



# Forerunner

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# Love

## ONE ANOTHER AS

## I HAVE *loved you*

*John 13:34*



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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)  
11:00 am—Nursery is Provided &  
Children's Church for K-3rd Grade Children  
5:30 pm Children & Youth Meetings

#### Mondays

Bible Study—5:30 pm

#### Wednesdays

6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal



**You are holy and free from blame because of Jesus Christ's death**

### **Colossians 1:21-22**

*21 You, being in past times alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works,*

*22 yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and blameless before him,*

The New International Version Bible says

### **Colossians 1:21-22** this way...

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior;

22 But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

**Feb 4 & 25 - 5:30 pm**  
**Kingdom Kids**

**Feb 18 - 7:00 pm**  
**Ash Wednesday Service**

**Feb 19—11:30 am Loss Support Group**

**Feb 22 -**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**Feb 22 -**  
**Business Meeting Following Worship**

**Feb 27 & 28th**  
**FBC Volunteering At Elisha's House**



The sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross has done for each of us what nothing else could do.

Jesus reconciled us to His Father through His death so that He might present us as holy and blameless to His Father. We are free from accusation, and the Father sees us as spotless because of Jesus!

God sees us this way because of the shed blood of Jesus and not for anything we have done to earn or deserve His favor. The next time a condemning thought comes to your mind, remember this promise and the incredible power of the cross. You are holy and completely free from blame because of Jesus Christ's death!

We need to thank God for seeing us as holy and blameless because of Jesus' finished work of death and resurrection on our behalf. May we embrace this reality more today than ever so we can live free from the enemy's accusations that would try to convince us that we are unloved and unaccepted in Your sight.

In Christ's Love,  
Kevin



February is filled to the brim with lots of good things. We shower special people in our lives with loving sentiments, beautiful flowers, and delicious chocolates. We enjoy showing them how much we **LOVE** them. 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! In John 3:16-17, Jesus 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."***

So in closing, while the gifts of "love" that we give this month are fun and exciting, the gift of eternal life is priceless. Share the good news today with someone around you!! And while we're speaking of love, the Sanctuary Choir would ***"love"*** for you to join us **every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** in the choir room. It's never too late to work on those New Year's resolutions, and Easter is right around the corner!!

*I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.*

*For me it was in the garden  
He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine;"  
He had no tears for His own griefs,  
But sweat drops of blood for mine.*

*He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,  
And suffered and died alone.*

*When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages  
To sing of His love for me.*

*How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be;  
How marvelous! how wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me!*

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The Children & Youth had a blast snowtubing at Winter Place on January 18th. They will be attending a Blue Ridge Bobcats Hockey game at Wytheville, VA on Sunday, March 1st at 4:00 pm. Contact the church office before February 25th to sign up. If you sign-up to go to the game, please be at the hockey arena at 3:30 p.m. and Pastor Kevin will be there with your ticket.

Weather permitting, there will be Sunday evening meetings at 5:30 pm for the children and youth on February 15th. Only the Tru-North Youth will meet on Sunday, February 22nd. There will be no meetings held on Super Bowl Sunday—February 8th. Dinner is served at each meeting and then the children & youth break-out into their study groups.

Pastor Kevin is leading the Tru-North Youth in an amazing study entitled "Not My Jesus" by Shane Pruitt. Reclaiming the Truth, Rejecting Idols. Who is the real Jesus? Faith in the real Jesus of the Bible will change everything about who we are. Are you ready to meet the real Jesus? Are you ready to have your life changed?



**Hispanic  
Ministry**



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.

WOM meets on the second Thursday of each month at 11:00 am in the Common Ground Classroom. There will be no meeting in February. We will meet in March.

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.



Revival! Revival! What is revival asked the children??? The Oxford dictionary states revival is an improvement in the condition or strength of something. Do we need an improvement, a strengthening in the church today? Yes!

God tells us in 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".

Today, make knowing God your number one priority.

"Everything else is worthless compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus". Philippians 3:8

Slow down and be quiet. Stop trying to do everything. Stop focusing on yourself and focus on God. Work on pleasing God. "Be still, and know that I am God". Psalm 46:10

"Friendship with the Lord is reserved for those who reverence Him". Psalm 25:14.

Decide whose friendship you want the most: the world's friendship or friendship with God. "Loving the world is the same as hating God. Anyone who wants to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God". James 4:4

Stay in a constant conversation with God. "Pray continually"! 1Thessalonians 5:17

Trust God in your pain. "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall".

Psalm 55:22

**January 2026  
Attendance Records**

	<b>01/04/2026</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>Evening Attendance</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Hispanic Worship</b>	<b>34</b>
	<b>301</b>

	<b>01/11/2026</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Evening Attendance</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Hispanic Worship</b>	<b>33</b>
	<b>336</b>

	<b>01/18/2026</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Evening Attendance</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Hispanic Worship</b>	<b>No Service</b>
	<b>334</b>

	<b>01/25/2026</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	
<b>11 am Worship</b>	<b>Snow &amp; Ice</b>
<b>Evening Attendance</b>	
<b>Hispanic Worship</b>	<b>No Services</b>



Shirley & Benny White, Joe Lindsey, John Garner, Nancy Blair, Steve Conley, Rose Houk, Esther Rosenfeld, Max Brown, Jennifer Shupe, & Wanda Rikken.

Iona Adams—Galax Health & Rehab—Room B17  
Eula Merrill—Hillsville Health & Rehab—Room 209  
Forest & Virginia Newman—Waddell Nursing & Rehab  
Betty Parks—Waddell Nursing & Rehab

Pray for our country & the U.S. Military & other coalition forces.

WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

Much Love & Sympathy to the  
Imogene Frye Family.  
Imogene passed away on January 31st  
Please keep the family in your prayers.

IN LOVING  
*Memory*

Donation by Bill Brannon to the Organ Fund  
In Loving Memory of Doris Bedwell

Donation by Dale & Dena Lucy to the General Fund  
In Loving Memory of Doris Bedwell

**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 1	No Service—Snow & Ice
February 8	Sara Hall
February 15	Erica Testerman
February 22	Sally Hill

**SECURITY TEAM**

February 1	James Wagoner & David Rikken
February 8	Mark Burnett & Billy Whitaker
February 15	Johnny Dickson & James Dowell
February 22	Cody Edwards & David Rikken

**WELCOME CENTER**      **FIRST IMPRESSIONS**

February 1	Pam Turner	Calvin & Sue Griffith
February 8	Karen Dickson	Tony & Sonia Truitt
February 15	Linda Cooley	Johnny & Karen Dickson
February 22	Sarah Keatley	Don & Rose Houk

**TECH SOUND**

**TECH PROJECTION**

February 1	Gary Ballard	Bryan Dillon
February 8	Mike Stevens	Jessica Whitaker
February 15	Bryan Dillon	Jessica Whitaker
February 22	Mike Stevens	Bryan Dillon

# PASTOR KEVIN'S FEBRUARY 2026 SERMON SERIES

February 1  
No Service—Inclement Weather

February 8  
"The Call to Wake Up"  
Revelation 3:1-6

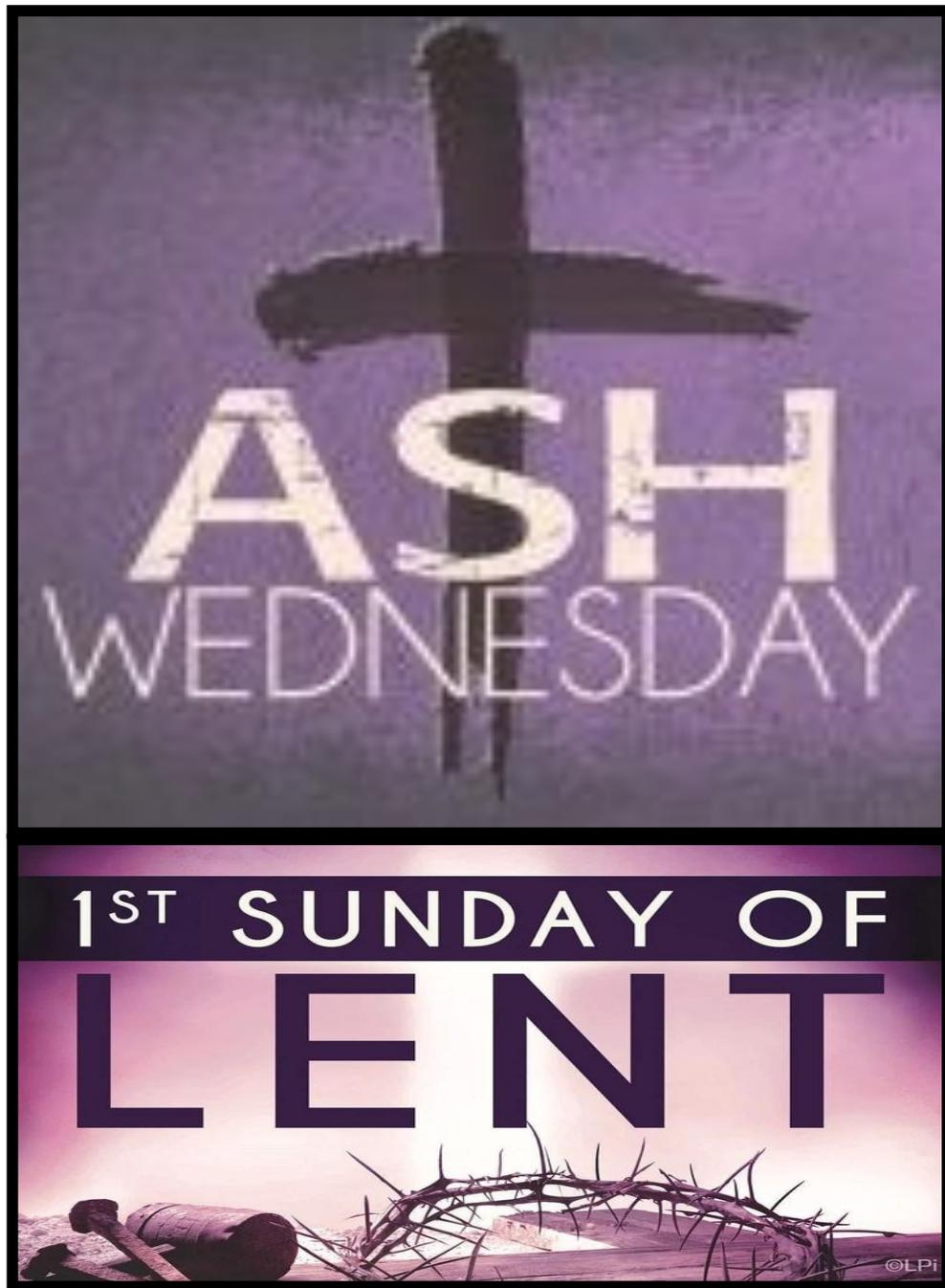
February 15  
"The Threat of Losing Our Way"  
Revelation 3:14-22

February 18  
Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm

February 22  
"The Gift You Can Not Give Yourself"  
Romans 1:16-25, 3:9-26  
1st Sunday of Lent



**ASH Wednesday Service  
February 18 at 7:00 pm**



**Sunday, February 22  
1st Sunday of Lent**

# God's Storehouse



Soup  
kitchen

First Baptist Church  
will be Preparing & Serving Food  
for God's Storehouse Soup Kitchen  
The First Monday of Each Month  
Please have bread & desserts  
to the church by 1:00 pm

A volunteer sign-up sheet  
Is located outside the  
church office

Volunteers are needed at  
God's Storehouse Soup Kitchen  
from 3:30 pm—6:00 pm to  
help serve food & drinks

**Elisha's  
House**  
Galax Area Warming Shelter

First Baptist Church  
Is Scheduled to Volunteer at  
Elisha's House Warming  
Shelter On  
February 27th  
&  
February 28th

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

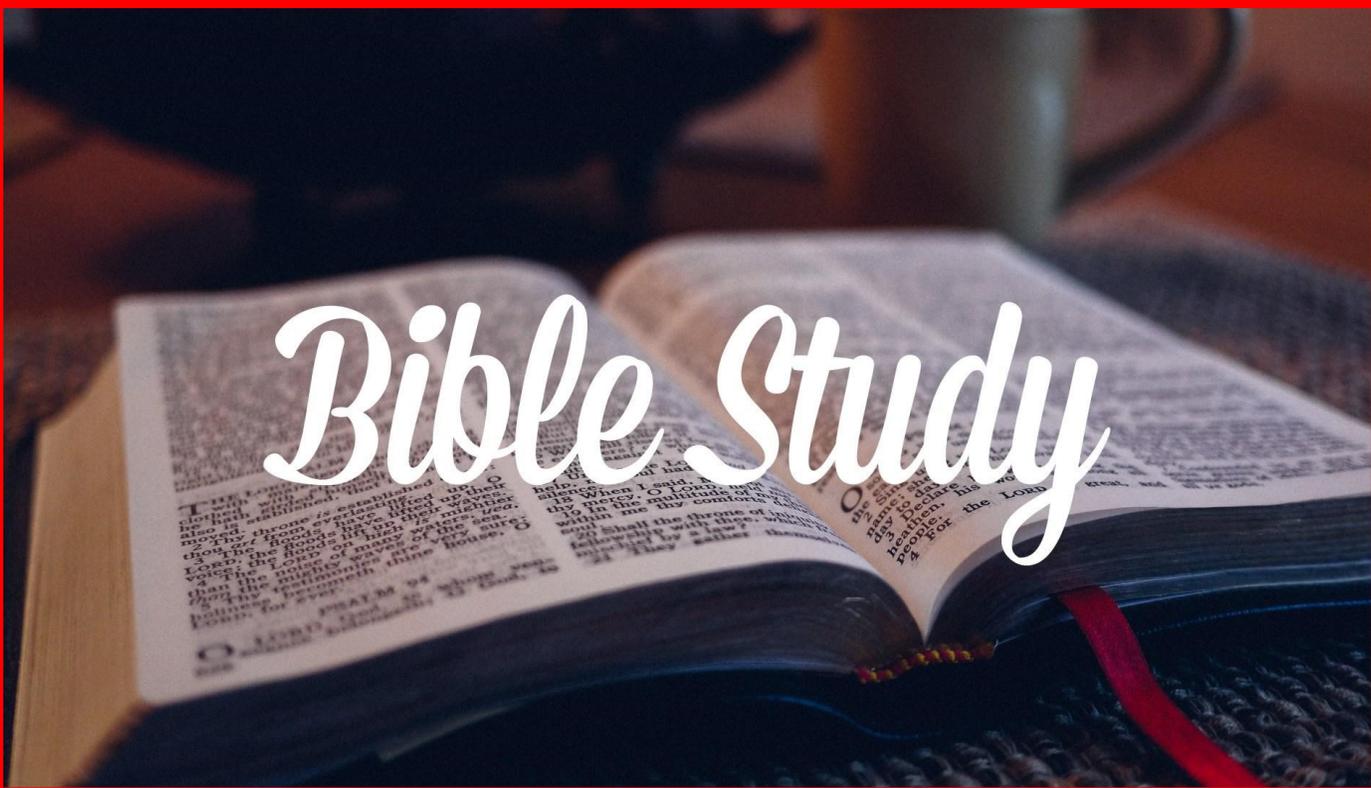
Each night, two volunteers are needed to register guests from  
7:30 pm—10:30 pm

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 launder 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.

The shelter is open when temperatures are 35 degrees or below.  
Elisha'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!



# Bible Study

**Pastor Kevin's Winter 2026 Bible Study  
From the Book of Revelation**

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

**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)**

*Welcome,*

**New Members**



**Harry & Hazel Wiggins  
Joined FBC on Sunday, January 18, 2026**

# PRESCHOOL



## Registration

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

**Mrs. Rosenfeld's Four-Year Old Class  
Collected 115 Food Cans for God's Storehouse**



**The Children Enjoy a Winter Fun Day!**





**Children & Youth  
Sunday Evening February Schedule  
Meetings Begin at 5:30 pm**

**February 1  
Sunday Night Dinner & Break-Out Groups**

**February 8  
No Children & Youth Meetings**

**February 15  
Sunday Night Dinner & Break-Out Groups**

**February 22  
Sunday Night Dinner & Break-Out Groups  
(Youth Only)**



**March 1st, 2026 @ 4:00 pm  
Children & Youth Event  
Blue Ridge Bobcats Hockey Game  
At Wytheville, VA**

**Cost is \$10.00 per person  
& this includes a free popcorn  
Contact the church office to sign-up  
Registration Deadline is Wed. Feb. 25th  
Please be at the hockey arena at 3:30 pm  
& Pastor Kevin will have your ticket**

**HOCKEY**



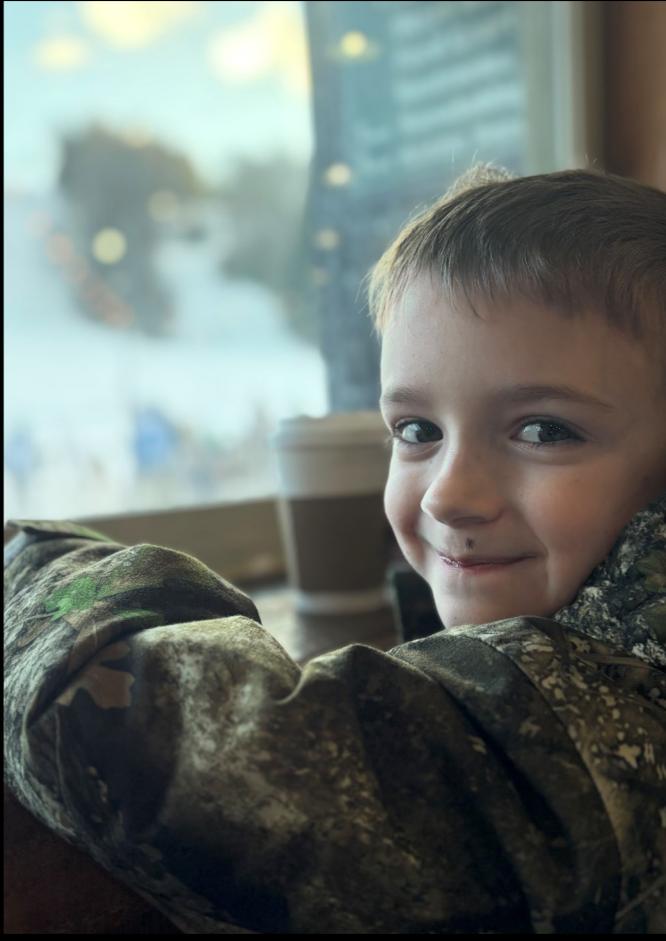
**The Children & Youth Had a Blast Snow Tubing  
at Winter Place on January 18th**















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	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 2026 Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 No Soup Kitchen This Monday  No Bible Study	3	4 No Choir Rehearsal  No Kingdom Kids	5	6	7
8 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service No Evening Activities	9 5:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin	10 10:00 am Paper Pals	11 12:30 pm Lions Club 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids	12 No Feb Meeting Women on Mission 	13	14 
15 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 5:30 pm Children & Youth Meetings	16 5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin 	17 10:00 am Paper Pals	18 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 	19 11:30 am Loss Support Group 	20 Fellowship Hall Reserved to Decorate	21 Celebration of Life Service for Imogene Frye  Fellowship Hall Reserved for Bridal Shower 9 am—5 pm
22 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 1st Sunday of Lent Business Meeting Fellowship Hall Reserved 2—4 5:30 pm Youth Meeting (No Children's Meeting)	23 5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin	24 10:00 am Paper Pals	25 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Organizational Team Meeting 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids	26	27 FBC Night at Elisha's House	28 FBC Night at Elisha's House
						

**SOUP**  **P**  
k i t c h e n



# SOUP KITCHEN

## February 2

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)



**NO February Meeting**

Please contact  
Christy Sumner  
for more information



*Grief has no timeline*

**Loss Support Group**  
**Feb. 19 @ 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**

**Elisha's  
House**  
Galax Area Warming Shelter

**FBC Volunteer Nights**

**For Elisha's House**

**February 27th & 28th**

**Sign-Up Sheet**

**Is Located Outside The Church Office**



## **Kingdom Kids**

**February 11th & 25th**

**@ 5:30 pm**



**Tru-North & Kids Explorers**

**5:30 pm YOUTH MEETINGS**

**Feb. 1— Dinner & Breakout Groups**

**Feb. 8— No Meetings**

**Feb. 15—Dinner & Breakout Groups**

**Feb. 22—(Youth Only) Dinner & Breakout  
Group**



## **PAPER PALS**

**Each Tuesday @ 10 am**

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