



Forerunner

First Baptist Church
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**COME
WORSHIP**
with us!



Sundays

9:30 am—Sunday School
(Classes for all ages)
11:00 am—Worship Service
(Live on FBC Website & 98.1 FM Radio)
TruNorth Youth & Kids Explorers—
Summer Break—Please see the
special activities that are scheduled.

Mondays

Bible Study will resume in the Fall 2022.

Wednesday July 13th & 20th

(No Devotions for the Month of July)
6:30 pm—Prayer Group (July 13th & 20th)
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (July 13th & 20th)



July 1—Last Day of Vacation Bible School

July 4—Happy Independence Day—
Church Office Closed

July 6—Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm

July 9—Youth Saturday Kayak/Canoe Float
Departing from FBC at 8:15 am -
Please register with the church office by
Tuesday, July 5th.—\$20.00 cost per person

July 12—Women on Mission @ 11:00 am

July 20—Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm

July 21—Loss Support Group 11:30

July 24—Youth Game Time at Crossroads
Social House in Wytheville—
Time to be Determined

July 28-31—Youth Mission Trip to the
Dr. Mary Bennett Home in Kentucky

**Dear Church Family,
I think you will all enjoy
this...**

**Fresh Manna
by Pastor Tim Burt**

**Parable for the 4th of July
(author unknown)**

Once, in the 1820's a little boy called Sam was playing in the yard behind his house. During his pretend fighting game, he knocked over the outhouse.



Now Sam was upset and worried that he would get into trouble so he ran into the woods and didn't come out until after dark. When he arrived back home, his pappy was waiting for him. He asked suspiciously, "Son, did you knock over the outhouse this afternoon?". "No, pappy," Sam lied.

"Well, let me tell you a story," said the father. "Once, not that long ago, Mr. Washington received a shiny new axe from his father. Excited, he tried it out on a tree, swiftly cutting it down. But as he looked at the tree, with dismay he realized it was his mother's favorite cherry tree," his pappy paused, "just like you, he ran into the woods and when he returned, his pappy asked, "George, did you cut down the cherry tree?" George answered with, "Father, I cannot tell a lie, I did indeed chop down the tree."

pastor's Corner



(Continued)

Then his father said, "Well since you were honest with me, you are spared from punishment. I hope you have learned your lesson, though."

"So", Sam's father asked again, "did you knock down the outhouse?"

"Pappy, I cannot tell a lie any more," said the little boy, "I did indeed knock down the outhouse."

Then his father spanked Sam boy red, white, and blue. The boy whimpered, "Pappy, I told you the truth? Why did you spank me?" Pappy answered, "That's because George Washington's father wasn't in the tree when he chopped it down!"

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John Adams
2nd U.S. President & Signer of the Declaration of Independence

"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God."

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance."
Psalms 33:12

In Christ's Love
Kevin

July...Patriotism stirs our hearts as we celebrate the birth of our nation. We hang flags, enjoy cookouts, and take time to relax with our families. However, we celebrate, let us never forget the men and women who fought for the freedoms we now enjoy. We are a grateful nation!

I am reminded again of the story from Robert J. Morgan's **THEN SINGS MY SOUL** (2011 edition, pg. 147). It is the story of 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 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, and then his brother-in-law had the hymn printed and distributed. Our national anthem was later born when it was adapted to the tune "To Anacreon in Heaven."

*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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Pastor Kevin and the youth leaders have a very exciting summer planned for our youth groups!

Saturday, July 9th— Kayak/ Canoe float trip with New River Adventure out of Fries. We will assemble and leave from the church at 8:15 a.m. The float is 3.5 hours with rapid 2 waters. The cost is to be announced.

Sunday, July 24— the youth will be having Game Time at the Crossroads Social House, 180 Dominion Street, Wytheville, VA. This will include bowling, laser tag, arcade, billiards, trampoline zone & so much more. Food will be available. The time is to be determined.

July 28-31— Mission trip to Mary Bennett's home in Kentucky.

Friday, August 5— Back to School Lock-In at the Power-Up Fitness Center in Galax. Youth will meet at the Power-Up Center at 7:00 pm & will spend the night with pick-up at 8:00 am on Saturday morning.

See Pastor Kevin or any of the youth leaders for more details!





JONAH 1:4-5

THEN THE LORD SENT A GREAT WIND ON THE SEA, AND SUCH A VIOLENT STORM AROSE THAT THE SHIP THREATENED TO BREAK UP. ALL THE SAILORS WERE AFRAID AND EACH CRIED OUT TO HIS OWN GOD. AND THEY THREW THE CARGO INTO THE SEA TO LIGHTEN THE SHIP.

BUT JONAH HAD GONE BELOW DECK, WHERE HE LAY DOWN AND FELL INTO A DEEP SLEEP. WE HAVE TO WONDER IF THE LORD SOMETIMES HAS TO SEND A STORM TO US SO WE CAN AWAKE. ARE THERE ANY PARTS OF OUR LIVES THAT THE LORD HAS TO DO SOMETHING TO CALL OUR ATTENTION SO WE CAN BE OBEDIENT AND FOLLOW HIS CALLING?

JONAH DECIDED TO DISOBEY THE LORD AND FOR THAT REASON HE DECIDED TO HIDE AND GO DOWN TO THE LOWEST PART OF THE SHIP. THAT PLACE WAS HIS PLACE OF COMFORT. HE PAID FOR IT AND TRUSTED THAT IT WOULD TAKE HIM AWAY FROM GOD'S CALLING.

BUT THE LORD SENT A HUGE STORM THAT WAS ENOUGH TO BREAK THE SHIP DOWN AND AT THE SAME TIME BREAK HIS COMFORT. WHICH THING DOES THE LORD HAVE TO BREAK IN MY LIFE AND IN YOUR LIFE SO WE CAN OBEY HIM? WE HAVE A MERCIFUL GOD THAT IS WILLING TO TAKE DOWN ANYTHING BETWEEN HIS CALLING AND US. IF YOU ARE GOING THROUGH A STORM TODAY, TAKE IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT AS AN INCONVENIENCE AND BE WILLING TO DO WHAT HE IS CALLING YOU TO DO.

BLESSINGS,
PASTOR LINO RODRIGUEZ



The WOM would like to thank 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 generous donations. If you still have your baby bottle, please return it to the church office as soon as possible.



Come join us at 11 am, Tuesday, July 12th for our monthly meeting in the Common Ground Classroom.

We have a wonderful time of fellowship and learning about missions and what we can do to support our community.



Summer is here! Summer is a fabulous time to feast on God's word because of the vacation from academics and sports! Kingdom Kids ministry began the Summer with an outdoor banquet of thankfulness, fellowship, and food. What a blessing to see this generation of youth looking forward to attending church and eager to learn the word of God! Let's think about the word banquet. Psalm 23:5 tell us that God is our host and prepares a banquet for us! God wants to fellowship with you and me. He welcomes us with open arms when we run to Him (Psalm 5:11). God is gently calling you from the jaws of distress to an open place of freedom where He has set your table full of the best food (Job 36:16). Isaiah 25:6-9 tells us of the ultimate banquet: The Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of the finest food for all peoples, a banquet of the best of meats and finest wines. And on this mountain, God will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, and the sheet that covers all nations. He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; and He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth. And in that day, they will say, "Surely this is our God! We trusted in Him, and He saves us! Yes, this is the Lord, we trusted in Him! So, let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation!" Rejoice in the Lord! Learn to savor how good the Lord is! Psalm 34:8 Let your lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all God has done. Colossians 2:7

Kingdom Kids Ministry

Penny Adams & Jealynn Coleman

Welcome

New Members

Jay & Jennifer Newman & Baby Selah
06/05/2022





2 COR 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is **freedom**.

Happy Independence Day

June 2022 Attendance Records

	<u>06/05/2022</u>
Evening Attendance	42
Sunday School	81
11:00 am Worship	144
Hispanic Worship	38
Total Attendance	305

	<u>06/12/2022</u>
Evening Attendance	52
Sunday School	91
11:00 am Worship	142
Hispanic Worship	48
Total Attendance	333

	<u>06/19/2022</u>
Evening Attendance	69
Sunday School	83
11:00 am Worship	148
Hispanic Worship	52
Total Attendance	352

	<u>06/26/2022</u>
Evening Attendance	60
Sunday School	80
11:00 am Worship	160
Hispanic Worship	44
Total Attendance	344

Bible School— June 27—July 1
35 Children Registered and 21 Volunteers



Royce Easter, Juan & Beverly Rios, Wanda Harris, Tony & Ginny Mays, Benny & Shirley White, Ashley Wyatt, Chuck Thompson, Tracy Hasbrouck, Joyce Fender, Bill Cox, Bill Dunn, Steve & Larkin Conley, Nell Bartlett, Audrey Merrill, Sam & Nancy Blair, Doris Bedwell, Ava Rhodes, Donald & Katherine Martin, Betty Parks, Denton Taylor, Tammy Mashburn—Daughter of Larry & Doris Spangler and Bill & Elaine Widner.

Sympathy to the Bill & Patty Davis Family for the passing of Bill's father, Rev. William Lawrence Davis, Sr.
 Sympathy to Lowell Gardner Brannon, Jr. Family.

Glennis Morris-Waddell Nursing & Rehab- Room 118B,
 Martha Combs-Hillsville Health & Rehab—Room 116,
 Charles Larowe—Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 217
 Nancy McKenzie-Hillsville Health & Rehab—Room 116.
 Gwendolyn Seay—Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 107

Please be in prayer for our youth and the leaders as they travel on a mission trip to Dr. Mary Bennett's Home in Kentucky.

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



Frances Eads Halsey -In Memory of Bill Halsey—General Fund

Debbie Adams—In Memory of John Adams, Sr.—Children's Play Pails

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld.....Senior Pastor

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
 Rod Hale..... Sexton

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

JULY TEAM VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY

July 3 Robert & Sally Hill
 July 10 Tara Spurlin
 July 17 Jay & Jennifer Newman
 July 24 Erica Testerman
 July 31 Sara Hall

SECURITY TEAM

July 3 Dick Cooley & Gerald Cox
 July 10 Phil Helms & John Patterson
 July 17 Jack Edwards & Terry Anders
 July 24 Johnny Dickson & Scott Hall
 July 31 Basil Carpenter & Gerald Cox

WELCOME CENTER

July 3 Pam Turner
 July 10 Debbie Patterson
 July 17 Regina Snow
 July 24 Robert Leonard
 July 31 Debbie Harris

TECH SOUND

July 3 Trevor Anders
 July 10 Mike Stevens
 July 17 Bryan Dillon
 July 24 Gary Ballard
 July 31 Mike Stevens

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Marty & Cathy Parks
 Phil & Gay Helms
 Basil & Nancy Carpenter
 Tony & Sonia Truitt
 Johnny & Karen Dickson

TECH PROJECTION

Bryan Dillon
 Jessica Whitaker
 Trevor Anders
 Jessica Whitaker
 Bryan Dillon





Pastor Kevin's July 2022 Sermon Series

**July 3—"No More Holding Back"
2 Kings 13**

**July 10—"No More Going Through the Motions"
Ecclesiastes 12
Communion Sunday**

**July 17—"No More Half Stepping"
Romans 12**

**July 24—"No More Compromising Your Integrity"
Daniel 6**

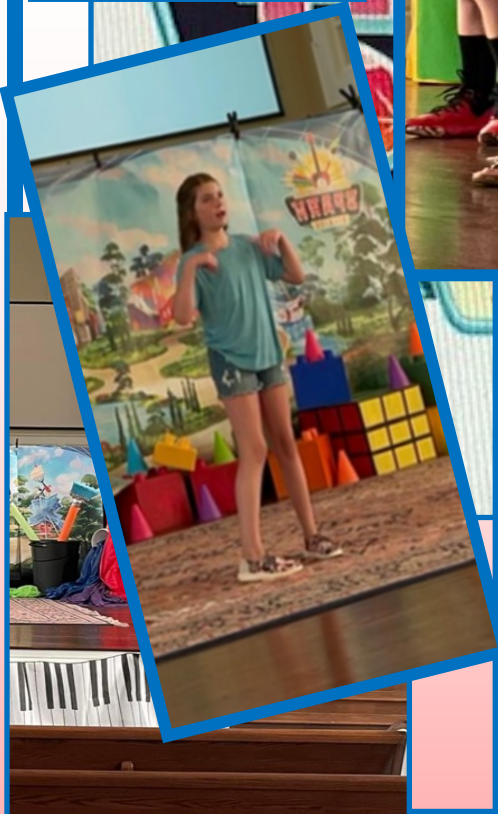
**July 31
Guest Speaker—Rev. Bill Fryar**

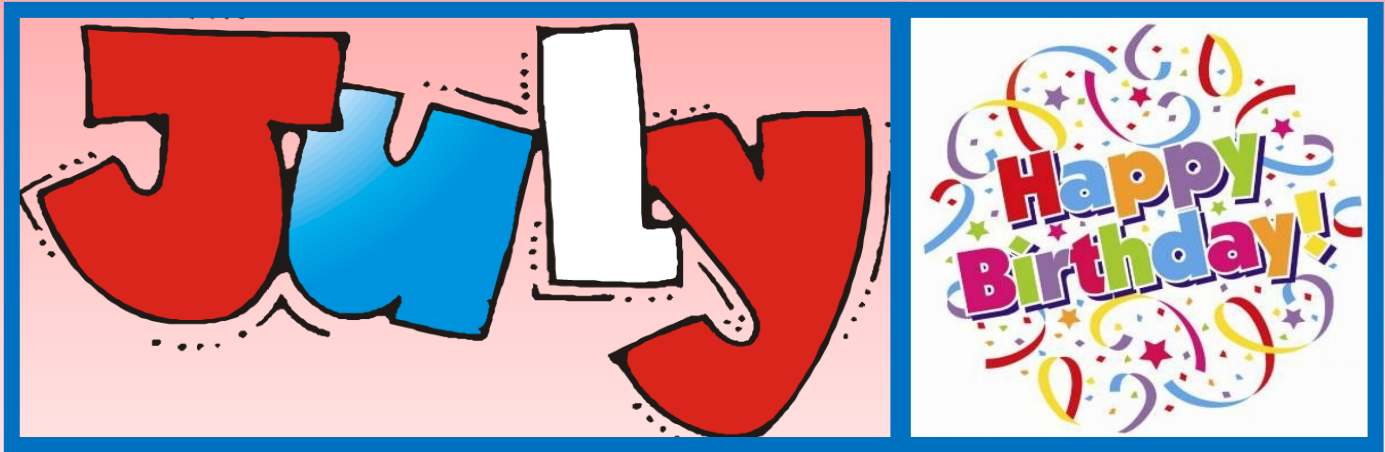
THE KIDS (AND ADULTS) HAD A BLAST AT
CENTRIKID SUMMER CAMP IN RIDGECREST, NC



VBS

JUNE 27- JULY 1





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<u>1</u> Ginny Higgins	<u>2</u> Hilda Hodges
<u>3</u> Joyce Orwig Betty Parrish	<u>4</u> Frances Halsey	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Dan Schultheis	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Steve Hazelwood Eugeno Ibarra Barbara Leoanrd James Sumner Benny White	<u>9</u> Ben Williams
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> Joyce Phillips	<u>12</u> Phyllis Barker Donnie Handy	<u>13</u> Kayla Archer Bill Davis	<u>14</u> Ronnie Harris	<u>15</u> Mike Robinson	<u>16</u> Nancy Carpenter
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> Linda Cooley Susan Honaker	<u>19</u> Lupita Ramirez	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> Linda Rosenfeld	<u>23</u> Royce Easter
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Eula Merrill Regina Snow	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> Ruth Hall Mark Painter	<u>30</u> Jaeron Deboe
<u>31</u>						

				<div> <div>JULY</div> <div>2022</div> <div>SERVICES & ACTIVITIES</div> </div>		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<u>1</u> Last Day of Vacation Bible School	<u>2</u> Funeral Service for Gardner Brannon, Jr.
<u>3</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<u>4</u> Soup Kitchen Closed <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> No Devotion No Choir & No Prayer Team 5:30 Kingdom Kids	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 8:15 am Meet @ FBC Youth Saturday- Kayak/Canoe Float with New River Adventures Fellowship Hall Reserved
<u>10</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 11:00 am Women on Mission	<u>13</u> No Devotion 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	<u>18</u> 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting Church Parlor	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> No Devotion 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Kingdom Kids	<u>21</u> 11:30 am Loss Support Group	<u>22</u> Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding Rehearsal	<u>23</u> Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding
<u>24</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Youth Group Game Time at Crossroads Social House in Wytheville Time to Be Determined	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> No Devotion No Choir & No Prayer Team	<u>28</u> Youth Mission Trip To Kentucky	<u>29</u> Youth Mission Trip To Kentucky	<u>30</u> Youth Mission Trip To Kentucky
<u>31</u> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Youth return from Kentucky Mission.						

SOOP
k i t c h e n



**Soup Kitchen
Closed
For
July 4**

Devotion

**NO Devotion
for the Month of July
Choir Rehearsal & Prayer Team
@ 6:30 pm on July 13th & 20th**

Choir Rehearsal

Prayer 
Team



**July 12
@ 11:00 am**



**Loss Support
Group
July 21
@ 11:30 am**

JULY 28-31
YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO
THE DR. MARY BENNETT HOME IN KENTUCKY

For over 30 years Dr. Mary Bennett, senior pastor of Linefork Foursquare in Linefork, Kentucky has shared her home and her faith in Christ with more than 100 children who were shunned by their families. Most of these children are mentally challenged, but Mary says they have all taught her important lessons about life and loving others. Some of the children have been with Mary for years. Many were able learners and graduated from college, an accomplishment they may never have made without Mary's influence and guidance in their lives. "Every person has value," Mary contends, and she has spent her life demonstrating that conviction to the world. Mary has been called "The Mother Teresa of Appalachian".

Please google Mary Bennett Home In Kentucky
to view the very touching video entitled:
The Power of One: Mary on Vimeo
This trip will be an amazing experience for our youth!!!



July 6 & 20
@ 5:30 pm



TRU-NORTH YOUTH & KIDS EXPLORER
There will be no regular Sunday Evening
Meetings in July & August

SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS FOR JULY

- Saturday, July 9th— Kayak/Canoe Float with New River Adventure
- Sunday, July 24th—Game Time at Crossroads Social House in
Wytheville, VA—Time to be Determined
- July 28th– 31st—Mary Bennett Mission Trip



**SUMMER
BREAK**
No Paper Pals
June/July/ August

**Bible
Study**



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No Bible Study
June/July/August

EXCITING JULY-AUGUST YOUTH EVENTS

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With New River Adventure—Fries, VA

Departing from FBC at 8:15 am

This is a 3.5 hour float with rapid 2 waters!

\$20.00 cost per person

Please register with church office by July 5th

<https://newriveroutdooradventures.com/canoe-kayak-tube/>



Sunday, July 24
Game Time at Crossroads Social House
Wytheville, VA
Bowling, Laser Tag, Arcade, Billards,
Trampoline Zone, Food & so much more!
(Time to be determined)



Friday, August 5th
Back to School Bash Lock-In
@ Power Up Fitness Center, Galax
Meet at Power Up Friday evening @ 7:00 pm
& spend the night!
Pick-up by 8:00 am on Saturday morning.
<https://powerupoct.com>

