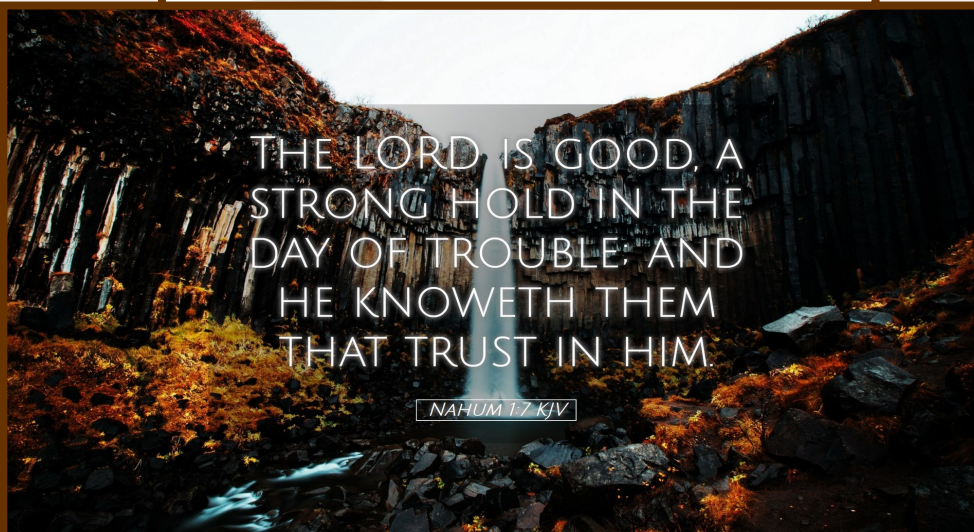




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Sundays

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

6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal



Nov. 4 —Soup Kitchen

Please have desserts to the church by 1:00 pm

Nov. 6—Kingdom Kids—5:30 pm

Nov. 10—Fund Raiser Luncheon for the Youth—Following Worship Service

Nov. 11— Deacon Meeting—6:30 pm

Nov. 12—Women on Mission—11:00 am

Nov. 20th—Kingdom Kids—5:30 pm

Nov. 21 —Loss Support Group—11:30 am

Nov. 24—Operation Christmas Child—Shoe Box Blessing

November 28th—Happy Thanksgiving

I will be your safe place in difficult times

**Yahweh is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble;
and he knows those who take refuge in him.**

Nahum 1:7 (WEB)

The NIV Bible says Nahum 1:7 this way... *The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.*

Ecclesiastes says there is a season for all things, so there is no escaping the fact that we will all have difficult times. Jesus reminded us in John 16:33 that though we will have trouble in this world, we can take heart because He has overcome the world.



In today's promise, we are reminded that because the Lord is good and cares for those who trust in Him, He will be our refuge in times of trouble. He will be our stronghold, safe place, and haven of rest amid the storm.

Today, I pray that we would be comforted by this promise and take up residence in the secret place of the Most High (Psalm 91) so that He might be our refuge in times of trouble.

In Christ,

Kevin



Wow...November is already here. Pumpkins and beautiful foliage fill our sight lines, and we are beginning to make Thanksgiving plans to spend time with friends and family around tables filled with favorite foods and to remember those who have gone on before us. It's a great time to count our blessings and to give thanks for the joy and grace we've received throughout the year. I know I am certainly thankful for you and am so appreciative of the gift that you gave me for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. It has been my great honor and privilege to serve with you here at FBC and in our community. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity and for remembering me in such a special way! May God bless you. I'm also very thankful for the men and women who spend their Wednesday evenings singing praises and fellowshiping with one another! There's still room, so consider joining the choir **each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** While we've yet to celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas is already underway in the music hallway, so we hope you'll make plans to be a part of Christmas worship here at FBC.

And now, "**Let All Things Now Living**" give thanks to God the Father for the blessings He bestows! As we count our blessings, let us also continue to remember those in need.

- Wendi

***Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly
raise,
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of
our days.***

***His banners are o'er us,
His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the
night,
'Til shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel
From light into light.***

***His law He enforces,
The stars in their courses,
The sun in His orbit obediently
shine.
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim
Him Divine.***

***We too, should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us
raise,
'Til all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest,
Hosanna and praise!***

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THROUGH OUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS THINGS ARE MOVING ALONG SMOOTHLY EACH WEEK. WE ARE HOPING TO GET A FEW MORE REPAIRS FINISHED AROUND THE CHURCH BEFORE WINTER SETS IN. WE HAVE BEEN LED TO MAKE A SMALL DONATION TO A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY AND HOPE TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT AS WE BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. HAVING THE PLEASURE OF PASTOR MANUEL DOMINGO CACERES VISITING US FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO BRING THE MESSAGE HAS BROUGHT US MUCH HOPE AND JOY. HE SEEMS TO HAVE ENJOYED OUR LITTLE CHURCH AND OUR PEOPLE. WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO FURNISH A MEAL FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY AS WELL AS TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS IN WHICH PASTOR KEVIN AND LINDA ATTENDED. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WHERE THIS NEW ADVENTURE WILL LEAD US. PRAY THAT OUR CHURCH MEMBERS WILL HUMBLY SET ASIDE INDIVIDUAL EXPECTATIONS FOR NEW LEADERSHIP AND DECIDE TO UNIFY WHO GOD HAS CALLED TO LEAD.

PHILIPPIANS 2:2
FULFIL MY JOY; THAT YE BE
LIKEMINDED HAVING THE SAME LOVE,
BEING OF ONE ACCORD, OF ONE MIND.
2:5 LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH
WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS.



Shoeboxes are out and ready for someone to fill with joy and care for a child that needs your love. Every box is an opportunity to share the “gospel and your love to the world. The national collection week is November 18-25th. If you want to pack a shoebox and don’t know how or don’t have the time, Women on Mission will go shopping and pack a shoebox for you. It takes \$25 to fill a shoebox which includes shipping. We will be packing the shoeboxes before the collection week. Donations need to be turned in at the church office by November 8th.

Come join us on November 12th for our monthly meeting at 11:00 am. We would love to have some new members!

- Christy



Children are a blessing! Wednesdays with Kingdom Kids Ministry is a huge blessing! This month the youth focused on the following verses:

Psalm 139: 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Ephesians 5:8 For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Matthew 5:14-16 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

October 2024
Attendance Records

	10/06/2024
Sunday School	87
11 am Worship	174
Evening Attendance	87
Hispanic Worship	49
	397

	10/13/2024
Sunday School	80
11 am Worship	157
Evening Attendance	45
Hispanic Worship	43
	325

	10/20/2024
Sunday School	84
11 am Worship	138
Evening Attendance	56
Hispanic Worship	44
	322

	10/27/2024
Sunday School	92
11 am Worship	156
Evening Attendance	85
Hispanic Worship	30
	363

Dear Church Family—Thank you so much for your support, prayers and friendship during our family’s difficult time and Dad’s passing. Everything is so appreciated.—from the calls & visits to the meals and the beautiful plant. We are so blessed to know that Mom has the support of a wonderful church family. Love, The Sam Blair Family



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

Betty Parks—Waddell Nursing & Rehab
Iona Adams—Galax Health & Rehab—Room B17
Forest & Virginia Newman—Waddell Nursing & Rehab
Pray for our country & the U.S. Military & November Election



Love & Sympathy to the Sam Blair Family. Sam passed away on 10-5-24 Please keep Nancy and the family in your prayers. Love & Sympathy to Trace & Sherry Lumpkin & Family for the passing of Trace’s Mother, Jane Lumpkin, on 10-18-24. Please keep the Lumpkin Family in your prayers. Love & Sympathy to the Judy Hennis Family. Judy passed away on October 10-24-24. Please keep the family in your prayers.



- Donation by Gary & Elizabeth Russell to the Beautification Fund
In Memory of Dennis Combs
- Donation by Bill Brannon to the Beautification Fund
In Memory of Thomasine Lemons
- Donation by Bill Brannon to the Fran Cregarar Fund
In Memory of Gardner & Mary Ella Brannon
- Donation by Mary Ann Dickerson to the Special Missions Fund
In Memory of Sam Blair
- Donation by Steve & Nancy Hazelwood to the Beautification Fund
In Memory of Dennis Combs
- Donation by Steve & Nancy Hazelwood to the Special Missions Fund
In Memory of Sam Blair
- Donation by Bill & Geraldine Hill to the Special Missions Fund
In Memory of Sam Blair
- Donation by William & Mary McKinney to the Special Missions Fund
In Memory of Sam Blair
- Donation by Evelyn Beamer to the Special Missions Fund
In Memory of Sam Blair

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

NOVEMBER TEAM VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY

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| November 3 | Tara Spurlin |
| November 10 | Sally Hill |
| November 17 | Erica Testerman |
| November 24 | Sara Hall |

SECURITY TEAM

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| November 3 | Cody Edwards & Phil Helms |
| November 10 | Don Houk & Billy Whitaker |
| November 17 | Johnny Dickson & Scott Hall |
| November 24 | Terry Anders & David Riggan |

WELCOME CENTER FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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| November 03 | Debbie Harris | Don & Rose Houk |
| November 10 | Kathy Cox | Basil & Nancy Carpenter |
| November 17 | Debbie Patterson | Dick & Linda Cooley |
| November 24 | Sarah Keatley | Marty & Cathy Parks |

TECH SOUND TECH PROJECTION

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| November 3 | Trevor Anders | Bryan Dillon |
| November 10 | Bryan Dillon | Jessica Whitaker |
| November 17 | Mike Stevens | Trevor Anders |
| November 24 | Gary Ballard | Jessica Whitaker |

PASTOR KEVIN'S NOVEMBER 2024 SERMON SERIES

**November 3
"I Have Hope" - Lamentations 3:21**

**November 10
"Why Do We Valorize Sacrifice"
Mark 12:38-44**

**November 17
"How Does One Survive..."
Mark 13:1-8**

**November 24
"Are You The King of the Jews?"
John 18:33-37**



**Bill Davis,
Pastor Support
Team Leader,
Presented
A Gift to
Pastor Kevin
Rosenfeld
& Wendi Pemberton,
Minister of Music
for
Pastor Appreciation Day
On October 13th**

**Pastor Kevin would like to thank
everyone for their love and support
and for the nice gift for
Pastor Appreciation Day.**



**Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child
Shoeboxes**

**Please pick up your shoebox from the church or
you can make a \$20-\$25 donation and
the Women on Mission will shop for you!**

**Please have your filled shoeboxes to the church
by Sunday, November 24th.**

**The Shoebox Blessing will be given
that Sunday morning!**





TRU-NORTH YOUTH



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

November 3
6:00 pm Dinner
6:30—7:30 Breakout Groups

November 10
Luncheon Fund Raiser
Following Worship Service

November 17
6:00 pm Dinner
6:30-7:30 Breakout Groups

November 24
Blessing of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
3:00 pm—Local Missions Nursing Home Visit
Dinner



FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE FARM IN DOBSON











YOUTH FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Monies raised will go to the youth room renovation

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**

No Set Charge—By Donation



**Pick your protein—BBQ Pork or Smoked Chicken
Then you can finish loading with:
butter, sour cream, cheese, scallions, bacon bits,
BBQ sauce and ranch dressing.
Various desserts and drinks will served.**

Take out trays will also be available!

**October Was Full of Fun Activities for the Preschool
Hayrides with the Frosts, Special Visit from the Galax Fire
Department, Our Very Own Johnny Appleseed,
Farmer Minor, Daisy the Pig & Dixie Cup the Pug,
Pam Burnette, Brook & Service Dog Whitney**





**First Baptist Church
Is Collecting 800 7 oz. boxes of Stuffing
For
God's Storehouse Annual Thanksgiving Boxes**



**Donations of Canned Food
Is Also Appreciated.**

**You May Also Donate \$15.00 to
Purchase a Turkey**

All Donations Are Needed by November 12th

**You May Drop Off Your Donations to the
FBC Church Office**

Thank You So Much For Your Support!



Elisha's House is a warming shelter that provides emergency housing to those without shelter or heat on nights when the temperature is 35 degree or below. Elisha's House is located at 222 Carroll Street in Downtown Galax, VA. This is also known at Center 2:42, which is behind Cornerstone Community Church.

First Baptist Church has volunteered to serve on the 28th & 29th of each month (October—March). If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church Office at 276-236-5185 or email secretary@fbcgalax.org. A sign up sheet is located outside the church office.

There are three areas of service:
1: 7:30 pm—10:30 pm to Help Register & Assist Guests
2: 10:00 pm—7:30 am to Assist Guests & Spend the Night
3: 7:30 am—9:30 am to Clean Up the Center

Guests arrive at the shelter before the doors are locked for the night at 8:45 pm, unless escorted by the police. They are provided dinner, supplies, and an opportunity to take a shower and will be offered snacks before lights out at 10:00 pm. The next morning guests are given a gift certificate for breakfast At Hardees and a packed lunch for the day.

Elisha's House is operated by volunteers from Local churches and community partners.

Forecasted temperatures will be monitored for each week. The schedule will be published in advance on The Facebook Page at facebook.com/ElishasHouseGalax.

All Volunteers Are Greatly Appreciated!

<div><div></div><div>NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS</div></div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Doug Bryant Ana Hernandez	4	5 Terry Snow	6 Ronnie McGrady Lisa Whittle	7 Gary Ballard Wanda Robinson	8 Paulette Peterson	9 Jorge Robles Linda Soles
10 Patti Holderfield	11 Daniel Sanchez	12	13	14 Fernando Robles Heather Harwood	15 Raquel Lyons	16
17	18 Martha Easter Ron Overby	19 Jorge Pineda	20 Owen Eddy	21	22	23
24 Billy Whitaker	25 Larry Spangler	26 Christy Sumner	27 Penny Adams	28 Karen Stevens	29	30 Terry Anders Gary Orwig

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Count Your Blessings</div>			<div>Pray for the US Election</div>		1	2
<div>3 9:45 am</div> <div>Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 am</div> <div>Worship Service</div> <div>6:00 pm</div> <div>Children & Youth Meetings</div> <div> </div>	<div>4</div> <div>Soup Kitchen</div> <div>Please have bread & desserts to the Church by 1:00 pm</div> <div>NO Bible Study</div>	<div>5</div> <div> </div> <div>10:00 am</div> <div>Paper Pals</div>	<div>6</div> <div>6:30 pm</div> <div>Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>5:30 pm</div> <div>Kingdom Kids</div>	7	8	9
<div>10</div> <div>9:45 am</div> <div>Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 am</div> <div>Worship Service</div> <div>Fundraiser Luncheon</div> <div>No Evening Activities</div>	<div>11 5:30 pm</div> <div>Monday Evening Bible Study With Pastor Kevin</div> <div>6:30 pm Deacon Meeting</div> <div> </div>	<div>12</div> <div>10:00 am</div> <div>Paper Pals</div> <div>11:00 am</div> <div>Women on Mission</div> <div> </div>	<div>13</div> <div>6:30 pm</div> <div>Choir Rehearsal</div>	14	15	16
<div>17</div> <div>9:45 am</div> <div>Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 am</div> <div>Worship Service</div> <div>6:00 pm</div> <div>Children & Youth Meetings</div>	<div>18</div> <div>5:30 pm</div> <div>Monday Evening Bible Study With Pastor Kevin</div>	<div>19</div> <div>10:00 am</div> <div>Paper Pals</div>	<div>20</div> <div>6:30 pm</div> <div>Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>5:30 pm</div> <div>Kingdom Kids</div>	<div>21 11:30 am</div> <div>Loss Support Group</div> <div> </div>	22	23
<div>24</div> <div>9:45 am</div> <div>Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 am</div> <div>Worship Service</div> <div>Shoebox Blessing</div> <div>3:00 pm</div> <div>Children & Youth Local Mission & Dinner</div>	<div>25</div> <div>5:30 pm</div> <div>Monday Evening Bible Study With Pastor Kevin</div> <div>Sanctuary Reserved for Decorating</div>	<div>26</div> <div>10:00 am</div> <div>Paper Pals</div> <div>Sanctuary Reserved for Decorating</div>	<div>27</div> <div>6:30 pm</div> <div>Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>Sanctuary Reserved for Decorating</div>	<div>28 Church Office Closed</div> <div> </div>	<div>29 Church Office Closed</div> <div> </div>	30



SOUP KITCHEN

November 4th

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

Bible Study



PASTOR KEVIN'S MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

@ 5:30 pm

WORLD RELIGIONS

**You may attend in person or view
through Facebook or www.fbcgalax.org**



November 12th

@ 11:00 AM

**Please contact
Christy Sumner
for more information**



Grief has no timeline

**Loss Support Group
Nov. 21st @ 11:30 am
Lead by Bruce Thomas**

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



**The Choir's
Annual Christmas Program
Will Be Held on
Sunday, December 8th @ 7:00 pm
Mark Your Calendars
& Watch for More Details**



**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
November 6th & 20th
@ 5:30 pm**



**Tru-North & Kids Explorers
EVENING YOUTH MEETINGS
Nov. 3—6:00 pm Activities
Nov. 10—Fundraiser Luncheon
Nov. 17—6:00 pm Activities
Nov. 24-(Local Missions & Dinner)**



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