



Forerunner

First Baptist Church
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**Though the mountains vanish,
My unending love will never leave you.**

*For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed;
but my loving kindness shall not depart from you,
neither shall my covenant of peace be removed,”
says Yahweh who has mercy on you.*

Isaiah 54:10 (WEB)

I like how the New International Version Bible translates **Isaiah 54:10**...

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you. (NIV)

Nothing will shake the unending, eternal love God has for you. The mountains will vanish, and the hills will be removed before His heart changes for you. No matter what you are going through, His love for you is constant. And that is because God can only love at one intensity... and that is with ALL His heart! Jesus told us that His Father loves us the same way He loves Him (**John 17:23**)

Welcome
TO
OUR CHURCH

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1—Hockey Night for Youth

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

March 5—7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday Service

March 9—Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 11— 11:00 am
Women on Mission

March 12 - 5:30 pm
Kingdom Kids

March 20—First Day of Spring

March 20—11:30 am
Loss Support Group

March 26—5:30 pm
Kingdom Kids

March 28 & March 29
FBC Volunteering At Elisha's House



23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

There may be wars and rumors of wars. There may be upturns and downturns in the economy. But no matter what happens in your life, the unending love of God will never leave you. My prayer today is that your Heavenly Father's relentless, endless, intense love will sweep over your heart so that you can echo the words that the Apostle Paul wrote in **Romans 8:38-39...**

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (WEB)

In Christ's Love,

Kevin



It's almost that time again...**MARCH MADNESS.** Those who love basketball stay glued to their screens cheering their favorite teams to victory. When you google why March Madness is so popular, it says, *"It's a communal experience that brings people together, features exciting games, and includes a variety of ways to participate."* Now wouldn't it be fun to experience a "March Madness" here at FBC...people of all ages coming together to worship, to study God's Word, and to be involved in a small group such as a Sunday school class or choir? Our choir folks will tell you that Wednesday evenings are full of excitement! With the start of the Lenten season just days away, there will be plenty of opportunities to be involved...Ash Wednesday, a Palm Sunday musical presentation, Maundy Thursday, and weekly Sunday worship leading up to a glorious Easter Sunday Morning! If you have an interest in singing, then we hope you'll join us **every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** in the choir room for a great time of fellowship as we prepare for all of these wonderful worship events. Dave Clark and Geron Davis said it best when they wrote the lyrics: ***"I came to Calvary, guilty and undone. My sin demanded justice, but that alone was not enough. When I was so lost, only Calvary's cross could set this pris'ner free. Since Jesus paid the price, forever I am ransomed and redeemed."*** Come be a part of our "Musical March Madness." What could be more exciting than this?

***On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest
and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.***

***In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so
divine,
Such a wonderful beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and
died,
To pardon and sanctify me.***

***So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some
day for a crown.***

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Registration for the First Baptist Church Preschool is open to children 2-4 years of age. The Preschool Program is an outreach ministry for children in our community. The preschool offers a developmental program that helps children develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. Christian principals and the instruction of God's Word is taught through Bible stories, songs and verses. The children look forward to chapel led by Pastor Kevin. For some children FBC Preschool may possibly be the only place they learn about God and that He loves them and made them special.

The Fran Creggar Fund is a fund that was established in memory of Fran Creggar who was a Galax resident that passed away in 1990. This fund makes it possible for children to obtain financial assistance to attend the preschool program. Some children could not attend without your help! If you have any questions or if you would like to make a contribution to the Fran Creggar Fund, please contact the church office or simply make a check payable to the First Baptist Church and state in the memo that the donation is for the Fran Creggar Fund. Your contribution can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one.



AS WE ENTER INTO THE HOUSE OF GOD WE SHOULD ALL ASK OURSELVES THIS QUESTION; IS CHRIST DIVIDED?

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-12

10 -NOW I BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, BY THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT YE ALL SPEAK THE SAME THING, AND THAT THERE BE NO DIVISIONS AMONG YOU; BUT THAT YE BE PERFECTLY JOINED TOGETHER IN THE SAME MIND AND IN THE SAME JUDGEMENT. 11—FOR IT HATH BEEN DECLARED UNTO ME OF YOU, MY BRETHREN, BY THEM WHICH ARE OF THE HOUSE OF CHLOE, THAT THERE ARE CONTENTIONS AMONG YOU. 12—NOW THIS I SAY, THAT EVERYONE OF YOU SAITH, I AM OF PAUL; AND I OF APOLLOS AND I OF CEPHAS; AND I OF CHRIST.



What is Annie Armstrong Easter Offering? The offering was started in 1895 by the Women's Missionary Union to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (North American Mission Board). It was named in 1934 in honor of Annie Armstrong, an advocate for missions and WMU's first national executive leader. Annie was one that did not conform to the standards of her time. She served and challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries. She advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people and gained support for the African American female missionaries. All gifts are 100% in support of the missionaries and missions that are local and around our country. This year our goal for First Baptist Church is \$3,000. The Week of Prayer is March 2-9th. Come join us on March 11th for our monthly meeting at 11:00 am.

- Christy Sumner



Church is not like a cruise ship. What are cruise ships like? Here are the answers from the youth: Cruise ships are all about fun, entertainment, doing nothing, luxury, being waited on, lots of food, and relaxation. Cruise ships strive to make you comfortable and satisfied. The only purpose is to have fun. The experience is all about you, you, and you! Church is about God: worshiping Him, praising Him, and learning about Him. Church is about being in God's army. Church is about being active in your relationship with Christ Jesus, always learning and growing never being stagnant. That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Colossians 1:10. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Hebrews 6:1. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52 Church is about others: 2 Corinthians 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. Acts 2:44-45 And all that believed were together and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. Church does not imitate the world: James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

February 2025
Attendance Records

02/02/2025

Sunday School	96
11 am Worship	172
Evening Attendance	61
Hispanic Worship	0
	329

02/09/2025

Sunday School	101
11 am Worship	185
Evening Attendance	4
Hispanic Worship	34
	324

02/16/2025

Sunday School	81
11 am Worship	155
Evening Attendance	24
Hispanic Worship	35
	295

02/23/2025

Sunday School	100
11 am Worship	168
Evening Attendance	85
Hispanic Worship	45
	398

Thank You

Johnny & Karen Dickson would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, visits and food during Johnny's surgery & recovery from a knee replacement. They are so thankful to have such a caring and loving church family.

To my wonderful church family, I want to thank everyone for your prayers, best wishes, cards, and food while recovering from a knee replacement. A special shout out to David & Mary Ann Hampton for that marvelous cane that aided my mobility in walking. I still have a few weeks of PT but I'm doing a lot better. Larry Spangler

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



Max Brown, Mike Coleman, Shirley & Benny White, Tony Truitt, Scott Sikes, 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

Much Love & Sympathy to the Doug & Lora Williams Family. Doug's Father, Harry Williams, Passed away on January 31, 2025.

Much Love & Sympathy to the Ronnie Ray Overby Family. Ronnie passed away on January 10, 2025.

Much Love & Sympathy to the Joan Miller Family. Joan passed away on February 17, 2025.



Donation by Betty Parrish
To the Youth Fund
In Loving Memory of
Joan Miller

MARCH TEAM VOLUNTEERS
NURSERY

March 2	Tara Spurlin
March 9	Noelle Edwards
March 16	Erica Testerman
March 23	Sally Hill
March 30	Sara Hall

SECURITY TEAM

March 2	Mark Burnette (Open) & Phil Helms (Close)
March 9	Don Houk (Open) & Nathan Lyons (Close)
March 16	Cody Edwards (Open) & Billy Whitaker (Close)
March 23	Terry Anders (Open) & David Rikken (Close)
March 30	Don Houk (Open) & Scott Hall (Close)

WELCOME CENTER

March 2	Sarah Keatley
March 9	Debbie Patterson
March 16	Robert Leonard
March 23	Regina Snow
March 30	Pam Turner

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Joe & Linda Soles
Tony & Sonia Truitt
Don & Rose Houk
Basil & Nancy Carpenter
Willie & Cheryl Harris

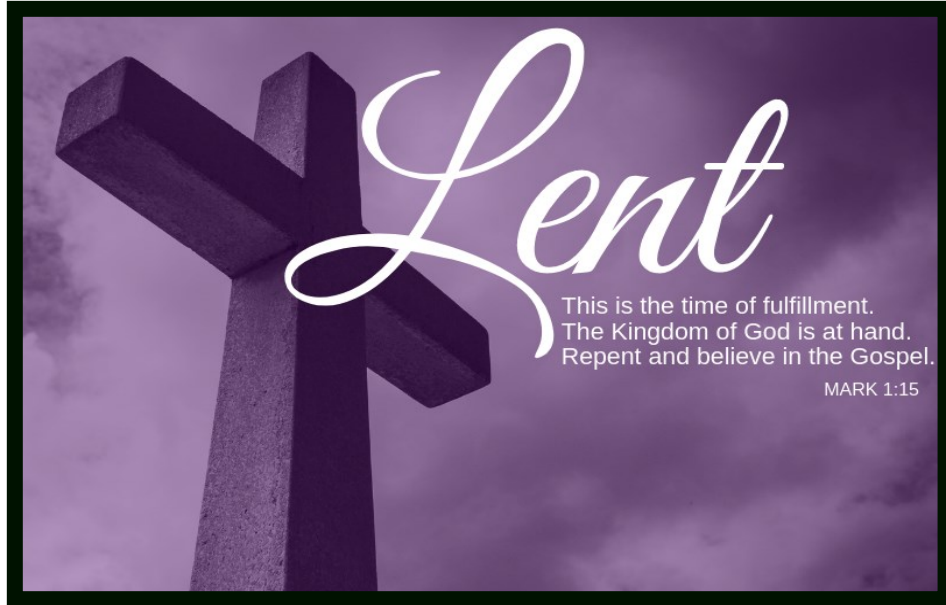
TECH SOUND

March 2	Gary Ballard
March 9	Trevor Anders
March 16	Bryan Dillon
March 23	Mike Stevens
March 30	Gary Ballard

TECH PROJECTION

Jessica Whitaker
Bryan Dillon
Jessica Whitaker
Trevor Anders
Jessica Whitaker

Pastor Kevin's March Sermon Series



March 2
"The Unchanging Plan of an Unchanging God"
Zechariah 8:1-17

March 5
Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm
Church Sanctuary

March 9
First Sunday of Lent
Guest Speaker—Mr. Jeff Combs

March 16
Second Sunday of Lent
"When God's People Return"
Zechariah 8:13-23

March 23
Third Sunday of Lent
"The King is Coming"
Zechariah 9:1-17

March 30
Fourth Sunday of Lent
"A Caring Christ"
Zechariah 10:1-12



Ash Wednesday Service

**First Baptist Church
Ash Wednesday Service**

March 5th at 7:00 pm

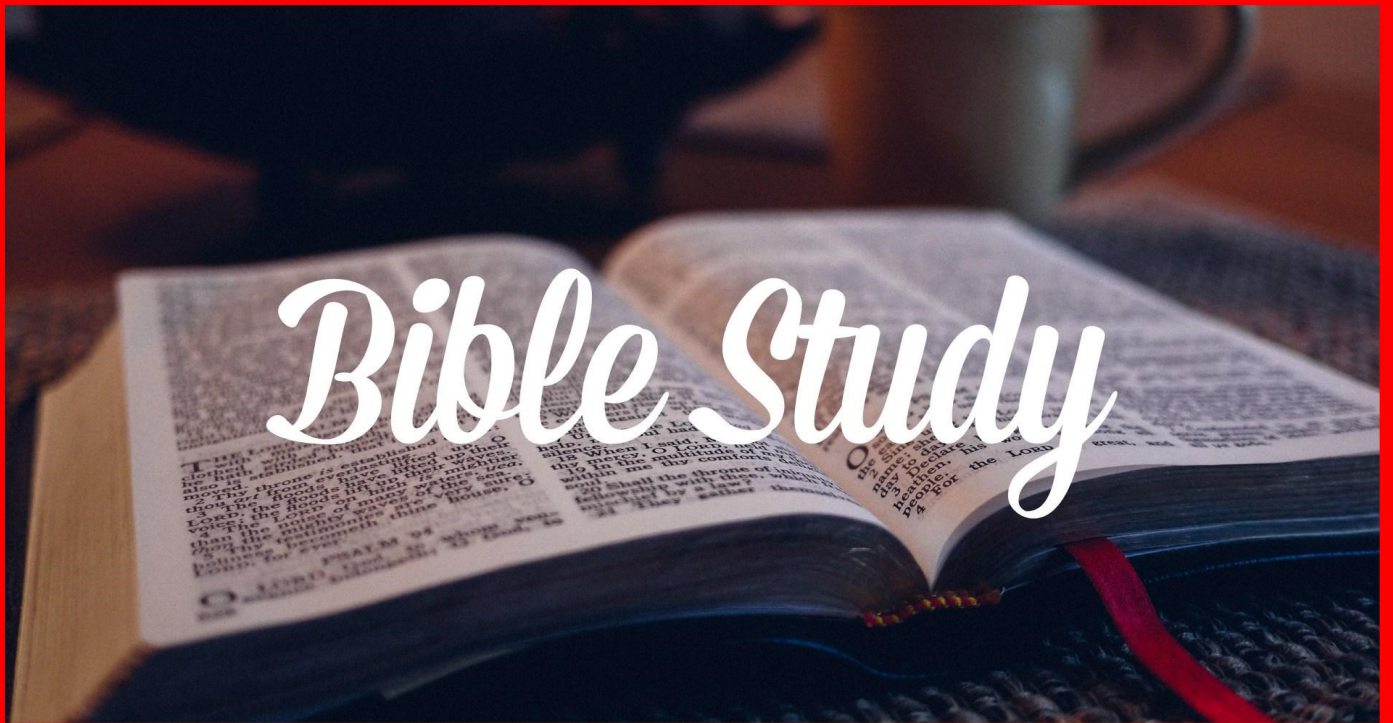
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**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

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May your Ash Wednesday be a time
of reflection and promise.



Pastor Kevin's Monday Evening Bible Study

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

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

**You may attend in person, view through
Facebook or livestream 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 email the church
office at secretary@fbcgalax.org**



New Members



**Audrey Schultheis
Joined On
February 9th**



**Hayden Fell
Joined On
February 2nd
&
Was Baptized
On February 9th**

**FBC Members—Marty & Cathy Parks
Enjoying Retirement & Amazing Adventures**



**The Great Pyramids in
Giza, Egypt**

Our last day we toured the ancient ruins of the Roman city of Jerash. Originally called Gerasa, it was one of the cities that made up the Decapolis. This region is mentioned in the Bible as the place Jesus cast the demons from a possessed man into a herd of pigs. These are shots of Hadrian's Gate, the hippodrome, the plaza, the colonnade and the entrance to one of the temples.



**The Dead Sea
From Mount Nebo,
Where Moses
Is Said To
Have Seen
The Promised Land
Before He Died**

FBC Members Serving & Making A Difference In Our Community



Lynne Barker hosted a Pampered Chef Fundraiser for God's Storehouse which provided \$630 worth of kitchen tools; including a sauté pot, stock pot, a set of knives, a set of measuring cups, measuring spoons & various serving utensils. A big thank you to Bill & Patty Davis for donating lots of very nice Pampered Chef items for the FBC kitchen.

HOLY BIBLE

BIBLE STUDY

Led by Calvin Griffith, God's Stotehouse is staring a Wednesday night Bible study for anyone who wants learn more about the Bible. We will have dinner from 6:00pm-6:30pm

FEBRUARY 5, 2024/ 6:30PM

JOIN US

**Calvin Griffith
Is teaching a Bible Study
At God's Storehouse
Each Wednesday Night
At 6:30 pm**

As Keisha Johnson stated
"He is called to teach the Bible.
He's kind, patient, love in action, and
has taught Bible school or studies for
over 40 years".

Keisha stated that "This Bible study is
going to light up our city and if you
can't come out to be with us, will you
pray over it with us?"

Per Keisha:
Unbelievers, seasoned believers, brand
new believers, preachers, people fresh
out of jail, people in addiction, people
who have never touched drugs or
drank a sip of liquor, young folks and
us in between are welcome.



Kids & Youth March Schedule

**Saturday, March 1—7:30 pm
Blue Ridge Bobcats Hockey Night Outing
Wytheville Hitachi Energy Arena
200 Apex Drive, Wytheville, VA**

**March 9
Spring Break—No Evening Meetings**

**March 16
Spring Break—No Evening Meetings**

**March 23
Sunday Night Dinner & Breakout Groups**

**March 30
Sunday Night Dinner & Breakout Groups**



Elisha's House

Galax Area Warming Shelter

**First Baptist Church
Is Scheduled to Volunteer at
Elisha's House Warming Shelter
On
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!
On very cold nights, having a warm place to sleep can
literally save lives.
No One Should Be Cold or Even Worse -Freeze to Death!**



**First Baptist Church Is Scheduled
To Prepare & Serve Food on
Monday, March 3**

**We need donations of
cornbread & desserts brought to the church by
1:00 pm on March 3**

**10 Volunteers are needed to
help serve food & drinks**

**A Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet is Located
Outside the Church Office or
You May Call The Church Office @ 276-236-5185**

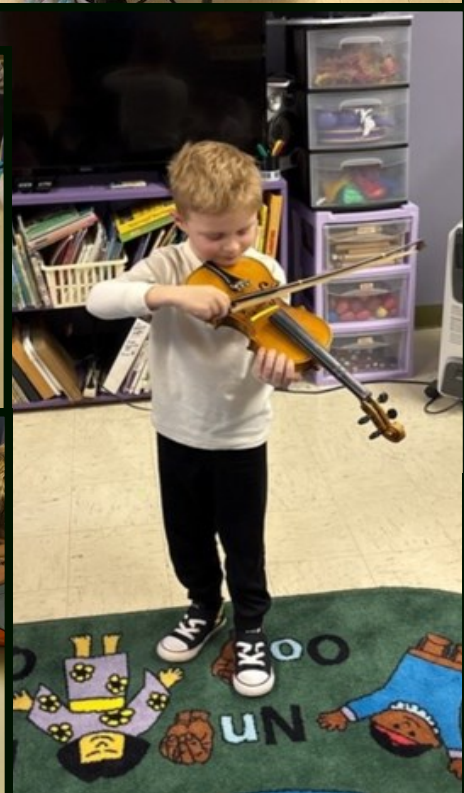
**Volunteers
Need To Be At
God's Storehouse
Soup Kitchen
From 3:30 pm—6:00 pm**

**The Soup Kitchen is located in their new facility at
406 W. Oldtown St—Galax, VA**

Preschool News

**LOT'S OF FUN & EDUCATIONAL
ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN**

**Fun
Dress Up
Day
&
Homemade
Winter
Bird
Feeders
With
Mrs. Elaine,
Mrs. Susie,
&
Ms. Sarah's
4 year old
Class!**



**Music Class
With
The Preschool Director,
Lynn Frank,
Is Always
An Amazing
Experience for the Children!**



**Mrs. Rosenfeld's
Four-Year-Old
Class**

**Winter Fun Day
Complete With A
Snowball Fight!**



**An Amazing
Ice
Melting
Experiment**

&

**Sidewalk
Chalk
Fun**



**Mrs. Rosenfeld's
Class
Collected Over
100 Cans Of
Food For
God's Storehouse
Soup Kitchen**



**CHILDREN & YOUTH
SNOW TUBING FUN ON FEBRUARY 2
AT WINTER PLACE RESORT**





**A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE
WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE
SUPER BOWL THEMED FUND RAISER LUNCHEON
ON FEBRUARY 9TH**

**Thank You to Pastor Kevin For Preparing
His Delicious Loaded Chili Potatoes**

**All Monies Raised Will Help Fund The
Renovation of the Youth Room**

**The youth room was in need of a total renovation
with a more up-to-date look. We are so excited as
the room has a fresh coat of paint, a new
refrigerator, a beautiful refreshment bar & new pub
style tables
& chairs have arrived!**



The YOUTH ENJOYED SERVING AND
PLAYING A FUN SUPER BOWL COMPETITION GAME

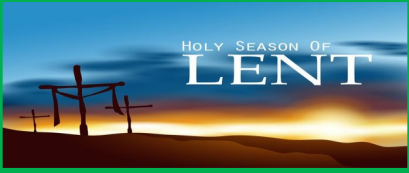
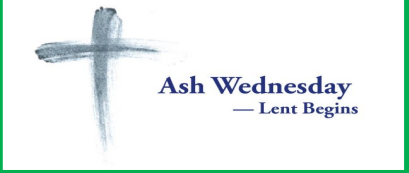










SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5 Missy Adams Susan Dillon	6 Pablo Gonzalez	7	8
9	10 Ivon Ibarra	11 Eulogia Perez	12 Denisse Rodriguez	13	14 Janet Nuckolls	15 Jimmy Adams Beverly Rios
16	17 Tony Mays	18	19	20	21	22 Lauren Conley
23 Isai Perez, Jr.	24 David Rikken	25 Glenn Adcock	26	27 Ed Barker Dana Bobbitt Forest Newman Kevin Spurlin	28 Tim Cruz Sarah Keatley	29 Tara Spurlin
30 Sylvia Rudolph	31 Joana Galvan					

well hello,
march

March 2025
Services &
Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<p>1 Memorial at FBC For Harry Williams 10 am—12 noon</p> <p>Hockey Night for Children & Youth</p>
<p>2</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>No Evening Kids & Youth Meetings</p>	<p>3 Soup Kitchen Please have bread & desserts to the church by 1:00pm</p> <p>5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 am Paper Pals</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>Spring Break No Evening Children or Youth Meetings</p> 	<p>10 Preschool Spring Break</p> <p>5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin</p>	<p>11 Preschool Spring Break</p> <p>10:00 am Paper Pals</p> <p>11:00 am Women on Mission</p> 	<p>12 Preschool Spring Break</p> <p>5:30 pm Kingdom Kids</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Preschool Spring Break</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Preschool Spring Break</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>Spring Break No Evening Children & Youth Meetings</p>	<p>17 5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin</p> <p>6:30 pm Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 am Paper Pals</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 First Day of Spring</p> <p>11:30 am Loss Support Group</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>6:00 pm Children & Youth Meeting— Dinner will be Provided</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 am Paper Pals</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30 pm Kingdom Kids</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>FBC is scheduled to Volunteer at Elisha's House Warming Shelter</p>	<p>29</p> <p>FBC is scheduled to Volunteer at Elisha's House Warming Shelter</p> 
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SOUP KITCHEN March 3

**Please have bread and desserts
to the church by 1:00 pm
Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet
Is Located Outside The Church Office**



**FBC Volunteer Nights
For Elisha's House
Friday—March 28th &
Saturday—March 29th**

**Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet
Is Located Outside the Church Office**



**March 11
@ 11:00 AM
Please call the church
office or contact
Christy Sumner
for more information**



Grief has no timeline

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

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

Bible Study



**Pastor Kevin's
Monday Evening Bible Study
@ 5:30 pm**
You may attend in person,
view through Facebook or
www.fbcgalax.org



CHOIR REHEARSAL EACH WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM

If you would like to join the choir,
please call the church office or
see Wendi Pemberton



Kingdom Kids March 12th & 26th @ 5:30 pm



**Tru-North & Kids Explorers
EVENING YOUTH MEETINGS**
March 1—Hockey Night @ Wytheville
March 9—Spring Break—No Meeting
March 16—Spring Break—No Meeting
March 23rd—6 pm Meeting & Dinner
March 30th—6 pm Meeting & Dinner



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