AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO
THE ROBINSON FAMILY!!!



“Check Out”
The
Children’s
Library





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> <i>Gilberto Sanchez</i>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> <i>Lynn Frank</i>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> <i>Gary Heslep, Sr.</i>	<u>10</u> <i>Frank Merrill</i>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> <i>Edit Pineda</i>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> <i>Ann McMillan</i>	<u>18</u> <i>Keith Barker</i> <i>David Roberson</i>	<u>19</u> <i>Bill Vaughan</i>
<u>20</u> <i>Jacob Lawson</i>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> <i>Danny Roberts</i>	<u>25</u> <i>Henry Zatarain, Jr.</i>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> <i>Anne Vaughan</i>	<u>28</u> <i>Pat Fielder</i> <i>Bart Turner</i>			<div>A graphic with the text "Faith Hope and the Greatest of these is Love" in a black cursive font. The word "Love" is significantly larger than the others. There are several red hearts of varying sizes scattered around the text. The entire graphic is enclosed in a red rectangular border.</div>		

<div>  <div>hello, FEBRUARY!</div> </div> <div> <div>February 2022 Services & Activities</div> </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<u>1</u> Introduction to Youth Session 6:30 pm—7:30 pm See Pastor Steve for details	<u>2</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal Kingdom Kids	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Communion 6:00 pm TruNorth Youth Kids Explorers	<u>7</u> 10 am Paper Pals 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin Live FBC Website Soup Kitchen Please have rolls & desserts to the Church before 1:00 pm.	<u>8</u> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 11:00 am Women on Mission	<u>9</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Business Meeting Following Worship 6:00 pm TruNorth Youth 6:00 pm Kids Explorers	<u>14</u> 10 am Paper Pals 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin Live FBC Website 	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal Kingdom Kids	<u>17</u> 11:30 am Loss Support Group	<u>18</u>  6– 9 pm Kids Quest Room Dinner & snacks, movie and games!	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm TruNorth Youth 6:00 pm Kids Explorers	<u>21</u> 10 am Paper Pals 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin Live FBC Website President's Day	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm TruNorth Youth 6:00 pm Kids Explorers	<u>28</u> 10 am Paper Pals 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin Live FBC Website		FBC Website: www.fbcgalax.org	<div> <div>LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE WITH LOVE.</div> <div>  <div>Happy Valentine's Day</div> </div> <div>1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NKJV</div> </div>		



Grief has no timeline



**For More Information Contact
Debbie Adams, Coordinator,
or call the Church Office
276-236-5185**

*Grief can take many forms,
from the death of a loved one to divorce, job loss, or chronic illness.*

Are you suffering? Struggling with grief or loss?

People who have experienced loss may have a range of feelings that can include shock, disbelief, numbness, sadness, denial, despair, anxiety, anger, guilt, loneliness, depression, helplessness, relief, and yearning.

These feelings are a normal part of the healing process and experiencing them will allow you to move on with your life.

The pain of loss can be overwhelming, but there are healthy ways to cope with your grief and learn to heal.

*First Baptist Church sponsors a Loss Support Group
that meets the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 am.*

The next meeting will be held on February 17th here at the church!

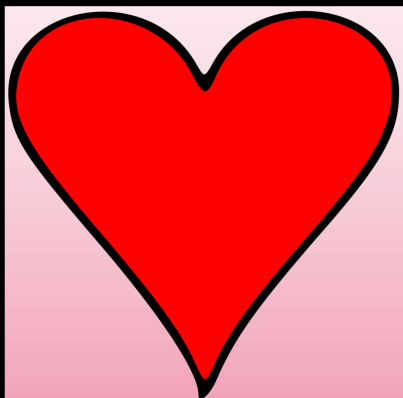
Pastor Steve would like to invite you to attend a Youth Leader Introduction Session. We need committed adults to help with youth meetings and activities! He needs at least two adults to assist him at each youth meeting and he needs both men and women to keep things balanced and running properly. This will allow for a much more fun and active time at youth, more breakout sessions, regular worship time and an overall safer environment for our kids.

Youth is like church for teens and it takes a team to do it well!

**FEBRUARY 1ST @ 6:30 PM—7:30 PM
INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH SESSION**

The Session will be fun and will include some snacks!

If you are interested but this date doesn't work for you, please contact Pastor Steve and he will work something out!



**Parent's Night Out
Friday—February 18th, 6—9 pm
Kids Quest Room
Dinner & Snacks For The Kids
Movie & Games
See Pastor Steve for More Details!**