Responsibility

As I sit here trying to work through the many thoughts going through my head to write an article, all I can think about are the different things I am responsible for. We each have different responsibilities, don't we? As a father, I have responsibilities to help raise my boys into men of God. As a husband, I have responsibilities to love and care for my wife in the way she needs it. As Pastor, I have responsibilities to God and our congregation to lead our church. But as I think about these responsibilities and what is going on in the world around us, I wonder if we as a society have missed the mark on our responsibilities as human beings. I see businesses trying to get out of their responsibilities of taking care of their customers and doing their jobs. I see parents not taking responsibility for their children. I see governments and politicians neglecting their responsibility to represent and lead the people but rather focus on re-election, and, ultimately, I believe what we see is the Church (all churches) missing the mark on the responsibility of making disciples.

How do we get back on course? How do we right all the wrongs in the world? The simple but not so easy answer is the Gospel. But even the Gospel in our current climate of society seems to fall on deaf ears if not combatant ones. Don't get me wrong. I know the power of the Gospel, and I know it will forever be the answer to our world's problems, but how do we practically allow the Gospel to empower our lives to fulfill the responsibilities we have as Christ-followers. I think Paul gives us a great starting point in his letter to Titus. He writes in chapter 3:1-7.

"Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone. Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. But when God our Saviour revealed His kindness and love, He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Because of His grace He made us right in His sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life."

I believe Paul helps us begin to address a lot of what we face today. It is easy to be critical of government and leadership, but Paul pushes us to do and be more than critics of the world. He gives us a simple but profound responsibility to start with, and that is just to look to do good! He says we all have and will continue to fall in the trap of sin; no one is immune. But to truly love God and to love others, we must understand the mercies that were shown to us, not because of all the great or righteous things we have done but rather because he generously poured His love out on us through Christ Jesus. Therefore, I encourage you this month to just look to do good. Don't allow all the bad that is happening to swallow you up but be an agent of light that fights back the darkness by living out the Gospel in your everyday life. We are all called to be agents of change; it starts small, but with momentum will be the same force we saw in the early church! God bless you and keep you as we continue to navigate difficult times!

Guest Preacher July 19

Vince and his family will be on vacation in July, so Mike O'Donnell has agreed to share a message with us in Vince's absence.

Mike served as pastor of FBC Abernathy for 13 years as well as serving as their Youth Minister and Worship Leader back in the 1970s. He has also served at churches in Kansas, mainly in Topeka and Wichita. He and his wife, Pam, met at Oklahoma Baptist University and recently celebrated their 44th anniversary.

Following his retirement, Mike and Pam moved to San Angelo. They joined FBC in June 2019 and now serve as directors of the Responders Department. They have two children; son Aaron, his wife, Tara; and their two children live in San Angelo; and their daughter, Alyson, her husband, Rusty and two children live in Abernathy.
These have been interesting days of worshiping and worship leading here at FBC. I believe I have learned a lot about myself and the church in the process. We have gone from leading worship with a large choir, several singer teams, and multiple instruments to much smaller teams, and different leaders each week. We have gone from larger in-person gatherings of worship to small teams leading in an empty building, singing to empty pews.

What is interesting is the ease with which we have adapted to these changes. It seemed only to take a couple of weeks to get into the flow of the empty buildings and the recording of services and then worshiping from home on the internet. Now I am talking emotionally and not technologically. AJ and Brian have taken a lot of the stress off my back and accepted it onto theirs. For that, I am tremendously thankful and blessed. But it seems like the dynamics are changed rather easily. Now we are back to in-person worship but with masks. That is a very wise choice made by our leadership, but it has challenges of its own to deal with each week. I can’t hear or see you singing. I don’t know if you are smiling or frowning (although body language does give me a clue). It has become somewhat dulled. I know the Spirit is still present. I can still sense His leading in the selection of songs and the way that they match with sermons, but I am just missing something. I think that is the interaction. Good or bad, either way is stimulating. We are not just observing worship, but as we see and hear each other, we are experiencing worship. I am concerned that some of us may become so comfortable with staying home and listening via live stream or just sitting back and observing that the church culture will continue down the road of watching worship rather than actually worshiping.

Now I am not talking about music style or form. I believe God is glorified by all music centered on Him and given for His glory. I don’t know that He likes American Southern Gospel better than Latin liturgy or free composed songs in native tongues. I do know that He wants worship from our hearts. He loves for us to sing to Him and to express that love through our emotions. As I mentioned last week in my worship moments, the prophets spoke against worship that was not backed up by godly morality and ethics. That to Him is true worship. Worship in spirit and in truth is what He desires, backed by lives that honor Him.

Let’s not get too comfortable in worship, but instead, let’s be challenged by Him and by one another. That is best done in community, in person whenever possible. Don’t let Satan lure you into the lie that we can worship God better apart than together. That is exactly the opposite. Come, let us reason and worship together.

Love you and hope to see you soon.

Each week you can catch me at 8 pm on the youth Facebook Page @REACH325 with recorded teaching from myself. We have been on a series called “God is…” talking about the different attributes of God.

- God is Faithful
- God is Good
- God is Righteous

This summer is not one that any of us would have thought 2020 would have looked like for the youth. The youth have been meeting since the beginning of June while practicing social distancing. We kicked off the summer with a simple BBQ at the Haralsons’ house. The following Tuesday, the youth were invited to my house to play a wild game of bunco. Now we have been meeting at the FBC Lake Cabin each Tuesday and will till the end of July. All precautions have been accounted for, and we have decided to take the opportunity to use the FBC Lake Cabin so we can social distance outside. Last summer we would go to the lake cabin typically for 2 hours at a time. That was enough time to get there, get in the water, and swim for about 30 minutes and then get out to eat and clean up. The time would go by in a blink of an eye. This summer, we decided to have longer times out at the lake and have made themes for each Tuesday. We have been swimming, watched a movie down by the water, roasted marshmallows for smores, and plan to have Summer Camp in a box in July with some fun themes as well. We usually enjoy a meal, which could be pulled pork sandwich, pizza, burger, and a dessert to top off the night. Our goal is to just simply enjoy the company of one another right now. We will start to incorporate worship and teachings in July with Summer Camp in a box. During social distancing, while the students were still in school, we were having Sunday zoom meetings at 8 pm but have canceled those for the summer as the youth are all Zoomed out and tired of looking at a computer screen.

We will continue to meet partially online with our youth having group chats going on Instagram and Facebook messenger to stay connected. We will continue meeting each Tuesday for the rest of the summer but are watching COVID closely. If our schedule changes due to COVID, we will communicate on social media and send a letter in the mail to let you know about the changes as well as let our youth know in the group chats on social media.
June quickly sneaked up on us and is already quickly going away. It is amazing how fast time is passing! We have some exciting things happening in July as we are slowly introducing kids activities. We will be hosting a special “Kids Station” beginning July 12 and running for at least 5 weeks using our VBS curriculum. This year we are using Group’s Rocky Railway—Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through. Each part of the curriculum points back to a Biblical truth that the kids will be able to remember.

Over the past 3 months we have been giving the children different challenges. The challenge for June was to show Acts of Kindness. We thought this was fitting for the times we are in and to show extra love to those around us. We had 7 children participate and we are so proud of each one who showed love to others. Here are some pictures that show off our kids’ creativity in helping others.

KIDS’ CORNER

Brayden and Matthew made dinner for their family one night.

Clayton helped at home by working with his father to put an end table together.

Helping in the church office was KP’s "Act of Kindness."

If you need a clothes rack put together, Ariana & Zoraya can help!

Anslee painted a canvas for her friend, Ouida Jackson.

Brayden and Matthew made dinner for their family one night.

PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

- Come in by the circle drive (atrium) to get checked in. After check in, each child will be taken to the Chapel by one adult.
- Temperature will be taken at the door (no touch) and hand sanitizer will be given.
- Parents normally check their own children in, but right now check in will be done by Erin or Melodie only.
- Face masks are optional and provided. Parents will drop off and pick up at the door. No other adults or children are allowed back in the Chapel.
- Each child will have their own supplies for each activity.
- Each child will have their own space at least 6 feet away from the other children. The spots will be specifically marked and only used by that child.
- Snacks will be individually wrapped and given out with gloves (hands will be washed before snack).
- The area and supplies will be sanitized before and after each service.
CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

**July 1**
No FBC Birthdays

**July 2**
No FBC Birthdays

**July 3**
No FBC Birthdays

**July 4**
Dolores White
Paula Woyton

**July 5**
Robert Dillard
Mac McCarson
Martha Register

**July 6**
Imogene Such
Alejandro Valdez

**July 7**
Garrett Allen

**July 8**
Charlie Smith

**July 9**
Cindy Byrd
Lindy Knappe
Valerie Matthews

**July 10**
No FBC Birthdays

**July 11**
Megan Pierce
Suzy York

**July 12**
Cade Alexander
Lee Atkins
Judy Auten
Michael Morales

**July 13**
No FBC Birthdays

**July 14**
No FBC Birthdays

**July 15**
Queta Martinez
Lorena McDonnell
Flo McKinney
Billy Joe Mullins
Matthew Penland

**July 16**
No FBC Birthdays

**July 17**
Fred Homeyer

**July 18**
Michael King

**July 19**
No FBC Birthdays

**July 20**
Tyler Crumley
Martha Featherston
Kaleb Smith
Joanna Sturgill

**July 21**
No FBC Birthdays

**July 22**
CT Aly
John Brunson

**July 23**
Peggye Bowman
Maggie Pepper
Eliza Ponder
Christine Strange

**July 24**
Chapito Valdez

**July 25**
Pat Matschek

**July 26**
Nick Dusckas

**July 27**
Emory Gillum

**July 28**
Cliff Payne
Patsy Porter

**July 29**
Jan Petitt

**July 30**
No FBC Birthdays

**July 31**
Luis Ocon
Michael Wilson

STAFF WORK DAY
The church staff will cook & serve on Wednesday, July 15 so the office will not open until about 1:30 or 2 pm.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**As of June 28, 2020**

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CONGRATULATIONS
We share our joy with...

Tom & Murf Dufresne in the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6.

Whitney Allen who received her Master of Business Administration from Angelo State University on May 9. She is the daughter of Gary and Laura Allen.

THANK YOU
Thank you for all you did to help celebrate my graduation. The wallet and Bible are really nice. I appreciate the time and thoughtfulness you put in to make it great.

Hunter Schmidt

WITH SYMPATHY
We express our deepest sympathy to those who lost loved ones:

Anita Brown and family in the death of her husband, Dan, on June 3.

Family & friends of Margaret Chancellor

Jimmy & Debbie Conn in the death of her uncle, Morris.

Family & friends of Lamoyne Fulgim who passed away on June 3.

Charles & Estell Norris in the death of their son-in-law, Lee Kaemper, on June 7.

Harold & Vonnie Sharp and family in the death of their nephew, Jason.

Roland & Esther Williams in the death of their granddaughter, Dominque.

Micheil Wiegand and family in the death of his father, Micheil.

JULY MEETINGS

**Properties Committee**
Tuesday, July 7, 5:30 PM, C208

**Finance Committee**
Tuesday, July 21, 5:15 PM, C208

**Deacon Council**
Wednesday, July 29
(Note date change!)
5:30 PM, C208

FBC WELCOMES

**New Members**

Kerry & Diane Peacock
Kerry and Diane rejoined FBC on June 14 by letter from a sister church.
GENERAL GUIDELINES

Worship will continue to be streamed online, televised, and broadcast on the radio for those who cannot attend or who do not yet feel comfortable meeting in person.

We encourage those who may be considered vulnerable individuals* to continue to worship with us from the safety of your home via livestream, television or radio.

If you are not feeling well or exhibiting symptoms such as coughing, sore throat, shortness of breath, chills or fever, please worship with us via livestream, television, or radio.

Ministries that involve close contact, such as nursery, extended care and bus transportation, will not operate during this phase.

For the safety of all who attend, masks are required and are available should you need one. If you have a health issue that causes you to be unable to wear a mask, we ask that you worship with us online or through our broadcasts on television and radio.

Coffee and water is not available.

We know you are excited to see everyone but please maintain safe distancing when greeting others.

ENTERING AND EXITING THE BUILDING

Entry to and exit from the church building is through the Oakes Street doors, the Harris Avenue atrium doors and the alley doors. We ask that elevators be used only as necessary.

Doors open at 10:00 am. Please go directly to the sanctuary; do not gather in the atrium or other common areas of the building.

There is a table in the atrium and at the Oakes Street door with masks, hand sanitizer and activity bags for children.

IN THE SANCTUARY

Please enter the sanctuary from the doors on the south end (the piano and organ doors) Ushers will assist you in finding seats. Please do not linger in the aisles.

People will be seated six feet apart on every other pew to ensure strict safe-distancing. Those in the same household may sit together. An overflow area in Fellowship Hall will be available as needed.

At the conclusion of the service, please remain seated for dismissal instructions.

Hand-to-Hand Items: To keep everyone healthy, hymnals and Bibles will not be available in the pews and we will not have printed bulletins. Although the offering plates will not be passed, there will be offering boxes at each exit.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms in the atrium and the hallway outside of the sanctuary will be open. Capacity will be monitored to enable safe-distancing.

These guidelines are in place out of an abundance of caution and care to keep everyone safe and healthy as we return to worship in the building.

Vulnerable Populations (quoted from the White House Coronavirus Task Force)
1. Elderly individuals
2. Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.
Did you know you can watch the current Bible Study lessons online? Check them out on our YouTube channel, First Baptist San Angelo. These are being led by a variety of our Sunday School teachers and are arranged on playlists by the weekly lesson as listed in your quarterly. The plan is for these videos to continue until plans are in place to gather again for small groups. Teachers, if you are interested in recording one of the lessons, contact the church office for information.

Travel with us to San Antonio for the Women of Joy "You Are Not Alone" conference featuring speakers Sheila Walsh, Chrystal Evans Hurst, Karen Kingsbury and Angela Thomas Farr with music by Big Daddy Weave, Charles Billingsley and Lilly Goodman. This incredible weekend is designed to bring women of all ages and cultures together to help you pursue a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ.

The ticket cost is $99 with lodging costs to be determined after we have a better idea of how many will plan to attend. Attendees will be responsible for covering their meals for 3 days as well.

Reserve your ticket by July 15. The link is available on the website at www.fbcsanangelotx.org/what or you may call the church office for more information.

The most important decisions we can make are about who we are and who we are becoming.

The Lavished Women's Leadership Team has been working for the past year and is thrilled to FINALLY be launching a mentoring program.

We will be using curriculum through Passion City Church in Atlanta, GA. This project was headed up by Louie Giglio's wife, Shelley. Mentors and mentees will have a beautiful journal to work through individually and together throughout the year. It is a year-long commitment, but there is definitely flexibility in that.

Our target dates are August 9 for a mentor training and August 23 for a Meet & Greet Kick-Off for mentors and mentees. FMI, see the article at www.fbcsanangelotx.org/what.
**FBC MISSION MOMENTS**

*In our neighborhoods, in San Angelo, and around the world*

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**Adonai International Ministries**

Adonai International Ministries (AIM) is a medical ministry that works primarily to provide medical care in the remote highlands of Guatemala. In addition to medical care, AIM is also involved in aviation and agriculture. Tom and Murf Dufresne have worked with both the hospital and the aviation ministries for over six years. Recently, they have been facilitating the collection of medical supplies, some of which they have donated and others which have been donated by Janet Henson, Community and Shannon Hospitals and Rust Street Ministries. These supplies will go to Abilene where Dr. Kyle Sheets has made available a shipping container so that these supplies may be sent to the AIM hospital in Canilla, Guatemala.

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**Online Church Schedule**

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*Left:* Tom, Murf and Ivan have been working to get the donations ready to go to Abilene for shipping.

*Above:* Tom worked with AIM for 3 years to help repair and get the necessary certification so that this plane could be used to transport medical teams, patients and supplies to and from the jungles.

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The worship service is also aired live each Sunday at 10:30 am on KCLL 100.1 FM
FBC MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
Live at 10:30 am on KCLL 100.1 FM; Rebroadcast at 8 am on FOX West Texas (Cable Channel 10/110) and at 10 am on My San Angelo, Cable Channel 141

Our strategic plan to launch on-campus worship and activities

RE-ENTRY

HYBRID WORSHIP BEGAN MAY 31

- Worship Services Online & In-Person
- Maintain safe-distancing; overflow area available as needed
- Small Group Bible Studies online only
- Complete details on this phase are on page 5.

THIS PHASE WILL LIKELY CONTINUE THROUGH JULY AS WE SEE A RISE IN CASES.

EXPANDED WORSHIP

- Worship Services Online & In-Person
- Safe-distancing limits lifted
- Modified Small Group Bible Study
- Modified Children's & Student Ministry

NEW-NORMAL WORSHIP

- Worship Services Online & In-Person
- Small Group Bible Studies return to building as desired; nursery & extended care resume
- MidWeek Schedule launches

Ways to Give

Via our website: www.fbcsanangelotx.org/online-giving

Mail to: First Baptist Church PO Box 2138 San Angelo, TX 76902

Bank Draft: Contact your financial institution to set up an automatic payment.

In person: Offerings may be brought to the church during office hours, Mon. - Thurs., 8:30 am - noon, and 1:00 - 6:00 pm.

Please contact Mac McCarson at mccarson@fbcsanangelotx.org or 655.4101 for questions regarding your financial giving.