



# Forerunner

First Baptist Church  
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## THE HEART OF WORSHIP



### 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



February 2— 3 pm—5 pm Snow Tubing  
At Winter Place Resort

February 3—Soup Kitchen  
Please have bread and desserts to the  
Church by 1:00 pm

February 9—  
Business Meeting Following Worship

February 9— Chili & Potato  
Fund Raiser Following Worship

February 11— 11:00 am  
Women on Mission

February 12 - 5:30 pm  
Kingdom Kids

February 20—11:30 am  
Loss Support Group

February 26—5:30 pm  
Kingdom Kids

February 28  
FBC Volunteering At Elisha's House

**All My plans will be fulfilled,  
for I know the end from the beginning.**

Dear Church Family,

Jesus Christ is known as the Alpha and the Omega: the beginning and the end. The Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have always been and always will be. We read from Isaiah 46:10 that God knows the end from the beginning, and all His plans will be fulfilled.

***All My plans will be fulfilled,  
for I know the end from the beginning.***  
Isaiah 46:10



Many times in life, I feel like I can only see a few short steps ahead, but it gives me such great comfort to know that my God and Father knows the end from the beginning. In Psalm 139:16, King David makes this declaration about God...

***Your eyes saw my body. In your book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there were none of them.***  
Psalm 139:16

God has a plan for your life. He knit you together in your mother's womb and ordained every one of your days, writing them in His special book before one of them ever came to be. We can rest in our God and Father's goodness to watch over us and fulfill the plans He has for us. He is a good Dad and knows the end from the beginning.

***"Before I formed you in the belly, I knew you.  
Before you came forth out of the womb, I sanctified you.  
I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."***  
Jeremiah 1:5

May you rest assured in the arms of our Heavenly Father.  
  
In Christ's Love,

Kevin



Although February is our shortest month, it's filled to the brim with lots of good things. During this special month, we celebrate **LOVE**. To those people in our lives - whether family, friends, or special someones - we shower them with loving sentiments, beautiful flowers, and delicious chocolates. But more importantly, we should be sharing the love of Christ with those around us, not just in February but during every month of the year! John 3:16-17 says, ***"God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through Him."***

And so, while the gifts of "love" that we give are fun and exciting, the gift of eternal life is priceless. Share the good news today with someone around you.  
Share  
***"How Deep the Father's Love For Us."***

*How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory*

*Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished*

*I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom*

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I am sure we don't have to remind you that January was a pretty rough month with snow and dangerously low temperatures throughout the month. Most of the kids and youth activities had to be postponed. However, we did manage to have an evening meeting on January 26th. Dinner was provided for all and the movie **THE FORGE** was shown to the Tru-North Youth group and their parents. The movie is from the Kendrick Brothers, the creators of the No. 1 hit WAR ROOM. The movie is faith-filled and is a story about a 19-year-old Isaiah who has no future plans, plays basketball with his friends and plays video games way too much. However, he is challenged by his single mom and a successful businessman to start charting a better course for his life. Through prayers of his mother and biblical discipleship from his new mentor, Isaiah begins to discover God's purpose for his life is so much more than he could hope for or imagine.  
If you haven't seen this movie, we encourage you to watch it and we challenge each of you to pray for and to become a mentor to our children and youth within our church and out in the community! Some have never been told about Jesus and his love!  
It could make a life changing difference and lead them to accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!



AS THE TEMPERATURES RISE FROM FREEZING WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO LESS SNOW AND ICE, AND OF COURSE LESS ON OUR UTILITIES BILL. TEACHINGS ARE GOING VERY WELL. ONE OF OUR YOUTH LEADERS, JOANNA, HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT TOKYO, JAPAN WITH HER FRIENDS. SHE WAS EXCITED TO LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT CULTURES. ONCE AGAIN WE ARE PULLING OUR LITTLE CHURCH CLOSER AS WE ARE UNSURE WHERE WE STAND AT THIS TIME WITH OUR INTERIM PASTOR, MANUEL.

**EPHESIANS 4:2-7**  
WITH ALL LOWLINESS AND MEEKNESS, WITH LONG-SUFFERING, FORBEARING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE; ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE. THERE IS ONE BODY, AND ONE SPIRIT, EVEN AS YE ARE CALLED IN ONE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING; ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM. ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS ABOVE ALL, AND THROUGH ALL, AND IN YOU ALL. BUT UNTO EVERYONE OF US IS GIVEN GRACE ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF THE GIFT OF CHRIST.



Women's Missionary Union is a Southern Baptist organization which provides opportunities for congregations to participate in ongoing missions for each age group and for families.

Our Women on Mission group is a missionary organization for adult women which is under the auspices of WMU.

Our WOM meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am in the Common Ground Classroom. Women of all ages are always invited to join us. Come and learn about the missions from around the world as well as opportunities available in our own community.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Project will be coming up in March. More details will be announced.



What a beautiful sanctuary! Wow, this is so pretty! These along with whispered "oohs" and "aahs" were expressed by the Kingdom Kids and Youth as they marveled at the beauty of the sanctuary here at First Baptist Church. The Kingdom Ministry held an evening of prayer in the sanctuary in obedience to 2 Chronicles 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

As we enter February with the worldly holiday of red hearts, roses, and chocolates, let us exalt God the Creator of love. 1 John 4: 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. Let us put love into action. We, as believers and followers of Christ Jesus are called to show love in this world. Think of the depth of Christ Jesus' love that He died on the cross for us. Let us not cheapen the value of love with digital gestures. Let us not do as the world does! Let us be more like our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus! Let's go to people and pray with them and hold their hands through trials and triumphs. Let us visit our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Let us pay attention to the needs of others and provide for those needs. Let us take time in meaningful conversations instead of hurried, uninvolved "How are you" and never taking time to hear the other person's response. Let us listen more and talk less. Let us praise God more! Let us read the Bible more! Let us!

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

Christ Jesus tells us in John 13: 34-35 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.



January 2025  
Attendance Records

	01/05/2025
Sunday School	85
11 am Worship	118
Evening Attendance	0
Hispanic Worship	48
	251

	01/12/2025
Sunday School	
11 am Worship	SNOW
Evening Attendance	
Hispanic Worship	

	01/19/2025
Sunday School	94
11 am Worship	162
Evening Attendance	59
Hispanic Worship	40
	355

	01/26/2025
Sunday School	86
11 am Worship	173
Evening Attendance	62
Hispanic Worship	52
	373



Please Note:  
For Your Convenience  
Nice Wooden Coat Hangers  
Have Been Donated &  
Are Available For Use  
In the Narthex Entrance  
& The Choir Entrance.



Max Brown, Mike Coleman, Shirley & Benny White,  
John Garner, Amy Russell, Johnny Dillon, Rose Houk,  
Barry Newman, Nancy Blair, Frank & Eula Merrill,  
Doris Bedwell & Charlie Whalen, Mimi Banks, Johnny Dickson,  
Larry Spangler, Joe & Sara Lindsey, Cheryl Harris, Steve Conley,  
& Joe Sizemore.  
Forest & Virginia Newman—Waddell Nursing & Rehab  
Betty Parks—Waddell Nursing & Rehab  
Iona Adams—Galax Health & Rehab—Room B17  
Dolores Dove—Waddell Nursing & Rehab  
Pray for all those in the Nursing Home & Rehab Centers  
Pray for our country & the U.S. Military & other coalition forces.

WITH DEEPEST  
Sympathy

Kenneth "Popeye" Liddle Higgins passed away  
on January 16th. Love & Sympathy to the  
family.

David Craig Phipps passed away on January  
20th. Love & Sympathy to the family.

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

FEBRUARY TEAM VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY

February 2	Sally Hill
February 9	Tara Spurlin
February 16	Sara Hall
February 23	Erica Testerman

SECURITY TEAM

February 2	Don Houk (Open)	Nathan Lyons (Close)
February 9	Mark Burnett (Open)	Billy Whitaker (Close)
February 16	Cody Edwards (Open)	David Rigger (Close)
February 23	Terry Anders (Open)	Scott Hall (Close)

WELCOME CENTER      FIRST IMPRESSIONS

February 2	Regina Snow	Calvin & Sue Griffith
February 9	Pam Turner	Willie & Cheryl Harris
February 16	Robert Leonard	Phil & Gay Helms
February 23	Karen Dickson	Marty & Cathy Parks

TECH SOUND      TECH PROJECTION

February 2	Gary Ballard	Jessica Whitaker
February 9	Trevor Anders	Bryan Dillon
February 16	Bryan Dillon	Jessica Whitaker
February 23	Mike Stevens	Trevor Anders

# PASTOR KEVIN'S FEBRUARY 2025 SERMON SERIES

February 2  
"The Lampstand And The Olive Tree"  
Zechariah 4:1-14

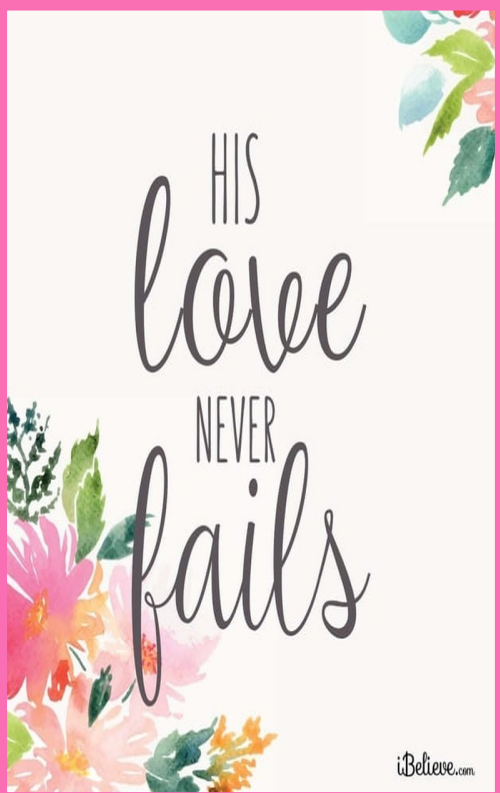
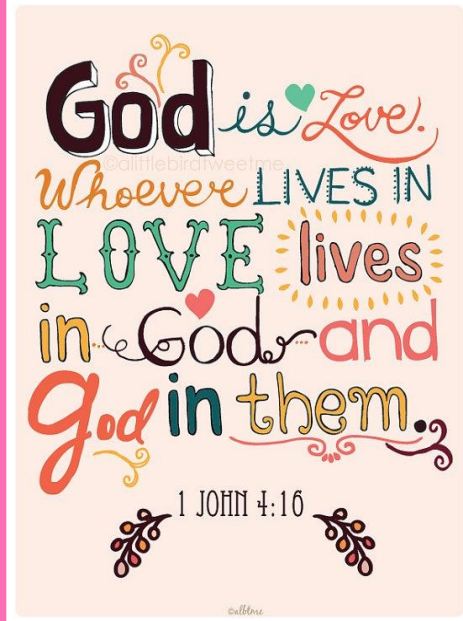
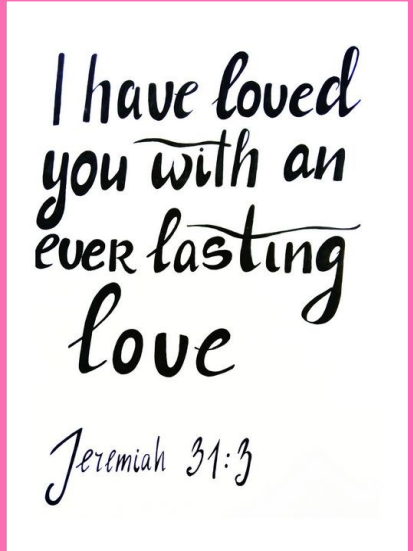
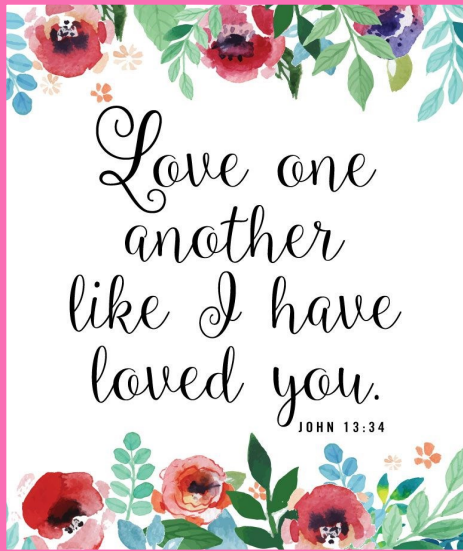
February 9  
"Salvation For All"  
Zechariah 5:1-11

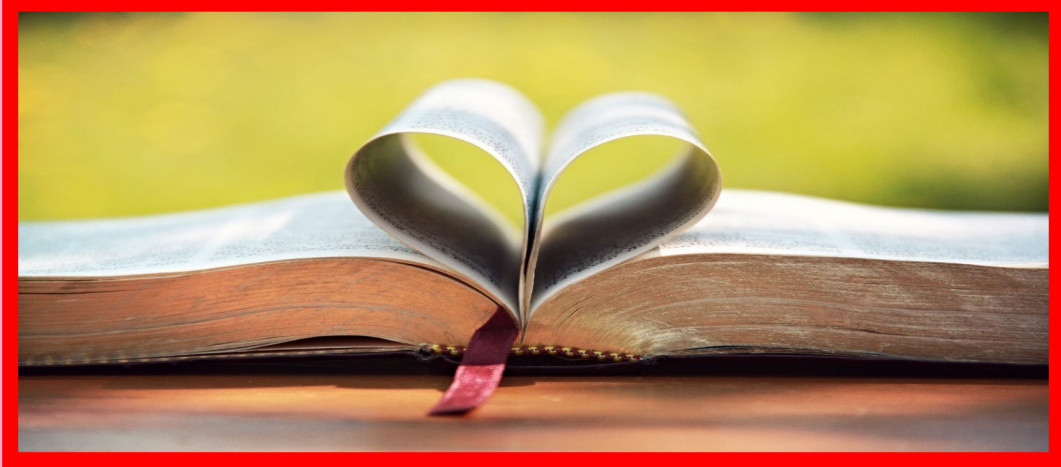
February 16  
"Hope In Tribulation"  
Zechariah 6

February 23  
"What Is True Religion"  
Zechariah 7:1-14









Love is mentioned many times throughout the Bible with one of the most endearing verses taken from 1 Corinthians 13:

And now these three remain faith, hope, and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

I have loved thee with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3

Our loving God is love and loves all.

1 John 4:8: He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

There are different types of love.

Ahab (Deep Emotional Love) -Also Known As Storge Love

Ahava/Ahab is the Hebrew word for love and describes an intense emotional bond, a strong connection. This is the affection & love between family members.

Eros Love is a Romantic Love Between Married People.

Hesed (Steadfast Love)

This Hebrew word is often translated as lovingkindness or mercy, faithfulness, and dedication. Hesed is not just a feeling, but an action.

In human relationships, hesed implies loving our neighbor, not merely in terms of warm emotional feelings but in acts of love and service.

Hesed is an unchanging, loyal love.

Agape (Unconditional Universal Love)

Agape is considered the best Greek word for God's love.

This word means to show honor, affection, kindness, and goodness, not because of a deep emotional connection but rather out of integrity. Agape love shows love regardless if it is reciprocal or not. It is unconditional love, undeserved by the receiver. Agape love is the love God has for us. This is the highest form of love. This is the love that Jesus commands us to have for God and one another.

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like unto it, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39). No matter what a person does to us, we must choose to love them. No matter the circumstances we must continue to love God in the good times and the bad.

Agape love isn't based on your emotions or the person but choosing to love no matter what!

Philia (Friendly Love)

Do you know why the city of Philadelphia is called "the city of brotherly love?" Philadelphia is a combination of two Greek words that mean "love" and "brother". The Greek word philia means familial love. Philia is the type of love that involves friendship and a love without romantic attraction and is referred to as "brotherly love."

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

Romans 12:10



**First Baptist Church  
COLUMBARIUM  
NEWS**



**The final disposition selection of how you want your remains cared for is a personal choice that should be shared with loved ones in advance of the time of need.**

**The body is a temporary dwelling place for both our soul and our spirit.**

**Some worry that something that is done to their physical bodies will somehow effect their eternal destination.**

**A related concern is what happens to believers whose bodies were destroyed in some tragic and unintended way, such as in war, or by fire, or through drowning at sea.**

**Our spirit lives forever and is that portion of us that has fellowship with God who will have no trouble resurrecting our bodies no matter how we die or the final disposition choice we make.**

**Our resurrection body will be a different body than our earthly one.**

**The Apostle Paul makes this clear in First Corinthians 15:35-53. Scripture does not give us specific guidance as to a preferred method of burial, leading each individual to prayerfully make that choice.**

**Please contact the church office for a copy of the FBC Columbarium Policy and for more information or questions.**



# Elisha's House

Galax Area Warming Shelter

**First Baptist Church  
Is Scheduled to Volunteer at  
Elisha's House Warming Shelter  
On  
February 28th  
&  
March 28th & March 29th**

**The shelter is open when temperatures are  
35 degrees or below.**

**The volunteer sign-up sheet is located outside the church office or  
you may call the church office at 276-236-5185**

**Each night two volunteers are needed to register guests from  
7:30 pm—10:30 pm**

**Two volunteers are needed to spend the night  
From 10:30 pm—7:30 am**

**Two volunteers are needed the mornings after to clean the shelter  
and to laundry the linens.**

**Volunteers are needed to provide food each night for the guests.  
Meals can be anything from a pot of good warm soup or a  
couple of pizzas.**

**Eisha's House has been such a blessing to many  
during these dangerously low temperatures! On nights  
when the temperatures are near zero, having a warm place  
to sleep can literally save lives.  
No One Should Freeze to Death!**



## Kids & Youth February Schedule

February 2 3 pm–5 pm  
Snow Tubing @ Winter Place Resort

February 9  
Super Bowl Sunday—Fundraising Luncheon  
Following Worship Service

February 16  
Sunday Night Dinner & Breakout Groups

February 23  
Sunday Night Dinner & Breakout Groups





# ★ SUPER BOWL ★



• You are invited to be a part of "Out to Lunch Bunch" following worship service

Out  
to Lunch  
**BUNCH**  
**CHILI**  
Luncheon

Sunday,, February 9th  
Following Worship

• This will be a great time of food, fellowship and fun.  
We hope to see you there!

**Sunday February 9th  
Following Worship Service**

**Children & Youth  
Super Bowl  
Chili Potato  
Fundraising Luncheon**

**By Donation  
All Monies Raised Will Go To the  
Youth Room Renovation**



**First Baptist Church Preschool is open to children ages 2–4 years.**

**Preschool is open September through May with class options for Monday through Thursday.**

**Priority registration (for returning students & church families) opens each January for the following school year that starts in September.**

**Public registration begins February 1.**

**IF you would like to register a child for our preschool program please go to our Website [www.fbcglaax.org](http://www.fbcglaax.org) and click on the Community Tab listed under the menu. You will then see the Preschool option and the link to register your child. You may also view a Letter to Parents that will give you detailed information regarding class options for each age group and fees based on the number of days your child will be attending.**

**You may also contact the Director, Lynn Frank, at 276-236-9195**



# **JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN**



**The FBC Preschool is a  
Caring Christian Environment with:**

- ♦ **Developmental Curriculum**
- ♦ **Planned Supervised Activities**
- ♦ **Experienced, Qualified Faculty and Staff**

**The weekday program exists as a community outreach ministry of  
First Baptist Church.**

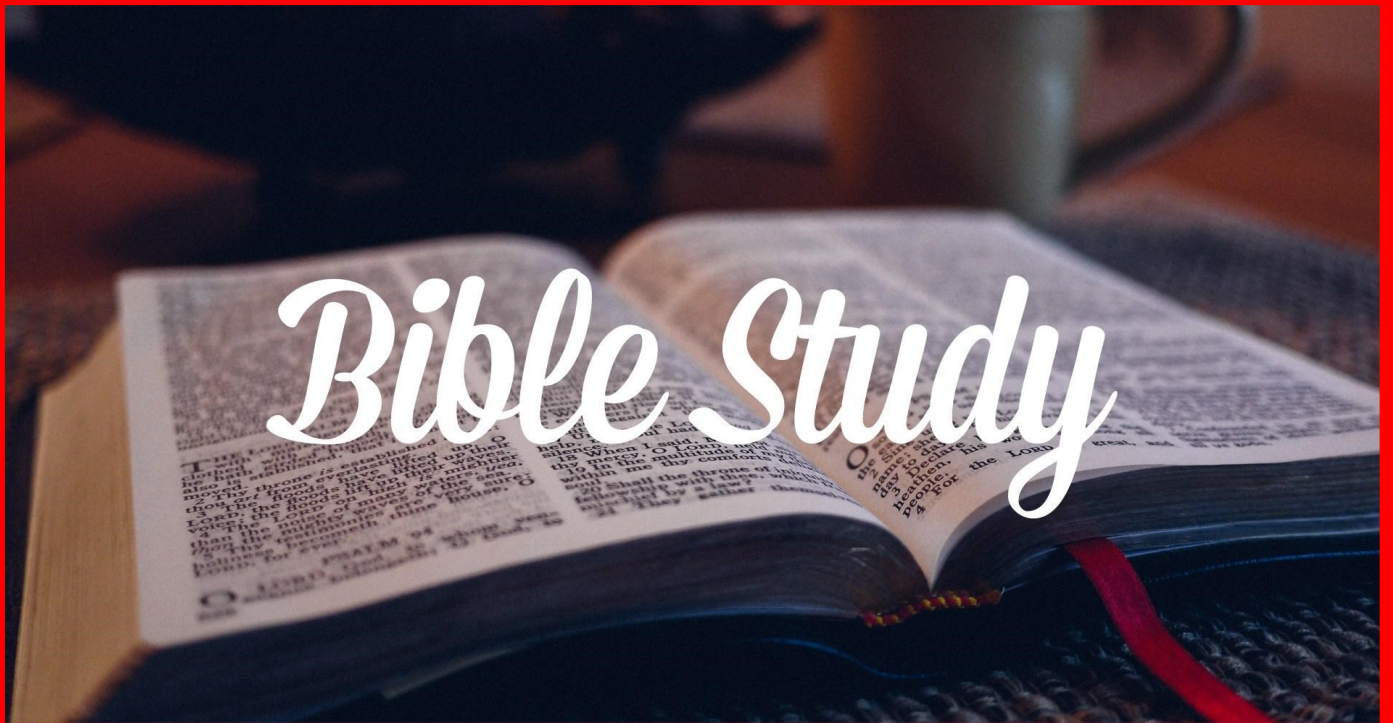
**We are proud to offer a developmental program with activities  
planned so that children are provided hands-on concrete learning  
experiences; whereby they play, work, and are taught through the  
five senses according to their own unique abilities to help them  
develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially,  
and to be creative.**

**We seek to teach and model Christian principals and the instruction  
of God's word through chapel each week, through Bible stories,  
songs, and verses.**

## **Guiding Philosophy of FBC Weekday Preschool Program**

***"God has made each child special with unique abilities  
and has a special plan for his or her life. Children have an  
important place in the family, school, and society."***

**First Baptist Church , the Preschool Director, and it's staff comply with  
required rules and regulations of the  
Virginia Department of Social Services regarding staffing, procedures,  
and facility.**



**Pastor Kevin's Monday Evening Bible Study**

**Each Monday Evening  
At 5:30 pm**

**Winter 2025  
Bible Study  
From the Book of Jude**

**You may attend in person, view through  
Facebook or livestream [www.fbcgalax.org](http://www.fbcgalax.org)**

**Study Notes are sent out each Monday  
If you are not on the email list and would like  
to receive the notes, please notify the church  
office at [secretary@fbcgalax.org](mailto:secretary@fbcgalax.org)**



Pastor Kevin  
Guest Speaker at the Hillcrest Men's Conference  
Friday January 31st—5 pm—9 pm  
Saturday, February 1st—9 AM—2 PM  
All Men Are Invited!

2025 MEN'S CONFERENCE AT HBC

# CUTTING THROUGH THE DARKNESS

**\$30 INCLUDES FRI DINNER SAT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**

**FRI: 5-9 SAT: 9-2**

**BIBLICAL SWORDSMANSHIP**



**DR. RANDY KELLEY**  
**SPEAKER**



**SCOTT ETHERIDGE**  
**SPEAKER**



**DR. REV. KEY ROSENFELD**  
**SPEAKER**



**GOD'S PITT CREW**  
**MISSIONS**



**ZACK VAUGHAN**  
**WORSHIP LED BY**

**1/31 - 2/2**  
**HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**1218 S. MAIN ST.**  
**GALAX, VA**

**REGISTRATION: 5:00**  
**DINNER: 5:30**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Gilberto Sanchez	5	6 Kylee Hill	7 Lynn Frank	8
9 Gary Heslep, Sr.	10 Frank Merrill	11	12	13 Edith Pineda	14	15
16	17 Ann McMillan	18 Keith Barker David Roberson	19 Bill Vaughan	20 Jacob Lawson	21	22
23	24 Danny Roberts	25 Henry Zatarain, Jr.	26	27 Anne Vaughan	28 Bart Turner	





# February 2025 Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Men's Conference at Hillcrest Baptist Church
2  9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship Service  3 pm—5 pm Kids & Youth Snow Tubing At Winter Place Resort	3  Soup Kitchen Please have bread & desserts to the church by 1:00pm  5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin	4  10:00 am Paper Pals	5  6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7 	
9 9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship Service  Business Meeting  Super Bowl Fund Raising Luncheon Following Worship Service	10  5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin	11  10:00 am Paper Pals  11:00 am Women on Mission 	12  5:30 pm Kingdom Kids  6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 	15
16 9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship Service  6:00 pm Children & Youth Meeting—Dinner will be provided	17 5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin 	18  10:00 am Paper Pals	19  6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 11:30 am Loss Support Group 	21	22
23  9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship Service  6:00 pm Children & Youth Meeting— Dinner will be Provided	24  5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin	25  10:00 am Paper Pals	26  5:30 pm Kingdom Kids  6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28  FBC is scheduled to volunteer at Elisha's House Warming Shelter	



## **SOUP KITCHEN**

### **February 3**

**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](http://www.fbcgalax.org)**



**February 11  
@ 11:00 AM**

**Please contact  
Christy Sumner  
for more information**



*Grief has no timeline*

**Loss Support Group  
Feb. 20 @ 11:30 am  
Lead by Bruce Thomas**

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



## **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

### **Each Wednesday**

### **@ 6:30 pm**

**If you would like to join the choir,  
Please see Wendi Pemberton**



## **FBC Volunteer Nights**

### **For Elisha's House**

### **Friday—February 28th**

**Sign-Up Sheet  
Is Located Outside The Church Office**



## **Kingdom Kids**

### **February 12th & 26th**

### **@ 5:30 pm**



## **Tru-North & Kids Explorers**

### **EVENING YOUTH MEETINGS**

**February 2—Snow Tubing Activity**  
**Feb. 9—Super Bowl Fundraising Lunch**  
**Feb. 16th—6 pm Meeting & Dinner**  
**Feb. 23rd—6 pm Meeting & Dinner**



## **PAPER PALS**

### **Each Tuesday @ 10 am**

**Volunteers are needed to  
help prepare craft projects  
for the Preschool teachers.**