



Forerunner

First Baptist Church
1024 E. Stuart Drive
Galax, VA 24333
276-236-5185
www.fbcgalax.org

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May 1–31, 2025



Galax High School Baccalaureate
Sunday, May 18th
6:00 pm

First Baptist Church, Galax

**A Reception Will Follow In The
Church Fellowship Hall**



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—Summer Break
www.fbcgalax.org or through Facebook

Wednesdays

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1—National Day of Prayer

May 5—Soup Kitchen—Please have
Desserts to the church by 1 pm

May 10—Baseball Outing @ Winston
Salem Dash - Game at 6:30 pm

May 11—Happy Mother's Day

May 13 –11:00 am—Women on Mission

May 14—5:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

May 15—11:30 am—Loss Support Group

May 18—6:00 pm GHS Baccalaureate

May 19—6:30 pm—Deacon Meeting

May 21—Preschool Commencement

May 22—Preschool Commencement

May 26—Memorial Day—Church Office
Will Be Closed

May 28—5:30 pm Kingdom Kids

On Your Graduation



*Oh God, you have taught me
and to this day I declare your
Marvelous deeds
Psalm 71:17*

*May you sense
God's will
for your life
as you
seek His guidance
for the future*

2025 *class of* 25

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



William Lee Gravely, II
Son of
James & Melanie Dowell

**Graduating from
Grayson County High School**

**He plans to finalize his
Associates Degree
Through WCC and then
transfer to Radford University.
His goal is to apply to
Law school and
one day be a
District Attorney**



Joshua Schultheis
Son of
Dan & Julie Schultheis
& Grandson of Audrey Schultheis

**Graduating from
Homeschool Academy**

**Josh will be attending
Liberty University
In the Fall
Majoring in
Mechanical Engineering**



Madelyn Marie Pemberton

**Daughter of
Art & Wendi Pemberton
Granddaughter of
J.C. & Glenda Roudebush**

**Graduating from the
University of
North Carolina
School of the Arts**

**Master of Music-
Piano Performance**

**Mimi plans to return to
UNCSA to pursue a
Professional Artist
Certificate in
Piano and Pedagogy**

Audrey Turner

**Daughter of
Bart & Pam Turner**

**Graduating from the
University of
Mary Washington
with a
Bachelor's of Science
Degree in
Environmental Science**





**GRADUATION IS A
SUCCESSFUL ENDING &
AN EXCITING BEGINNING**

**NEVER STOP LEARNING &
NEVER STOP DREAMING**



Thomas Alexander Brannock

**Son of Doug Brannock &
Cheryl Funk,
Grandson of Larry Spangler, the
late Doris Spangler and
Larry & Judy Brannock**

**Graduating from
Middle Tennessee State with a
Bachelor of Science Degree in
Professional Pilot and Flight
Dispatch**

**Alex plans to become a
Commercial Pilot upon
completion of his
1,000 hour flight time**

Skylar Daniele Reed

**Daughter of
Dale & Rhonda Cox Reed
Granddaughter of
Ronnie & Patsy Cox**

**Graduating from
Galax High School**

**Skylar will be attending
Liberty University
In The Fall
Majoring in
Forensic Science**





Joshua Rosenfeld Received His Black Helmet On April 8th

The coveted Black Helmet is earned through training and time. The Helmet is passed through the hands of each Galax Firefighter as the bell tolls as a symbol of their brotherhood. Josh has proved himself worthy.

Josh & Fire Chief , Mike Ayers



Josh & Proud Mom,
Linda Rosenfeld



April 13th Easter Cantata—The Risen Son
We Are So Blessed To Have A Wonderful Church Choir



Sanctuary Choir

Conductor—Wendi Pemberton, Minister of Music

Soprano

**Martha Easter, Lynn Frank, Janis Kurtz, Patti Holderfield,
Ginny Plant, Linda Rosenfeld, and Audrey Schultheis**

Alto

**Pam Burnette, Nancy Carpenter, Debra Cone, Judy Eddy, Cindi Fitzgerald,
Sue Griffith, Gay Helms, Guyda Hennis, Barbara Leonard & Cathy Parks**

Tenor

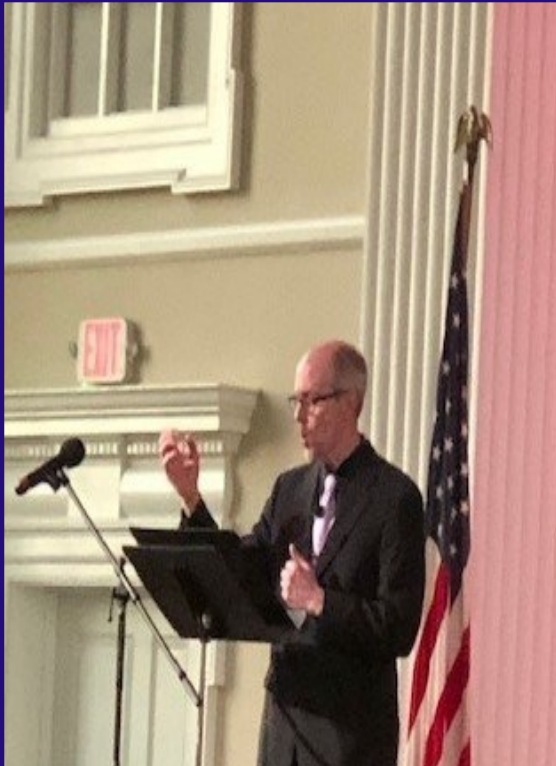
**Glenn Adcock, Bill Brannon, Charles Burnette,
Ed Fitzgerald, and Jeff Holderfield**

Bass

**Duane Alexander, Bill Davis, Royce Easter, Phil Helms, David McPherson,
Marty Parks, Art Pemberton, and David Roberson**

Thank You To Our Tech Team

**Mike Stevens and Bryan Dillon—Sound
Julie Schultheis—Lights and Susan Dillon, Projection**



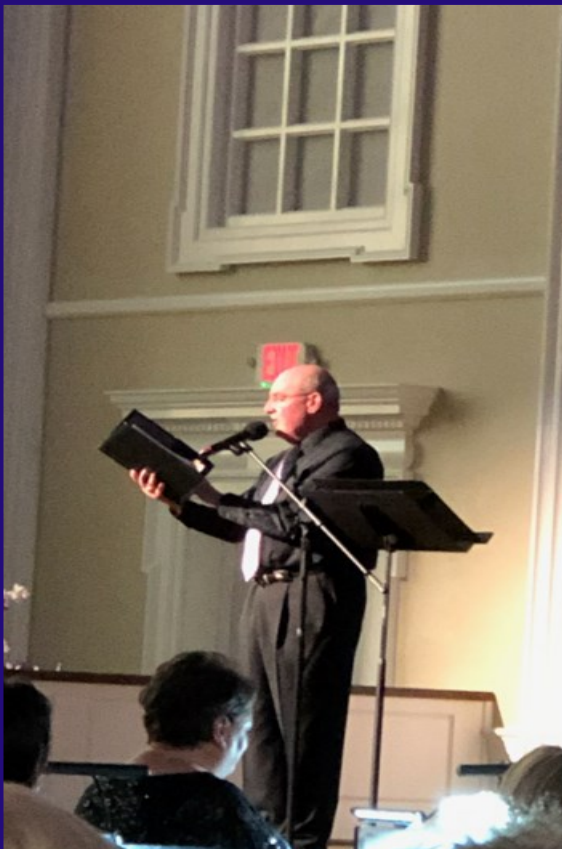
**Arthur
Pemberton
&
Cathy
Parks**

**Choir
Members
&
Narrators**



Isaiah 53:3-6

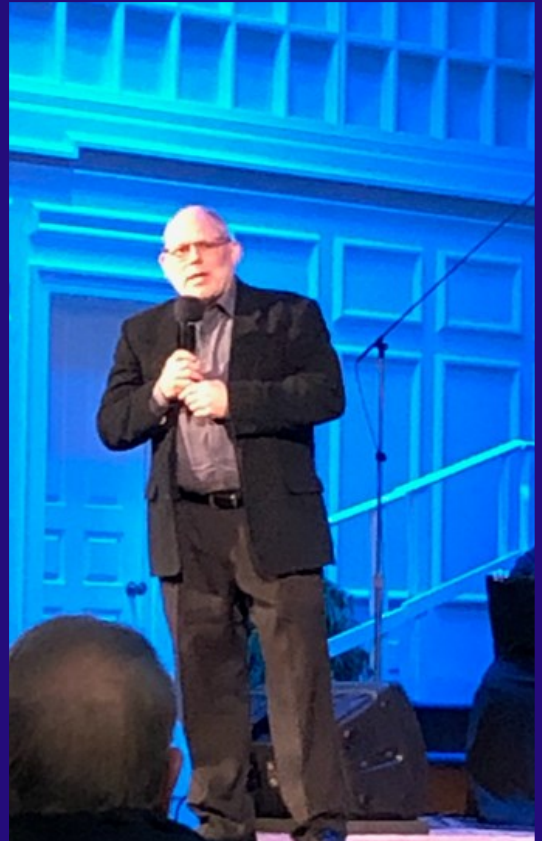
All of us, like sheep,
have strayed away.
We have left God's paths to follow
our own.
Yet the Lord laid on Him
the sins of us all.



**Jeff Holderfield
"Arise"
Soloist**

&

**An
Easter
Reflection
By
Pastor
Kevin
Rosenfeld**



Orchestra

**Heather Hurd— Flute, Natalie Byrd—Clarinet, Linda Bartlett—Trumpet,
Judith Lineberry—Trumpet, Jude Raffeinne-Tuba, Donna Arnold— Percussion,
Mark Horton—Guitar, Patty Davis, Piano, and Nancy Hazelwood—Organ**

A BLESSED EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE "EASTER FROM JUDAS' PERSPECTIVE"



B E T R A Y E D



MARK 14

Mark 14:10-11 And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went into the chief priests, to betray him unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

Mark 14:18 And they sat and did eat, Jesus said,

Verily I say unto you, one of you which eateth with me shall betray me.

Mark 14:43-45 And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and said, Master, master; and kissed him.

**The FBC Preschool Had An Amazing Year!
The 2024-2025 School Year Will Be Ending in May
The Month Of April Included Many Fun & Educational Activities**



Mrs. Patsy & Mrs. Penny's 3-Year-Old Class Enjoyed a Fun Pajama Day & A Visit From the Dental Hygienists



**Mrs. Rosenfeld & Mrs. Dickson's
4-Year-Old Class Activities Included A Visit
From Dr. Lindi Williams, Optometrist & Ms. Alicia**





**Conservation Officers, Bobbitt & Chaffin & K9 Molly
& 100th Day of School Celebration**





A huge “thank you” to all of those involved in this year’s Easter Celebration!! **THE RISEN SON** was a fabulous worship event, and we appreciate everyone who gave their time and talent to make this evening service possible. Thank you to the spectacular choir, the uplifting orchestra, the wonderful narrators, and the awesome tech team. You are an incredible group of people!! And a special thank you to Ruth Hall and our hospitality team for the fabulous Music Ministry fellowship following the service!

It’s very fitting that this month we celebrate all of our graduates and our mothers. Mothers, like the beauty around us, come in many shapes, sizes, and styles. These are the special women who pray for us, teach us, wipe our tears, and prepare us for what lies ahead. We find mother figures in grandmothers, teachers, neighbors, and friends. They show us Christian faith with their daily walks.

Proverbs 1:8-9 says, “Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.” Proverbs 31:26-28 says, “She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed.”

So let us take time to thank God for our mothers and to remember and celebrate all of those special women who have loved and raised us.

*Far above riches
Far above honor
Lasting beauty beyond compare
She is more noble
She is more precious
Treasure this one whose life we share*

*Woman of honor
Priceless companion
Wife and mother and faithful friend
Shepherd and servant
Teacher and helper
She lives a love that has no end*

*Morning and evening
Summer and winter
Ever faithful and glad to share
Teaching and lifting
Tenderly giving
In her we feel our Father's care*

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Children & Youth Are Invited to Attend the Winston-Salem Dash Baseball Game on Saturday May 10th
Game starts at 6:30 pm
Cost is \$15 per person and this will include dinner and fireworks after the game!
Please call the church office to get your tickets.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Is scheduled for June 8th—12th
6:00 pm—8:30 pm
You may register your child @ www.fbcgalax.org
VBS Information is located under the Community Tab
Or you may call the church Office at 276-236-5185
Or email Secretary@fbcgalax.org
If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact the Church Office.

Please be in prayer for our VBS leaders and the children that will be attending and let us
MAGNIFY THE LORD!

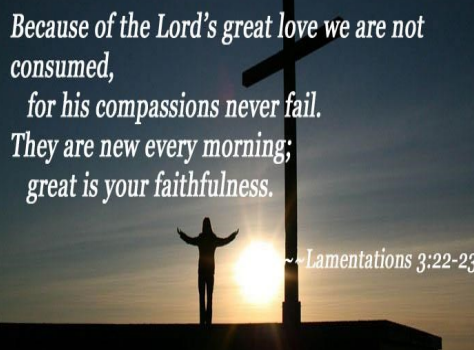


The Preschool has had a wonderful year. The snowy winter weather was quite the challenge, but we made it work. Lynn Frank would like to thank everyone for their support and would like to thank the preschool staff for their hard work and dedication to the program. May 21st will be the 2 & 3 year olds last day of preschool. The Commencement Celebration for the 4 year olds will be held on May 21st & May 22nd at 9:30 am. Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. Please contact Lynn Frank At 276-236-9195 or call the church office at 276-236-5185.



EVERY MORNING IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON GOD'S WORK IN OUR LIVES. EACH DAY OUR SLATES ARE WIPE CLEAN BY JESUS' SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS. AS WE LOOK AT OUR LIVES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF VICTORY ON THE CROSS, WE CAN KNOW THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISE THAT HIS MERCY WILL NEVER RUN OUT. NO MATTER HOW FAR WE MAY FEEL FROM HIM, HE IS WITH US. GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23



It is time once again for the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by the Tri-Area Pregnancy Resource Center. This is a major fundraiser for this organization which ministers to the women in our community who are currently or have been involved in a crisis pregnancy. The 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign will kick off with the distribution of baby bottles on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, and will end on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15. Everyone is asked to take a bottle on Mother's Day, fill it with loose change and return the filled bottles on Father's Day. These will then be delivered to the Tri-Area Pregnancy Resource Center. This is a local missional effort, and your participation will be greatly appreciated. Baby bottles will be located in the annex and in the front of the church office.



Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27

Are you sharing the love of Jesus? Do you help those in need? Are you paying attention to those who need compassion and love?

Jesus said, "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46.

Let us all be the light, the salt, the aroma of Jesus Christ in this world that is deeply troubled.

Let us all look around and think about those who need help, who need someone to talk to, who need a smile, who need compassion, and the list continues. Let us spread the love of Jesus Christ everywhere.

Kingdom Kids Ministry learned that as believers in and followers of Jesus Christ we are to be as Jesus: notice those in need and help them, be kind, and be the light of Jesus in this dark world. God first always.

April 2025
Attendance Records

04/06/25

Sunday School 90
11 am Worship 132
Evening Attendance 65
Hispanic Worship 41
328

04/13/25

Sunday School 108
11 am Worship 195
Evening Attendance 349
Hispanic Worship 38
690

04/20/25

Sunday School 94
11 am Worship 283
Evening Attendance 0
Hispanic Worship 50
427

04/27/25

Sunday School 84
11 am Worship 145
Evening Attendance 0
Hispanic Worship 43
272

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

Love & Sympathy to the Michael Coleman Family. Mike
Passed on April 7th. 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

Prayer Requests

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



Donation by Sarah Keatley to the Preschool Fund
In Loving Memory Of
Her Parents James & Alma Keatley

Donation by Debbie Adams
To the Annie Armstrong Fund
In Loving Memory Of
John Adams, Sr.

MAY TEAM VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY

May 4 Erica Testerman
May 11 Noelle Edwards
May 18 Sally Hill
May 25 Tara Spurlin

SECURITY TEAM

May 4 Don Houk Scott Hall
May 11 Mark Burnett Gerald Cox
May 18 Cody Edwards Nathan Lyons
May 25 Mark Burnett Billy Whitaker

WELCOME CENTER

May 4 Robert Leonard
May 11 Debbie Patterson
May 18 Regina Snow
May 25 Pam Turner

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Phil & Gay Helms
Marty & Cathy Parks
Basil & Nancy Carpenter
Tony & Sonia Truitt

TECH SOUND

May 4 Mike Stevens
May 11 Gary Ballard
May 18 Gary Ballard
May 25 Mike Stevens

TECH PROJECTION

Jessica Whitaker
Bryan Dillon
Bryan Dillon
Jessica Whitaker

**PASTOR KEVIN'S MAY 2025
SERMON SERIES**

**May 4—Psalm 139:1-6
"Where My Doubt Comes From"**

**May 11—Hebrews 11:1-2
"Doubt That Breaks Our Faith"**

**May 18—Mark 9:14-27
"Bring Your Doubts to Jesus"**

**May 25—Mark 9:14-27
"Admit Your Struggle"**

A close-up photograph of several pink roses in bloom, with green leaves visible in the background. The image is used as a background for the text.

**GOD
BLESS
Mothers**



Saturday, May 10th—6:30 pm
Kids & Youth Baseball Outing
Winston-Salem Dash at the Truist Stadium
951 Ballpark Wy., Winston-Salem, NC
Tickets are \$30 each—the church will cover 1/2 the cost.
This will include dinner and there will be fireworks
after the game.

Please call or email the church office
by May 2nd
If you would like to attend

**Vacation Bible School
June 8—12
6:00 pm—8:30 pm**



To Register:

Please call the church office at 276-236-5185

or email secretary@fbcgalax.org

Registration is also available @ www.fbcgalax.org

VBS is open to children K—5th

Memory Verse: Psalm 34:3

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

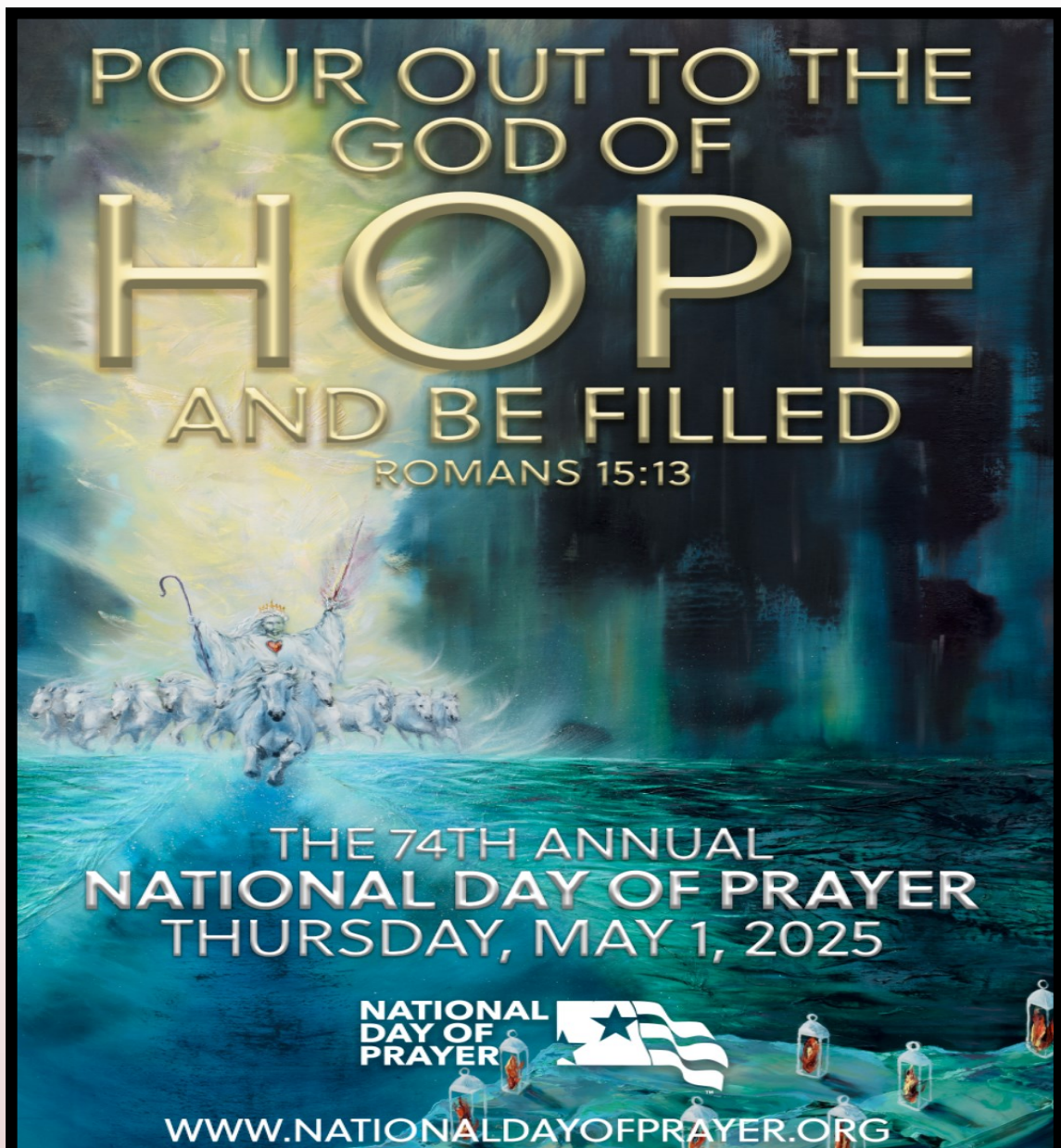
**Please be in prayer for our volunteers as they prepare, plan,
and assist with VBS**

Pray for the Children that will be attending

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
Thursday, May 1

12:00 Noon at Galax Town Hall

The scripture inspiring Nation Day of Prayer
In 2025 is Romans 15:13:
*Now may the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace in believing, so that you
will abound in hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.*



2025 National Prayer

God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we will abound in hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

You have caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead; therefore, we hope in what we do not see.
This world is not our home or reality, but the Lord is
our Rock, our Truth, our certainty.

God of hope, we pour out our praise and are filled
with Your powerful presence.

We pour out repentance of sin and are filled
with forgiveness and righteousness.

We pour out pain from the attacks of the enemy-
anxiousness, fear, anger-
and You fill us with courage, assurance, and love.

We pour out our needs, the desires of our hearts,
and we are filled with Your Kingdom
provision and purpose.

We pour out our hearts for nation, for the people and
places, relationships and responsibilities the Lord has
established: the Church, Family, Education, Business,
Military, Arts, Entertainment, Media, and Government.
May all who live, serve and steward in these be filled with
Your purpose, wisdom, strength, and truth.

Let Your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
as we have hoped in You.

In abounding hope, anchored by our hope
in the name of Jesus, we pray.
Amen!



**First Baptist Church Is Scheduled
To Prepare & Serve Food on
Monday, May 5**

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

We Would Love To Have 7 Volunteers

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

**God's Storehouse-Soup Kitchen
Is Located at
406 W. Oldtown St—Galax, VA**



Class of *2025!*


Wednesday, May 21 at 9:30 am
End Of Year
Commencement Celebration for
Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Atkins, & Ms. Robinson's
4-Year Old Class
&

Thursday, May 22 at 9:30 am
End of Year
Commencement Celebration for
For Mrs. Rosenfeld's & Mrs. Dickson's
4-Year Old Class

FBC Church Sanctuary



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Paola Galvan	7	8	9 Arthur Cox Audrey Schultheis	10
11	12 Mimi Pemberton	13	14	15 Scott Hall Joe Lindsey	16	17 Charles Burnette
18	19	20 Carolyn Matthews	21	22 Karen Dickson	23 Judy Brannock Pam Turner Maggie Williams	24
25 Tammy Anders Austin Lumpkins Isabel Robles	26	27	28	29	30	31 Bryan Dillon



May 2025
Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 	2	3
4 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service No Evening Activities	5 Soup Kitchen Please have bread & desserts to the church by 1:00 pm.	6 10 am\ Paper Pals	7 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10 Kids & Youth Outing Winston-Salem DASH Game starts at 6:30 pm
11 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 	12	13 10:00 am Paper Pals 11:00 am 	14 5:30pm Kingdom Kids 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	15  11:30 am Loss Support Group	16	17
18 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Galax High Baccalaureate At FBC	19 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting	20 10:00 am Paper Pals	21 9:30 Preschool Commencement Celebration 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 9:30 am Preschool Commencement Celebration	23	24 Galax High School Graduation
25 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service No Evening Activities	26 Church Office Closed 	27 No Paper Pals Will Resume Meeting in the Fall	28 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31



MAY 5

SOUP KITCHEN

**Please Have
Bread & Desserts
to the Church
by 1:00 pm**



Kingdom Kids

**May 14th & May 28th
@ 5:30 pm**



**May 13th
11:00 am**

**May's Project Is The
Annual Baby Bottle
Campaign for the Tri-Area
Pregnancy Resource Center**



Grief has no timeline

MAY 15

@ 11:30 AM

Loss Support Group

**For More Information
Call the Church Office**



**MONDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDY
WITH PASTOR KEVIN**

Summer Break

Studies Will Resume in the Fall



**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.**



**Children & Youth
Baseball Outing
Saturday, May 10th
Winston-Salem DASH
Game Starts @ 6:30 pm**



**Paper Pals
Every Tuesday at 10 am
In The Church Parlor
Summer Break Begins After
May 14th
Volunteers Will Resume
Meeting in The Fall**