



# Forerunner

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## **C** I lay a stone in Zion a chosen and precious **CORNERSTONE**

and the one  
who believes in Him  
will never be put to shame!

1 Peter 2:6

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**If you believe in Jesus,  
you will not be disappointed.**

### **1 Peter 2:6**

**Because it is contained in Scripture,  
“Behold, I lay in Zion a chief  
cornerstone, chosen, and precious:  
He who believes in him will not be  
Disappointed.”**

**I like the NIV version of 1 Peter 2:6 which  
Says...For in Scripture it says, “See, I lay a  
stone in Zion, a chosen and precious  
cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”**

## WELCOME to Our Worship Service

### **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

### **Mondays**

5:30 pm Bible Study Attend in Person or  
[www.fbcgalax.org](http://www.fbcgalax.org) or through Facebook

### **Wednesdays**

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

## Upcoming EVENTS

**Oct 1—Operation Christmas Child  
Kick-off**

**Oct. 2—Soup Kitchen Please have  
Bread & Desserts to the church by 1 pm**

**Oct 4— FBC Team Based Ministry Class  
by Pastor Kevin @ 6:00 pm**

**Oct 4—Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm**

**Oct 8—Pastor Appreciation Day**

**Oct 8—Family Fun Day at the Legacy  
Creek Pumpkin Patch—1 pm—5 pm**

**Oct. 10—Women on Mission @ 11 am**

**Oct. 18—Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm**

**Oct. 19—Loss Support Group @ 11:30**

**Oct. 29—Business Meeting Following  
Worship Service**

**Oct. 29—Trunk or Treat @ Legacy C. @  
5:30 pm**



Shame is a powerful negative motivator. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were naked and unashamed until they partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It was then that they realized their nakedness and sought to cover their shame with fig leaves. The condition of shame still exists today in the carnal part of our soul. However, our fig leaves look much different than Adam and Eve's did.

Perhaps we cover our nakedness through a relentless pursuit of success and material wealth? Perhaps through religious striving? Perhaps isolation and self-protection? There are many ways that we try and combat feelings of shame in our lives. The good news of today's promise is that anyone who comes to Jesus, will NEVER EVER be put to shame or be disappointed.

God's love is the covering that we need to cover every area of inadequacy that we feel in our lives. May we be so overwhelmed with the love of God today, that we will not run and hide from God (like Adam and Eve did) but rather we will run into our Father's loving arms.

In Christ's Love,  
Kevin

Fall has arrived in all of its glory, and with the beautiful colors and cooler temperatures, we spend weekends bundled up at ballgames and getting our homes and yards ready for winter. **Yes, we prepare.** And while we might ponder on the merits of hot chocolate versus hot apple cider when trying to help stay warm, inside FBC Galax, things are already heating up. Our regularly scheduled activities are back into full swing, and in just a few days, **preparations** will be underway for the upcoming holiday season. Yes, it is true! Christmas music will soon be heard in the choir hallway. Now is a great time for you to help us ring in the season!! Join us each **Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** in the choir room as we (*yes, here's that word again*) **prepare** for the birth of our Savior. Favorite carols and stirring new songs make up this year's celebration. So with just a few short weeks until Christmas, we hope you'll take time to become a part of leading in worship as we eagerly await the Christ child!

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold thro'out the heavens  
There shone a holy light.*

*The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth.*

*Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.*

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

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The Kids Explorers and Tru-North Teen Youth Groups kicked off their Fall evening meetings on September 10th. Everyone had and great time and enjoyed a yummy "breakfast for dinner" meal that included biscuits with sausage gravy, egg casserole, chicken & waffles, chocolate chip pancakes, and cinnamon buns. Exciting new lesson plans were started and lots of exciting activities are planned for October.

On Sunday October 8th a Family Fun Day will be held at the Legacy Creek Pumpkin Patch located at 638 Old Baywood Road, Galax, VA. Here's the plan—attend Sunday School at 9:45 and following 11:00 am worship service you can head out to the Legacy Barn from 1:00 pm—5:00 pm for an afternoon of fellowship, fun activities and good food. Everyone is welcome!

The church is covering the admission fee which covers lots of the events. You must pay for any food, pumpkins, vendors, face painting and other extra activities not included in the admission fee.

On Sunday, October 29th the kids & youth will participate in Trunk or Treat at Legacy Creek Pumpkin Patch starting at 5:30 pm.

Note: There will be no 6:00 pm kids & youth meetings on October 22nd.





**THE ANNIVERSARY OF MEXICO'S INDEPENDENCE OF 1810 IS OFFICIALLY ON SEPTEMBER 16, BUT THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN IN THE EVENING ON SEPTEMBER 15. THIS MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR IN MEXICO TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM THE SPANISH MONARCHY THAT RULED FOR ALMOST 300 YEARS. MANY CELEBRATE WITH PARTIES OF DRINKING, DRUGS, AND GUNS. IF THEY WOULD ONLY ACCEPT JESUS INTO THEIR HEARTS, THEY WOULD NOT WANT TO DO ALL OF THOSE THINGS.**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION AS WE HAVE A FEW NEW MEMBERS AND AS WE START THE PROCESS OF MAKING SOME CHANGES IN OUR CHURCH.**  
**- PASTOR LINO**

**JOHN 8:36**



We would like to give an update on Memory the nursing student in Africa. She is a smart young lady with a bright future and a career that not only will benefit her but her community as well. She has reached her final year, but she needs some help reaching her goal. Her tuition is \$1,200. We have \$300 of this already which leaves \$900 to pay. Memory needs to have part of her fees paid by October 9th when she will be starting her next semester. If you would like to help us reach this goal, you may leave your donation with the church office.



Thank you all for the donations for the Alma Hunt offering. If you would like to donate, you can contact the church office. This offering goes to local Virginia missions.

The Operation Christmas Child Campaign will be kicking off on October 1st. The Women on Mission will be shopping for shoeboxes. If you would like to make a donation of \$20-\$25, we will be happy to do the shopping for you and fill your box. Shoeboxes will be available for pick-up at the church during the month of October and November. Come join us for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 11:00 am at the church.



Kingdom Kids had 50 in attendance for their back-to-school shaved ice night. We are thankful to Lil B's Shaved Ice for the delicious cold treats. We are thankful to the local McDonald's for their hamburgers. The adults, children, & youth enjoyed an evening of prayer, food, and Fellowship. While we were enjoying the shaved ice, a young father with his 2 children were seen visiting the church's playground near the parking lot. Kingdom Kids Ministry invited them to enjoy the shaved ice. Several of the children asked, "Who are they?" The answer: They are our neighbors. Jesus Christ teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Everyone is our neighbor. God does not show favoritism. This young man & his children were just as welcomed as everyone else to enjoy the blessing of the shaved ice treat as well as the fellowship. A wonderful message of love was taught! What is the definition of the church? The church is the people who follow Jesus Christ; the People who know the Messiah, the one and only Son of the living God, (Matthew 16:16). The church is not a building or a club. The church is believers and followers of Jesus Christ being the light of Christ in the dark Sinful world. Be the church 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Be Christ-like always! Use the gifts God gave you for building His kingdom.

September 2023  
Attendance Records

	09/03/23
Sunday School	91
11 am Worship	182
Evening Attendance	86
Hispanic Worship	<u>51</u>
	410

	09/10/23
Sunday School	94
11 am Worship	166
Evening Attendance	58
Hispanic Worship	<u>44</u>
	362

	09/17/23
Sunday School	95
11 am Worship	162
Evening Attendance	140
Hispanic Worship	<u>44</u>
	441

	09/24/23
Sunday School—	79
11 am Worship	171
Evening Attendance	57
Hispanic Worship	<u>46</u>
	353



Wanda Riggen, Mike Coleman,  
Sam & Nancy Blair,  
Rose Houk, Max Brown,  
Doris Spangler, Lewis Porter,  
Frank Merrill, Dennis Combs,  
Jacob Holderfield, Ava Rhodes,  
Debbie Adams, Imogene Frye,  
Juan & Beverly Rios,  
Benny & Shirley White,  
Steve Conley, Doris Bedwell,  
James Sumner, Maya Young,  
John Weaver & Barry Newman.

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

Pray for our Country & the U.S. Military & Other Coalition Forces.

Love & Sympathy to the Charles Larrowe Family.



David Roberson—General Fund Donation—  
In Loving Memory of Frank Plichta



Thank you all for the anniversary cards & kind words. We enjoyed them so much. We miss being with you in person.  
Love, Joe & Sara Lindsey

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  
Ms. 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

OCTOBER TEAM VOLUNTEERS

	NURSERY K-2 Year	Nursery 2-4 Year
October 1	Erica & Eric Testerman	Jennifer Shupe
October 8	Sally & Robert Hill	Jennifer Shupe
October 15	Sara & Scott Hall	Jennifer Shupe
October 22	Noelle & Cody Edwards	Jennifer Shupe
October 29	Tara Spurlin	Jennifer Shupe

	SECURITY TEAM	
October 1	Mark Burnett	Arthur Cox
October 8	Don Houk	Gerald Cox
October 15	Terry Anders	Scott Hall
October 22	Cody Edwards	David Riggen
October 29	Mark Burnett	Bill Whitaker

	WELCOME CENTER	FIRST IMPRESSIONS
October 1	Sarah Keatley	Dick & Linda Cooley
October 8	Robert Leonard	Calvin & Sue Griffith
October 15	Debbie Patterson	Tony & Sonia Truitt
October 22	Regina Snow	Ernest & Hilda Ochoa
October 29	Mimi Banks	Basil & Nancy Carpenter

	TECH SOUND	TECH PROJECTION
October 1	Trevor Anders	Bryan Dillon
October 8	Bryan Dillon	Jessica Whitaker
October 15	Mike Stevens	Trevor Anders
October 22	Gary Ballard	Jessica Whitaker
October 29	Bryan Dillon	Trevor Anders

## **PASTOR KEVIN'S OCTOBER 2023 SERMON SERIES**

**October 1**

**"Seven Secrets of Serving" - Ephesians**

**October 8**

**"Eternal Victory" - 1 Corinthians**

**October 15**

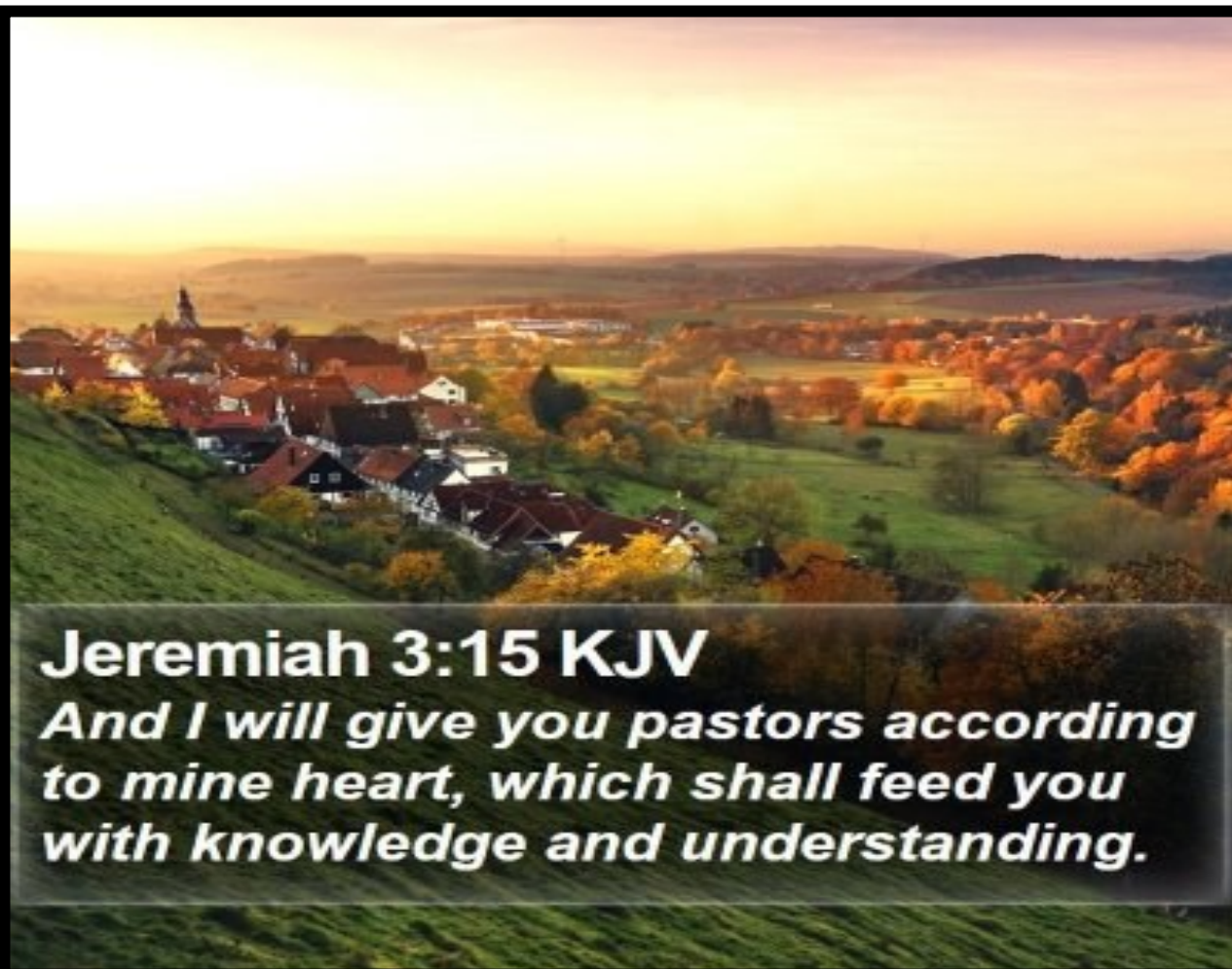
**"We Will Feast Again" - Matthew 22:1-14  
Holy Communion**

**October 22**

**"It's a Gotcha Question" - Matthew 22:15-22**

**October 29**

**"The Tension Between Sunday's Acclamation and  
Friday's Execution"  
Matthew 22:34-46**



**Jeremiah 3:15 KJV**

***And I will give you pastors according  
to mine heart, which shall feed you  
with knowledge and understanding.***

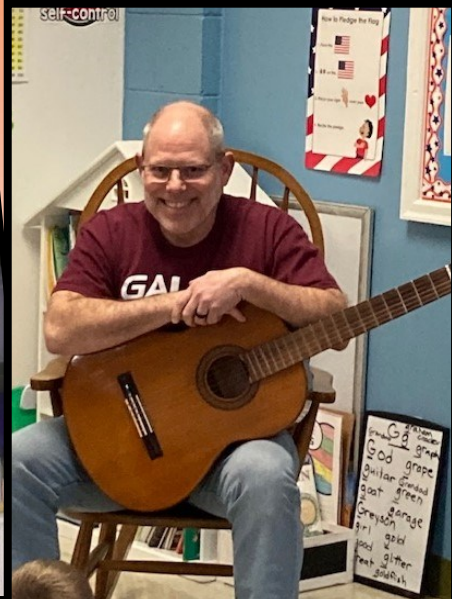
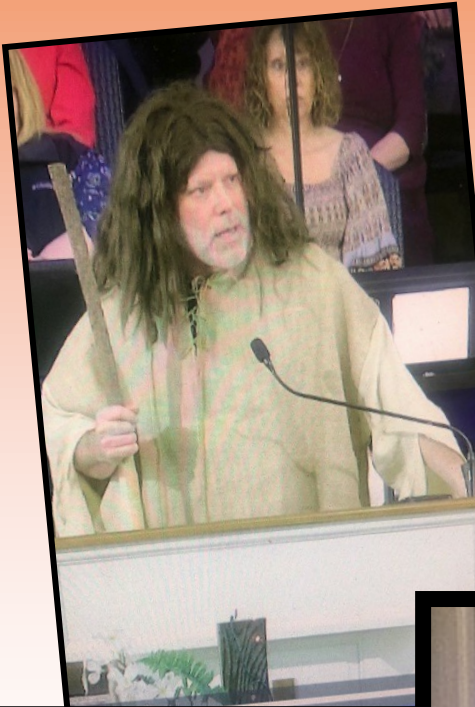


**PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**  
**Pastor Appreciation Day—October 8th**

**REFLECTIONS OF AN AMAZING YEAR**  
**WITH PASTOR KEVIN & HIS FAMILY**  
**We Are So Very Blessed**







**Dear Pastors,**

**Thank you**  
for the early Sunday mornings & the late Wednesday nights.

**Thank you**  
for the seeds you plant & disciples you nurture.

**Thank you**  
for the sermons you preach & the prayers you lift up.

**Thank you**  
for the wise counsel & the words of encouragement.

**Thank you**  
for the sacrifice and service.





**Family Fun Day  
At the Legacy Creek Pumpkin Patch  
638 Old Baywood Road  
Sunday, October 8th  
1 pm—5 pm**

**Everyone Is Welcome  
To Join Us For A  
Day of Family Filled Fun**



**The Church is covering the admission fee.**

**Admission Includes**

- Pumpkin Patch
- Corn Maze
- Barrel Train
- Slides & Games
- Giant Bubble Station
  - Corn Hole
- Numerous Photo Ops
- Spookley Corn Maze
  - Corn Cannon
- Food, Drinks & More!

**You must pay for any food, pumpkins, vendors, face painting, and other extra activities.**





**Sunday, October 29 @ 5:30 pm**  
**Trunk or Treat At Legacy Creek Pumpkin Patch**  
**Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun!**



### **OCTOBER CHILDREN & YOUTH SCHEDULE**

- October 1     6 pm Evening Meetings at FBC**  
**Dinner & Small Group Breakouts**
- October 8     1 pm—5 pm Family Fun Day at Legacy Creek**
- October 15    6 pm Evening Meetings at FBC**  
**Dinner & Small Group Breakouts**  
**The Pumpkin Gospel Object Lesson and Pumpkin Carving with**  
**Smores & Hot Chocolate!**
- October 22    No Sunday Evening Activities**
- October 29    5:30 pm Trunk or Treat at the Legacy Creek**

## KIDS QUEST & EXPLORERS

September's theme was "Friendship-Together is Better"

The kids learned to choose friends carefully,  
keeping our promises, standing up for one another  
& forgiving one another.

The kids had so much fun learning to work together with  
our friends to create harmony with music  
through water glasses, drums & hand bells with  
Mrs. Linda Rosenfeld, Mrs. Heather Hanks, & Ms. Lynn Frank!  
Sunday, September 24th the youth assembled the  
shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off!

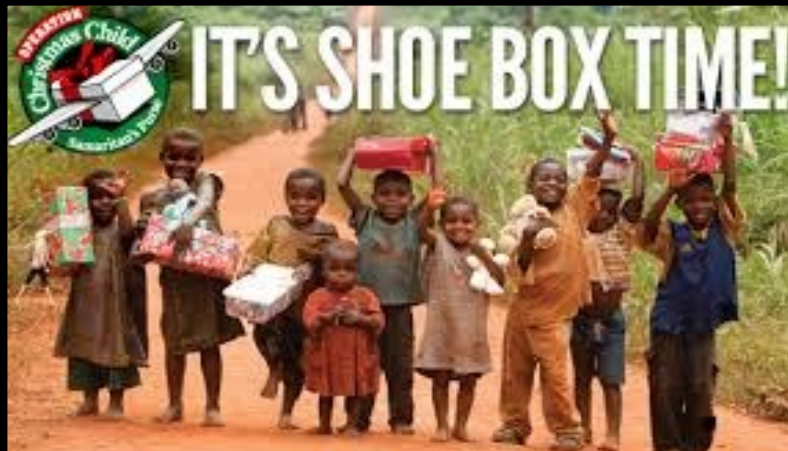




**"A man that hath friends must show himself  
friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh  
closer than a brother"  
Proverbs 18:24**







*Most Importantly Pray  
for the child who  
will receive your gift.  
You can include a  
personal note & photo  
to delight the heart of a child!*

*Please remember that your  
shoebox may be the only gift  
the child ever receives,  
so plan to pack quality items that will last.*





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## OCTOBER 1ST FBC OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK-OFF

Shoeboxes will  
be available  
for pick up at the  
church!  
Please return your  
filled shoebox  
to the church  
for the  
Shoebox Blessing  
on Sunday,  
November 19th.

### SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

#### "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



#### TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



#### NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap
- Washcloths
- Combs



#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



#### ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



#### DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum;  
used or damaged items;  
war-related items; seeds;  
food; liquids or lotions;  
medications or vitamins;  
breakable items or glass  
containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit  
[samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)

Women on Mission will  
do the shopping for you  
& prepare your box for  
a \$20—\$25 donation.

A brochure is provided with  
each shoebox with  
instructions on how to  
pack your box.

Stay tuned for more  
information regarding trips  
to the Samaritan's Purse  
Facility located in  
Boone, N.C. to help pack  
shoeboxes.

Dates & Times will be posted  
along with sign-up sheets.

For Details  
Please See Patti Holderfield



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# October



## BIRTHDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Doris Spangler Landon Garland	3 Ximena Gonzalez	4	5 Deyanira Gonzalez	6 Margaret Ballard	7
8	9 Gerald Cox	10 Ted Phillips	11	12 Jim Baxley Charlotte East	13	14 Jay Newman
15 John Patterson Tony Truitt	16 Trevor Anders	17	18	19 Martha Dozier Ginny Plant	20 Madi Lewis	21 Gwendolyn Seay
22	23	24 Frankie Covey	25 Becky Adams Clif Conley Harvey Hennis	26	27 Doris Bedwell Erika Galvan Alene McGee	28 David Banks
29 Deborah Alexander	30 Jackie Wyatt Robbie Leonard	31 Andy Holt Lino Rodriquez				





# October 2023 Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship  6:00 pm Kids & Youth Meetings	<b>2</b> Soup Kitchen Please have Bread & Desserts to the Church By 1:00 pm  5:30 pm Bible Study	<b>3</b>  10 am Paper Pals	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm Team Based Ministry Class Church Sanctuary  6:30 Choir Rehearsal  5:30 pm Kingdom Kids	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship  Family Fun Day @ The Legacy Creek Pumpkin Patch Following Worship Service	<b>9</b>  5:30 pm Bible Study	<b>10</b> 10 am Paper Pals  11 am Women On Mission  	<b>11</b>  6:00 pm Prayer Group  6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  5:30 pm Kingdom Kids	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship  6:00 pm Kids & Youth Meetings	<b>16</b>  5:30 pm Bible Study	<b>17</b>  10 am Paper Pals	<b>18</b> 6:00 pm Prayer Group  6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>  11:30 am Loss Support Group  	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship  Fall Break NO 6:00 pm Youth Meetings	<b>23</b>  5:30 pm Bible Study	<b>24</b>  10 am Paper Pals	<b>25</b> 6:00 pm Prayer Group  6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  5:30 pm Kingdom Kids	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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# **SOUP KITCHEN**

## **October 2**

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

## **Bible Study**



**PASTOR KEVIN'S  
MONDAY EVENING  
BIBLE STUDY @ 5:30 pm  
Book of Revelation**

**Attend in Person or  
View Livestream on [www.fbcgalax.org](http://www.fbcgalax.org)  
or watch through Facebook**



**October 10  
@ 11:00 am  
Please contact  
Christy Sumner  
for more information**

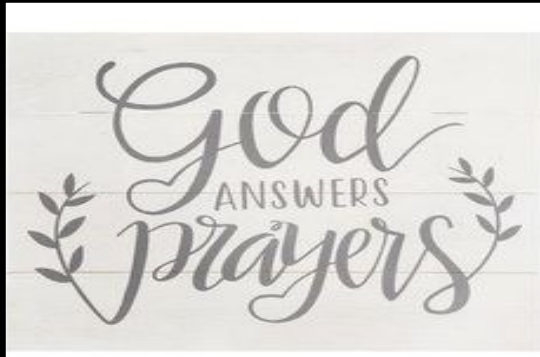


*Grief has no timeline*

**Loss Support Group  
Oct. 19 @ 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**  
**Oct 4th—Team Based Ministry Class**  
**@ 6 pm in the Sanctuary**



**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**  
**October 4th & 18th**  
**@ 5:30 pm**



**Kids Explorers & Tru-North**  
**YOUTH MEETINGS**  
**Each Sunday Evening**  
**@ 6:00 pm**  
**(No Meeting on Oct. 22)**



**PAPER PALS**  
**Each Tuesday @ 10 am**  
**(Volunteers cut out and prepare craft**  
**projects for the Preschool Teachers)**  
**All Volunteers Are Welcome!**