



The other day as I was getting into my car to come to work, I heard geese honking! Then as I was driving to Sonic, I saw geese in the field by Brookshire's. And we've had a frost! So I guess fall is actually here, except that we have the AC on both at church and our house. You truly have to love Texas weather.

Time has moved too quickly for me and the November Beacon was not completed and sent out as it should have been. So, this ONE TIME, we are combining the Beacon for November and December.

We held the Weekend of Worship, annual community Thanksgiving service and our annual churchwide Thanksgiving meal. As you can see, Thanksgiving is upon us, then its less than a month before Christmas! I see Christmas decorations springing up all over town and my neighborhood. You can listen to several channels of Christmas music on satellite radio. Some of the men of the church helped Chad put up the Christmas lights at the front of the church. Thanks to all who helped. I'm sure the Sanctuary will be decorated next. As soon as we get through Thanksgiving. LOL

The Christmas musical will be on December 14th, the Lottie Moon offering collection begins on November 30th with a goal of \$6,500 this year. The annual Christmas dinner and the candlelight Christmas Eve Lord's supper service is our last event of this year. Hope to see you at some of these events, and especially on Sunday morning.

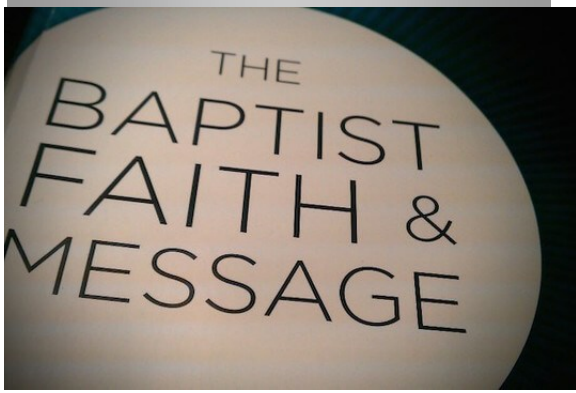
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Pastoral Ministries

Dr. Patrick Hunter

As we continue to cover our basic Baptist beliefs, let's take a look at the idea of Man, as in humanity and what the Bible says about us. a couple of months to consider each part of this document.

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of

the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By

his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.

A complete copy of the full Baptist Faith & Message adopted by our church is available in the foyer. I encourage you to take time to read this as what we believe determines how we act. By knowing our essential beliefs we are more likely to live out a life pleasing to the Lord.

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

Adult Bible Study

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Youth Ministry

October was full of Fall events for our youth students! The month started with Fields of Faith, where thousands of area students were exposed to the Gospel and spent time in worship together. We fed the football team several Fridays, and the band before a band competition. We also had our annual pumpkin painting competition/fellowship, where a pumpkin painted like a Check Engine light won, courtesy of John Hayden Green! Students were excited to participate in Trunk or Treat as well with it on a Wednesday, where they led games, assisted at trunks, and advertised free hot dogs (Thank you, Austin Spears!). We have packed Operation Christmas Child boxes and decorated the youth room for the Christmas season. November is relatively calmer with those two events followed by no service the week of Thanksgiving. December will be full to the brim with our annual Angel Tree shopping trip, the Youth Christmas Party, and more. We are busy and blessed in FBC Youth, and thankful to the Lord for all He is doing. If you have questions or would like to get involved, please contact me **Aaron Skinner, Student Minister**

Music Ministry

FBC-CHRISTMAS BANQUET

**Sunday Evening at 6pm,
December 14th 2025!**

Our church family is celebrating Christmas together this year in the fellowship hall with a Christmas Banquet!

Randy's BBQ is catering our banquet and we are having great Christian entertainment. PLEASE call the office to make a reservation ASAP as space is limited! Don't miss this family featured event!



Attention!

We are offering the opportunity to decorate a table for the banquet; then invite your 7 besties to join you for the evening. Our theme is a woodland Christmas. (rustic & woodsy with lots of red & green.

Contact Sherry Vinson
or Pat Minter
for more info.



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:

December 2

December 18

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.

WOW ... 
our Second Chapter
Ministry for widows, others, and widowers

As we enjoy the freshness of the wonderful Fall/Winter season ... **"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1.**

AND It's the most wonderful time of year --- the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!! **"He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth."** Luke 1:14. May we REJOICE together with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to share a meal and fellowship of celebrating the *REASON for the SEASON*.

Please join us, **Monday, December 8**, at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our ministry team (Bro. Patrick Hunter, Frank and Janet Buchanan, David and Linda Daniel, and Craig and Julie Spears) welcomes you to reach out if we can assist you in any way.

Future Events

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
SUPPERS EVERY
WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER

FIELDS OF FAITH
TRUNK OR TREAT

NOV/DEC

CHRISTMAS

MUSICAL

CHRISTMAS DINNER

MISSIONS

MARY HILL DAVIS

\$5,000.00 goal

LOTTIE MOON

\$6,000.00

ANNIE ARMSTRONG

\$6,000.00

VBS

CENTRIKID CAMP

YOUTH CAMP

Operation Christmas Child

Just a note from The Shoebox Ladies Mission Outreach 2025!

We successfully sent off 933 carefully filled, prayed over shoeboxes for boys and girls around the world.

Thank you again church family for being involved. Every time you donate – you are a missionary helping send the gospel around the world.

The Ladies have already started procuring items for the 2026 campaign.

There have been some changes we would like to share with you. LeAnn Miller has stepped up in a big way to lead our

group. All the same people and more involved with helping her.

Thank you again and be looking for 2026 news and chances to donate to this worthwhile Mission.

Merry Christmas to all.

FBC Shoebox Ladies



King's Kids Happenings-K-6th



Johnny Jones

Something you've learned in KK about the Bible - **About the sections of the Bible**

Something you've learned in KK about Jesus - **He healed a man from demons**

Favorite KK Ministry? - **K-BAM**

Favorite Mission Project: - **OCC Boxes**

Favorite memory from SS - **How I was welcomed as a new kid**

Favorite memory from K-Bam - **Butterfly/Lollipop project**

Favorite memory from Centrikid - **Tarantula hunting**

I feel **GOOD** when I come to KK activities

I've been a KK for **TWO** years

Favorite KK snack - **Pizza**

Favorite KK trip - **Season of Lights**

Favorite Bible story - **Jonah**

Recent New Members



Delbert Bodecker

New Member Luncheon 2025



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



Our member in the Spotlight is Kelley Branson.

Kelley was born in Texarkana to Johnny and Myra Branson. He graduated from NBHS and attended Texarkana College.

He retired from Branson Plumbing in 2019 and currently works part-time as Funeral Assistant with Bates-Rolf Funeral Home.

The 4 grandchildren keep him young.

His wife Cindy does her best to keep him straight. (LOL)

When asked "What hobbies do you enjoy?" His answer was, "Not sure if it's a hobby, but I enjoy working in the yard and around the house. Something, my Dad always made sure was the yard was in tip top shape!" (I have driven by their house and usually see him on the mower.)

The question of how has your worship at FBC impacted you life, he answered, "My mom and dad joined FBC in 1958. this church as been the center of our family. So many people from this church have impacted my life to make me the person I am today."

Kelley has been the sound engineer for over 40 years. He's Properties Chairman and is a co-chairman with Roy Dale Bray on the Audio/Visual Committee this year.

He related something about our church history that not everyone knows.

"The bell in the courtyard is one piece of history. When the church moved from downtown to our current location, we moved the bell of the top of the old building to its location in the courtyard. It was not an easy task. In fact, the bell rolled over my dad's foot. Needless to say Dad had a few words but we got that bell down and moved to its current location. I still laugh when I pass the courtyard to this day!"

Thanks, Kelley for being our member in the spotlight.

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

paula@fbcnewboston.com.

Until next year, Paula

Member Spotlight



Meet Kaiden!

Favorite color: Red

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

He is most thankful for his "mama and Taco Bell!" Kaiden enjoys entertaining others by singing and dancing!

His favorite thing about Kingdom Builders is "Shay" AKA: Mr. Mark!



Meet Jeremiah!

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Jeremiah is most thankful for his family! He enjoys playing on his PS4!

His favorite thing about Kingdom Builders is the games we play at the end of class!





MEET OUR
Kingdom Builders

Meet Gabe!

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Gabe is most thankful for helping people. He enjoys playing baseball and basketball.

Gabe's favorite thing about Kingdom Builders is playing with the big soft blocks!



Meet Victoria!

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Holiday: Christmas!

Victoria is most thankful for her pet dog, Teddy. Victoria enjoys playing video games.

Victoria's favorite thing about Kingdom Builders is "I really just love our class!"





**Next Lord's
Supper:**

Dec. 24th

BOWIE MISSIONS SUPPORT FROM FBC (line item 2003 in budget)

Because you gave we were able to give this much money:

September

Community Kitchen \$703.08 for their general fund
Rock Solid \$703.08 for their general fund

October

Rock Solid \$1, 078.77 for Grocery Distribution for the Community



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