



Forerunner

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"Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole
world, from everlasting to
everlasting you are God."

Psalm 90:2

I Am the Everlasting God

*Before the mountains were brought forth,
before you had formed the earth and the world,
even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.*

Psalm 90:2

Humans are used to things having a beginning and an end. We are born, we grow up, and then we die. While the human heart never really gets used to the idea of death (because we were created to live forever), we do know that there is a time to start things and a time to wrap them up. Our tiny minds are so finite that we cannot comprehend things beyond our existing paradigms.

THANK YOU
FOR WORSHIPPING
With 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

Mondays

Bible Study—5:30 pm



Wednesdays

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

Oct. 6—Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Kickoff

Oct. 7—Soup Kitchen
Please have desserts to the church by
1:00 pm

Oct. 8 - Women on Mission—11:00 am

Oct. 7—Kingdom Kids—5:30 pm

Oct. 17 —Loss Support Group—
11:30 am

Oct. 23 —Kingdom Kids—5:30 pm

Oct. 27—Business Meeting

Oct. 27—Family Fun Day/Fall Festival
Dobson, NC Following Worship Service



God, on the other hand, has been around forever. There has never been a time when He didn't exist. God was before the mountains were created and before the earth spun on its axis. He was not born, and He will not die. He is the everlasting God. He lives forever. While this thought might short-circuit the wiring in our brain, may we ask God, by the power of His Holy Spirit, to help us comprehend His everlasting nature.

I believe the more we meditate on the infinite vastness of our God and Father, the more we will realize that He created us to experience this eternal life with Him! And the eternal life that He wants us to live is not a time continuum or a destination, but a relationship.

In Jesus' high priestly prayer in John 17:3, He describes eternal life like this...*Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.* (NIV)

May each of us take great comfort in knowing that our Father is the everlasting God who has called us to live an eternal life with Him!

In Christ's Love,

Kevin

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name."

Hebrews 13:15 NIV

Fall has officially arrived with all of its beautiful colors, the much-cooler temperatures, and delicious "pumpkin spiced" everything. It's time to spend weekends bundled up at ballgames and getting our yards ready for the holidays while still trying to stay warm.

Happily, inside FBC Galax, things are already heating up! Our regularly scheduled activities are back into full swing, and preparations are underway for the upcoming Christmas season. Yes, it's true. Christmas music can now be heard in the choir hallway on Wednesday evenings!

This is a great time for you to help us "sing" in the season by joining the Sanctuary Choir each **Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. Beautiful music and stirring narration make up this year's celebration, so come be a part of leading in worship as we eagerly await the Christ Child!

-Wendi

***Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.***

***O may this bounteous God
Thro' all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.***

***All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.***

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER INCLUDE SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS ON OCTOBER 6TH AND 20TH. THERE WILL BE NO ACTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 13TH.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH- THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE FARM IN DOBSON, NC FOR A FALL FESTIVAL EVENT. ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



THE FUND RAISING LUNCHEON HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH. THERE IS NO SET FEE FOR YOUR MEAL, IT WILL BE BY DONATION. ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TO THE YOUTH ROOM RENOVATION STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETIALS



Psalm 150 Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Kingdom Kids and Youth had one evening of praise and worship. What a wonderful time for everyone, the youth and the adults each sharing a praise! Over forty praises went up to God! We are incredibly thankful for all the many youths that attend on Wednesdays and all our volunteers as well! God is so very good to us!

The Biblical topic we discussed this month was work or labor. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the

gospel of God to you. Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. 1 Timothy 5:8 Any-one who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

One of the youths said, “Being lazy is a sin.” As followers of Jesus Christ, we are to teach the truth. Ephesians 5: 15-17 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. We are not to indulge the sinful nature of laziness.

Proverbs 12:11 Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense. We must encourage others to work and earn the food they eat as we read in 2 Thessalonians 3:12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat.

God gives us all abilities to do good works for His kingdom. 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. We are not made to sit around and do nothing!

September 2024
Attendance Records

	09/01/2024
Sunday School	73
11 am Worship	156
Evening Attendance	28
Hispanic Worship	39
	296

	09/08/2024
Sunday School	94
11 am Worship	137
Evening Attendance	135
Hispanic Worship	44
	410

	09/15/2024
Sunday School	91
11 am Worship	157
Evening Attendance	30
Hispanic Worship	46
	324

	09/22/2024
Sunday School	86
11 am Worship	168
Evening Attendance	60
Hispanic Worship	42
	356

	09/29/2024
Sunday School	No Services
11 am Worship	Hurricane Helene
Evening Attendance	
Hispanic Worship	42



Shirley & Benny White,
John Garner, Mike Coleman,
Phyllis Barker, Amy Russell,
Johnny Dillon, Max Brown,
Barry Newman, Steve Conley,
Sam & Nancy Blair,
Frank & Eula Merrill,
Doris Bedwell &
Charlie Whalen, Rose Houk,
Delores Dove, Joe & Sara Lindsey & Cheryl Harris.
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
Prayers for everyone affected by Hurricane Helene



Thank you so much for the many prayers, calls, texts, flowers, and visits during the time of Mom’s passing on September 15th. It meant so much to me and my family. Please keep us in your prayers. I love you all. Barbara Bourne

We are so grateful for the support as we brought our Mother home to Galax and First Baptist. The community and the church were a central part of our parents' lives for over 80 years. The meal you prepared for us was a wonderful ending of the celebration of a life well lived. It allowed our extended family to spend special time together. We know the time and effort it took to plan and prepare the meal and we are very grateful. Thank you to Pastor Kevin Rosenfeld & Sam Bartlett. Thank you to the Tech Support Team, Wendi Pemberton, Lynn Frank and the office staff. The Thomasine Lemons Family

Dr. Rosenfeld and the staff of FBC—On behalf of the Nuckolls family, I would like to thank everyone for the kind and thoughtful deeds you did when I needed them most. Thank you for the programs and all the prayers you prayed for us. Everything was appreciated. Sincerely, Janet & Will

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

October 6	Tara Spurlin
October 13	Sally Hill
October 20	Erica Testerman
October 27	Noelle Edwards

SECURITY TEAM

October 6	Johnny Dickson & Scott Hall
October 13	Terry Anders & David Rikken
October 20	Mark Burnett & Gerald Cox
October 27	Johnny Dickson & Scott Hall

WELCOME CENTER FIRST IMPRESSIONS

October 6	Kathy Cox	Phil & Gay Helms
October 13	Mimi Banks	Johnny & Karen Dickson
October 20	Debra Cone	Joe & Linda Soles
October 27	Linda Cooley	Tony & Sonia Truitt

TECH SOUND TECH PROJECTION

October 6	Mike Stevens	Bryan Dillon
October 13	Trevor Anders	Jessica Whitaker
October 20	Gary Ballard	Trevor Anders
October 27	Mike Stevens	Jessica Whitaker

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

**October 6—"God's Early Warning System"
Ezekiel 33:1-9**

**October 13—"Life From The Valley of Death"
Ezekiel 37:1-11
Communion**

**October 20-
"When Panic Strikes-Remember Who God Is"
Psalm 13**

**October 27
"When Panic Strikes—Remember Your Purpose"
Matthew 6:24P:34;
Ephesians 5:15-17**



2025 Deacon Selection
The Deacon Team will present
to the membership
a list of up to ten names of
church members, at least twenty-one
years of age and having held membership
for at least one year,
for the purpose of serving a three-year
term as members of the Deacon Team.
On the third Sunday in October,
members will choose up to five names
to be selected to the Deacon Team.
Members not present on the third Sunday
will have the following Sunday to submit
their selection.

**** (Due to delays related to the Hurricane the names will be
presented on the second Sunday in October) ****

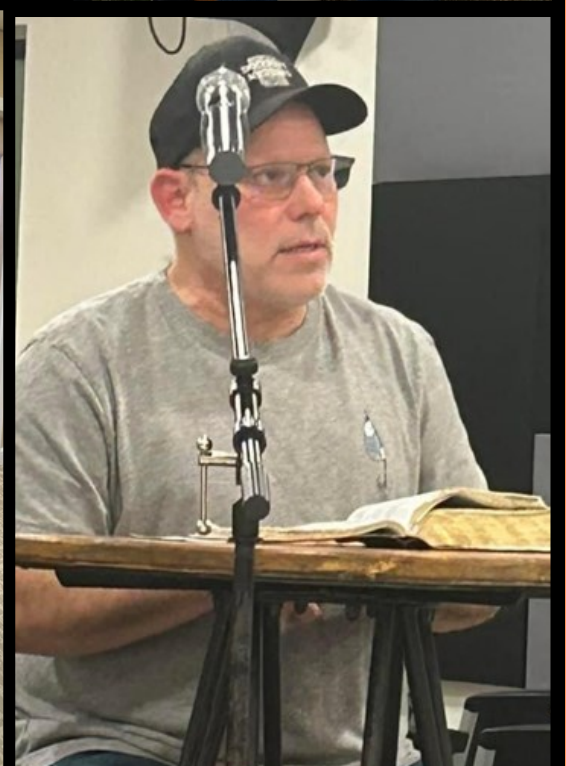
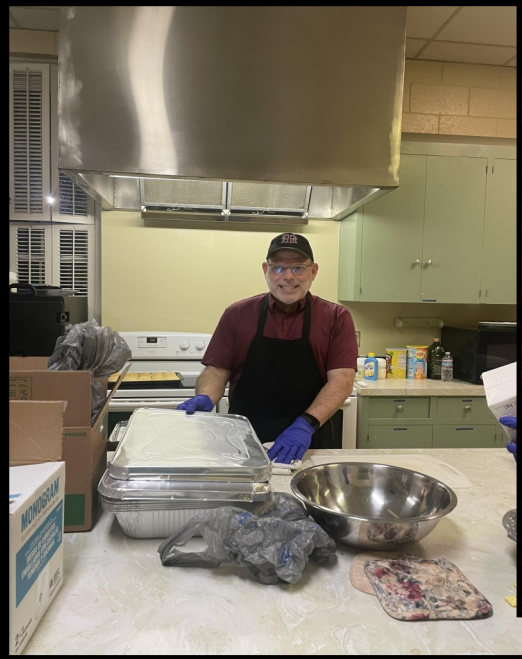
PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY—OCTOBER 13TH

This has been an exciting year for Pastor Kevin! Baptisms, New Members, Mission Trips, Head Chef for the Soup Kitchen & Other Events, Volunteering at Elisha's House, Men's Conferences, Celebrate Recovery, Winter Snow Tubing, Vacation Bible School & Summer Camps with the Kids & Youth! Linda's teaching Ministry with the FBC Preschool, Joshua graduated from High School, Elijah is part of the GHS state soccer championship team, "Lucy" joined the family, and so much more!

We Are So Blessed & We Love The Rosenfelds







**We Are So Thankful to Have Wendi Pemberton
As Our FBC Minister of Music
Wendi & Her Family Are So Talented &
They Are A Very Important Part of FBC**





TRU-NORTH YOUTH



OCTOBER SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday October 6th—
Kickoff of Operation Christmas Child
6:00 pm Dinner
6:30-7:30 pm
Breakout Groups

Sunday October 13th -
No Activities—Fall Break

Sunday, October 20th-
6:00 pm Dinner
6:30-7:30 pm
Breakout Groups

Sunday, October 27
Fall Festival—Family Fun Day at
The Farm in Dobson, NC



**THE FALL BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT
FOR THE CHILDREN & YOUTH WAS A SUCCESS
BEAUTIFUL FALL WEATHER, GREAT FOOD,
AND AMAZING FELLOWSHIP!
THE YOUTH MINISTRY IS EXCITED TO BE BACK
AT CHURCH FOR SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES!**





**Thank you to everyone that
Helped with Memory's
school fees over the last couple of
years.
She has received her
Nursing Degree!**

**Please pray for her to find a good
job, as she has told us that
jobs are limited.**

**We are planning to send her a
graduation gift of money to help
her get started and to help
pay for her license examination.**

**She needs this money by
December 2nd.**

**If you feel led to help,
please contact Christy Sumner
at 276-235-2531 or
contact the church office.**

**Thank you for the donations for the Alma Hunt offering.
If you would like to donate, you can contact the church office.
Every donation 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
again this year. If you would like to donate \$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. The national collection week is
November 18th-25th.**

**Come join us for our monthly meeting on
Tuesday, October 8th at 11:00 am at the church.**

Family Fun Day—Fall Festival
At The Farm
769 Bray Ford Road, Dobson, NC
Sunday, October 27th Following Worship Service



FAMILY FUN DAY



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Kickoff
Sunday, October 6th

&

The Shoe Box Blessing will be given
on Sunday, November 24th.

The Samaritan's Purse Project
collects shoeboxes filled with fun toys,
school supplies & hygiene items.

The boxes are delivered to children around the world!

For many of these children, this will
be the first gift they have ever received.

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest
Christmas project of its kind and since 1993
more than 198 million shoebox gifts have been collected and
delivered in more than 170 countries and territories.

Please watch for more details!

In the meantime, start collecting your gifts!



*the power of
a simple gift*



Pray With Us!

Sunday—October 6th
Ephesians 4:7

Ask God to prepare the hearts of shoebox recipients to hear His Word and receive His Love.

Monday—October 7th
Colossians 1:9-11

Pray for local ministry partners in over 100 countries who distribute shoebox gifts and tell boys and girls about God's Greatest Gift, Jesus Christ!

Tuesday—October 8th
1 Chronicles 16:8-11

Petition the Lord to open doors and hearts in hard-to-reach areas, where believers may face hardships for professing faith in Jesus.

Wednesday—October 9th
Mark 12:29-31

Pray that those who promote the project and collect shoebox gifts at drop-off locations will have opportunities to share the Gospel in their communities.

Thursday, October 10th
Colossians 3:17

Pray for the thousands of volunteers and seasonal staff who process shoeboxes and assemble shoeboxes built online.

Friday, October 11th
Psalm 105:1

Pray that the boys and girls in the Greatest Journey follow-up evangelism and discipleship program will dedicate their lives to Christ and tell their family and friends about Him.

Saturday, October 12th
Proverbs 22:6

Lift up the local teachers of the Greatest Journey as they train the next generation of disciples.

Packing
 (a shoebox)
Like A Pro



Remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. It may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last. Be sure to make them FUN, adding a "WOW" item and new toys a child will love; FULL, with no empty space; and PERSONALIZED, so that each is unique, prayed over, and includes a note of encouragement.

1. SHOEBOX: FBC will supply your shoebox to pack for a boy or a girl.
2. "WOW" ITEM: Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (add batteries), or a stuffed animal to bless a child.
3. PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: Toothbrushes, socks, shoes, combs, hairbrushes, and sunglasses.
4. SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, coloring and picture books, solar calculators and flash lights.
5. PRAY: Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.
6. DONATE \$10 PER SHOEBOX: A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs.
6. DROP OFF: You may return your filled shoebox to the FBC church office anytime before the Shoe Box Blessing on Sunday, November 24th.

Please DO NOT INCLUDE: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items; seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans.

For more information contact the church office.



OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Landon Garland	3 Ximena Gonzalez	4	5 Deyanira Gonzalez
6 Margaret Ballard Jessica Whitaker	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 Erica Galvan Alene McGee	28 David Banks	29 Deborah Alexander	30 Jackie Wyatt	31 Andy Holt		



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Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service Shoebox Kick-Off	7 No Bible Study Soup Kitchen Please have bread & desserts to the Church by 1:00 pm	8  Women on Mission 11:00 am 10:00 am Paper Pals	9 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids	10	11	12
13 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service No Evening Activities Fall Break 1:00—3:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved for BD Party	14 5:30 pm Monday Evening Bible Study With Pastor Kevin	15 10:00 am Paper Pals	16 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	17  Loss Support Group 11:30 am	18	19
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SOUP KITCHEN

October 7th

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

Bible Study



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

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



**October 8th
@ 11:00 AM**

**Please contact
Christy Sumner
for more information**



Grief has no timeline

**Loss Support Group
Oct. 17th @ 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
October 9th & 23rd
@ 5:30 pm**



**Tru-North & Kids Explorers
EVENING YOUTH MEETINGS
Oct. 6th— 6:00 pm Meetings
Oct. 13th—No Evening Activities
Oct. 20th—6:00 pm Meetings
Oct. 27th—Fall Festival @ Dobson**



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