



Forerunner

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I gently formed you in your mother's womb....
Psalm 139:13

You knit me together in my mother's womb.

The New International Version Bible says it this way...

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

The New Living Translation says...

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me Together in my mother's womb.

No matter what translation you prefer, this is a gentle picture of God's loving creation process. You were not blasted into creation, but gently formed in your mother's womb by a loving God who took the time to delicately knit all your inward parts together. May the revelation of your creation bring a sense of well being to your soul. You were not a Mistake. God planned you before the foundation of the world and He Determined the exact time of your birth.



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
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



May 2 —Soup Kitchen

Please have desserts & bread to the church by 1:00 pm

May 3 —Staff Meeting @ 1:00 pm

May 5—National Day of Prayer

May 8—Mother's Day Sunday

May 10—Women on Mission

May 11—Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm

May 16—Deacon Meeting @ 6:30 pm

May 19—Loss Support Group 11:30

May 25 —Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm

May 26—Preschool Graduation @ 9:30 am

May 29 -GHS Baccalaureate @ 6:00 pm

May 30—Memorial Day (Office Closed)



For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.
I will praise You, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well.

Psalm 139:13-14

One of the greatest tragedies in this world is the feeling that our lives were a mistake. Some people were even told that by their parents. The truth is that no life was ever a mistake. Each person ever created, was created with intention by the One who is love itself.

God gently formed you in your mother's womb and He is the One who brought you forth on the day you were born. (Psalm 71:6)
There is absolutely no doubt about it!
As we celebrate Mother's Day this year, may we thank our Mom's and thank our Heavenly Father for taking the time to create us so wonderfully and fearfully!

In Christ's Love,

Kevin



First, let me take this opportunity to thank the Sanctuary Choir for all of their hard work! They provided beautiful music all through the Lenten season and Easter. Secondly, we hope that you will consider joining us on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** as we prepare music for weekly Sunday morning worship. We look forward to seeing you!!

MAY... what a marvelous month! From beautiful flowers to baby animals, we see signs of new life everywhere. This is also a very special month because we take time to celebrate our mothers and to remember the countless ways in which they express their love for us. While they come in all shapes and sizes, they also take many forms. You may be a mother or grandmother, or you may be a special teacher, friend, or neighbor. Wherever you find yourself, we thank you for sharing your life with us. You are indeed **"FAR ABOVE RICHES!"** Take a moment to thank God for the special women in your life, and lift this hymn of praise and thanksgiving (to the tune of **"Fairest Lord Jesus"**) to God as we give thanks for all of His continued blessings.
-Wendi

*Far above riches
Far above honor
Lasting beauty beyond compare
She is more noble
She is more precious
Treasure this one whose life we share*

*Morning and evening
Summer and winter
Ever faithful and glad to share
Teaching and lifting
Tenderly giving
In her we feel our Father's care*

*Woman of honor
Priceless companion
Wife and mother and faithful friend
Shepherd and servant
Teacher and helper
She lives a love that has no end*

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PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

**Thursday
MAY 26
9:30 AM**



A special thank you to
Debbie & Jacob Edwards
for bringing the baby lamb and the kid
goat to visit the preschool children!



The Parable of the Lost Sheep appears in the Gospels of Matthew & Luke. It is about a shepherd who leaves his flock of ninety-nine sheep in order to find the one which is lost. The lost sheep represents a lost human being. As in the analogy of the Good Shepherd, Jesus is the shepherd, thus identifying himself with the image of God as a shepherd searching for a lost soul.
"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"



1 PETER 2:4-7

4 TO WHOM COMING, AS UNTO A LIVING STONE, DISALLOWED INDEED OF MEN, BUT CHOSEN OF GOD, AND PRECIOUS,

5 YE ALSO, AS LIVING STONES, ARE BUILT UP A SPIRITUAL HOUSE, A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, TO OFFER UP SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD BY JESUS CHRIST.

6 WHEREFORE ALSO IT IS CONTAINED IN THE SCRIPTURE, BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHIEF CORNER STONE, ELECT, PRECIOUS: AND HE THAT BELIEVETH ON HIM SHALL NOT BE CONFOUNDED.

7 UNTO YOU THEREFORE WHICH BELIEVE HE IS PRECIOUS: BUT UNTO THEM WHICH BE DISOBEDIENT, THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS DISALLOWED, THE SAME IS MADE THE HEAD OF THE CORNER.

THE CHURCH IS NOT A BUILDING, IT IS A GROUP OF BELIEVERS THAT HAVE PLACED THEIR FAITH IN JESUS. PETER SHOWED US THE CHURCH AS A LIVING AND SPIRITUAL TEMPLE IN WHICH JESUS IS THE CORNER STONE AND EACH BELIEVER IS ALSO A STONE THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE EDIFICATION OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

AS BELIEVERS WE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO ENJOY WONDERFUL PRIVILEGES.

HE IS THE CORNER STONE AND WE ARE TOGETHER WITH HIM.

EVEN IN THE WORST CIRCUMSTANCES WE SHOULD NOT FEEL ASHAMED BECAUSE WE ARE ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN PLACED WITH THE CORNER STONE AND WE ARE BUILDERS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND ALSO IN THIS SOCIETY.

THERE IS NO REASON FOR US AS BELIEVERS TO BE ASHAMED BECAUSE WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST AND IF THE WORLD REJECTS US THEY REJECT HIM. WE SHOULD STAND AND KEEP MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD. BLESSINGS, PASTOR LINO



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.

The 2022 Baby Bottle Campaign will kick off with the distribution of baby bottles on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, and will end on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19.

Everyone is asked to take a bottle on Mother's Day, fill it with loose change and return 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 greatly appreciated. Baby bottles will be located in the annex area and in front of the church office.



This month was incredibly exciting in Kingdom Kids Ministry as the children and youth celebrated Jesus! Easter is about our risen Savior and Lord Jesus Christ! He is alive!

And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:15

Do you remember the song "This little light of mine?" Are you letting your light shine? Are you sharing the love of Jesus? Do you help those in need? Or are you too busy living for yourself? Do you fail to notice those who need compassion and love?

Jesus said, "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46. Kingdom Kids Ministry learned that as believers in and followers of Jesus Christ we are to be as Jesus: notice those in need and help them, be kind, and be the light of Jesus in this dark world. God first always.

Kingdom Kids Ministry shares all leftover food immediately with others. In fact, a gentleman in need was treated one evening to a delicious meal of meatballs, bread, homemade macaroni and cheese, and homemade banana pudding!



Sarah Keatley would like to thank the church family for the prayers, calls, cards and visits during the loss of her Dad, James Keatley.

Kids Quest



The Filled with a Purpose Backpack project was a huge success—45 book bags were filled with personal items for children Pre-K to teens to show our love to foster care children in our community! Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with the project!



Preschool

The Rosenfeld's pet turkey "Crust"

A big thank you to Joshua for bringing Crust to visit the Preschool kids!



Juan & Beverly Rios, Joan Miller, Wanda Harris, Melvin & Janet Dooley, Tony & Ginny Mays, Anne Vaughan, Lib Russell, Charles Larrowe, Chuck Thompson, Tracy Hasbrouck, Joyce Fender, Bill Cox, Bill Dunn, Steve & Larkin Conley, Nell Bartlett, Susie Huffman, Audrey Merrill, Sam & Nancy Blair, Doris Bedwell, Sue Griffith, Ava Rhodes, Betty Parks, Denton Taylor, Joe & Linda Soles Great Grandson & family, Gardner Brannon, Judy Hennis, Donald & Katherine Martin.

Glenn Morris-Waddell Nursing & Rehab- Room 118B, Martha Combs-Hillsville Health & Rehab—Room 116, Nancy McKenzie-Hillsville Health & Rehab—Room 116 & Royce Easter—Waddell Nursing & Rehab- Room 217.

Pray for our Country & the US Military & other coalition forces.

CONDOLENCES: Sympathy to the Judie Gauvreau family. She is the mother of Steven Boyles and sister of Mary Lynn Terry.



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Gardner Brannon in Memory of Mary E Brannon
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Monday—Friday 8:30—5:00 Friday—8:30—1:00

MAY 2022 TEAM VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY

May 1 Tara Spurlin
May 8 Sara Hall
May 15 Erica Testerman
May 22 Deborah Alexander
May 29 Sara Hall

SECURITY TEAM

May 1 Gerald Cox & Scott Hall
May 8 Basil Carpenter & John Patterson
May 15 Jack Edwards & Phil Helms
May 22 Gerald Cox & Johnny Dickson
May 29 Mike Coomes & Scott Hall

WELCOME CENTER

May 1 Regina Snow
May 8 Sarah Keatley
May 15 Lynn Frank
May 22 Debbie Patterson
May 29 Cindi Fitzgerald

TECH SOUND

May 1 Mike Stevens
May 8 Bryan Dillon
May 15 Trevor Anders
May 22 Mike Stevens
May 29 Gary Ballard



FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Tony & Sonia Truitt
Marty & Cathy Parks
Phil & Gay Helms
Dick & Linda Cooley
Mike Coomes & Ruth Hall

TECH PROJECTION

Trevor Anders
Jessica Whitaker
Gary Ballard
Jessica Whitaker
Trevor Anders

PASTOR KEVIN'S
MAY 2022 SERMON SERIES

May 1—2 Corinthians 1 & 2
"Victory"


May 8—2 Corinthians 3
"God is Still Working"

May 15—2 Corinthians 8
"Giving"

May 23—2 Corinthians 9; James 1
"United in Giving"

May 30—2 Corinthians 11
"Perseverance"



An oil painting depicting four people in prayer. In the foreground, a man with short dark hair and a beard, wearing a green shirt, is kneeling with his hands clasped. Next to him is a woman with long dark hair, wearing a red dress with white stars, also kneeling with her hands clasped. To her right is a man with long brown hair, wearing a white shirt, kneeling with his hands clasped. On the far right is a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white shirt and blue jeans, kneeling with her hands clasped. In the background, a large, ethereal figure of an angel with long white hair and a halo is visible, holding a sword. The scene is set against a backdrop of soft, glowing light and a large American flag. The overall style is painterly and expressive, with visible brushstrokes and a rich color palette.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

EXALT **THE** LORD

WHO HAS
ESTABLISHED US
COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

K. DIANNI

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the blessing
of living in this Nation.
Today we pray for our leaders across this land,
From the White House
to our State and County officials.
We ask for your wisdom and will
to guide them in all they do.
Strengthen each leader with resolve
to do what is best for their country.*

*The National Day of Prayer
is observed annually on the
first Thursday in May.*

*You're Invited to Exalt the Lord in Prayer
Thursday, May 5, 2022 12:05 pm—12:50 pm
Galax Courthouse & Police Department Courtyard
353 N. Main Street*

*This day observance, designated by the
United States Congress, asks people
“to turn to God in Prayer and meditation.”*

*President Harry S. Truman proclaimed the
National Day of Prayer
To be observed on July 4, 1952.
The observance moved to the first Thursday in May
by President Ronald Regan
and has been proclaimed each year since.*

*The 2022 theme (Colossians 2:6-7)
is set against the backdrop of an inspiring painting created
exclusively for the
National Day of Prayer
by renowned Christian artist, Ron DiCianni.*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Paola Galvan	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> Mimi Pemberton	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> Scott Hall Joe Lindsey Audrey Schultheis	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Charles Burnette	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Carolyn Matthews	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> Karen Dickson Marlene Johnson	<u>23</u> Judy Brannock Pam Turner Maggie Williams	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Tammy Anders Austin Lumpkin Isabel Robles	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Bryan Dillon				



MAY 2022 Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> <i>Soup Kitchen</i> <i>Please have rolls & desserts to the church before 1:00 pm</i> <i>6:00 pm Bible Study</i>	<u>3</u> <i>1:00 pm Staff Meeting</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship NO Evening TruNorth or Explorers Meeting 	<u>9</u> 10 am Paper Pals 5:30 pm Personnel Team Meeting	<u>10</u> <i>11:00 am Women on Mission</i>	<u>11</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal Kingdom Kids	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
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<u>22</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm TruNorth Youth Kids Explorers	<u>23</u> 10 am Paper Pals (Last Day - Summer Break- Will resume in the fall)	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal Kingdom Kids	<u>26</u> 9:30 am <i>Preschool Graduation</i> 	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm TruNorth Youth Kids Explorers <i>Galax High School Baccalaureate 6 pm</i>	<u>30</u> <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Offices are Closed Today</i>	<u>31</u>				



Monday –May 2
**Please have bread &
desserts to the church
by 1:00 pm**



**Tuesday
May 10
11:00 am**



**Loss Support
Group
May 19
11:30 am**

**Baccalaureate
Service
Sunday,
May 29
6:00 pm**



*Baccalaureate
Service*



Devotion

Wednesday Devotion
With Pastor Kevin @ 6:00 pm
Choir & Prayer Team @ 6:30 pm



**Bible
Study**



**Livestream Bible Study with
Pastor Kevin**
Each Monday Evening @ 6:00 pm
www.fbcgalax.org or through Facebook
****The Bible Study on the Book of Ezekiel**

There will be no Bible Study on May 9th



Current Bible Study:
Defined—Who God Says You Are
A Study on Identity for Kids

**TRU-NORTH YOUTH
&
KIDS EXPLORER**
Each Sunday Evening
@ 6:00 pm

No Meeting on May 8



**May 11th &
May 25th**
5:30 pm