



Forerunner

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Dear Church Family,

I came across this verse in my readings and thought of what great encouragement we have in our God. When the world, or your world, seems to be falling apart at the seams, we have a God who sits on the throne and continues to reign over the nations. I hope you find these words to encourage you in whatever season you may be experiencing.

I rule the earth and all the kings belong to Me

*Sing a song of wisdom,
for God is King of all the earth.*

*8 God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on His holy throne.*

*9 The nobles of the peoples have assembled
with the people of the God of Abraham.
For the leaders of the earth belong to God;
He is greatly exalted.*

Psalm 47:7-9



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



August 3—10 am—1:00 pm Clergy Meeting at FBC

August 7-12—FBC Good Samaritan Booth @ the Galax Fiddlers' Convention

August 7—Soup Kitchen—Please have desserts & bread to the church by 1:00 pm

August 8 — Women on Mission @ 11 am

August 9—Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm

Aug. 17 —Loss Support Group @ 11:30

August 18—Children & Youth Event At Power Up in Galax - Dunner & Fun from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm and Youth Lock-In 8:00 pm—8:00 am the next morning.

August 19—Yard Sale for Macha Mission 7 am—5 pm—First Baptist Church Parking Lot—Donations Appreciated!

August 23—Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm



God is the King of all the earth. Jesus is proclaimed as the King of kings and the Lord of lords. There is no disputing the absolute and complete power of the living God. He is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. While our adversary the devil, has limited power for a short season as the prince of the power of the air, the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!

When everything around us seems to be shaken... Wars, economies, governments, etc., have no fear! God is seated in the heavens and He rules the earth. May we rise up and worship Him today for His goodness and His mercy and His majesty!

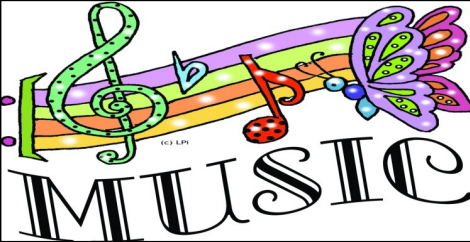
Hollywood often projects the battle of good versus evil as two equal, opposing forces clashing for victory. The truth is that our God is all powerful and ever present. He is so huge, that the universe cannot contain Him. We are not locked in a battle between good and evil that has an uncertain outcome. Jesus has already declared the victory through His death and resurrection!

While we know that in this world we will have trouble, may each one of us be encouraged today in knowing that Jesus has overcome the world and that our Heavenly Father is the God and Father over all creation.

4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6

In Christ’s Love,
Kevin



It’s time to pack up those wading pools and brush the sand from our beach chairs. School begins later this month. Many are already focused on getting backpacks, supplies, and clothes ready for the new school year. Others look forward to watching their favorite football teams and getting ready for the upcoming holidays. With all that keeps us busy, the Music Ministry hopes that you will set aside time to join us on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** for weekly choir rehearsal. It’s a great time of fun and fellowship as we sing praises and prepare music for weekly Sunday worship!

Preparedness...it seems all of us are always preparing for something, so as we ready ourselves for the upcoming days, weeks, and even months, let us **“be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. [Let us] put on the full armor of God, so that [we] can take [our] stand against the devil’s schemes.”** Ephesians 6:10-11 NIV

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss:
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day, the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song:
To him who overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He, with the King of glory,
Shall reign eternally.*

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Please be in prayer for the upcoming 2023-2024 Preschool Year! We are very excited to begin a new year and pray for the safety of our precious children and our staff. May the children be taught the love of Jesus and may the biblical lessons they learn influence them for the rest of their lives.

Lynn Frank and Linda Rosenfeld attended a safety & security training in Abingdon, VA. Mark Burnett and Don Houk performed a safety/security check for the church and the preschool. The church address will be displayed near the road for 911 purposes. Each outside entrance will be numbered in order for emergency responders to be alerted to the exact location of the emergency. Other safety & security measures will be put into effect for the upcoming year.

Preschool Open House will be held on August 30th & school will begin on September 5th.



IN THE MONTH OF JULY WE WERE BLESSED TO HAVE CE'SAR GARDUÑO AND HIS FAMILY VISIT OUR CHURCH. HE TEACHES AT A SEMINARY IN TEXAS. WE HAD TWO YOUNG MEN FROM MEXICO COME TO OUR CHURCH. THEY ARE VERY TALENTED IN MUSIC. THE CONGREGATION TOOK OUR KIDS TO A PARK IN SPARTA THAT HAS A SPLASH PAD. EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME WITH MUSIC AND LOTS OF FOOD. WHILE WE WERE THERE WE MET SEVERAL YOUNG MEN THAT HAVE BEEN COMING TO OUR CHURCH. WE WANT TO SHARE GOD'S WORD WITH THOSE WE COME INTO CONTACT WITH. PLANS ARE FALLING INTO PLACE FOR OUR UPCOMING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WHICH WILL BE HELD AUGUST 1—AUGUST 4. PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR PRAYERS AS WE TRY TO REACH AS MANY KIDS AS WE CAN IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THEIR PARENTS.

GOD BLESS YOU,
LINO RODRIGUEZ

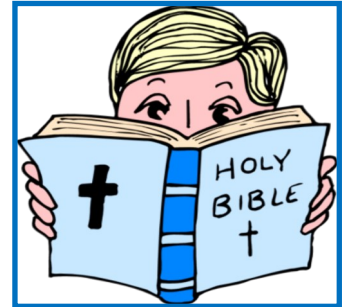
HEBREWS 13:16
"AND DO NOT FORGET TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WITH OTHERS FOR WITH SUCH SACRIFICES GOD IS PLEASED."



The Women on Mission's project for August will be collecting school supplies to help fill shoeboxes in November for the Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child. A box is available near the church office door for collection of these supplies. Supplies include:

- # 2 pencils/pens
- Notebooks
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Note Index Cards
- Solar Calculators
- Chalk
- Glue Sticks
- Small Adhesive Tapes
- Markers
- Pencil Case
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners

Come join us at 11:00 am on Tuesday, August 8th, for our monthly meeting in the Common Ground Room. We have a wonderful time of fellowship and learning about missions and what we can do to support our community.



What do you carry with you everywhere?
What do you run back and get if you forget it?
What do you spend hours with every day?
What do you constantly check?
What do you look at for advice?

Did you answer the cellphone or the Bible?

The Bible should be of greater importance than the cellphone.

Spending time with God each day should be your number one priority.

Remember how much God loves you:

He knows you by name.
Isaiah 43:1

He thinks about you.
Psalms 139:17

He is your refuge.
Psalms 62:6-8

He will fight for you.
Exodus 14:14

He has good plans for you.
Jeremiah 29:11

He is always with you.
Matthew 28:20

July 2023 Attendance Records

	07/02/23
Sunday School	94
11 am Worship	179
Evening Attendance	0
Hispanic Worship	36
	309

	07/09/23
Sunday School	89
11 am Worship	157
Evening Attendance	59
Hispanic Worship	35
	340

	07/16/23
Sunday School	85
11 am Worship	172
Evening Attendance	0
Hispanic Worship	40
	297

	07/23/23
Sunday School	111
11 am Worship	183
Evening Attendance	0
Hispanic Worship	44
	338

	07/30/23
Sunday School	102
11 am Worship	148
Evening Attendance	(To be added)
Hispanic Worship	55
	305



Mike Coleman, Sam Blair, Wanda Rikken, Rose Houk, Guyda Hennis, Betty Parrish, Doris Spangler, Joe Soles, Jacob Holderfield, Debbie Adams, Imogene Frye, Pat Fielder, Juan & Beverly Rios, Frank & Eula Merrill, Audrey Merrill, Betty Parks, Benny & Shirley White, Steve Conley, Clifford Kempa, Mary Morgan, Betty Fender, David & Rhonda Fender, Joyce Fender, Chuck Thompson, Tracy Hashbrouck, Bill Dunn, Doris Bedwell, Bill Cox, Donald Katherine Martin, Ava Rhodes, Denton Taylor, Lisa Bobbitt Barnhill, Barbara Sizemore, Betty Walker, Jamey Young & Maya Young.

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

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

Love & Sympathy to the David & Paulette Peterson Family for the passing of their grandson, Timothy James Peterson.

Praise Report—Max Brown is cancer free!

***CHURCH PARKING LOT ***
IMPROVEMENTS & PAVING

The church has approved to move forward with the parking lot improvements and paving project. There is a designated fund for improvements and beautification of the church property. If you would like to help financially with this project, you may make a donation to this fund and specify that it is to be used for the parking lot improvements & paving project. Thank you!



John & Robin Parks—General Fund
In Honor of Betty Parrish

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

AUGUST TEAM VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY

August 6	Tara Spurlin
August 13	Jennifer Newman
August 20	Erica Testerman
August 27	Sally Hill

SECURITY TEAM

August 6	Mark Burnett & John Patterson
August 13	Don Houk & Dick Cooley
August 20	Cody Edwards & Gerald Cox
August 27	Terry Anders & Scott Hall

WELCOME CENTER

August 6	Debbie Patterson
August 13	Regina Snow
August 20	Pam Turner
August 27	Mimi Banks

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Johnny & Karen Dickson
Dick & Linda Cooley
Phil & Gay Helms
Calvin & Sue Griffith

TECH SOUND

August 6	Mike Stevens
August 13	Trevor Anders
August 20	Gary Ballard
August 27	Mike Stevens

TECH PROJECTION

Trevor Anders
Jessica Whitaker
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**PASTOR KEVIN'S AUGUST 2023
SERMON SERIES**

August 6—Guest Speaker, Jeff Combs

**August 13—"From Terror to Worship"
Matthew 14:22-33**

**August 20—"Dog Food"
Matthew 15:10-28**

**August 17- "Who Am I?"
Matthew 16:13-20**



Lynn Frank

Appointed Preschool Director



We are happy to announce that Lynn Frank has accepted the position of FBC Preschool Director.

Lynn joined First Baptist Church on August 29, 2021 and she began teaching at the FBC Preschool in 2022.

Lynn has been teaching Kindermusik since 1984 & she also teaches piano lessons. She is the assistant organist and pianist for FBC.

Lynn is very excited and is looking forward to working with the wonderful preschool staff, the children and their families.

We are so very blessed to have Lynn at FBC!



First Baptist Preschool

is an outreach in our community.

The preschool offers a developmental program with activities planned so the children are provided hands-on concrete learning experiences; whereby they play, work and are taught through the five senses, according to their own unique abilities, to help them develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

We strive to teach and model Christian principals and the instruction of God's Word through Bible stories, songs and verses.

The children look forward to chapel each week, led by Pastor Kevin Rosenfeld.

For some children FBC Preschool is the only place they hear Bible stories and songs and learn that God loves them and made them special.

The Preschool is open September through May.

We offer two, three and four year old classes.

For more information or to register a child, please contact Lynn Frank at the Preschool # 276-236-9195—Preschool@fbcgalax.org or you may call the church office at 276-236-5185

The Fran Creggar Fund is a fund established in memory of Fran Creggar who passed away in 1990.

This fund makes it possible for children to obtain financial assistance to attend the preschool program.

Some children would not be able to attend without your help!

If you would like to make a contribution to the Fran Creggar Fund, please contact the church office.

WELCOME

New Members



Sisters

Debi Dixon

&

Patty Boyer

Joined FBC

On

July 9, 2023



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, August 19th—7:00 am—5:00 pm

Money raised will be used for the Macha Mission to support villagers in Zambia with hospital needs, educational needs and the mother shelter!

Please bring any donations to the church beginning August 6th through the 18th.

For more information please contact the church office at 276-236-5185

Your support is very much appreciated!

*****YOUTH EVENT*****



**For More Information &
To Sign Up—
Please Contact the
Church Office at 276-236-5185**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH
POWER UP EVENT
AUGUST 18TH**

**DINNER &
FROSTY MONKEY
FUN ACTIVITIES
@ 6:00 PM—8:00 PM**

**YOUTH LOCK IN
8 PM until 8 AM
THE NEXT MORNING**



AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Elesha Robinson	2	3	4 Sara Hall Marlene Robles Pastor Kevin Rosenfeld	5 Marie Combs Joe Soles
6 James Dowell	7 Ann Carol Roberts	8 Bruno Zatarian	9	10 Johnny Dickson	11	12 Dick Adams, Sr.
13 Arthur Pemberton Ana Zatarain	14	15 Travis Robinson	16 Juanita Jones	17	18	19
20 Mike Coomes Kayleigh Robinson	21 James Deboe Maude Smith	22 Joseph Adams Rose Houk	23	24	25 Larkin Conley	26
27 Debbie Harris	28 Benita Bryant	29 Debbie Lineberry	30 Cobey Adams Kathy Cox	31 William Bowles		



August 2023

Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	3 10 am—1:00 pm Clergy Meeting At FBC (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved)	4	5
6 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	7 Soup Kitchen Please bring bread and desserts to the church by 1:00 pm. FBC Good Samaritan Booth @ the Fiddlers' Conv.	8 11:00 am Women on Mission  Good Samaritan Booth @ the Fiddlers' Conv.	9 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids Good Samaritan Booth @ the Fiddlers' Conv.	10 Good Samaritan Booth @ the Fiddlers' Convention	11 Good Samaritan Booth @ the Fiddlers' Convention	12 Good Samaritan Booth @ the Fiddlers' Convention
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SOUP KITCHEN

August 7

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

Bible Study



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

Will Resume in the Fall



August 8

@ 11:00 am

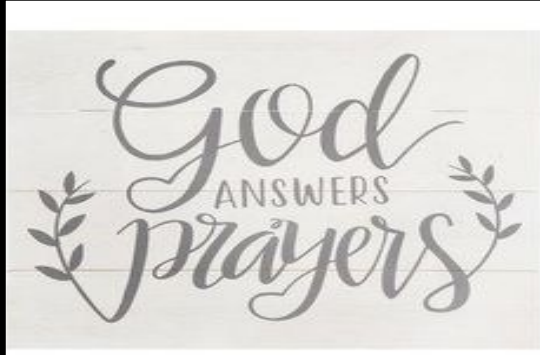
**Please contact
Christy Sumner
for more information**



Grief has no timeline

**Loss Support Group
Aug. 17 @ 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
Please email or call the church secretary with any prayer request



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
Aug. 9th & Aug. 23rd
@ 5:30 pm



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

FRIDAY—AUGUST 18TH
CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENT AT THE POWER UP
FACILITY—204 SHAW STREET, GALAX, VA.
DINNER & FUN ACTIVITIES: 6:00 PM—8:00 PM
YOUTH LOCK IN—8:00 PM until 8:00 AM THE
NEXT MORNING! FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO SIGN UP—CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE