

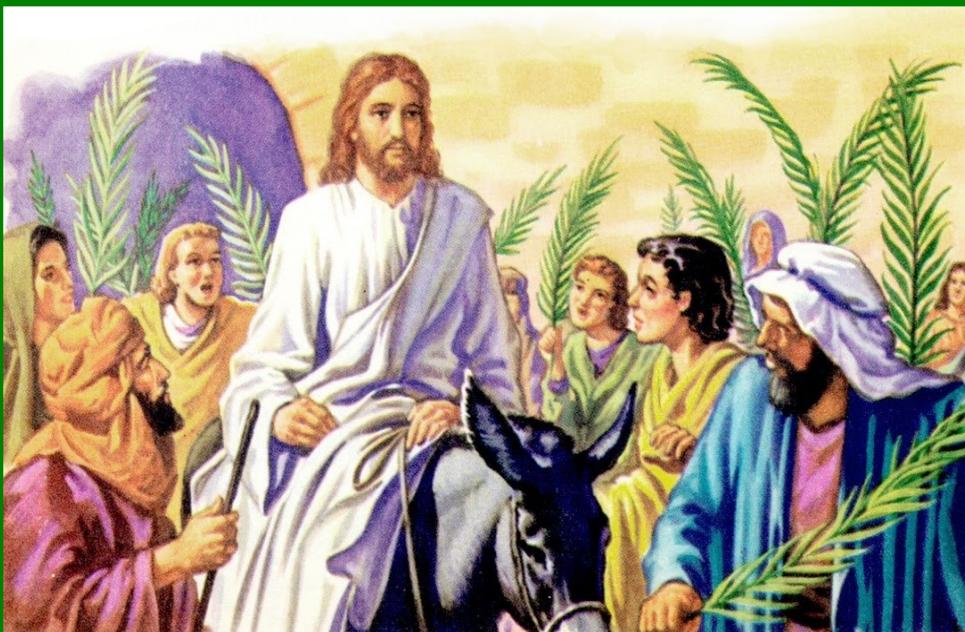


Forerunner

First Baptist Church
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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)
11:00 am—Nursery is Provided &
Children's Church for K-3rd Grade
5:30 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 2—Soup Kitchen
Please have bread and desserts to the
Church by 1:00 pm

March 8—Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 11 & 25th —5:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

March 12— 11:00 am
Women on Mission

March 16—6:30 pm—Deacon Meeting

March 19—11:30 am—Loss Support Group

March 20—First Day of Spring

March 27th & March 28th
FBC Volunteering At Elisha's House
if temps are below freezing

March 29th—Palm Sunday

March 29th—7:00 pm FBC
Choir's Easter Cantata

The earth belongs to Me and all that is in it

Psalm 24:1

*The earth is Yahweh's, with its fullness;
the world, and those who dwell therein.*

When everything seems to be spinning out of control, it is comforting to remember this promise. When the economy is shaking, and fear rises in people's hearts around you, it is reassuring to meditate on the bigness of our God. The New International Version translation of Psalm 24:1 says it this way...

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; (NIV)

Simply put, God is sovereign. He is on the throne, and everything belongs to Him. Our adversary may be called the prince of the power of the air, but he is NOT the Lord over heaven and earth. Our God and Father reigns over all, and Jesus will be forever known as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!



Today, I pray that we will all be comforted in knowing that our Heavenly Dad is the biggest, strongest, most loving Dad in the universe! The entire earth and all that is in it belongs to Him.

Responsive Prayer:

Father, thank you for reassuring me that the earth belongs to you. No matter what happens in this world or how unstable it seems, I know that you are sovereign, on the throne, and taking care of me because you are my loving Father!

In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

In Christ's Love,

Kevin

MARCH MADNESS...here we go! No matter where we are in life, there seems to be so much going on, and here at FBC weekly activities are always underway. Sunday School classes, children and youth activities, volunteer opportunities such as Paper Pals and Soup Kitchen...there are plenty of ways to be involved. And this season of Lent is no exception! A very special part of Sunday morning worship is the diminishing lights, a time when we reflect on Christ's journey to the cross. These are precious days!

Our Sanctuary Choir is hard at work with preparations for our Easter presentation that will take place on **Palm Sunday evening, March 29, at 7:00 p.m.** We hope you'll join us for an exciting worship event that will begin with Christ's triumphal entry and culminate with His glorious resurrection. Let's "*awake our souls and sing of Him who died for thee...*"

*Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Thro' all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.*

*Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole,
That wars may cease,
And all be pray'r and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Thro'out eternity.*

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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.



“Courage for the Journey”

March is a month that invites us to strengthen our faith. The excitement of the new year fades, and real challenges begin to surface. Yet this is where courage matters most.

As a Hispanic pastor, I see courage every day, families working hard, young people seeking purpose, and believers choosing hope even when life is difficult. Their example reminds me that courage is not the absence of fear, but trusting God in the middle of uncertainty.

March can be a powerful month of growth. May God give you courage for every step ahead.

Blessings,
Hispanic Pastor:
Mauricio Villarrea
(276) 232-2373



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. Today more than \$2 Billion has been donated by Southern Baptist Churches and individuals to support thousands of missionaries. This year our goal for First Baptist Church is \$3,000. The Week of Prayer is March 1-8th. Come join us on March 12th for our monthly meeting at 11:00 am.

- Christy Sumner

Our community needs to show the love of Jesus. There are many hurting people who need your time in the form of a phone call, a visit, or a listening ear. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is made complete in us.

1 John 4:12 We, the Kingdom Kids Ministry, strive to teach and show the youth what this verse means.

Kingdom Kids spent time learning about love for the month of February. The youth held a very special prayer session for not only the youth, but also for the adults. It was a blessed evening spent in prayer!

The youth shared their prayer for an elective Bible class to be taught in the Galax City Public Schools. “Things would really change for the better,” said one of the youth. Many public school systems do offer an elective Bible class for middle and high school. Let’s all pray for an elective Bible class at Galax Middle and at Galax High School.

What great change would come to our church, our community, and our homes if we actively followed Jesus Christ’s command of love God with all your heart, mind, and soul and secondly love your neighbor as yourself!

**February 2026
Attendance Records**

02/01/2026
No Service
Snow & Ice

Sunday School
11 am Worship
Evening Attendance
Hispanic Worship

02/08/2026

Sunday School 91
11 am Worship 160
Evening Attendance 40
Hispanic Worship 0
291

02/15/2026

Sunday School 97
11 am Worship 161
Evening Attendance 124
Hispanic Worship 0
382

02/22/2026

Sunday School 85
11 am Worship 157
Evening Attendance 32
Hispanic Worship 25
299



Max Brown, Shirley & Benny White, Esther Rosenfeld, Wanda Rikken, Phil Helms, Jealynn Coleman, Ted Phillips, Owen Eddy, John Garner, Rose Houk, Joe Lindsey & Debbie Adams.

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 all those in the Nursing Home & Rehab Centers
Pray for our country & the U.S. Military & other coalition forces.



Donation by Betty Parrish to the Organ Fund
in Loving Memory of Doris Bedwell
Donation by Joe & Susan White to the Soup Kitchen Fund
in Loving Memory of Imogene Frye
Donation by David Roberson to the Organ Fund
in Loving Memory of Imogene Frye
Donation by James & Linda Riddle to the Soup Kitchen Fund
in Loving Memory of Imogene Frye
Donation by Mitchell Robinson to the Soup Kitchen Fund
in Loving Memory of Imogene Frye

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

**MARCH TEAM VOLUNTEERS
NURSERY**

March 1 Tara Spurlin
March 8 Sally Hill
March 15 Erica Testerman
March 22 To Be Determined
March 29 Sara Hall

SECURITY TEAM

March 1 Johnny Dickson & Phil Helms
March 8 James Wagoner & Nathan Lyons
March 15 Mark Burnett & David Rikken
March 22 Johnny Dickson & Billy Whitaker
March 29 Cody Edwards & James Dowell

WELCOME CENTER

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

March 1 Robert Leonard	Phil & Gay Helms
March 8 Debbie Patterson	Basil & Nancy Carpenter
March 15 Sarah Keatley	Marty & Cathy Parks
March 22 Pam Turner	Patty Boyer & Debi Dixon
March 29 Karen Dickson	Calvin & Sue Griffith

TECH SOUND

TECH PROJECTION

March 1 Gary Ballard	Jessica Whitaker
March 8 Mike Stevens	Bryan Dillon
March 15 Bryan Dillon	Jessica Whitaker
March 22 Mike Stevens	Jessica Whitaker
March 29 Gary Ballard	Bryan Dillon

Pastor Kevin's March Sermon Series

March 1—"A Love You Can Experience"

**Romans 5:1-11
Second Sunday of Lent**

March 8- "An Identity You Must Embrace"

**Romans 6:1-14
Third Sunday of Lent
Communion**

March 15—"A Fight You Can't Win by Yourself"

**Romans 7:14-25
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

March 22—"A Life You Can't Live on Your Own"

**Romans 8:1-17
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

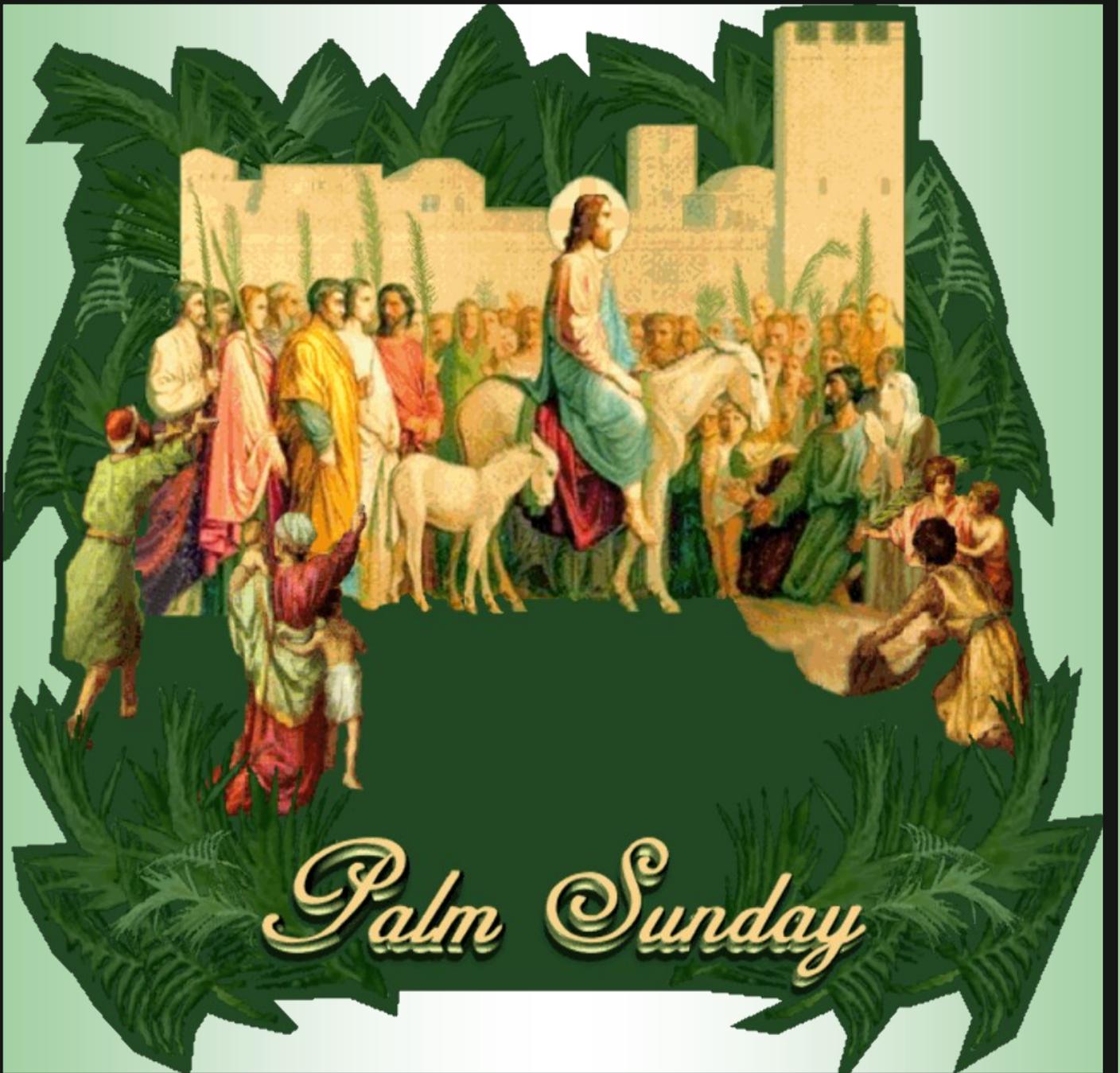
March 29—"Glory Through Suffering"

**John 12:12-50
Sixth Sunday of Lent
Palm Sunday**



Palm Sunday
March 29th

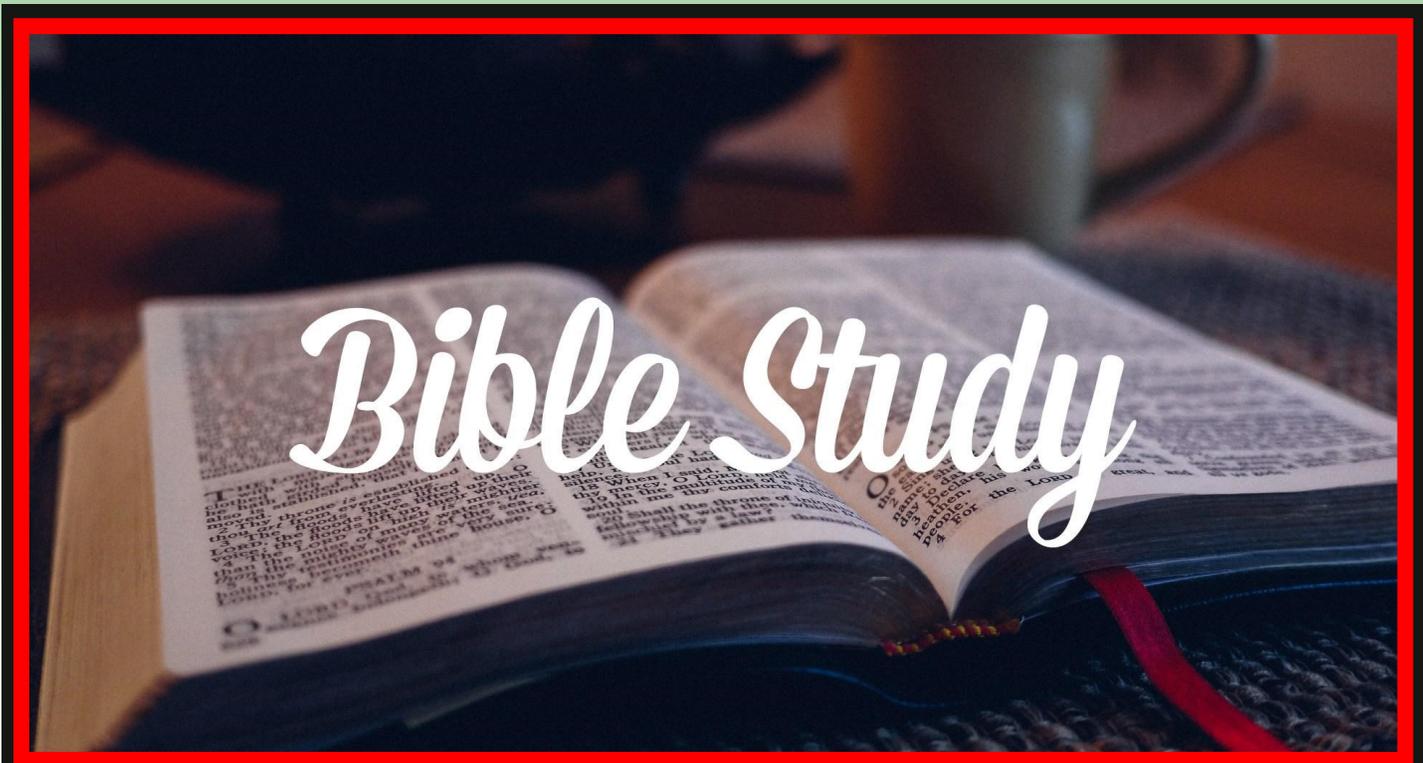
Hosanna
IN THE HIGHEST



**SUNDAY, MARCH 29
7:00 PM
EASTER CANTATA**

**Presented by the
First Baptist Church Choir
& Orchestra**





Pastor Kevin's Monday Evening Bible Study

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

**Spring 2026
Bible Study
From the Book of Revelation**

**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**



Kids & Youth March Schedule

Sunday, March 1st—4:00 pm
Blue Ridge Bobcats Hockey Night Outing Wytheville
Hitachi Energy Arena
200 Apex Drive, Wytheville, VA

March 8
5:30 pm Kids & Youth Meeting
Dinner & Break-Out Groups

March 15
5:30 pm Kids & Youth Meeting
Dinner & Break-Out Groups

March 22
5:30 pm Youth Only Meeting
Dinner & Break-Out Groups

March 29th
No Meeting—Choir's Easter Cantata



Elisha's House

Galax Area Warming Shelter

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

**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 2**

**We need donations of
cornbread & desserts brought to the church by
1:00 pm on March 2**

**7-10 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**

Mrs. Rosenfeld & Mrs. Dickson's 4-year old class showed their appreciation to the Paper Pals by visiting them and singing special songs for them. We truly appreciate our Paper Pals. They mean so much to our teachers and





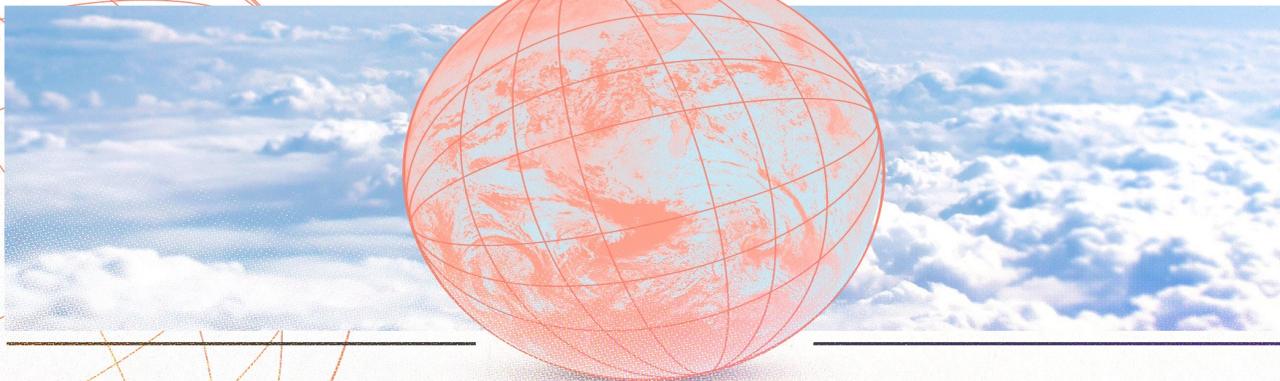
**Ms. Elizabeth & Mrs. Susie's
3-year-old class
made binoculars and went on a bear hunt
They have a couple of girls
who might want to become chefs!**



FBC Women on Mission

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WOMEN ON MISSION

**Women on Mission Meets at
First Baptist Church
the Second Thursday of Each Month at 11:00 a.m.**

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

Women of all ages are always invited to join us.

You are welcome to come and learn about the missions from around the world as well as opportunities available in our own community.

Missions Include

- Tri-Area Pregnancy Center Project
- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
 - Annie Armstrong Easter Project
 - Lottie Moon Christmas Project
 - Alma Hunt Project

We love to have you join our team!

For more information you may contact the church office.

What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Project?

Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when there was little opportunity for women. Yet her devotion to Christ led her to a life of service and leadership. She organized women to pray, to give, and to meet the needs around them. She challenged pastors and churches to action and rallied vital support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer for her visionary leadership that still inspires missions today.

The Annie Armstrong Offering Projects begins during the Easter Season.

The week of prayer is March 1 through March 8.

The Annie Armstrong Offering is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given go to the field to support more than 3,000 Missionary families serving across the U.S. and Canada.

Gifts given to the fund are used to train and resource missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Gifts are also used to create evangelism resources. New churches are being planted, hurts are being healed and lives are being transformed by the gospel because you give!

What is the Alma Hunt Offering Project?

The Alma Hunt Project is an annual offering for Virginia missions named after Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian known world-wide for her mission service and her dedication to the cause of Christ. The offering provides funding for all Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) special ministries,

Outreach projects and initiative not funded through regular streams of giving.

Since 1976 it has been a joint venture of WMUV and BGAV.

Every dollar goes to the support of many ministries.

Your offering helps spread the love of Christ across the Commonwealth and with the whole world.

What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Project?

On July 7, 1873, Charlotte "Lottie" Moon was appointed as a missionary to China. She dedicated her life to sharing the Gospel with the people of China, serving faithfully until her passing on December 24, 1912. In letters home, Moon encouraged churches to support missions through their prayers and giving. Today, Southern Baptists across the nation honor Moon's wishes through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

What is the Baby Bottle Campaign?

Each year beginning on Mother's Day in May and ending on Father's Day in June, the FBC Women on Mission sponsors the Tri-Area Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign.

Empty baby bottles are made available and members are encouraged to take a bottle and fill it with money. 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.

What is the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project?

Each year First Baptist Church participates in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project collects and delivers gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need worldwide to demonstrate God's love. Since 1993, this Christian initiative has reached over 232 million children in more than 170 countries, partnering with local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

The Operation Christmas Child Campaign kicks off the first of October.

Empty shoeboxes are placed throughout the church for pickup. Members are encouraged to fill a box and return it to the church for the shoebox blessing in November.

The Women on Mission will go shopping and pack a shoebox for members that do not wish to shop. First Baptist Church filled over 180 shoeboxes in 2025, and the Women on Mission packed 34 of these boxes.



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 Rigger	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 2026 Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Children & Youth Hockey Game	2 Soup Kitchen Please have bread & desserts to the church by 1:00 pm 5:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin	3 10:00 am Paper Pals	4 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
8 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 5:30 pm Children & Youth Meeting 	9 5:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin	10 Parlor 10:00 am Paper Pals	11 Parlor Reserved At 12:30 pm 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	12 11:00 am Women on Mission  Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved to Decorate -Wedding	13 Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved to Decorate & Wedding Rehearsal	14 Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved for Wedding
15 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 5:30 pm Children & Youth Meeting	16 5:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting	17 Parlor 10:00 am Paper Pals Common Ground Room Reserved for Preschool	18 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 11:30 am Loss Support Group 	20 First Day of Spring	21
22 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 5:30 pm Youth (Only) Meeting	23 5:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin	24 Parlor 10:00 am Paper Pals	25 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved by the Choir	 Elisha's House Galax Area Warming Shelter	
29 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service Palm Sunday 7:00 pm FBC Choir's Easter Cantata	30 5:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin	31 Parlor 10:00 am Paper Pals			FBC is scheduled to Service at Elisha's House March 27th & 28th if temps are below freezing.	



SOUP KITCHEN March 2

**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 27th &
Saturday—March 28th**

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



**March 12
@ 11:00 AM
Please call the church
office or contact
Christy Sumner
for more information**



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**Loss Support Group
March 19 @ 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 11th & 25th
@ 5:30 pm**



**Tru-North & Kids Explorers
EVENING YOUTH MEETINGS**
March 1—4:00 pm Hockey @ Wytheville
March 8—5:30 pm Meeting
March 15—5:30 pm Meeting
March 22—5:30 Youth Only Meeting
March 29th—Choir's Easter Cantata



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