



Forerunner

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MY LOVE WILL NEVER FAIL YOU

1 Corinthians 13:8

Love never fails.

*But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with.
Where there are various languages, they will cease.
Where there is knowledge, it will be done away with.*

The Greek word for love used in this verse is the word 'agape', which is used to describe the everlasting, unconditional love of God. This popular chapter of the Bible is often used as the Scripture reading for weddings to emphasize the power of love.

I would encourage you to read the entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 13 as often as possible to remind yourself of the priority of love in God's eyes. Paul the Apostle writes that love is the greatest attribute of God that we can pursue.

We can have faith to move mountains, give all our possessions to the poor, understand all mysteries and have all knowledge, and even die a martyr's death, but if we don't have love, it means nothing.



Sundays

9:45 am—Sunday School
(Classes for all ages)
11:00 am—Worship Service
(Live on FBC Website & 98.1 FM Radio)
6:00 pm—Tru-North & Kids Explorers

Mondays

6:00 pm—Bible Study Livestream
www.fbcgalax.org or through Facebook

Wednesdays

6:00 pm—Prayer Group
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal

February EVENTS

Feb 6 —Soup Kitchen

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

Feb 7—Staff Meeting @ 1:00 pm

Feb 8—Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm

Feb 12—Business Meeting Following Worship

Feb 14—Happy Valentine's Day

Feb 14 —Women on Mission @ 11:00 am

Feb 16 —Loss Support Group @ 11:30 am

Feb 22—Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 pm—Lent Begins

Feb 22 —Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm



1 John 4:16 simply says that God is love. The very core of His being is an unconditional, everlasting love that continually flows out to us. In today's promise the message is short and sweet. God's love will never fail you. Ever.

On the day of the year that many people celebrate love (Valentine's Day), may we all be reminded of the greatest of all loves that comes from the Father to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. The love that God has for us will never ever fail. Earthly loves may disappoint us from time to time, but the love that God has for us will never change and will last forever.

This is true love. It is not manufactured or contrived for one special day of the year. In fact, everyday, is a day to be embraced by the love of God not just one day that our world deems to be set aside...

In Christ's Love,

Kevin



Love is in the air! Everywhere we turn, we see decorative hearts, chocolate candies, and fresh flowers. February is when we share our feelings with those around us by giving Valentines and gifts. Let's admit it...Love lifts our spirits! It makes us feel extraordinary. So we want those special people in our lives to know how much we love and appreciate them!

Romans 5:8 NIV says, *"but God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* So as we give these beautiful tokens of love to our friends and family, let us not forget to share the greatest love...this most wonderful gift from our Heavenly Father. After all, *"Jesus completely saves. He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves. He your Savior wants to be, be saved today."*

*I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
Now safe am I.*

*All my heart to Him I give,
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing;
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful loving service, too,
To Him belongs.*

*Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves;
He's the Master of the sea,
Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be,
Be saved today.*

*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.*

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The Tru-North Youth have started an exciting study entitled "Facing Your Fears". Tru-North Youth meetings and Kids Explorers meetings are held each Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is provided. All youth and kids are welcome to attend and bring a friend!



The FBC Preschool is registering children 2 through 4 years of age for the 2023-2024 school year. Those who are currently enrolled and church members are offered the first opportunity to register. There are 2 and 3 day classes offered for the two year old, 2 and 3 day classes for the three year old, and 3 and 4 day classes for the 4 year old. For more information, please call the preschool director at 276-236-9195 or the church office at 276-236-5185.



A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO I HAD BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE TIME THAT GOD GAVE US THE PRIVILEGE AND ALLOWED ME AND MY WIFE TO SERVE AS MISSIONARIES IN SIERRA DE GUERRERO MEXICO.

I REMEMBERED THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WE MET THERE. I ASKED THAT THE LORD BLESS THEM AND TAKE CARE OF THEM, SINCE IN THESE TYPE AREAS OF MEXICO IT IS NOT EASY TO REMAIN FIRM IN THE GOSPEL NOR TO SERVE THE LORD. THERE ARE NATIVE BROTHERS FROM THE MOUNTAINS OF GUERRERO, MEXICO, WHO HAVE EVEN HAD TO WALK UP TO 4 HOURS THROUGH DIFFICULT ROADS TO ATTEND CHURCH. THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE TO WALK BAREFOOT BETWEEN 8 AND 10 HOURS TO GET TO THE PLACE WHERE CONFERENCES BY THE TLAPANECAN CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ARE HELD. THIS IS A CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS ABOUT 70 CHURCHES IN THE MOUNTAINS OF GUERRERO MEXICO. MANY OF THEM DO NOT HAVE A PASTOR AND MOST OF THEM ONLY HAVE BETWEEN 5 AND 10 MEMBERS PER CHURCH. IN THAT AREA THEY SPEAK THE LANGUAGE CALLED ME'PHAA, IT IS COUNTED AS A LANGUAGE BECAUSE IT HAS GRAMMATICAL RULES LIKE OTHER LANGUAGES. MANY OF THEM LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY WHERE MANY TIMES THEY ONLY EAT A TORTILLA WITH SALT AND CHILI OR SOME INSECTS. IT IS ALSO A CHALLENGE FOR THOSE WHO DECIDE TO SERVE IN THAT AREA, BECAUSE MANY TIMES TO GET TO THE CHURCHES YOU HAVE TO GET THERE IN 4X4 VEHICLES OR ON FOOT. IN ADDITION TO GOING THROUGH THE RISKS OF THE VERY DANGEROUS ROADS, YOU ALSO HAVE TO GO THROUGH SITUATIONS WITH ORGANIZED CRIME (DRUG TRAFFICKERS) AND THE LAWS OF EACH TOWN REGARDING THEIR USES AND CUSTOMS.

SO MY REQUEST IS THAT WE PRAY FOR THEM, FOR THOSE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO SEEK THE LORD EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE TO WALK FOR HOURS, FOR THEIR ECONOMIC SITUATION AND FOR THE CHURCHES TO GROW SPIRITUALLY AND GROW IN NUMBER. LIKEWISE FOR THE SERVANTS WHO ARE THERE, SO THAT THE LORD STRENGTHENS THEM, PROVIDES THEM WITH EVERYTHING THEY NEED AND PROTECTS THEM FROM THE DANGERS THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH.

BLESSINGS,

PASTOR LINO RODRIGUEZ



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 Women on Mission group is a missional organization for adult women which is under the auspices of WMU.

The FBC 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 14th.

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.

Examples include the Annie Armstrong Easter offering, The Lottie Moon offering during the month of December, The Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry, The Alma Hunt Offering, The Tri-Area Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign, and the support of an African nursing student named Memory.



How can you see God's beauty if your head is always down looking at your cellphone?
How can you know the needs of other people around you if your head is always down looking at your cellphone?
How can you serve God if your head is always down looking at your cellphone?

God's goodness is all around us. God's love is working in others. Look around! Pay attention! Keep your eyes and ears open!
Everyone needs attention. Everyone needs a smile or a kind word.
Everyone needs to know about Jesus Christ!

Find out for yourself how good the Lord is. Happy is the person who trust in the Lord. Psalm 34:8

Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right, and God will bless you and use you to help others. I Timothy 4:16

Fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. Philippians 4:8

The Kingdom Kids Ministry team are greatly blessed by the fellowship shared with the precious children and youth and special time of learning about Jesus Christ and praising our Lord and Savior! So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins. Ephesians 1:6-7

January 2023
Attendance Records

	01/01/23
Sunday School	63
11 am Worship	137
Evening Attendance	0
Hispanic Worship	43
	243

	01/08/23
Sunday School	75
11 am Worship	136
Evening Attendance	101
Hispanic Worship	43
	355

	01/15/23
Sunday School	84
11 am Worship	171
Evening Attendance	81
Hispanic Worship	50
	386

	01/22/23
Sunday School—	85
11 am Worship	157
Evening Attendance	104
Hispanic Worship	42
	388

	01/29/23
Sunday School—	89
11 am Worship	177
Evening Attendance	(will be added)
Hispanic Worship	45
	311



Frank & Sharon Plichta, Larry & Doris Spangler, Clifford Kempa, Royce Easter, Hilda Hodges, Juan & Beverly Rios, Rose Houk, Bridget Kinzer, Mary Morgan, Tony & Ginny Mays, Ashley Wyatt, Frank Merrilll, Chuck Thompson, Judy Hennis, Tracy Hasbrouck, Bill Dunn, Joyce Fender, Bill Cox, Max Brown, Steve & Larkin Conley, Audrey Merrill,

Doris Bedwell, Sam & Nancy Blair, Ava Rhodes, Donald & Katherine Martin, Betty Parks, Denton Taylor & Benny & Shirley White.

Glennis Morris-Waddell Nursing & Rehab- Room 118B, Martha Combs-Hillsville Health & Rehab—Room 116, Nancy McKenzie-Hillsville Health & Rehab—Room 116. Charles Larrowe—Waddell Nursing & Rehab

Sympathy to the Chad Eddy family. Prayers for Owen, Judy, Kevin, Tara & Adlianne.

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

In Loving
Memory

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
Ms. Jennifer Shupe..... .. 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

FEBRUARY TEAM VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY

February 5 Please Note:
February 12 Jennifer Shupe, Preschool Teacher, will
February 19 manage the Nursery during Sunday School &
February 26 Worship.

SECURITY TEAM

February 5	Terry Anders	John Patterson
February 12	Scott Hall	Basil Carpenter
February 19	David Rikken	Phil Helms
February 26	Dick Cooley	Terry Anders

WELCOME CENTER

February 5 Debbie Patterson
February 12 Regina Snow
February 19 Pam Turner
February 26 Patricia Edwards

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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

TECH SOUND

February 5 Bryan Dillon
February 12 Mike Stevens
February 19 Gary Ballard
February 26 Bryan Dillon

TECH PROJECTION

Trevor Anders
Jessica Whitaker
Bryan Dillon
Trevor Anders

PASTOR KEVIN'S FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES

**February 5—Hebrews 11
"Our Faults Point To?"
Communion**

**February 12—Hebrews 12
"Christian Discipline"**

**February 19—Hebrews 13
"Get Out Of Our Comfort Zone"**

**February 22
Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 26—Genesis 2; Matthew 4
"Sin & Temptation"
First Sunday of Lent**

The Best Valentine is GOD

*"For God so loved the world that
he gave his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in Him shall not
perish but have everlasting life."*

John 3:16



WELCOME

New Members





Don & Rose Houk

January 22, 2023



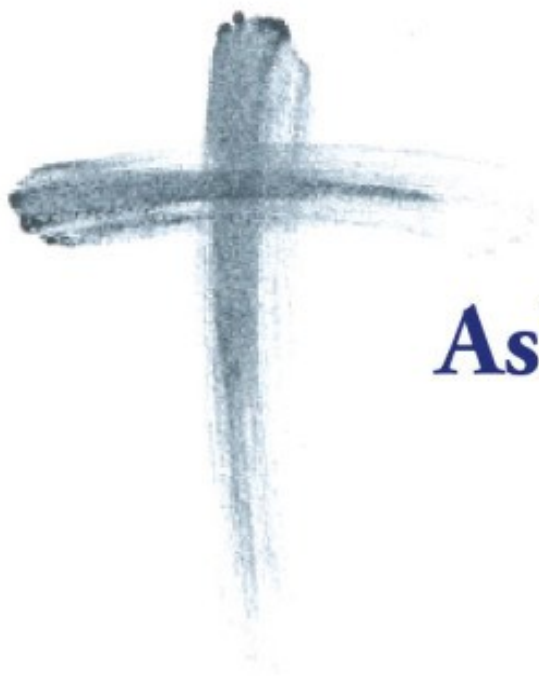
Mark & Kathy Burnett

January 22, 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship

ASH WEDNESDAY
LENTEN SERVICE
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 22
@ 6:30 PM



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins



† LENT

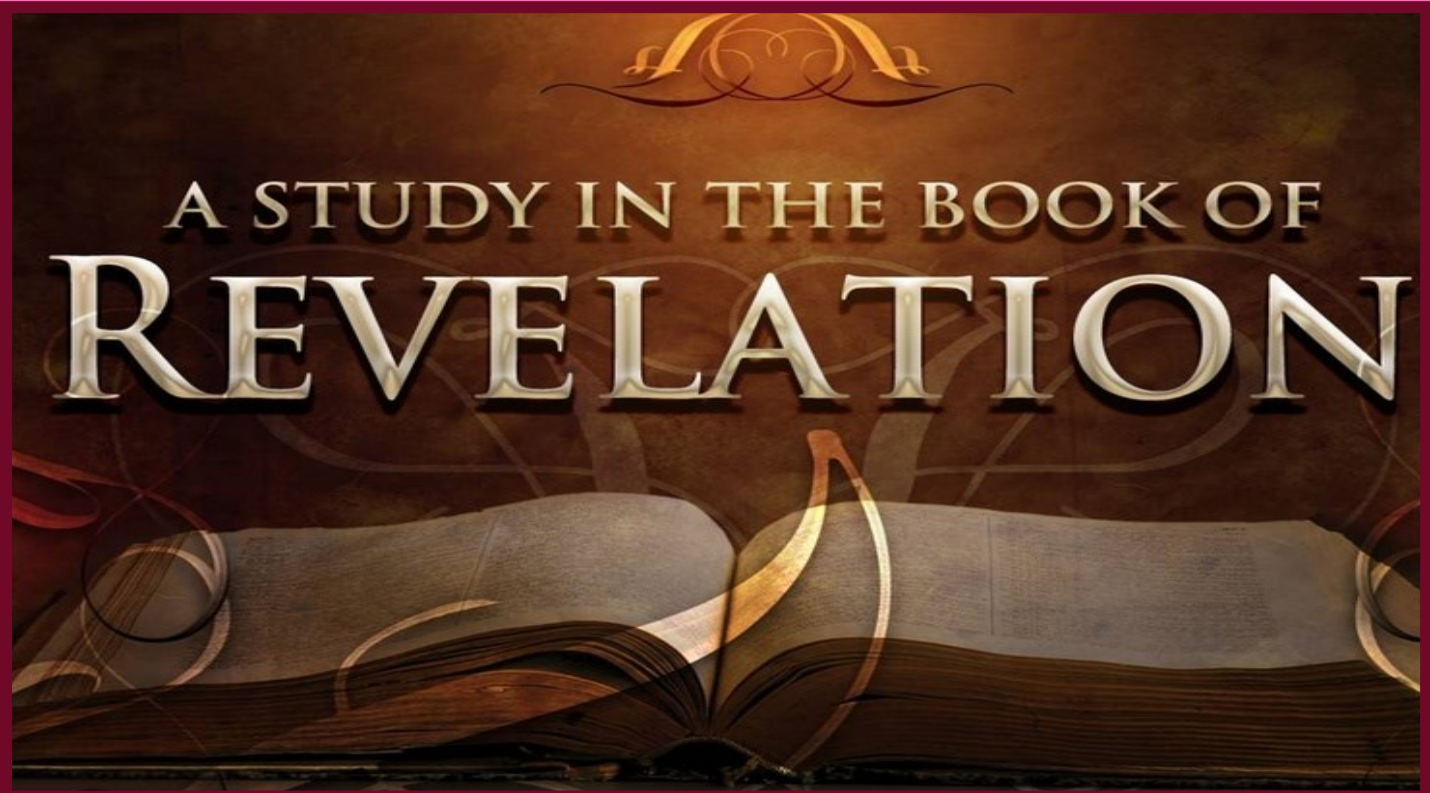
— *40 Days Of Renewal* —

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.

It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture, we serve by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting.

Lent is the season of the church year that follows the Epiphany Season. It is a time we set aside each year to remember the love of God that is poured out through Christ Jesus on the cross in His death; and His defeat of death, sin and Satan in Christ's Death and resurrection that brings Eternal Life to you!



**PASTOR KEVIN'S BIBLE STUDY
EACH MONDAY EVENING AT 6:00 P.M.**

On January 9th Pastor Kevin began
his study on the Book Of Revelation.

You may view the study through Facebook
or on our website www.fbcgalax.org or
you may attend the study in person!

If you missed the January studies and would
like to get caught up,
you may go to the website and under the
Resource Tab you will see
Bible Studies

Or using the Our Church App
you will find Bible Studies under the Blog Tab

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SUPPORTS MANY LOCAL MISSIONS
TWO OF THESE ARE
GOD'S STORE HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN
AND
ELISHA'S HOUSE—WARMING SHELTER**

****Donations are greatly appreciated****



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. They also offer "Celebrate Recovery," a Christ centered

recovery program in which God ministers to those with hurts, habits or hang ups. Pastor Kevin prepares a delicious hot meal the first Monday of each month. FBC Soup Kitchen volunteers come in to assist and deliver the meals to the God's Storehouse Soup Kitchen. Meals are also prepared and delivered to our FBC shut-ins. Donations are needed at FBC to help cover the cost of food and supplies to make these meals possible. We truly appreciate your support!



Elisha's House is a warming shelter for the homeless that opened in November 2022. The shelter opens at 8 pm on nights when the temperatures drops to 29 or below. Different churches, organizations and businesses adopt the shelter each week. The shelter is located at 222 Carroll Street in the

Cornerstone Community Church Center 2:42. The shelter provides a light dinner, a chance to take a shower, and most importantly a warm place to spend the night. Guests will check out at 7:30 the next morning and are given a voucher for breakfast at a local restaurant. Elisha's House is being funded by the churches involved in its formation and is completely volunteer-run and operated. At least two people are needed each night the shelter is open. Volunteers are needed 7:30 pm—10 pm to help with the registration, serving food, etc., two volunteers are needed for the 10 pm—7 am shift (would prefer at least one male during this time); and 2 volunteers are needed for the 7 am—8 am shift to perform clean up and laundry. First Baptist Church will be volunteering to serve some weeks throughout the cold winter months. Donations can be made for food & supplies.

**A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!!
KIDS AND YOUTH SNOWTUBING TRIP
TO WINTERPLACE ON JANUARY 15, 2023**















SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 <i>Gilberto Sanchez</i>
5	6	7 <i>Lynn Frank</i>	8	9 <i>Gary Heslep, Sr.</i>	10 <i>Frank Merrill</i>	11
12	13 <i>Edit Pineda</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>Ann McMillan</i>	18 <i>Keith Barker</i> <i>David Roberson</i>
19 <i>Bill Vaughan</i>	20 <i>Jacob Lawson</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Danny Roberts</i>	25 <i>Henry Zatarain, Jr.</i>
26	27 <i>Anne Vaughan</i>	28 <i>Pat Fielder</i> <i>Bart Turner</i>				



FEBRUARY 2023

Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
5 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Kids Explorers & Tru-North	6 6:00 pm Pastor Kevin's Monday Evening Bible Study Beginning a New Study on The Book of Revelation Livestream www.fbcgalax.org or on Facebook	7 10:00 am Paper Pals 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	8 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids	9	10	11
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26 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship First Sunday of Lent 6:00 pm Kids Explorers & Tru-North	27 6:00 pm Pastor Kevin's Monday Evening Bible Study Livestream www.fbcgalax.org or through Facebook	28 10:00 am Paper Pals				



**Monday
February 6**
**Please have bread &
desserts to the church
by 1:00 pm**

**Bible
Study**



**PASTOR KEVIN'S
MONDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDY
@ 6:00 PM**
**Livestream on www.fbcgalax.org
or through Facebook**

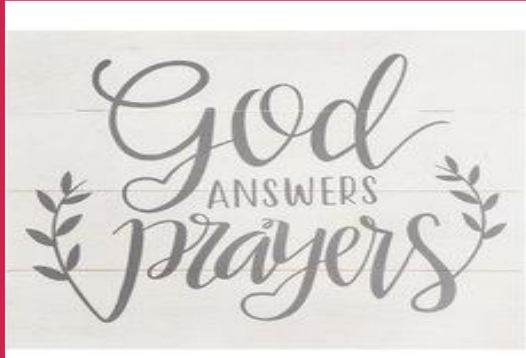


**February 14
@ 11:00 am**
**Please contact
Christy Sumner
for more information**



Grief has no timeline

**Loss Support Group
February 16
@ 11:30 am**
**Please contact
Debbie Adams
for more information**



**PRAYER TIME
LED BY PASTOR KEVIN
EACH WEDNESDAY @ 6:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH PARLOR**



Join the Choir...
**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

**CHOIR REHEARSAL
EACH WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM
If you would like to join the choir,
please see Wendi Pemberton.**



**February
8th & 22nd**



**Tru-North Youth
& Kids Explorers
Each Sunday Evening
@ 6:00 pm**



**PAPER PALS
Each Tuesday @ 10:00 am
Church Parlor**