

The Beacon

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What a crazy week we had in January! Snow and ice, no school and the church office was closed. I couldn't get out of the driveway at my house and cooked more that week that I have in a month of Sundays. LOL. We were thankful not to lose power or water (the electric bill and water bill will be enormous! Can't wait for those to show up in the mail!! And now I saw jonquils Saturday! Gotta love this Texas weather. Daylight Saving Time starts on March 7th at 2:00 am. So don't forget to "Spring Forward".

There's a lot going on at FBC. A **Ladies Bible Study** kicked off in January and will continue through March 8th. A **Women's Conference and Luncheon** is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th from 10-2. There are flyers posted on the bulletin boards around the church. The newly formed **Not Alone Support Group** meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30. There are posters about this on the bulletin boards as well. For more information contact Kelli Norton.

Sue Anderson retired and a reception is scheduled for Sunday, March 1st from 2-4 in Fellowship Hall.

A **Men's Breakfast** is scheduled for Saturday, February 28th for all the men and boys of FBC, with special guest speaker Stan Campbell, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach of NB.

This is just a snapshot of all the "goings' on" at our church. There's a place for everyone, you just have to look, ask, or come see for yourself.

I forgot to mention the Annie Armstrong/Week of Prayer starts March 1st. Be in prayer for our missionaries. Can't wait to see what the bulletin board will show for reaching our goal this year.

Looking forward to seeing you in church or during the week!

Paula

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Special points of interest

- Calendar of Events

Music Ministry



I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart!
 I will tell of all Your wonders,
 I will be glad and exalt in You,
 I will sing praise to Your name,
 O MOST HIGH!

Ps. 9

Dear Church Family, WE have SO MUCH to be grateful for this season! I pray God would help us to open our eyes and hearts to see His many blessings all around us! As we serve Him this year let me invite you so some of the things God is doing in our Worship Ministry.....

Handbell Choir for Children and Youth
 Handbell Choir for Adults
 Children's Choir for kids...helpers needed
 Youth Ensemble (Steadfast)

XYZ Singings at Various Nursing Homes in the Region
 XYZ luncheons and fellowship opportunities available

To name a few things!

Please be in prayer as to where you can use your talents to honor the Lord with us at FBC! You may not consider yourself to be the best singer or instrumentalist, but that is ok, God sees your heart and has a place of service here for you.

XYZ Outing March 5th, 2026!

We are going to Oklahoma to the Dinosaur Museum and to eat at Catfish King! This trip is free and YOU are invited!

We have our Easter Program on Sunday, March 29th during the morning Worship Service.

Sanctuary
 Choir
 Instrumental
 Ensemble
 (only meets at
 scheduled
 times)
 Conference
 and Festivals
 Scheduled

Please join us as we worship together!

Stay tuned for more information to come! Have a wonderful week as you serve Him faithfully.
 Blessings!
 Chris

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

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

Abundant Life

Adult Bible Study

Not Alone Support Group

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Youth Ministry

January was a little different than normal for our youth, with a full snow week in there! We kicked off our Spring Semester with normal Wednesday night services and fellowship meals.

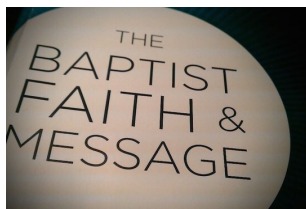
In February, we're excited to start another Bible study, which for the first time will be split into Girls Study and Boys Study following combined worship. Our students had their annual Big Game Party on the 8th of February.

Most of our students are also well and truly back in the swing of spring sports. If you would like to support our young church members at their sports, please reach out to me for a schedule.

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

Pastoral Ministries



Dr. Patrick Hunter

As we continue to cover our basic Baptist

beliefs, let's take a moment to consider what is the purpose of God's grace.

GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the

end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation,

whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-8; 1 Sam. 8:4-7,19-22; Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 31:31; Matt. 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34; Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48; John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Rom. 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36; 1 Cor. 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephes. 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Col. 1:12-14; 2 Thess. 2:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:12; 2:10,19; Heb. 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.

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.



Abundant Life/King's Table

Sunday School:

ABUNDANT LIFE

Sunday School Class

Fellowship, Bible Study, Singing

The King's Table meets on alternating Tuesdays each month

We meet in Fellowship Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. We have devotionals, Games, crafts and Fellowship.

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

February was designated "American Heart Month". Scripture tells us, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." – **Proverbs 4:23**

Come join us Monday, March 9th, at 12:00 p.m. for a fellowship to warm the heart and a delicious meal to strengthen the body.

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

WOW Luncheon

March 9th

XYZ

March 18th

MISSIONS

MARY HILL DAVIS

\$5,000.00 goal

LOTTIE MOON

\$6,000.00 goal

ANNIE ARMSTRONG

\$6,500.00 goal

VBS

CENTRIKID CAMP

YOUTH CAMP

Operation Christmas Child

In February, the OCC ladies will be collecting pencils and toothbrushes.

You can drop them in our donation box by the sanctuary.

Don't forget you can have boxes packed in honor or in memory of someone.

You can contact LeAnn Miller. Text 903 277 5257 or email sigmaez5@gmail.com.

We want to give a huge thanks to Jason Kroll for building our donation box.

Thank you for all you do to support our mission.



FBC Shoebox Ladies

King's Kids Happenings-K-6th

KINGS KIDS @ FBC NB

**UPCOMING
UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

MAR 24
**BIBLE DRILL
CHURCH DRILL**
5:30pm
Childrens Wing

JUNE 1-5
**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**
For kids that have COMPLETED
Kindergarten - 6th grade
9am-Noon

JUNE 15-19
**CENTRIKID
CAMP**
3RD - 6TH GRADES
CONTACT
JILL OR DARLA

JULY
**TO BE
ANNOUNCED!**
Kids
Zone

**QUESTIONS?
CALL JILL OR DARLA**

Recent New Members



*Bruce & Martha
Fenner*



*Mike Bibbins &
Cassidy Butler*

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



Our member in the spotlight this month is Melissa Raney. She has been a member of FBC since she was baptized in the 70's.

She graduated from ETSU- Texarkana with a degree in Elementary Education and is a retired teacher from NBISD.

Melissa met her husband Dennis in Kindergarten. (Love at first sight.) They have 4 children; 2 daughters and 2 sons with 8 grandchildren.

Her hobbies include crafting, watercolor and card making. Dennis likes to hunt and fish.

When asked "How has your worship at FBC impacted your life?" Her answer was "FBC has been a major part of my life since I was 4 years old. It shaped my younger self through fellowship with friends and teachers, with children

and youth activities. Its where I wanted my children to grow up and form their faith. FBC has provided me with purpose and meaning through fellowship and Bible study. I love my community of friends, young and old, that have impacted me in the best of ways."

Melissa is a teacher of the Living Stones Sunday School class, a T.H.R.I.V.E. facilitator, and a member of the scholarship committee.

Some things you may not know about her is varied. She is a Texas Ranger fan, A Bucee's lover, a cruising fanatic and a part of "The Chosen Army."

Thanks, Melissa 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

paula@fbcnewboston.com.

Until next time,

Paula

Member Spotlight





Working with Kingdom Builders is an absolute joy—no two days are ever the same. These children radiate the pure joy of the Lord, and through playing, singing, and learning together, we experience genuine happiness. Their faith and resilience are inspiring; they remind me that struggles do not define the end of our story.

Teaching these kids is deeply fulfilling in a way that is rare in today's world. I encourage everyone to come visit us—and maybe even consider volunteering. I promise, you won't regret it.

Mark Jones



**Next Lord's
Supper:**

March 22

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

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

December

Bowie Baptist Association	\$832.71
Community Kitchen	\$832072

THE ALEXANDER MISSION REPORT—Is available on the ledge in the vestibule behind the stairs.

THE MITCHELL MISSION REPORT—Is available on the ledge in the vestibule.

2026 BIBLE READING PLAN is now in the alcove behind the stairs in the vestibule and the north hallway table.



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