

The Beacon

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New Year - New Look

2025 brings changes, big changes to the Beacon. Instead of a printed mailing, going digital brings us further into the 21st century, only 25 years late. LOL We will email the new Beacon monthly; at the beginning of each month. However this first issue is being sent out early. We are so excited for this new format!

Our goal is to provide our members with church news and information faster and more efficiently than a printed mailing. We plan to include information from the church staff, different committees, and ministries, with occasional surprises.

If you know of someone you think would like to receive the Beacon digitally, please contact Paula at paula@fbcnewboston.com with their email address. She will be happy to add any and all to the mailing list.

Please pray for us and our new endeavor.

We look forward to hearing from you as we move ahead in 2025.

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Special points of interest

- Calendar of Events

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Nights
at 6:30pm

Galatians

You are reading this new online publication because you expressed a desire to know more about the various ministries and happenings of our church. THANK YOU!

While the printed and mailed Beacon served our church well for many years, with rising mailing and printing costs, our office staff envisioned a more efficient way to keep you in the know. This led to the creation of the Beacon ONLINE. Open to submissions from any minis-

try leader as well as those who are members of our fellowship, it is designed to help those wanting to be informed news about church ministries. Our plan is to publish on a monthly basis. Feel free to make suggestions as we move forward.

If you have friends who would also like to be in the know. Have them send their e-mail address to paula@fbcnewboston.com to be included in the next edition.

Dr. Patrick Hunter, Pastor



**Next
Lord's
Supper:
April 6**

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:25 am Worship Team Rehearsal

9:45 am Bible Study Groups

11:00 am Worship in the Morning

Monday

4:30 pm Bible Drill

Tuesday

6:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

4:30 pm Children's Handbells

5:15 pm Fellowship Supper

5:45 pm Kids Worship Arts

Adult Handbells

6:15 pm Youth

6:30 pm KBAM

Mission Friends

Abundant Life

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Other activities added as needed weekly/monthly.

"Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 2-6 for children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. It looks to be a fantastic week for all who attend."

Youth Ministry

FBC Youth is a thriving and fast paced student ministry where we focus on the core message of the Gospel. Our priority is that our students learn two things: to know Christ through relationship with him, and to make Christ known to others. This ministry serves students who have entered 7th grade through students entering 12th grade, and is led by Student Minister Aaron Skinner and his wife, Libby. Weekly, our main events are Wednesday Night Service (Fellowship Meal at 5:15 to 6:15, Service from 6:15 to 7:30) and Sunday Service (Sunday School 9:45 to 10:45, Worship 11:00 to 12:00). Yearly, some of our big events feature Student Life Camp in the summer at Glorieta, NM, Fall Retreat at Siloam Springs, AR, serving at VBS in June, and a December full of Christmas events. Throughout the year, we have various fellowships & day trips focused on growing together and towards Christ. For regular updates, please see the FBC New Boston Facebook Group, or join our GroupMe if you are a youth/parent. We would love for you to come join us! Please contact Aaron with questions about FBC Youth."

Aaron Skinner, Student Minister

VBS 2025

June 2-6

8:45am
to NOON



Music Ministry

Blessings! What a true blessing it is to serve a loving God, full of grace and mercy for His people! What a blessing it is to be a part of FBC New Boston as we enter a new year of opportunities; to glorify the Lord Jesus, to fellowship with His people and to reach our community for Christ! We live in exciting times with opportunities all around us!

Our church is full of Ministry opportunities! In the Music Ministry, here are a few places to get involved and use your gifts for God's glory:

Wednesday Nights

Easter Musical Rehearsal at 6:30pm

Adult Handbell Rehearsal at 5:45pm

Children's Choir Rehearsal at 5:45pm

Children's Handbell Rehearsal at 4:30pm

(Youth Fine Arts is coming soon on Sunday nights.....more details TBA!)

If you play an instrument or sing, we have a spot for you to join us! Please pray about where God would like to use you!

See you Sunday morning for worship. Blessings, Christopher Dale

WOW ... our Second Chapter

Ministry for widows, others, and widowers

Meets the **SECOND** Monday of each month at
NOON in the Fellowship Hall.

Abundant Life/King's Table

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they have it more abundantly." John 10:10

It is well perceived in the USA that all should have the right to enjoy life to its fullest, but what about God's children whose enjoyment may be hindered? Jesus wants us to overcome any impediment to equal worship opportunity, don't you think? This consideration led to the formation of the Abundant Life Sunday School class and The King's Table. Both groups are fully integrated, yet specifically tuned for those who might otherwise have less than abundant chance to meet as peers to study God's word, fellowship and worship Him who knows no distinctions among people. Parents/caregivers of this group also can gather each Sunday for Bible study.

We are blessed at FBC to have sixty-nine (69) volunteers assisting with The King's table. Two or three of them will meet with this group every other Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for planned adventures. We have seventeen (17) enrolled members from our church and fellow churches. There is room for more!

Please all our church office for more information, if you know of a prospect for either group.



Future Events

Women on
Mission



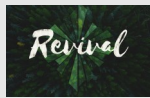
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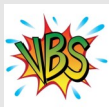
Feb. 19th

Revival
2025



Mar. 30th-
Apr. 2nd

VBS



Jun. 2nd-Jun.
6th

Centri
Kid
Camp



Jun. 23rd -Jun. 27th

Student Life
Camp



Jun. 30th-Jul. 6th

Operation Christmas Child

It's already the end of January 2025! Our team has their game face on and beginning to strategize for the November 2025 MISSION shipment of shoeboxes to bring the name of Jesus to the world. Our goal will be 900 boxes this year. With the help and encouragement of our church body, it will happen.

We do seek your participation in events to raise money and your prayers.

Additional new team members added for 2025 are Teresa Gholston, Jona Garrison, and Martha Johnston. All are welcome to join us. God Bless.



King's Kids Happenings-K-6th

Sundays-New, Fun, Interactive Curriculum with upcoming topics on The Creation, Noah-Teaching Kids to Trust God & Awesome Easter

Mondays-Bible Drill-for kids who are dedicated to memorizing scripture and learning how it applies to everyday life in every stage of life

Wednesdays-Kid's Handbells & Kid's Worship Arts-Great fun through the art of making music while learning to read music, play instruments and sing.

Mission Friends and KBAM-(Kids, Bible, Activity, Missions) with curriculum that makes learning the truths of scripture fun and totally understandable and relevant to kids and the culture of today.

Don't forget VBS – June 2-6- The theme is Magnified-Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things....Psalm 34:2

VBS is a huge opportunity for our church to reach a multitude for God. Last year we averaged over 100 kids per day! That also means Jesus went into the homes through these children. At least 12 made professions of faith! Please pray about how God can use you during this most important week. We always need volunteers.

June 23-27 is CentriKid Camp week. It too can be a life-changing week. Please be in prayer for all.

King's Kids appreciate the love and support from our FBC family. Please feel free to visit us any time. We love visitors.

Recent New Members



*Jaycob Holloway,
Madilyn Tanis, Bailey Tanis,
& Staci Smith (Left to Right)
(also Joseph Smith, member)*



*Scarlett
Hennigan*



*Larry &
Laura
Peek*



*Weldon &
Jackie
Green*



*Tiffany
Armijo*

Who will you invite to become part of God's family here at First Baptist?



Our Member Spotlight this month is Sue Anderson. She has been a member of FBC for 41 years. She was born in Tatum Texas and attended Taum public school.

After coming to New Boston, she attended Texarkana Community College with a major in Business.

Sue has four children and four exchange kids (as she calls them). Her children have given her ten grandchildren and twenty-four great grands. She is a proud Nana and Great Grand Nana.

When asked how she came to New Boston, her reply was , "My mother and stepfather moved here in 1949, I followed them in 1970."

Her life is a busy one. She's the director of Community Kitchen, INC. There, she's involved in the purchasing, cooking and delivering of meals to over 108 clients every week in our area.

Her hobbies include cooking, and serving others in any way she can. She also likes to read and loves to color in the adult coloring books. (How she has time, I do not know.)

When asked how has your worship at FBC impacted your life, she replied, "When I joined FBC I became active in the sings

department. It was a great experience to be a part of a group who loved the Lord and each other."

Sue is currently serving in many areas at FBC. She keeps the Sunday School records on Sunday mornings. She's the kitchen person we all call for funerals, birthday parties, banquets, showers and family reunions.

In conclusion Sue says, "I have been involved with serving the Lord all my life. I do not remember not knowing Jesus and depending on Him in my life. God has blessed me richly. I'm so thankful I have a Savior who is always there to answer my prayers.

Thank you , Sue for being a faithful member of FBC for so many years and we appreciate all you do for all the members.

And thank you for being willing to be our very first member in the spotlight for the new Beacon.

If anyone would like to be in the member spotlight, please let me know. Contact the church office or send me an email. (paula@fbcnewboston.com.)

Paula

Member Spotlight





DISASTER RELIEF

TRAINING

INTRO TO DISASTER RELIEF
AND LAUNDRY/SHOWER

MARCH 22

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
REDWATER, TX

IF INTERESTED,
REGISTER AT SBTEXAS.COM/DR
OR USE THE QR CODE



Bowie's Best Special Olympic's **LIVE AUCTION**

\$10

PULLED PORK BBQ
SANDWICH W/CHIPS &
DRINK



**Help send our Athletes to AREA and STATE
Track and Field**

**Saturday
March 1st**

**Dinner Starts
at 6 PM
Auction to follow**

Join us for a LIVE auction featuring auctioneer Lakin Oakley and enjoy a delicious pulled pork BBQ sandwich plate fundraiser to support Bowie's BEST Special Olympics! Your generosity helps our incredible athletes compete in area and state track and field events—let's make their dreams a reality!

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