



FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



Important Stewardship Information

My *Equipper* article this week will update you all on some important information that deserves the input and prayerful consideration of the entire church. As you are aware from our last regular business meeting financial report, costs for maintaining our facilities continue to increase. In fact, let's look at the big, overall picture. Based on information collected during the first quarter of 2017, necessary maintenance expenditures amounted to \$70,529.63, while budgeted ministry expenditures amounted only to \$9,822.43. Cooperative Missions expenditures amounted to \$22,687.73. Further, we (Bill, Mac, and I) have calculated that the church has lost \$160,680 in revenue due to the number of deaths and moves in our membership since January 2016. Also, out of the 537 envelope packets that we send out, 254 (47%) have given \$0 since January 2016. Incidentally, as of my writing time today, we are about \$46,000 behind budget.

Further, an assessment of all general facility needs that was completed last August indicates that there are at least \$1 million worth of maintenance and upkeep issues which will need to be addressed in the next few years. These include but are not limited to: aging air compressors and air conditioners that are about 17 years old, two hot water boilers, and aging cast iron sewer pipes. Our most pressing maintenance issue at present involves our obsolete elevators.

Next, consider that our sanctuary is designed for 800 people, and our education space is designed for 1000 people. On a typical Sunday morning, approximately 400 people attend functions in these spaces, and approximately 150 people use the education space on weekdays (church staff and CDC).

Our Properties, Finance, and CDC Committees, as well as the Deacon Officers, have been diligently discussing these challenges for some time. Let me update you on their progress.

First, the Properties Committee is recommending that we spend up to \$150,000 to repair our obsolete elevators. These funds would come from the proceeds of the Chadbourne building sales. Full repair of the elevators would take approximately 8-12 weeks, and we would design a plan that would alleviate any disruption in elevator usage on Sundays and Wednesdays. The Properties Committee is also recommending that an appraisal be done of some of our properties north of Harris Street at a cost of \$3200. The Finance Committee will consider their recommendations this month.

Second, the Finance Committee and CDC Committee are working diligently concerning the funding of our CDC ministry. Please pray for these committees. I'm proud of our CDC and especially its director, Greg Baucom, who puts in so much work to be like Jesus to families and workers in our facilities day in and day out.

As you can tell, trying to meet these challenges involves the input of many committed members on church committees. I encourage you, however, to remember that our committees represent all of you in church decision making. What we are dealing with in our facilities requires the input of the entire church looking at

the entire financial picture. Please contact members of these committees and make your voice known so that they will be able to represent you even better in the days ahead. You may have timely and prayerful wisdom to share. You will see a list of these committee members following this article.

Incidentally, I thank you for your continued faithfulness in stewardship this year. We remain financially strong relative to our attendance, especially due to changes we made last year in staff restructuring. The Lord also is blessing us with a number of new members over the last few weeks. These new members are telling me how welcoming and missions-minded you are. This makes me encouraged and joyful! So, while we have some good momentum in the church family now, let's deal with this challenge before us and move forward in ways that continue to place the Great Commission at the absolute top of our priority list as a church.

Pastor James

Finance Committee

Ron Galloway, Chair
Don Ball, Vice-Chair
Jim Defee
Billy Hollis
Basil Jordan
Sasha Low
Tim Reid
Roy Robb
Belinda Wright

Properties Committee

Roy Holland, Chair
Larry Edgington, Vice Chair
Melva Penner, Secretary
Jared Cooper
Jim Estes
Blake Foster
Steve Gill
Andy McCleer
Dwayne Swindle



What Is the Pastor Reading?

Authentic Christianity: From the Writings of John Stott

If you are looking for some good devotional reading, I would highly recommend *Authentic Christianity*. This book was edited by Timothy Dudley-Smith and contains many encouraging and challenging selections from the ministry of John Stott. Dr. Stott was a tremendous evangelistic pastor and theologian who served in Britain for a number of years, passing away at the age of 90 in 2011. A member of my former church in Fort Worth who was a retired long time professor at Southwestern Seminary gave me this book, which inspired me a great deal. The book is not meant to be read in one sitting and lends itself easily to the discipline of daily Bible reading and prayer.

Pastor James

May 28

10:30 A.M.

Timeless Truths for the Family

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

5:00 P.M.

(Baptist Retirement Center)

Patient Endurance

1 Peter 2:19-25

June 4

10:30 A.M.

Get Off the Bench!

Philippians 3:17-21

5:00 P.M.

(Baptist Retirement Center)

Getting Rid of Baal

Hosea 2

Summer Bible Study



Tuesday, June 13

6 pm at the

FBC Lake Cabin

Guest Speaker: Dr. Richard Jackson

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a sandwich supper, fun, fellowship and a great Bible study with your church family.

The Bible Study is hosted by Adult 5 but it's open to anyone who would like to attend.

We just ask that you RSVP to Martha Gerber at 703-4139 by Sunday, June 11 so enough food can be prepared.

UPCOMING SERMONS



CDC PreK Graduation

Sixteen students received certificates of completion on May 19 in the FBC Chapel. Crystal Rios and Amanda Whisenhunt are their teachers.



REACH YOUTH
Middle School Night

Thursday, June 8, 6-9 pm

Join your friends for summer fun!
The cost is \$10 for 2 attractions (skating, mini golf, laser tag, go carts, and arcade)...bring additional money if you want to do more.
More details coming soon!

Extended Care Nursery Workers Needed
for 2 - 4 year olds

Contact Vince at 655-4101 or
smith@fbcsanangelotx.org for more information.

BIRTHDAYS

May 24 Shirley Cole	May 31 Louise Miller
May 25 Bill Hardy	Mark Nikolauk
May 26 Mildred Massey	June 1 Zoe Deardorff
May 27 Jennie Allen	Ouida Jackson
May 28 No FBC Birthdays	June 2 Ryan Moran
May 29 Ansee Alderton	Patsy Sanders
Mammie Carter	June 3 Chris Knappe
Linda Homeyer	June 4 Reiko McCarty
Riley Nikolauk	June 5 Harmony Bogner
Kimbrelly Rocha	David Martinez
May 30 Carrie Pounds	Mike Nikolauk
Isaiah Santillan	Ken Mathis
Willie Smith	June 6 Nathan Pepper

COMING UP @ FBC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24	
5:15 p.m.	Deacon Council Meeting, W203
7:00 p.m.	VBS Workers Meeting, CLC
SUNDAY, MAY 28	
11:45 a.m.	REACH Camp Fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch, Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, MAY 29	
	Memorial Day
	Church Office Closed
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31	
11:45 p.m.	Homebound Luncheon, First Place
	NO Wednesday Evening Activities
SUNDAY, JUNE 4	
9:00 a.m.	New/Interested Member Class, Hospitality Room
4:00 p.m.	Going Local Team, First Place
TUESDAY, JUNE 6	
10:00 a.m.	Women on Mission, BRC Highrise

WITH SYMPATHY

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

Family & friends of **Gladys Nelson**.

Family & friends of **Nancy Young**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

May 14

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	772
Attendance	276
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	7
GRAND TOTAL	283

May 21

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	766
Attendance	272
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	9
GRAND TOTAL	281

CONGRATULATIONS

We share our joy with...

Chris & Gina Meadows who welcomed a new grandson, Wylder Meadows, on May 12.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

May 28	Charlie Smith, Don Ball and Craig Terrill
June 4	Greg Baucom, Roscoe Brown and Gary Allen
June 11	Carson Cummings, Robert Dillard and Laylan Bratcher

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mid-Week Meal

May 24

Caprese chicken casserole, Tuscan roasted pork loin, mashed potatoes, fresh steamed zucchini, creamy Parmesan mushrooms, salad bar and dessert.

May 31

No Evening Activities

June 7

Hamburgers, chicken nuggets, ranch style beans, corn, chips, salad bar and dessert

Menu is subject to change.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending May 14

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$36,465.16
YTD Budget Needs	\$545,847.31
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$517,004.78
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00

Week Ending May 21

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$10,608.02
YTD Budget Needs	\$573,139.67
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$527,612.80
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00

INFORMATION NEEDED

If you or a family member is having surgery or is hospitalized for any reason, please make sure to let us know so that the staff may extend pastoral care. Contact Becky Powers at 655-4101 or powers@fbcsanangelotx.org.

FBC WELCOMES

Luis Ayon

Luis made a profession of faith on Wednesday, May 17 and joined FBC by baptism.

Adriana Valdez

Adriana made a profession of faith on Wednesday, May 17 and joined FBC by baptism.

John Clark

John joined FBC by statement on Sunday, May 21.

Gary & Rebecca Hart

Gary & Rebecca joined FBC on Sunday, May 21 by letter from Anderson Mill Baptist Church in Austin.

PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. James Hassell , Pastor	Bill Gillum , Minister of Music	Vince Smith , Minister to Families
Dr. Jerold McBride , Pastor Emeritus	Charlie Millspaugh , Broadcasting & Media Sound Tech	Pam Granger , Food Service Director
Greg Baucom , Director, Child Development Center	Linda Bratcher , Organist	Becky Powers , Pastor's MA
AJ Deardorff , Director of Broadcast Media	Janet Faulkner , Pianist	Martha Bailey , Minister of Ed/Admin MA
	Rocky Stone , Building Engineer	Mac McC Carson , Financial Director

FBC MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Live at 10:30 am on KCLL 100.1 FM; Rebroadcast at 8 am on KIDY, Cable Channel 10/110 and at 10 am on My San Angelo, Cable Channel 141



Camp Fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch

Sunday, May 28
11:45 am, Fellowship Hall

The cost of the meal is a suggested donation of what you would spend on Sunday lunch for you and your family.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

CLC Free 8th will resume in the fall

WEDNESDAY

4:30 p.m. Library Open
 4:15 p.m. REACH Youth Hang Time
 5:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Meal
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids
 5:45 p.m. REACH Youth Worship, CLC
 6:45 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Stitches of Love
 Glory Choir & Upper Classmen Open Gym will resume in the fall

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. BRC Highrise Bible Study

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 9:00 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Southern Gospel Worship Service

See page 3 for changes in weekly schedule.

New Members & Interested Guests Monthly Gathering

Tom Dufresne leads this class designed to help new members and guests get to know FBC and how they can be equipped to do ministry. It's open to people of all ages or life stages who have just joined the church, are looking for a church home, or are curious about their spiritual formation. Child care is available in both our nursery and various Sunday School departments.



Sunday, June 4 at 9 am in the Hospitality Room



VBS is coming...

Wednesdays

July 5, 12, 19 & 26

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Registration opening soon!



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.