



Forerunner

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**DR. MARY BENNETT
FOUNDATION**
SONSHINE CHILDREN'S CENTER



Greetings,

I have attempted to write this letter to you multiple times, and I quickly realized that it is nearly impossible to use words to describe the depth of appreciation we all have for Mary Bennett. Her loss has been a season of grieving, overshadowed by hope and thankfulness.

As I began working through Mom's 'sacred' pile of papers, I was brought to tears multiple times as I realized I could never respond appropriately to all of you. These letters and cards have helped me realize why many deeply loved her. She shared the pain and hardship of countless people's lives and pastored many via her pen. Her ability to connect to the 'inner child' in as many adults as she did children was truly remarkable. May we all learn from her and be interruptible for those in our lives.

Her legacy lives on, not just in our hearts and lives, but also on the grounds in Linefork, Kentucky! We will continue to help those she helped with food distribution, host youth and mission teams, grow the Building Hope adoptive and foster family network, and utilize the log home to serve children in need!

We are filled with excitement and hope as we dream about the future! Our short-term plan is to continue the delicate process of finding preferred futures for each of the special needs adults who have grown up in the home. Aiden joined Joe and April's family, and he grinned ear to ear when he realized all that entailed! God has opened some wonderful doors, and we are trusting Him in this area.

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

Bible Study—5:30 pm

Wednesdays

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



Sept. 2nd—Labor Lay
Church Office Will Be Closed

Sept. 3rd—Preschool Starts

Sept. 9th—Soup Kitchen
Please have bread and desserts to the church by 1:00 pm

Sept. 8th—Back to School Cookout for The Children & Youth—6:00 pm

Sept. 10th Women on Mission—11:00 am

Sept. 11th—Kingdom Kids—5:30 pm

Sept. 16th—Deacon Meeting—6:30 pm

Sept. 19th—Loss Support Group—11:30 am

Sept. 21st—FaithFest Christian Music Festival for the Youth @ Wilkesboro NC

Sept. 22—First Day of Autumn

Sept. 25th—Kingdom Kids—5:30 pm



In the upcoming months, we will work on refreshing and improving the property and its facilities. We aim to enhance the property to accommodate youth groups and outreach teams effectively. Additionally, we will refurbish the log home in preparation for the next season of serving children. I distinctly recall being in awe as a 6-year-old boy the first time I entered and saw the beams and stairwell leading upstairs. My mom used the beauty of the outside to connect with people's hurt on the inside. Upholding excellence was one of her core values; we will continue to honor that legacy.

As we step into this new chapter, we're reaching out to you for your support and partnership. While the practical aspects may change, our mission and vision remain steadfast as we strive to serve those in need.

The love and support of everyone deeply humbles my brother Joe and me! Mom has always had an excellent board of directors, who have been her strength behind the scenes, and we are honored by her wishes to lead this great team as we enter this new and exciting season!

Your prayers mean a lot to us! The past month has been filled with intense grief, but this grief is connected to a greater purpose and calling. We look forward to the future and believe that God will be faithful in the years to come!

Blessings,
Calvin Bennett

P.S. Mary Bennett's book, "The Eye of the Storm," will be available soon. We are finishing up some final editing and will keep you posted as to when and where to purchase.

Fall is in the air, and while the weather is still warm, we are beginning to see signs of the beautiful season yet to come. The school year is now underway, the smell of pumpkin spice can be found all around, and friends are busy cheering on their favorite teams under "the Friday night lights." Here at First Baptist, our Sunday evening activities for children and youth will begin on September 8, and it won't be long until Christmas music can be heard in the choir hallway. This is a great time to become a part of the Sanctuary Choir! Join us as we lead in worship each Sunday and as we begin our preparations for the 2024 Christmas season. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room, and we have a seat just for you. You've heard this before - **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!** All you need is a desire to have fun and fellowship!

So as our schedules become increasingly busier, let us not forget to **"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise."**
1 Chronicles 16:23-25a NIV

*Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him;
Praise Him angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Law which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath He made.*

*Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth and all creation
Laud and magnify His name.*

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As you know, there was a summer break from the Sunday evening kids & youth meetings as families were on vacation and the kids & youth were attending summer camps. We are so excited to resume meetings on Sept. 8th. A meeting was held on Sunday, August 11th with the kids & youth ministry leaders and the parents. Our goal is to get everyone more involved with the program and to assist with Sunday evening meetings and upcoming activities. If you are interested in volunteering to serve with the youth ministry, please see Pastor Kevin, Elesha Robinson or Raquel Lyons.

The Youth Ministry is open to children and youth who are in grades Kindergarten through 12th. Children & Youth Meetings will be held each Sunday evening at 6:00 pm.

To Kick off the New Fall Program, there will be a Back to School Cookout for the Children & Youth held here at the church on Sunday, September 8th at 6:00 pm.





ANOTHER MONTH HAS PASSED AS WE MOVE ON TOWARDS THE FALL SEASON. IT DOESN'T HARDLY SEEM POSSIBLE. THIS MONTH WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE A FEW NEEDED REPAIRS AROUND THE CHURCH. GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS THAT HAVE STEPPED FORWARD TO BRING US OUR SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGES IN THE ABSENCE OF A PASTOR. WE FEEL BLESSED TO HAVE A CLOSE KNIT CHURCH FAMILY AND EVERYONE PULLS TOGETHER. OUR YOUTH IS GROWING AND THEY ARE BECOMING STRONG IN THE WORD. WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE A YARD SALE TO BENEFIT ONE OF OUR GUYS IN THE CHURCH AS HE WORKS TO BRING HIS FAMILY HERE TO HAVE A BETTER OPPORTUNITY IN LIFE. WE PRAY WE CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE THE LORD IN THE BEST WAY WE CAN.

GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU
THE HISPANIC
CONGREGATION



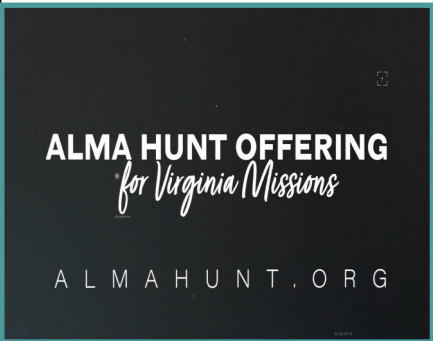
Let your light
shine before men,
that they may see
your good deeds
and praise your
Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

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What is the Alma Hunt Offering? It is an annual offering for Virginia missions named after Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian known world-wide for her mission service and her dedication to the cause of Christ. The offering provides funding for all Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) special ministries, outreach projects and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving. Since 1976 it has been a joint venture of WMUV and BGAV. Every dollar goes to the support of many ministries. We invite you to give this year to Alma Hunt offering to help spread the love of Christ across the Commonwealth and with the whole world. This year's theme is Together on Mission. The verse this year is "Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit intent on one purpose." (Philippians 2:2) Alma Hunt Offering will be going on in the month of September. Come join us at our monthly meeting on September 10th at 11am.



A local church sign said, "Parents give your children our time." Yes, spend time with your children! Give your child your undivided attention!

Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them. Psalm 127:3-5

Parents have the responsibility to "start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

The Bible calls parents to teach their children to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Kingdom Kids Ministry celebrated our precious children and youth with a Back-to-School prayer and icy treat from Lil B's Shaved Ice Shack. Bibles were gifted to youth who did not have one at home.

I Peter 4:10 says Each of you received a spiritual gift. God has shown you His grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other.

What a blessing and a privilege to serve with Kingdom Kids Ministry!

August 2024
Attendance Records

	08/04/2024
Sunday School	75
11 am Worship	141
Evening Attendance	21
Hispanic Worship	46
	283

	08/11/2024
Sunday School	98
11 am Worship	182
Evening Attendance	53
Hispanic Worship	33
	366

	08/18/2024
Sunday School	88
11 am Worship	158
Evening Attendance	30
Hispanic Worship	43
	319

	08/25/2024
Sunday School	99
11 am Worship	163
Evening Attendance	56
Hispanic Worship	68
	386

PRAYER REQUEST
WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



Shirley & Benny White,
John Garner, Mike Coleman,
Rose Houk, Amy Russell,
Johnny Dillon, Max Brown,
Mike Frazier, Barry Newman,
Sam & Nancy Blair,
Frank & Eula Merrill,
Doris Bedwell &
Charlie Whalen, Linda Soles,
Joe & Sara Lindsey, Cheryl Harris & Steve Conley.

Judy Hennis—Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 103
Betty Parks—Waddell Nursing & Rehab
Iona Adams—Galax Health & Rehab—Room B17
Pray for all those in the Nursing Home & Rehab Centers
Pray for our country & the U.S. Military & other coalition forces.



Love & Sympathy to the Bill Nuckolls family. Bill passed way on August 8th. Please keep Janet & the family in your prayers.

Love & Sympathy to the Jack Davis Family. Jack passed away on August 13th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Love & Sympathy to the Thomasine Lemons Family. Thomasine passed away on August 24th. Please keep the family in your prayers.



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

SEPTEMBER TEAM VOLUNTEERS
NURSERY

September 1	Kevin & Tara Spurlin
September 8	Sally Hill & Jennifer Shupe
September 15	Sara Hall & Jennifer Shupe
September 22	Penny Adams
September 29	Erica Testerman

SECURITY TEAM

September 1	Johnny Dickson	Billy Whitaker
September 8	Mark Burnette	Gerald Cox
September 15	Johnny Dickson	Scott Hall
September 22	Cody Edwards	Phil Helms
September 29	Don Houk	Nathan Lyons

WELCOME CENTER

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

September 1	Kathy Cox	Marty & Cathy Parks
September 8	Robert Leonard	Tony & Sonia Truitt
September 15	Debbie Patterson	Patty Boyer & Debi Dixon
September 22	Regina Snow	Calvin & Sue Griffith
September 29	Pam Turner	Willie & Cheryl Harris

TECH SOUND

TECH PROJECTION

September 1	Gary Ballard	Jessica Whitaker
September 8	Mike Stevens	Bryan Dillon
September 15	Trevor Anders	Jessica Whitaker
September 22	Bryan Dillon	Trevor Anders
September 29	Gary Ballard	Jessica Whitaker

**PASTOR KEVIN'S September 2024
SERMON SERIES**

September 1
"No More Mondays—The Foundation of Work"
Genesis 1 & 2

September 8
"No More Mondays—Work that Accomplishes"
II Thessalonians 3

September 15
"No More Mondays—How We Work"
Matthew 5

September 22
"No More Mondays—Finding the Dream Job"
Matthew 6:33

September 29
"No More Mondays—Resting From Our Work"
Hebrews 4



*Welcome ...
to our church family*



**Ron Overby
Joined on August 11, 2024**

BIBLE STUDY



Let's Dig In together

Monday Evening Bible Study

**Will Resume On
Monday, September 9th
At 5:30 pm**

**Each Monday
Pastor Kevin Will Lead a Study on**

WORLD RELIGIONS

**You May Attend in Person in the
Church Sanctuary
(Please Enter Through the Side Office Door)
Or**

**You May View by Facebook or
www.fbcgalax.org**



New & Exciting Fall Schedule for Children & Youth

*TruNorth is open to
Youth in the 9th–12th grades

*A Pre-Teen class is open to
Youth 6th–8th grades.

*Kids Explorers is open to
children attending
Kindergarten through
5th grade.

September 1—
No Evening Activities
Labor Day Weekend

September 8—
Back to School Cookout
At FBC at 6:00 pm

September 15—
6 pm Dinner
6:30–7:30 pm
Breakout Groups

September 21—
FAITHFEST 2024

September 22 -
No Evening Activities

September 29—
Sunday Night Activities
Operation Christmas Child
Shoeboxes

**BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT
FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
Sunday, September 8th @ 6pm @ FBC**



**FAITHFEST
2024
Saturday,
September 21
@
Wilkesboro,
NC**

**Pastor Kevin & FBC Youth Leaders
Will Be Taking Our Youth
To FAITHFEST!**

**This is a Christian Music Festival &
Franklin Graham will be Preaching
For More Info Google FAITHFEST 2024**

To Sign Up Please Call the Church Office

FBC PRESCHOOL STAFF 2024-2025



**The FBC Preschool Program would like to welcome
three new teachers!**

(Karen Dickson, Sara Robinson, & Susie Atkins)

**We are so blessed and we feel God has
sent us the perfect ladies to fill these positions!**

Front Row (Kneeling):

**Linda Rosenfeld, Lynn Frank,
Anna Zatarain, & Jennifer Shupe**

Second Row (Standing):

**Karen Dickson, Patti Holderfield, Elaine Williams,
Sara Robinson, Patsy Cox, Elizabeth Harrison
Susie Atkins and Marian Porter
(Not Pictured is Penny Adams)**



**Preschool Prayer
At the 11:00 am Worship
Service
Sunday, September 1**

**It is our prayer that God's love
will abound
in everything we do this year.**

**OUR GOAL for the FBC preschool program
is to convey by Word and deed, the
love of Christ to our students and families.
We want our program to be more than childcare
and desire to offer solid learning experiences.
Each day, the children will be engaged in structured,
but playful, Biblically-based preschool activities
in the hope that seeds sown to
these little ones will produce tangible fruit
in their future lives.**

**The preschool years are crucial to the
total development of a child.
More growth occurs in the first six years of life
than in any other comparable period.
The experiences of these early years provide the foundation
for subsequent development of body, mind and soul.
Our program provides developmental activities
to meet the physical, mental, social, emotional, and
spiritual needs of each child.**

**-Lynn Frank & The
Preschool Staff**



YOUTH ROOM UP-DATE

The Youth Room is in desperate need
of an up-date!

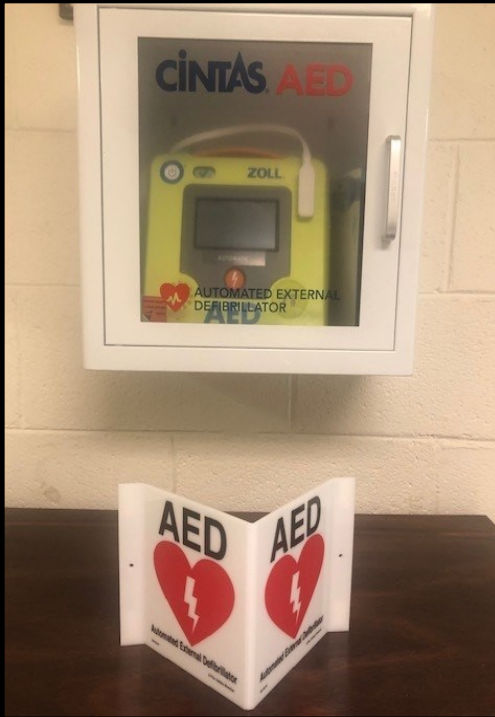
Most of the furniture and equipment
is very old and outdated

The youth will be having several
fund raising events over the next
several months

A Fundraiser Luncheon
will be held on
Sunday, October 6th
please mark your calendar &
stay tuned for more details

In the mean time -
donations may be
made to the
Youth Room Fund
Your support is greatly appreciated!

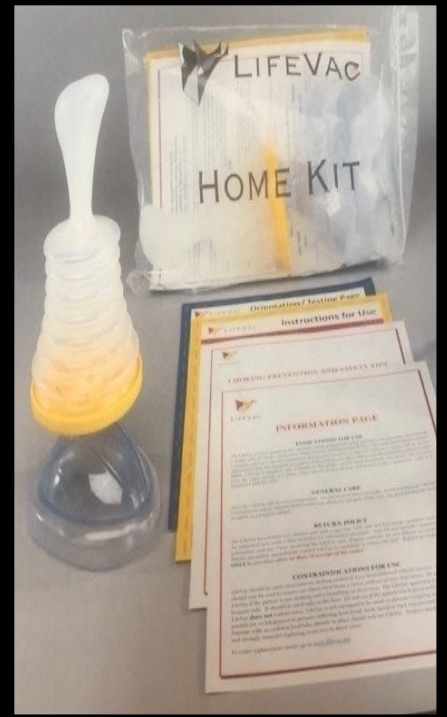
Health & Safety at FBC AED, First Aid Station, & LifeVac Choking Device



**The AED
Is Located
In the Hallway
Outside of the
Sanctuary**



**The First Aid Station
Is Located
In the Hallway
Across From
The AED**



**LifeVac Choking
Device
Is located in the
Upstairs &
Downstairs
Preschool Areas
& in the
Fellowship Hall
Dining Area**

The AED & First Aid Station is Supplied & Maintained by The Cintas Company. An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a medical device designed to analyze the heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock to victims of ventricular fibrillation. The First Aid Center is stocked with various supplies such as gloves, bandages, ointments, alcohol wipes, eye wash solution, etc.

The LifeVac is a non-powered, non-invasive, single-use only airway clearance device developed for resuscitating a victim with an airway obstruction. The device is simple & easy to use. Simply place the mask on the person's face and push the plunger. The obstruction is pulled out when the valve is quickly pulled back up. The LifeVac comes fully equipped with an adult mask, a pediatric mask, and a practice mask. The duration of the suction is minimal which makes the LifeVac safe and effective. The Life Vac devices were donated by Bill Brannon. For instructions on use of the device, please see Bill or Google Life Vac Choking Devices for an instructional video.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Shirley White	2	3	4	5	6	7 Guyda Hennis Elaine Widner
8	9 Duane Alexander Mary Ann Dotson	10 Maggie Vaughan	11 Ruth Lyons	12	13 Basil Carpenter	14 Beth Ballard
15	16 Pam Burnette Steven Archer	17 Mandy Archer Nancy Hazelwood Adrian Hernandez Jeff Holderfield Sue Holt Trace Lumpkin	18	19	20	21 Mike Stevens
22 Debbie Patterson Charlie Quesenberry	23	24	25	26 Debra Cone	27 Faye Cox Jack Edwards Wanda Harris	28 Joe Sizemore
29 Patty Boyer	30					



September 2024 Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Sunday School No Evening Activities	2 Church Office Will be Closed 	3 	4 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
8 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Children & Youth Back-to-School Cook out at FBC	9 5:30 pm Monday Evening Bible Study With Pastor Kevin Soup Kitchen Please have bread and desserts to the church by 1:00 pm..	10  Women on Mission 11:00 am	11 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids	12	13	14
15 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Children & Youth Meeting at FBC	16 5:30 pm Monday Evening Bible Study With Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting	17	18 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	19  Loss Support Group 11:30 am	20	21 YOUTH EVENT FAITHFEST CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL @ Wilkesboro, NC
22 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service No Evening Activities 	23 There will be no Bible Study this evening.	24	25 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids	26	27	28
29 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Children & Youth Meetings at FBC	30 5:30 pm Monday Evening Bible Study With Pastor Kevin					



SOUP KITCHEN

September 9th

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

Bible Study



**PASTOR KEVIN'S
MONDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDY
Will Resume On
Monday, September 9th
@ 5:30 pm**



**September 10th
@ 11:00 AM**

**Please contact
Christy Sumner
for more information**



Grief has no timeline

**Loss Support Group
Sept. 19th @ 11:30 am
Lead by Bruce Thomas**

**For More Information
Please Contact
The Church Office**



**PRAYER TIME
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
September 11th & 25th
@ 5:30 pm**



**Tru-North & Kids Explorers
6:00 pm YOUTH MEETINGS
Will Resume on
September 8th
With a Back to School
Cookout**



**PAPER PALS
Each Tuesday @ 10 am
Volunteers are needed
to help prepare craft projects
for the Preschool teachers.**