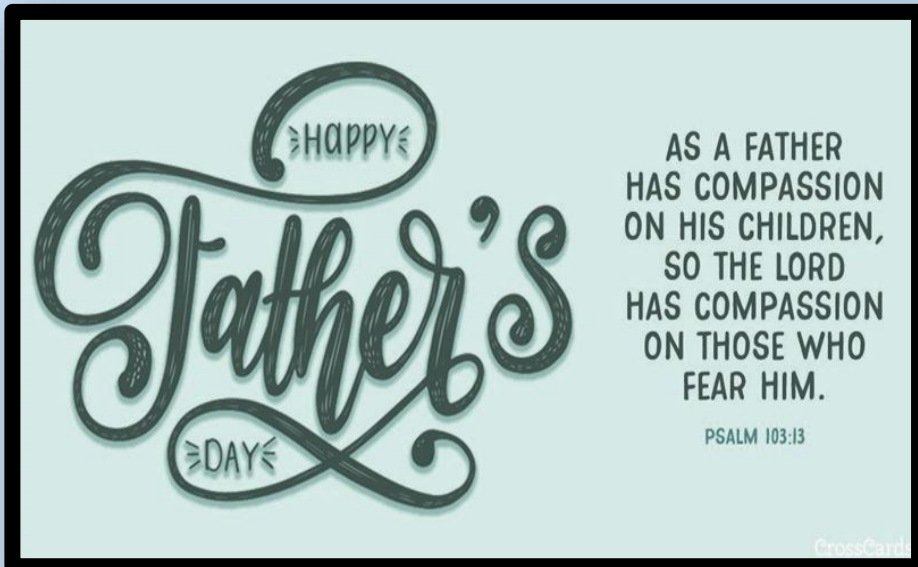




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Promise of God

I love you as deeply as a father loves his children.

*Like a father has compassion on his children, so
Yahweh has compassion on those who fear him.*

Psalms 103:13

The point of this promise is that God the Father loves us just like a loving father would love and have mercy on his own children. I am continually amazed to see the ongoing analogies throughout the Bible where God wants us to know that He is really a Father to us! Not just a 'father figure', but a real Dad!

Welcome

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 Kids & Youth Meetings
will resume in the Fall

Mondays

Bible Studies will resume in the Fall.

Wednesdays

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

UPCOMING Events

June 5—Soup Kitchen
Please have desserts & bread to the Church by 1:00 pm

June 5—9th Kids Summer Camp @ Ridgecrest

June 13 — Women on Mission @ 11 am

June 14—Kingdom Kids 5:30 pm

June 15—Loss Support Group @ 11:30

June 18th—Father Day

June 19-23—First Day of Vacation Bible School Registration @ 5:30 pm
Other days VBS will begin @ 6:00 pm—8:30 pm

June 21—First Day of Summer

June 28—Kingdom Kids 5:30 pm

(Paper Pals will Resume in the Fall)



Some of you might be reading this promise and thinking about negative past experiences that you have had with your own father and shudder to think that God would treat you in the same way. I think that is one of the most common roadblocks that many of us experience in our journey to know God as Father.

It is very natural for us to project onto God many of the same life experiences that we have had with our earthly fathers. Over the years, we have even heard some comments where people have said to us... "I have had one father and I don't want another one!"

When Jesus was pressed to show his disciples how to pray, he started with "Our Father" in Matthew 6:9. In Jesus, he shows us and shares with us that a personal relationship awaits each and every one of us with our heavenly Father. May this Father's day, we not only celebrate our earthly fathers but let us run head long into the arms of our Abba Father.

The truth is that God is the perfect Father and He loves us completely and infinitely better than even the best earthly dad. Jesus came to show us what His Father was really like and to bring us into a real, authentic relationship with God as Father. If you don't feel safe relating to God as Father, ask Jesus to show you what He is really like and He will be glad to do it.

In Christ's Love,
Kevin



June is a busy month! Our favorite graduates receive their diplomas, and we watch with joy as they embark on new endeavors. Some of us will usher in the summer solstice with a picnic, and others will plan a long-overdue family vacation. We also celebrate our earthly fathers this month. Like mothers, they come in all forms...fathers, grandfathers, uncles, cousins, neighbors, Sunday school teachers, pastors, and friends. We are grateful that we have these special men in our lives to lead and guide us in the struggles of this fallen world. These Godly men help us to comprehend our heavenly Father's love for us. So as we reflect on these special father-figures, let us be thankful that they are setting Godly examples for us each and every day. Let us all join them and *"rise up"* to serve the King of kings!

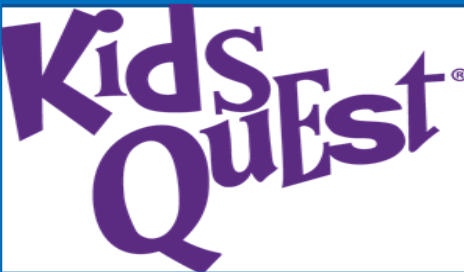
*Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul
And mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.*

*Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.*

*Rise up, O men of God!
The church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!*

*Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of man,
Rise up, O men of God!*

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June has arrived and Summer time is here. It is time for exciting events such as Summer Camp and Vacation Bible School!

The kids will be attending Lifeway's CentriKid Summer Camp June 5th—June 9th, at Ridgecrest in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. This year's theme is **BEYOND THE SURFACE, GOD SEES THE HEART.**

Vacation Bible School will be held June 19th– 23rd from 6:00 pm—8:30 pm., and is open to kids K-5th Grade. On Monday, June 19th, please arrive at 5:30 pm to register your child. You may also register on line through our www.fbcgalax.org Website. Under the community tab, you will find the VBS form. The VBS theme is **TWISTS & TURNS, FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME.**



Psalm 25:4
*"Show me thy ways, O Lord;
teach me thy paths."*



ACTIVITIES AT FBC HISPANIC MINISTRIES CONTINUE. WE HAVE BEEN HAVING GOOD TIMES AS WE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. APRIL 30TH WE HAD A SPECIAL DAY CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH WITH FOOD, CAKE AND PIÑATAS. ADULTS WERE ALSO INCLUDED. FOR MOTHER'S DAY WE HAD A SPECIAL MEAL AND GIFTS IN HONOR OF OUR MOTHERS IN THE CHURCH. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY IN THE MONTH OF JUNE. AS WE ARE PLANNING TO DO SOME MORE WORK AROUND THE CHURCH WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A MEAL A COUPLE TIMES A MONTH FOR A DONATION. WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR MINISTRY, AND THAT OUR CONGREGATION WILL GROW AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER. TEAMWORK AND ENCOURAGEMENT GO HAND IN HAND.

**HEBREWS 10:24
"AND LET US CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER TO PROVOKE UNTO LOVE AND TO GOOD WORKS."**

**GOD BLESS YOU,
PASTOR LINO RODRIGUEZ**



Come join us on Tuesday, June 13th for our monthly meeting at 11:00 am.

The 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign ends on Father's Day. All bottles collected will be delivered to the Tri-Area Pregnancy Center in Galax. There will be a return box placed next to the church office for filled bottles. Thank you for your support of this local resource for our community.



Summer break from school is here for all the wonderful kids! What an opportune time to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to get to know Him better (2 Peter 3:18). Kingdom Kids Ministry is looking forward to a Summer full of worship and fellowship with an awesome group of young people!

The Bible tells us to make the most of your chances to tell others the Good news-make the most of every opportunity (Colossians 4:5-6). God wants us to tell the Good news! Jesus says, "In the same way that You gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world." John 17:18 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Mark 8:35

Our young people need the truth of the Bible. We, as followers and believers in Jesus Christ, must never grow weary in doing good! We are the church, and we must continue the good fight. "If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for the sake of Jesus Christ and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live. What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses his soul?" Mark 8:35-36



**May 2023
Attendance Records**

	05/07/23
Sunday School	84
11 am Worship	188
Evening Attendance	56
Hispanic Worship	<u>39</u>
	367

	05/14/23
Sunday School	97
11 am Worship	199
Evening Attendance	80
Hispanic Worship	<u>40</u>
	416

	05/21/23
Sunday School	87
11 am Worship	164
Evening Attendance	29
Hispanic Worship	<u>46</u>
	326

	05/28/23
Sunday School—	83
11 am Worship	154
Evening Attendance	(to be added)
Hispanic Worship	<u>42</u>
	279



Jacob Holderfield,
Lois Billings, Doris Spangler,
Linda Cooley, Max Brown,
Rose Houk, Judy Hennis,
Clifford Kempa, Kimberly Leming
Juan & Beverly Rios, Debbie Adams,
Mary Morgan,, Tony Mays,
Chuck Thompson, Betty Fender,
Tracy Hashbrouck, Bill Dunn,
Joyce Fender, Benny & Shirley White,
Bill Cox, Steve Conley, Audrey Merrill,
Frank Merrill, Betty Parks,

David & Rhonda Fender, Sam Blair, Doris Bedwell,
Donald & Katherine Martin, Ava Rhodes & Denton Taylor.

Glennis Morris—Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 118B
Martha Combs—Hillsville Health & Rehab—Room 116
Judy Hennis—Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 103
Charles Larrowe—Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 217

Much Love & Sympathy to the Kathy Cooley Family.
Much Love & Sympathy to the Hilda Hodges Family.
Much Love & Sympathy to the Tammy Mashburn Family.

Pray for our Country & the U.S. Military & other
Coalition forces.



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
Pastor Kevin Rosenfeld.....Preschool/Extended Session
Pastor Kevin Rosenfeld.....Sunday School Director
Mrs. Penny Adams..... Bus Ministry Director
Mrs. Martha Easter, RN..... Volunteer Health Nurse
Rod Hale..... Sexton

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Monday—Friday 8:30—5:00 Friday—8:30—1:00

JUNE TEAM VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY

June 4	Tara Spurlin
June 11	Erica Testerman
June 18	Noelle Edwards
June 25	Robert & Sally Hill & Sara Hall

SECURITY TEAM

June 4	Scott Hall & Gerald Cox
June 11	Terry Anders & Mark Burnett
June 18	Jack Edwards & Phil Helms
June 25	Dick Cooley & Nathan Lyons

WELCOME CENTER

June 4	Regina Snow
June 11	Wanda Rikken
June 18	Pam Turner
June 25	Patricia Edwards

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Nancy & Basil Carpenter
Marty & Cathy Parks
Phil & Gay Helms
Joe & Linda Soles

TECH SOUND

June 4	Trevor Anders
June 11	Bryan Dillon
June 18	Mike Stevens
June 25	Gary Ballard

TECH PROJECTION

Bryan Dillon
Jessica Whitaker
Trevor Anders
Bryan Dillon

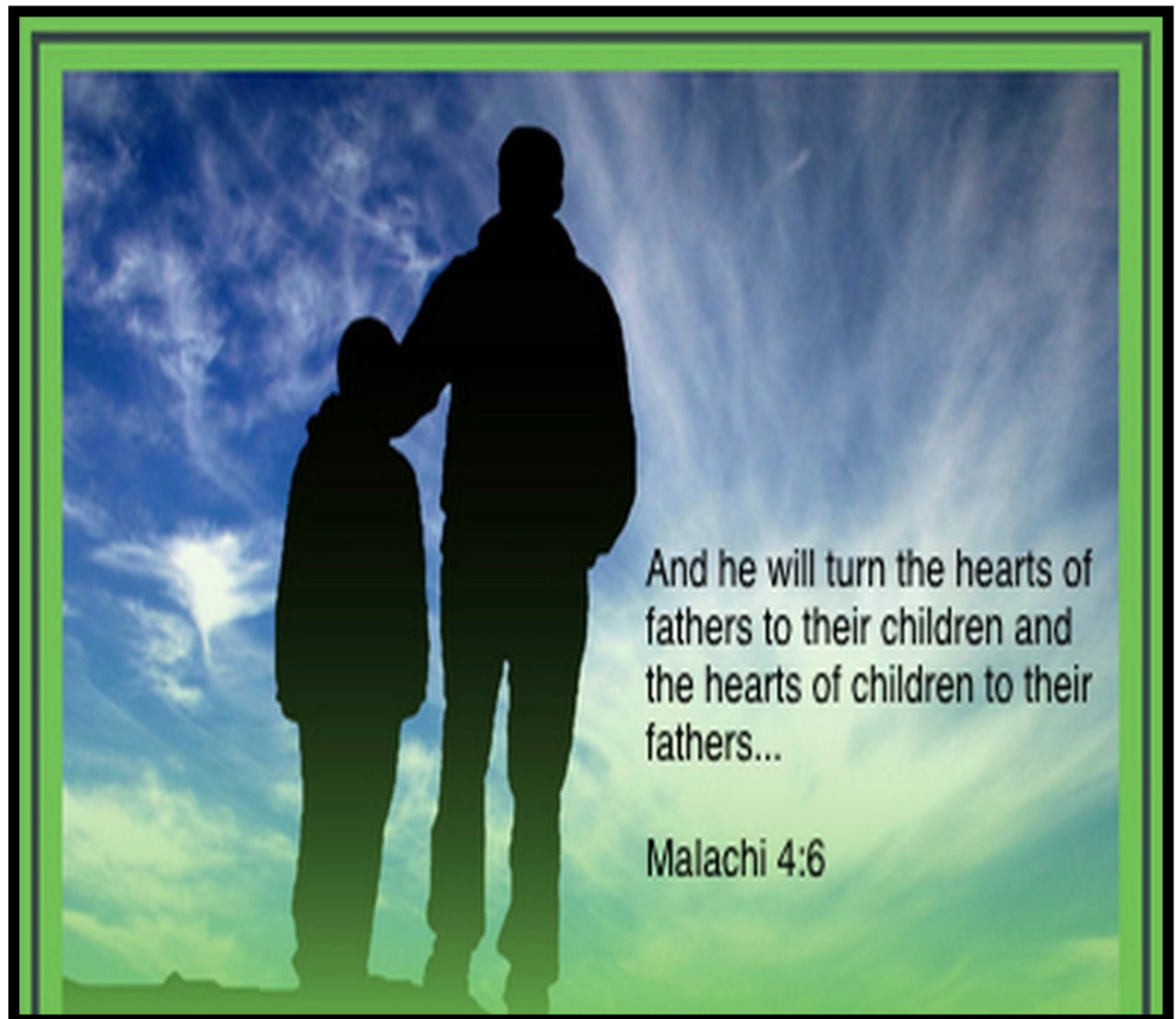
**PASTOR KEVIN'S JUNE 2023
SERMON SERIES**

**June 4—Matthew 7:21-29
“Not To Do...”**

**June 11—Matthew 9:9-26
“I Desire Mercy Not Sacrifice”**

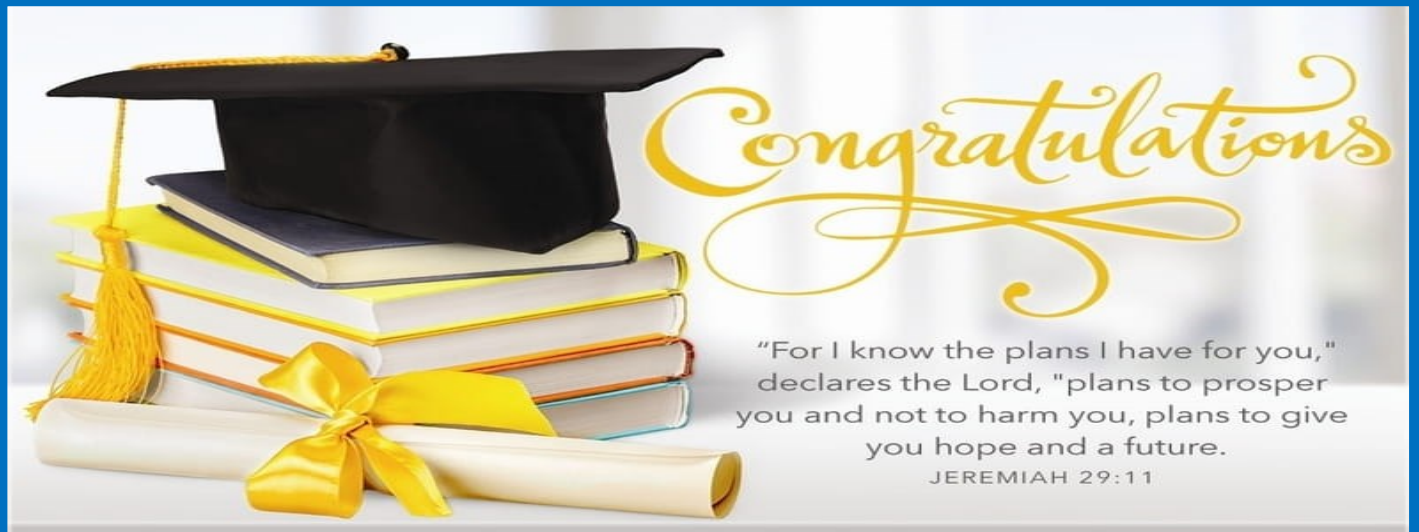
**June 18—Romans 5:1-8
“While We Were Still”**

June 25—Guest Speaker



And he will turn the hearts of
fathers to their children and
the hearts of children to their
fathers...

Malachi 4:6



Madelyn Marie Pemberton
Graduate of James Madison University

**Bachelor of Music with Emphasis in
Instrumental Education**
Mimi plans to pursue a Master's in Piano Performance
From the University of North Carolina School of the Arts

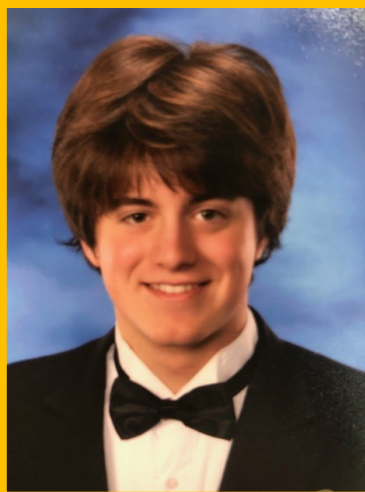
**She is the daughter of Art & Wendi Pemberton
& Granddaughter of
J.C. & Glenda Roudebush & Millie Pemberton**



Octavia Simmons
Graduate of Carroll County High School

**Tavie is attending Surry Community College
and she will be transferring to Appalachian State University**
**She is majoring in Early Childhood Education/Elementary
Education to become a Pre-K/Kindergarten Teacher**

She is the Daughter of Corey & Polly Simmons



Evan King
Graduate of Galax High School

Evan will be attending King University
In the Fall to Pursue a Degree in Pharmacy

He is the Son of Greg & Sendella King



**Savanna Katherine
Lumpkin**
Graduate of Virginia Tech

**M.S. in Agriculture & Life
Science with a Concentration in
Leadership Studies**
Savanna's plans are to work in
Student Affairs at Penn State

**She is the Daughter of
Trace & Sherry Lumpkin**



Caleb Archer
Graduate of Tusculum
University

**B.S. Degree in Business
Administration**

**He is the son of
Chris & Ashley Britt
& Grandson of
Larry & Doris Spangler**



Eli Tucker Epperson
Graduate of Glenvar High
School

**Eli plans on going to work
as a mechanic
at Caterpillar in Salem,
Virginia**

**He is the son of
Bo & Amber Austin &
Jonathan Epperson
& the Grandson of
Johnny & Karen Dickson**



Isaac Jones
Graduate of
Virginia Tech

**Bachelor's Degree
In Biology**

**Isaac will pursue his
Master's Degree
this Fall**

**He is the son of
Jason & Liz Jones
& Grandson of
Guyda Hennis**

Sunday, June 18



Happy Father's Day

Direct your children onto the right path,
and when they are older, they will not leave it.

PROVERBS 22:6

Some of Our Amazing Fathers Are Sunday School Teachers
FBC Adult Sunday School Classes
Meet Each Sunday at 9:45 am
All Classes Welcome New Members!



Faith Explorers

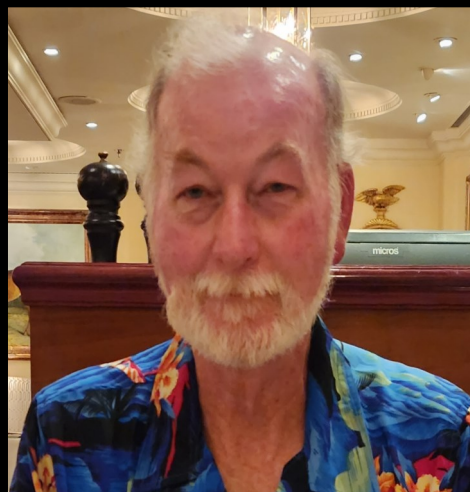
is an adult class led by

Kevin Spurlin

The class is open to
both men and women.

This class meets
in the Common Ground Room
located beside the Church Parlor.

Kevin is currently teaching a
series entitled
Walking with Christ



Common Ground

is an adult class led by

Bill Davis

The class is open to
both men and women.

This class meets
in the Fellowship Hall.

Bill uses Smyth & Helwys
Connections
Teaching Literature.



Willing Workers

is an adult ladies class led by

Bill Vaughan

The class meets

In the Willing Workers
Sunday School Room
Located off the Fellowship Hall.

Bill uses Lifeway
ETB
Teaching Literature.

**FBC Kids will be attending
Centrikid Summer Camp June 5th—9th
at Ridgecrest in the Blue Ridge Mtns. of N.C.
A Big Thank You to Everyone
For Their Generous Donations!**



**What we see on the surface seems important—
appearances, grades, and accomplishments—
but God's word shows us that there is something
that matters even more—something
BEYOND THE SURFACE. God sees, knows, and cares about
our hearts. He can give us a new heart for Him—
a heart that is pure, humble, trusting, merciful,
and willing to obey and follow wherever He leads.**

Attend 2023 Summer Camp And Go BEYOND THE SURFACE!

**Day 1: A Pure Heart
Day 2: A Humble Heart
Day 3: A Trusting Heart
Day 4: A Merciful Heart
Day 5: A Willing Heart**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 19th– 23rd 6:00 pm–8:30 pm

(June 19th please be here at 5:30 to register)



To Register, please call the church office at 276-236-5185 or email to secretary@fbcgalax.org. Registration is also available on www.fbcgalax.org.

Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up,
and play to win!

You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS.

Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds.

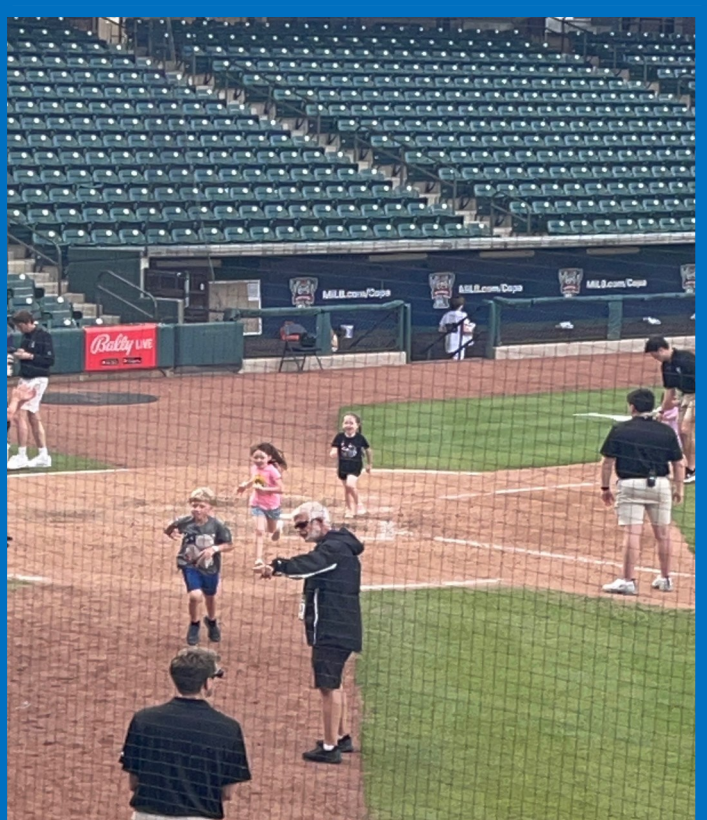
From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning the

Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives.

They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."

PSALM 25:4 "Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths."

**A FUN TIME AT
THE
WINSTON SALEM DASH
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME
ON May 7th**



CHURCH NURSES ARE HERE TO HELP



First Baptist Church is blessed to have several nurses among the congregation, including



Martha Easter, Linda Cooley,
Tammy Anders, Kathy Burnett,
Noelle Edwards & Debbie Patterson.

The nurses want the congregation to know they are here to help you if you need information about a health condition, medications, resources, diets, or need to learn how to check your blood pressure or blood sugar.

To contact a nurse, please call the church office at 276-236-5185 and leave your name and number.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Julie Schultheis	3 Kimberly Leming
4	5 Steve Conley Bobbi Sizemore	6 William Hiatt Isai Perez, Sr.	7	8	9	10 Cheryl Harris
11	12	13 Marian Porter	14	15 Virginia Newman Lib Russell	16 Marcus Blevins David McPherson Wanda Riggen	17
18	19	20 Patty Davis Amanda Montoya	21	22 Horacio Acencio	23	24 Mimi Banks Moises Gonzales Calvin Griffith Juana Ibarra
25 Cody Edwards	26	27 Jennifer Newman Tom Whittle	28 Nancy Blair	29 Julie Blevins Nathan Lyons	30	

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**Monday
June 5**

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

**Bible
Study**



**PASTOR KEVIN'S
MONDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDY**

Will Resume in the Fall
Livestream on www.fbcgalax.org
or through Facebook



June 13

@ 11:00 am

**Please contact
Christy Sumner
for more information**



Grief has no timeline

**Loss Support Group
June 15 @ 11:30 am**

**For More Information
Please Contact
Bruce Thomas or
Call the Church Office**



**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.**



**Kingdom Kids
June 14th and 28th
@ 5:30 pm**



**Tru-North Youth
& Kids Explorers
Sunday Evening Meetings
Summer Break
Will Resume in the Fall**



**PAPER PALS
Summer Break
Will Resume in the Fall**