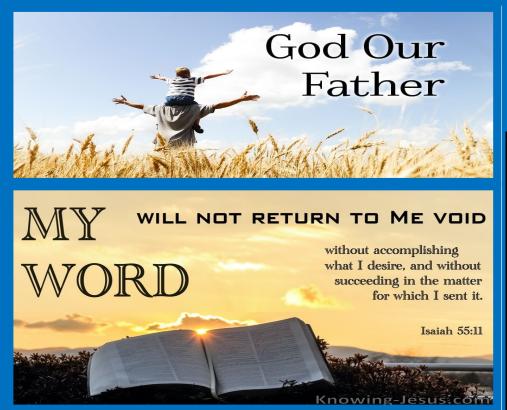


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The Word of God...

My Word will not return to me until it accomplishes what I intended.

Isaiah 55:10-11

10 For as the rain comes down and the snow from the sky, and doesn't return there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, and gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 so shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing I sent it to

God says that His Word is poured out onto the earth just like the rain and snow fall in their appointed seasons. God's intent is to water every manner of seed so that it will blossom to its full potential. His Word is like that for us. We can drink in everything that He says and eat every word that He speaks. Jesus told us...



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 -Summer Break for June, July, & August

Mondays

Bible Study— Summer Break for June, July, & August

Wednesdays

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



June 3—Soup Kitchen—Please have Bread & Desserts to the church by 1 pm

June 5—Deadline for Cookie Donations
For the Kairos Prison Ministry—1:00 pm

June 5 —Kingdom Kids—5:30 pm

June 9—13—Vacation Bible School 6:00 pm—8:30 pm

June 16—Father's Day

June 19—Kingdom Kids—5:30 pm

June 20—Loss Support Group— 11:30 am

June 20—First Day of Summer







'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'

It is my prayer today that we would all be aware of how God is speaking to us right now. I believe we can tune our hearts to the voice of God in a similar way that we would adjust the frequency of our radio to tune into our favorite radio station. If we aren't tuned into our Father's frequency, we might miss out on what He is saying. As Jesus said to the churches in Revelation 2 and 3...

"To him who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying"

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of our lives today, may each one of us quiet our hearts for a moment and listen to hear what God wants to say to us. Be comforted in knowing that every word that our Father speaks will not return to Him empty, but will accomplish what it sets out to do!

In Christ's Love,

Kevin

School is out, and vacations are now underway. Our graduates are embarking on new horizons, and families are spending quality time together. And while these are all great things, let us not forget that June is also the month when we celebrate fathers. These special men come in all forms - fathers, grandfathers, neighbors, uncles, pastors, teachers, coaches, and friends. How fortunate we are to have these Godly men in our lives! They help us to comprehend our heavenly Father's love for us, and they lead and guide us in the struggles of this fallen world. So as we reflect on these special father-figures and what they mean to us, 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.

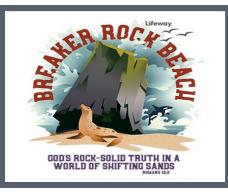
Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

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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Vacation Bible School June 9th-13th 6:00 pm—8:30 pm K-5th Grade



You may register for VBS by calling the church office at 276-236-5185 or email secretary@fbcgalax.org.
Registration is also available at www.fbcgalax.org.
There are various areas of service in which volunteers are needed.
If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

FBC Kids will be attending
Centri-Kid Summer Camp
July 12-13-14th
At Gardner Webb University
Open to 2nd—6th grade
&
FBC Youth will be attending
FUGE Summer Camp
July 15th—19th
At Milligan University
Open to 6th—12th grade

Please contact the church office for more information and to register your child.



THE MONTH OF MAY WAS A MONTH OF MANY BLESSINGS FOR THE HISPANIC CONGREGATION. WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY. THE MEN COOKED A SPECIAL DISH FOR THE MOTHERS AND THE YOUTH DECORATED THE TABLES AND SERVED THE FOOD TO THE MOTHERS TO MAKE THEM FEEL SPECIAL ON THEIR DAY. WE THANK GOD FOR THE LIFE OF EACH OF THEM.

ALSO IN MAY, A GROUP OF MIGRANT WORKERS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA STARTED ATTENDING CHURCH AND **EVERY SUNDAY A CHURCH** COUPLE GOES TO PICK THEM UP AND IN THE AFTERNOON THEY ARE TAKEN BACK HOME. It is always a privilege AND BLESSING TO BE ABLE TO SERVE OTHERS. WE SEE EVERY DAY THE HAND OF GOD WORKING IN THE CHURCH AND WE PRAY TO GOD FOR WISDOM AND STRENGTH TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE IN HIS WORK.

TO HIM BE ALWAYS GLORY AND HONOR.

BLESSINGS FROM THE HISPANIC CONGREGATION.



The 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign ends on Father's Day. There will be a return box placed next to the church office for filled bottles. Thank you for your support of this local resource to our community. We will be collecting personal care items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this month; (bars of soap, toothbrushes, wash cloths, bandages, nail clippers, comb or brush).

Women on Mission will not meet in June. The next monthly meeting will be held on July 9th, 2024 at 11:00 am.



We are not meant to waste our precious lives by spending excessive amounts of time on virtual reality. artificial intelligence, or living life through an electronic device and not being present or truly connected to our physical environment. Instead, we are created in Christ Jesus for good works. Ephesian 2:10 The devil is clever in creating ways to draw our attention away from God. The devil is clever in creating ways for us to waste our lives, ignore our families, and waste our money. Think of all the people who wake up each morning and look at social media first instead of spending time with God in prayer or reading the Bible. Think of all the children whose minds are preoccupied by their cell phones all day long instead of learning and making true friendships and all night long by playing video games. Think about how people's way of thinking has been altered negatively and their ability to communicate in person has diminished. We are to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul. Matthew 22:37.

(Kingdom Kids Continued)

Do you think our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would have sat around ministering to others with a cell phone or a computer? What did Jesus' ministry look like? He knew people by their names (Zacchaeus as an example Luke 19). He was out and about in society, not isolated in a building. He saw the needs of others and met those needs. He went to the homes of others and ate with them and talked with them. He paid attention to everyone. Think of the woman at the well: Jesus talked to her! Jesus did not follow the social rules of society. He followed the only way which is God's way! He actively loved and ministered. We are to do the same! If our faces are always looking at a cellphone, we will never see the person in need. We will never get to know our neighbors or the person sitting next to us in church or at school. God has created us to live in a beautiful physical world where we are to embrace each day by putting God first and actively loving our neighbors. Kingdom Kids attendees were given a choice of a virtual reality lollipop or a real one. Everyone chose a real lollipop! They said a real one was better because they could taste it. Wouldn't a visit from a friend be more helpful than a text? Wouldn't a real hug be better than a virtual one? Wouldn't your grandmother, dad, aunt, friend, etc. like to talk with you in person better than by way of a text? Is not kneeling at the altar or laying on of hands in prayer better than virtual prayer? Yes! Yes!

One of our Kingdom Kids gave a testimony of the power of prayer in the healing of his sister who was having a medical emergency. We thank God for His healing of this precious young lady. We thank God for this young boy's public sharing of a personal experience of witnessing God's power. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Psalm 100:1 As followers of Jesus Christ, we are to not be tainted or corrupted by the world James 1:27. We live in the world, but we are not of the world. We are to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead James 2:17. Are we different than the world? When others look at us and how we talk and act, do they see the light of Jesus? Are we being the aroma of Jesus Christ in this world? What are we doing to show the love of Jesus Christ in our homes, in our communities, and in our churches? Are we impacting the world for Jesus

MAY 2024 Attendance Records

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	05/05/24
Sunday School	111
11 am Worship	160
Evening Attendance	<i>58</i>
Hispanic Worship	<u>47</u>
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	05/12/24
Sunday School	96
11 am Worship	196
Evening Attendance	28
Hispanic Worship	<u>58</u>
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	05/19/24
Sunday School	103
11 am Worship	166
Evening Attendance	<i>93</i>
Hispanic Worship	<u>58</u>
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Sunday School—	<i>97</i>
11 am Worship	191
Evening Attendance	29
Hispanic Worship	<u>33</u>
	<i>350</i>



Marie Combs & Family would like to thank everyone for your kindness during the passing of her husband Dennis. Thank you for the cards, calls,

visits, flowers, and most of all for your prayers. Thank you to Pastor Kevin, the Choir & to the Hospitality Team for the nice meal.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin RosenfeldSenior Past	or
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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



Shirley & Benny White, Mike Coleman, Rose Houk, Johnny Dillon, Eddie Davis, Jr., Mike Frazier, Sam & Nancy Blair, Frank & Eula Merrill, Joe & Sara Lindsey, Barry Newman,

Steve Conley, & Max Brown. Judy Hennis—Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 103
Pray for all those in the Nursing Home & Rehab Centers
Pray for our country & the U.S. Military & other coalition forces.



Much Love and Sympathy to Marie Combs & Family for the passing of Dennis Combs on May 21, 2024.



Donation by Bill Brannon
To The Fran Creggar Fund In Loving Memory
of Gardner & Mary Ella Brannon

To The Beautification Fund In Loving Memory of Herb & Marie Walker

Donation by Betty & Billy Testerman To the Fran Creggar Fund in Loving Memory Of Dennis Combs

MAY TEAM VOLUNTEERS

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June 23 June 30	Erica Testerman	
	SECURITY	
June 2	Eric Testerman	Gerald Cox
June 9	Terry Anders	Scott Hall
June 16	Mark Burnette	Phil Helms
June 23	Johnny Dickson	Nathan Lyons
June 30	Cody Edwards	John Patterson
	WELCOME CENTER	FIRST IMPRESSIONS
June 2	Linda Cooley	Don & Rose Houk
June 9	Kathy Cox	Basil & Nancy Carpenter
June 16	Debbie Harris	Johnny & Karen Dickson
June 23	Sarah Keatley	Dick & Linda Cooley
June 30	Robert Leonard	Patty Boyer & Debi Dixor
	TECH SOUND	TECH PROJECTION
June 2	Trevor Anders	Jessica Whitaker
June 9	Brvan Dillon	Jessica Whitaker
June 16	Mike Stevens	Trevor Anders
June 23	Gary Ballard	Bryan Dillon
June 30	Bryan Dillon	Jessica Whitaker
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PASTOR KEVIN'S JUNE 2024 SERMON SERIES

June 2– "The True King" Daniel 8

June 9
"A Prayer"
Daniel 9

June 16
"Persistent Obedience"
Daniel 10

June 23-To Be Announced

June 30 "End Times" Daniel 11 & 12

Train a child
in the way
he should go,
and when he is
old he will not
turn from it.

PROVERBS 22:6

Happy Father's Day





As Christians we often turn to Psalm 23 as a source of comfort in times of trouble, times of grief and when facing many of life's challenges.

I have always loved the comparison of God as to that of a Good Shepherd. King David wrote the 23rd Psalm as a way of expressing his heart toward God. It was the way he best worshipped God because he was a composer of music. David himself was a former shepherd, putting himself in the position of a sheep dependent on Jesus Christ. He honors God as his Shepherd for he sees Him as the One who can lead him in the right direction in life.

Psalm 23 was written by a man who knew what it was to lose everything!

The shepherd is the provider and protector of his flock.

Without him, the sheep are helpless. It is the same for all of us. Without our Good Shepherd we are helpless and lost! There are several things we can draw from the meaning of Psalm 23.

 It brings us comfort—Sheep are comfortable in the presence of their shepherd because they feel safe and cared for.

The Good Shepherd has told us to fear not, for I am with you!

- It gives us Hope—With God, there is always hope. God can restore our souls when we are weary, and when we are in the valleys of life. The Good Shepherd has plans to prosper you and not to harm you.
 - He has plans to give you hope and a future.

 Guidance—A shepherd guides his sheep to where he wants them to feed, drink water, and rest. God guides us daily.

Like sheep, we sometimes get lost and don't always know which way to go or what to do. God, the Good Shepherd will lead us along paths of righteousness. He goes before us and will be with us. He will never leave or forsake us.

Joy—The Twenty Third Psalm fills us with joy because of the good things God has promised us. We can look forward to His goodness and mercy and dwelling in His presence daily and forever in the House of the Lord.

Psalm 23 deals with the realities of life.

When you feel lost and hopeless, this psalm is for you.
When you feel discouraged and are losing heart, this psalm is for you.
When you face enemies and feel defeated, this psalm is for you.
When you are grieving, this psalm is for you.
You Need God As Your Shepherd!

Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23 is about the Lord and how He is our Good Shepherd. it is meant to inspire calm.
I "shall not want" means that I will lack for nothing.

This verse expresses David's complete trust in the Lord and confidence that with the Lord as his shepherd he has no worries and no fears.

He knows God will provide for his every need.

The relationship between a shepherd and his sheep is one of ownership. When we say, "The Lord is my shepherd," we are saying "We belong to the Lord." As a Christian, you have been bought with a price.

The Lord Jesus paid the ultimate price by laying down his life for you. What does the Shepherd do for his flock? Psalm 23 gives us the answers to this question. He leads us, He restores us, He protects us, He provides for us, and He loves us. He will provide our material and spiritual needs.

23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters.

One of the many responsibilities of the shepherd was to get the sheep to green pastures so they could eat. Shepherds often had to go to high country where there was grass and fresh water.

Green pastures can also imply a place of rest. Often times there were predators and the shepherd had to protect his flock. David tells us that because of the shepherd the flock can rest in peace, without fear.

The shepherd finds calm still waters that is not fast flowing rivers or streams

that could be dangerous and sweep them away. It helps to rest and find peace when you know the Shepherd is always with you. He can calm the waters when you feel like you are drowning in your troubles, fears and sorrows.

Our Good Shepherd is living water. He is the still water.

When He leads us to still waters, he is leading us to Himself. 23:3 He restoreth my soul, he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

The shepherd plans the path for his sheep to take.

He leads and guides them in that direction because he knows what is best for them. There will be times when the path seems impossible but we must trust and obey. We know that by allowing the Lord to lead us in the paths of righteousness it is for our good.

He will renew your strength and your soul will be restored. He loves us and wants only what is best for us.

23:4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Death is the last valley we will walk through but there are other valleys we may walk through along the way. Maybe you are walking through a valley of suffering an illness, loss of a job, battling an addiction, financial instability, a failed relationship or loss of a loved one If you are a Christian, God is with you and he will guard you from evil. Do not be afraid

for the Lord will go with you to fight for you against your enemies. The valley of the shadow of death is a place of scarcity, danger, pain, and the unknown but we have nothing to fear because God is with us and he will protect us.

For the believer, death has lost its power because we know we will live forever in eternity in the House of the Lord!

The rod was a club carried by the shepherd to fend off wild animals and could also be used to correct and guide his flock. The rod represents Gods spiritual power.

The staff is the shepherd's crook that he uses to guide and lift the lambs into his arms. If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, you can rest assured you will be safe in His arms. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

> 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

David speaks that God prepares food for him even in the presence of his enemies. As your body is strengthened by food, you will also be strengthened and sustained by Jesus who is the bread of life. Oil is a powerful symbol in the Bible, representing divine blessings, protection, healing, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. An overflowing cup can be a symbol of abundance, not only in terms of physical provisions but also of spiritual blessings and new joy.

Just as David experienced God's grace and abundance, we too can enjoy God's immense grace.

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Picture a shepherd walking in front of his sheep. The sheep follow him. Sometimes the shepherd may need to round up the stragglers and the ones who go astray. The Good Shepherd wants you close to Him and he is always chasing after you. The care of the Good Shepherd will not end. David knew that because he was a part of Christ's flock, goodness and mercy would follow him for the rest of his life and when this life was over he would experience the joy of eternity in the presence of the Lord and dwell in the house of the Lord forever. As Christians, we too can have this blessed assurance!

Welcome New Members





Guyda Hennis Joined FBC On May 19, 2024

David & Gloria Ashby Joined FBC on May 26, 2024

THE COMPLETED PLAYGROUND IS FANTASTIC
A BIG THANK YOU TO TRAVIS ROBINSON FOR
OVERSEEING THIS PROJECT AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO DONATED TO MAKE THIS PROJECT POSSIBLE!



The FBC Preschool Staff Hosted An
Appreciation Brunch for the Paper Pals Volunteers
A delicious breakfast prepared by Pastor Kevin & Lynn Frank
was enjoyed by all

Mrs. Rosenfeld and Mrs. Norman's Four Year Old Class Shared Some Special Songs A BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers!





FBC Preschool Had a Special Visit
From Cody Edwards & Junior Young
With the Carroll County Sherriff's Office
The Favorite Visitor Might Have Been
Goose the K9 Bloodhound!



FBC PRESCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION—May 16th

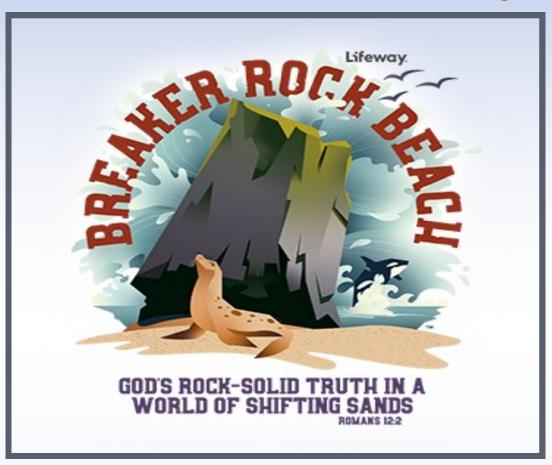






VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 9th-June 13th 6:00 pm-8:30 pm

June 9th -Please Arrive at 5:30 to Register



TO REGISTER:

Please call the church office at 276-236-5185
Or email secretary@fbcgalax.org
Registration is also available on www.fbcgalax.org
Bible School is open to Kids K-5th Grade

Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!

Like Breaker Rock, God's truth never changes! Explore the difference between the lies of culture and God's unchanging truth.

We Love How kids discover that God's truth never changes, Everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10 Cheryl Harris	11	12	13 Marian Porter	14	15 Virginia Newman Lib Russell
16 Marcus Blevins David McPherson Wanda Riggen	17 Octavia Simmons	18	19	20 Patty Davis Amanda Montoya	21	22 Horacio Acencio
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Welcome June!!!! May this month be filled.

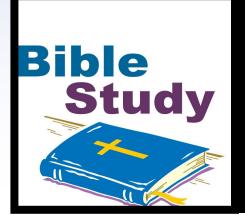
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SOUP KITCHEN Monday, June 3

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



PASTOR KEVIN'S
MONDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDY
5:30 pm
Summer Break
Studies Will Resume In The Fall



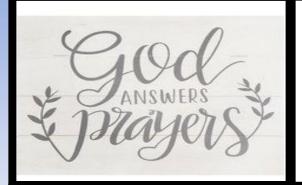
JUNE NO MEETING

Please contact
Christy Sumner
for more information



Loss Support Group June 20 -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



CHOIR REHEARSAL EACH WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM

If you would like to join the choir, please see Wendi Pemberton.



Kingdom Kids June 5th & June 19th @ 5:30 pm



Tru-North & Kids Explorers
6 pm YOUTH MEETINGS
Summer Break
Meetings Will Resume in the Fall
Summer activities include
VBS & Summer Camps



PAPER PALS

Each Tuesday @ 10 am Summer Break

Volunteers will be needed when Preschool begins in the Fall