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September has arrived! We are looking forward to cooler weather and busy times here at FBC. The new school year has begun and things are getting back to the usual fall activities for Wednesday nights.

As I write this today, it's a balmy 89 degrees with thunder outside and the prospects of rain before the day ends. Usually the changing of the season brings cooler weather and those that work outside will certainly appreciate that. Our electric bills will, too. I know mine will. LOL

September begins a new administrative year for FBC. The committee's change their members. There are new chairmen, new members coming on and others rotating off. We are so glad our church members step up when asked to serve on a committee. The new 2025-2026 Committee Booklet will be published soon. Copies will be available to anyone wanting one.

Our newly elected deacons begin serving in September.

The Week of Prayer (Mary Hill Davis) is September 14-21st. Please be in prayer about what God leads you to give to this important Texas based mission. Our goal will be announced soon.

There's a Baptismal Outdoor Celebration on September 14th. More details will be posted in upcoming bulletins.

"See You at the Pole" is September 24th at 7:45 am at Crestview's back playground. Join us as we pray for our nation and schools.

So, it looks like September will be a busy time as usual. The days will become shorter and hopefully cooler, and soon will be "memories, pressed between the pages of my mind." (Elvis) And before you know it, it's OCTOBER!!

Enjoy your September and all its activities. We hope to see you here at FBC.

Paula

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Special points of interest

• Calendar of Events

Pastoral Ministries

Dr. Patrick Hunter



As we continue to cover our basic Baptist beliefs, we look at our understanding of God. This section has three parts, appropriate as God has three parts or expressions. We will take a couple of months to consider each part of this document. Our next section centers on the second person of the Trinity: Jesus.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:25 am Worship Team Rehearsal

9:45 am Bible Study Groups

11:00 am Worship in the Morning

Tuesday

4:30 pm Bible Drill 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 completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, partaking of the nature of God and of man, and in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself

Gen.18:1; Psalms 2:7; 110:1; Isa. 7:14; 53; Matt. 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27, 14:33; 16:16, 27; Matt.17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18, 29; 10:30, 38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5, 20; Rom. 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Cor. 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8, 24-28; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; 8:9; Gal. 4:4-5; Ephes. 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thess. 4:14-18; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Heb. 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15, 24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Rev. 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of

Youth Ministry

We were back in the swing of things in August in FBC Youth. Summer is tapering off to a close, with Promotion Sunday bringing up our new Seventh Graders and sadly saying See You Soon as our Graduating Seniors head off to college or the military. We kicked off the fall semester this past week with our Back To School Bash, which included worship, pizza, snow cones, a slip n slide, and kick ball. We're excited for all the fall semester will bring, including fellowship meals and regular Wednesday night service returning on 9/3. Big Baptism Sunday is coming up 9/14, with several of our youth preparing to be baptized for the first time or celebrate their baptism this past year. We are also looking forward to Replicate, our annual fall retreat at Siloam Springs, Arkansas over the weekend of 9/19. And that's just the events happening in September! It's going to be a blessed and busy fall semester and school year for our FBC youth if you have questions would to get involved, please like contact Aaron Skinner, Student Minister God Bless.

Music Ministry

Fall is finally here and activi- Please join us in reaching our ties are picking up as school is community for Christ! starting and the busyness of life is rolling along! This fall Have a blessed September as we have lots of opportunities we serve Him together! for folks to serve the Lord in the Music Ministry of FBC!

God desires a relationship with you and the Bible tells us He inhabits the praises of His people!

PLEASE pray about where God wants you to be involved this year serving Him!

Here are a few places to serve. The Lord is constantly opening new opportunities for us as we are faithful to serve Him.

Sanctuary Choir Praise Team **Adult Handbells Instrumental Ensemble** Children's Handbells Children's Choir Youth Ensemble (Steadfast) XYZ Fellowship XYZ Choir to the Nursing Homes

Blessings,

Chris





WOW Ministry

Mark those calendars - Monday, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8. We welcome you to share in our ministry that brings together our congregation

members in a fellowship that offers spiritual, physical, social support and encouragement. As God's word says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20. We gather at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, share a meal, and enjoy time with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our ministry team (Bro. Patrick Hunter, Frank and Janet Buchanan, David and Linda Daniel, and Craig and Julie Spears) welcome you to reach out if we can assist you in any way.



Abundant Life/King's **Table**

Join us for our Adult Special Abilities Ministry.

Sunday School:

ABUNDANT LIFE

Sunday School Class

Fellowship, Bible Study, Singing

The King's Table will meet on the following Tuesdays in August:

September 23rd

We meet in Fellowship Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

We have devotionals, Games, Crafts and Fellowship.

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

Future Events

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

OCTOBER

FIELDS OF FAITH TRUNK OR TREAT

NOV/DEC

CHRISTMAS
MUSICAL
CHRISTMAS DINNER

MISSIONS

MARY HILL DAVIS
LOTTIE MOON
ANNIE ARMSTRONG

VBS
CENTRIKID CAMP
YOUTH CAMP

Operation Christmas Child

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 5, 2025

NOON - AFTER SERMON

Don't miss the HOTTEST Event this year!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Chili Cookoff

Dessert Auction

Judges Chili Choice

ALL AUCTION PROCEEDS, AS WELL AS DONATIONS, GO TO CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX FUND.

Please bring your award winning dessert to be auctioned off.

(Sign up sheets will be posted the beginning of September at the welcome desk)

SHOEBOX LADIES





9:45am New Members Class
11:00am-Presentation to church
12:00pm-Hamburgers!
Baptisms to follow outside!

Snocones & water slides too!

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING WITH OUR NEW BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST!

Recent New Members



Susan Monroe Mary Monroe

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



Our Member in the Spotlight this month is Jerry Davis.

Jerry was born in DeKalb Texas. He was baptized in a farm pond near Hodgson

Texas. (Not sure where that is. LOL)

He went to school and graduated from DeKalb ISD and continued his education at TCU (BS-Edu.), then ETSU (MS) and on to UT Law (Juris Doctorate).

Jerry and his wife Carol Beth, who is a retired school counselor have three children and six grandchildren.

They were classmates at DeKalb. He says prior to the summer they began dating, they were not even close friends, barely acquaintances.

They moved to New Boston from Dekalb, but lived in Austin while Jerry went to law school at UT. Upon completion, they moved back to New Boston. He said, "We thought is was superior to any place we had ever lived."

Jerry's hobbies include reading, farm maintenance, lawn and garden work and most sports.

Carol Beth likes reading, sewing ,organizing, cooking.

Jerry said "when we joined FBC we were young in in the faith with much need and room to grow. FBC provided the place we needed to develop as mature Christians. And did much the same for our children."

He teaches the Antioch Sunday School Class and serves at a Trustee. He's served at one time or another on most committees. "Some of my most cherished memories stem from serving with people; like Tom Wheeler, Billy Bob Birdwell and Calvin Pierce."

Carol Beth teaches the Abundant Life Sunday School class, is the director of The King's Table ministry and has served on numerous committees.

Jerry enjoys writing. During the Covid pandemic, he put together a book using the "My Story" format. He had a run of six copies and all six were distributed to family members.

He was the school mascot "Addie the Frog" at TCU. His son Lynn was "The Super Frog" at TCU.

The Baptist Student Union was his favorite group in college.

Jerry says he enjoys doing things that he hated to do as a child, (shredding, tree trimming, land clearing and other chores his dad had trouble making him see the benefit of doing).

Thank you, Jerry, for being our Member in the Spotlight this month.

If anyone would like to be in the member spotlight, or would like to suggest/nominate someone, please let me know. Contact the church office or send me an email at

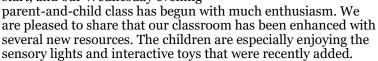
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Member Spotlight





The new school year is off to a great start, and our Wednesday evening





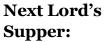
We extend our sincere gratitude for the generous donation to Kingdom Builders. Your support allows us to continue creating an environment that is not only fun and engaging, but also safe and welcoming for families of children with special needs.

Our kids love to learn through sensory bins. This last month we learned about Joseph and how God used him to interpret Pharaoh's dream. We had a sensory bin full of grain and the kids got to store grain while they listened to the story! We have some really big helpers in Kingdom Builders!

As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities this season will bring. With your continued support, we are confident that Kingdom Builders will remain a place where children with special needs can thrive, families can feel supported, and God's love can be experienced in meaningful ways.

Felicia Jones





October 19th

King's Kids Happenings-K-6th

We often reflect on our purpose in serving and whether we are truly making a difference in the lives of children, our schools, and our community, or if we are simply expending time and resources in vain. We are consistently reminded that God graciously uses us for these children. While frustrations may arise, our love for kids and our passion for sharing Jesus with them remain steadfast. We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support of Kings Kids, whether through financial contributions, prayers, or encouraging words. Your encouragement is vital to us. We recognize that there are constant spiritual attacks aimed at preventing these children from learning about Jesus and His sacrifice. However, with the gift of stubbornness God has given us, we are determined not to let these efforts succeed.

The Kings Kids ministry continues to offer the following weekly programs:

- * **Sundays: ** Sunday School at 9:45 AM
- * **Tuesdays:** Bible Drill from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
- * **Wednesdays: ** K-Bam from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

We are also actively planning for September and October:

- * **September: ** New outreach initiatives to Oakview Primary and Crestview Elementary
- * **September 14:** 2nd Annual Outdoor Baptisms
- * **October 8:** Pack for OMC
- * **October 29:** Trunk or Treat

Many of you ask, "How can we help?" Here are some ways:

- **Individually:** Please consider volunteering for just one class a month.
- **As a Church: ** We urgently need to address the significant gap that has formed for young adults and families within our church. We have been expressing this concern for some time because we see the clear implications: in a few years, the Kings Kids ministry may cease to exist due to a lack of children. In the past two years, only 2-3 children total have transitioned from our nursery wing. FBC must do better in providing a fulfilling place for this age group. Many are leaving because we have nothing to offer them, and many are dropping their children and youth off without ever stepping foot into the church themselves. Is this your calling, maybe God wants you to start something, anything! He will be faithful to our efforts! FBC is missing a huge opportunity to spread the gospel! So yes, the Kings Kids ministry needs your help immediate action on this issue. Can you help?



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