



FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



In my previous article, I spoke much about the need for our church to reengage with disciple-making. My wife and I want to set an example for you and dive in wholeheartedly. I'm excited to announce then two new initiatives. First, Shannon and I will offer a small group called "**The Disciples' Toolkit: Equipped for the Work of Ministry.**" This group will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-4:45pm from January 7-March 25, 2018 in First Place. Topics covered will include: Basic theology and the Gospel, Jesus' main teachings and how we can practice them, the Local Church at work, and making disciples yourself.

I will design this course myself, so it will not be "canned," and I will not be preaching or lecturing—just leading. There will be much flexibility built in for feedback and your questions. In fact, your tough questions are encouraged! People of any age are welcome, and one does not have to be a member of FBC to commit to the group. The goal of this group will be to equip you to make disciples on your own. Please register by December 1 by registering online or by calling the church office. Let us know if you need childcare.

Second, starting next January on Wednesday evenings, I will be teaching **through the Bible**. This would be an excellent time to start attending on Wednesdays and to bring guests with

you. Obviously, it will probably take a few years to get totally through this series, but my goal is to see our biblical knowledge increase dramatically since God's Word is absolutely foundational to our lives as disciples of Jesus.

In other news, please be advised that our **Committee on Committees** will recommend some changes in our committee structure. Specifically, they are recommending that the following committees be disbanded with gratitude to all those who have served: Building, CDC, Insurance, and Spiritual Formation Advisory Committee. They are also recommending that the Scholarship Committee become a Scholarship Task Force which will be called by the church each year for a limited duration. They are further recommending that the Committee on Committees be renamed as "Nominating Committee." I believe these changes are necessary and needed in order to provide more flexibility in our ministry as a church and to allow for better communication between the leaders of our church. These recommendations will come formally to you within the month.

I'm also excited to tell you that our **Finance Committee is unanimous in recommending the 2018 Church Budget to you**. Hard work, much prayer, and countless hours have been spent on preparing this budget for you, and I appreciate everyone who has worked so hard being good stewards. I think that you will appreciate the care that has gone into all committee deliberations on the budget when you see it. Copies of the recommended budget will be available to you on Wednesday, October 25. We will discuss the budget on Wednesday, November 1 in a called business meeting.

And we will vote on the budget without discussion after the morning service on Sunday, November 5.

Just a reminder: Let's keep these four ideas top of mind as we commit to being a Great Commission church.

1. Worship regularly and consistently on the Lord's Day with the FBC family.
2. Attend a Discipleship small group.
3. Serve in a ministry of the church that involves sharing the Gospel.
4. Tithe.

Pastor James

2018 Budget Presentation Schedule

Wednesday, October 25

The proposed 2018 budget will be presented to the Deacon Council. Budget brochures will be available following the Mid-Week Bible Study in Fellowship Hall that night, and at the Welcome Center and sanctuary doors on Sunday, October 29.

Wednesday, November 1 @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

A Special Called Business Meeting will be held to discuss the proposed 2018 Budget.

Sunday, November 5 @ 10:30 am

Vote on the budget (without discussion) during the morning worship service.



REACH
Movie Night

Saturday, October 14

Students will meet at 6:30 pm in the First Place parking lot and will travel together to the home of Kenny & Jennifer Wright

**Drinks & popcorn...
Bring a friend!!!**



FIELDS OF FAITH

Wednesday, October 11
7:00 - 9:00 pm
San Angelo Stadium on Knickerbocker

A church van will leave FBC at 6:15 pm from the First Place parking lot or students may meet us at the stadium.



HOUSE OF FAITH RAISING HIGHLY CAPABLE KIDS

Vision Casting for Parent University
Tuesday, October 17
10 - 11:30 AM
Region 15 Training Center
612 S Irene St

House of Faith and Resilient Kidz are partnering together with local schools in the San Angelo community to equip parents to raise healthy, caring and responsible children through parenting classes. We want to invite anyone interested to join us for a Parent University vision casting event. The event will inform you about the Resilient Kidz curriculum *Raising Highly Capable Kids*.

Dignity Memorial Guidance Series

Johnson's Funeral Home has provided us with a grief management resource library of booklets, CDs and DVDs to help those coping with loss. This resource is available in the Pastor's office.



CVBA
CONCHO VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Churches joining TOGETHER to build the Kingdom of God.

Concho Valley Baptist Association
127th Annual Celebration
Sunday, October 22
Southland Baptist Church



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

National Shoebox Dedication Day
November 12, 2017

Sunday School Departments and individuals are collecting items for their boxes to be sent to children around the world. In the hands of local churches, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

For information, email Carol Ann Bonds: carolabonds@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Mid-Week Meal

October 11

Chicken & dumplings, smoked sausage, mixed vegetables, fried okra, mashed potatoes, salad bar & dessert

October 18

Chili, sour cream chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, corn, salad bar and dessert

October 25

Chicken fricassee, red beans and sausage, rice, corn maque choux, fried zucchini, salad bar and dessert

Menu is subject to change.



TEXAS BAPTISTS
BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS

ANNUAL MEETING
November 12-14
Waco Convention Center
Waco, Texas

FBC is entitled to 12 messengers at the CVBA Annual Meeting and 25 at the BGCT Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving, please contact Becky Powers at powers@fbcsanangelotx.org or call the church office at 655-410.

BIRTHDAYS

October 11 No FBC Birthdays	October 18 Devin Fox
October 12 Kevin Geffers Coralie Wetzell	Hayden Schmidt Carl Young
October 13 Anastasia Bakurza Mitchell Gatlin Evelyn Howell Cotten MacDonald	October 19 Michael Gevara
October 14 Truman Jones Dru Larremore	October 20 No FBC Birthdays
October 15 Joanna Hafer	October 21 Jean McFerrin
October 16 Winn Palmer	October 22 Jennifer Schmidt Martha Snider
October 17 Sherrell Bethune Johnny Matthews	October 23 Donna Moorehead
	October 24 Kaitlyn Foster Travis Whitney

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

October 15	Kenny Wright, Don Ball, and Gary Allen
October 22	Greg Baucom, Roscoe Brown, and Laylan Bratcher
October 29	Carson Cummings, Larry Edgington, and AJ Deardorff

WITH SYMPATHY

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

AJ & April Deardorff in the death of his aunt; **Zach and Zoe** in the death of their great-aunt.

Tom & Murf Dufresne in the death of her uncle, Boyd Bryant, and in the death of her brother-in-law.

Pat Gray & family in the death of her mother-in-law, **Merle Gray**.

Dick & Coralie Wetzell in the death of his cousin, Charles Burks.

COMING UP @ FBC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 7:00 p.m. Fields of Faith, San Angelo Stadium
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 6:30 p.m. REACH Student Movie Night
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 6:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship, First Place
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 5:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, C207
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 5:15 p.m. FBC Foundation Meeting, C207
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 12:00 p.m. Threads of Blessing, First Place
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 11:30 a.m. CVBA Senior Adult Harvest Lunch, Glen Meadows Baptist Church
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 9:00 a.m. Threads of Blessing, First Place
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 11:45 a.m. Homebound Luncheon, First Place 5:15 p.m. Deacon Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting, Fellowship Hall

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

September Report

During September, the Homebound Ministry Team made 205 visits, 21 phone calls and sent out 7 cards/letters.

This ministry team meets for lunch on the last Wednesday of each month, except for July and December. For more information, please contact Barbara Rowland at 949-6492.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We share our joy with...

Jesse and Wilma Kidd as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Kidds met when they were both serving with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board) in Brazil, and they married October 14, 1967 in St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

October 1

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	758
Attendance	267
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	10
Talley House Class	8
GRAND TOTAL	285

October 8

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	760
Attendance	251
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	10
Talley House Class	8
GRAND TOTAL	269

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending October 1

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$40,886.67
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,091,109.88
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,047,694.62
2017 Budget	\$1,106,467.50

Week Ending October 8

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$27,861.45
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,118,986.25
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,134,328.95
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00

PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. James Hassell, Pastor
Bill Gillum, Minister of Music

Vince Smith, Minister to Families
Melodie Penland, Family Ministry Associate

Dr. Jerold McBride, Pastor Emeritus

AJ Deardorff, Director of
Broadcast Media
Charlie Millsbaugh,
Broadcasting & Media Sound Tech

Linda Bratcher, Organist
Janet Faulkner, Pianist
Rocky Stone, Building Engineer
Pam Granger, Food Service Director

Becky Powers, Pastor's MA
Martha Bailey, Minister of Ed/Admin MA
Mac McC arson, 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



Backyard Bible Club Update

We are wrapping up our first month of Backyard Bible Club at Fort Concho Elementary. We have averaged about 18 kids a week, with those numbers expected to rise as we continue through the semester. Currently, we have 4 FBC volunteers with a House of Faith worker each week. We would love to involve more people as we will hopefully take this club over next year. If you are interested in checking out what a club week looks like, please contact Vince for details.

Also, Fort Concho has asked FBC's help with their fall Festival. We are in the process of working through what that will look like and will get details out as soon as we get them. If you are interested in helping with that, be on the lookout for dates we advertise.

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FBC serves the community by helping out at Meals for the Elderly each October. Drivers are needed for various routes this month. If you are able to serve in this area, please contact Janet Eaton at 656-1264.

First Baptist Church University & Beyond Gathering

Sunday Nights, 5:00 -7:00 PM

First Baptist Church Christian Life Center, 20 E Harris Ave
C'mon over for food and fun with knockerball and a study called



Topics to be covered include:

God's Will Dating
Career Commitment
Singleness Faith

For more information, contact Vince at 325.655.4101 or smith@fbcsanangelotx.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

3:30 p.m. Free 8th, CLC

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

10:30 a.m. Glory Choir
2:30 p.m. Backyard Bible Club @ Ft. Concho Elementary
6:00 p.m. Stitches of Love

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 at Baptist Retirement Center
5:00 p.m. University & Beyond Gathering, CLC

See page 3 for changes in weekly schedule.

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