



FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



I hope that all of you have a fantastic **Thanksgiving celebration!** Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. Officially declared by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 as a national holiday, Thanksgiving certainly provides an opportunity for us to slow down, gather with family and friends, and lift prayer for God's provision and guidance. I pray that, this year, we would see through all of the advertisements, consumerism, and shopping in order to take the time out that we all truly need to seek the Lord. Thanksgiving also provides a natural doorway for walking into the Advent/Christmas Season. So, take time to rest, praise the Lord, and share your time and talents as the Lord leads in these next days.

Once we return from the holiday, Christmas activities and celebrations will be in full swing among our church family! Please take note of the numerous upcoming **Sunday School parties.** Also, don't forget that FBC will host the **Central High School Orchestra Christmas Concert** in the sanctuary on December 5 at 7pm. All of you are, of course, invited. Our own **church choir and orchestra** will present their Christmas worship celebration on December 10 in the morning worship service. And since **Christmas Eve** falls on Sunday this year, we will not be having an evening worship service. The morning schedule will be as normal (Sunday School at 9am, Worship at 10:30am),

and we will have a fine celebration during the morning worship service.

Speaking of being thankful, I value your keen sense of **stewardship** over the past months. Our giving has been below budget only a few times since mid-May, and this year is shaping up to be our best fiscal year in quite some time. In fact, I have to go back to December 2012 in order to find our church's cash position equal to what it is today. It appears to me that the hard decisions that we have made in the past couple of years are setting us up for financial and ministerial well-being if our current trends continue. Please do three things in response to this news. First, say "thank you" over and over again to the Lord. Second, continue to give liberally and cheerfully. Let's give not because we have to but because of God's grace. Third, keep the gospel first! When the gospel is absolutely first in our church, finances will take care of themselves.

Remember that we have some amendments/changes to the bylaws being proposed by the Deacon Council, Committee on Committees, and Ministerial Staff for vote on **December 6 at 6pm** before our prayer and Bible study. Amendment proposal packets have been made available for you in the Fellowship Hall. You can also obtain a copy by contacting the church office. I'm encouraged that we are getting our procedures and policies all lined out to meet our current practice. Keep in mind that the bylaws should not dictate what the church does. The church dictates what the bylaws do.

Finally, Vince and I will have a **MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT** to share with you on December 6. Please make every effort to eat dinner with us and hear the exciting news that evening!

Pastor James

Sunday, December 10

Almost There

presented by the Christmas Choir & Orchestra, 10:30 A.M., Sanctuary

The Music of Christmas,

presented by the Glory Choir
5:00 P.M., BRC Chapel

Sunday, December 24

Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

Morning Christmas Eve

Worship Service, 10:30 A.M.

No Evening Worship

Monday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office closed

Wednesday, December 27

No Wednesday activities

Sunday, December 31

Sunday School, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Worship, 10:30 A.M.

No Evening Worship

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Church Office closed

Tuesday, January 2

Church Office closed

*Share
in the Joy
of the
Christmas
Season*



Over the past 9 years, FBC has packed an amazing total of 5,113 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, including the 537 we packed this year!



Is There Room in Your Inn?

Children enter foster care through no fault of their own, because they have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. These children are in temporary custody of the State, and in Tom Green County, 67% of the children have to be placed 100 miles or more away due to a lack of foster homes in our area. These children lose connections to their home, school, teachers, friends, relatives and sometimes even their siblings. They enter a world of unknowns.

You can be a part of the solution. The development of local foster homes is crucial. While not an easy task at times, the opportunity to offer a child a safe home and connectivity to their community is a life-long reward.

Child Protective Services and area child placing agencies have launched the *Is There Room in Your Inn?* campaign to run until January 1, 2018. For more information on how to help fill this critical need in our community, visit www.adoptchildren.org or contact Tony Rastetter, Child Protective Services Faith Based Specialist for Region 9 at 657-7400.

Equipment and Supply Sale

The church will be selling items from the CDC that we cannot use. The sale will begin on Friday, December 1 for area childcare facilities who have contacted us with an interest in purchasing items. If you know of a facility who may be in need of equipment and/or supplies, please have them contact the church office for information.

The sale will then be open to the public on Saturday December 2, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the CDC area and in the west wing basement (under the chapel).

Quilts of Valor



On Sunday, November 12, 2017, the Threads of Blessings sewing group recognized our 19 veterans born in the 1930s and presented those in attendance with a Quilt of Valor. Those who were not able to attend have been presented with their quilts at home. It is a privilege to be able to honor these veterans for their service to our country.

BIRTHDAYS

November 22

June Heck

November 23

Sandy Meeks
Elvira Robles

November 24

No FBC Birthdays

November 25

Sue Curtis
Julie Dusckas
Sharon McDonough
Kelly McGowen
Rey C. Robles

November 26

No FBC Birthdays

November 27

No FBC Birthdays

November 28

JoNell Harlow
Jeannie McCleer
David Noble
Stanley Slate

November 29

Lizzy Alvarez
Lulu Alvarez

November 30

Helane Green
Caleb Wright

December 1

Joyce Adams

December 2

Ken Campbell
Landry Cooper
Lenox Cummings
Mary McCarson
Lorraine Nance

December 3

Aaden Dusckas
Theresa Foster
Garrison Nikolauk
Katelyn Spraggins

December 4

Earlene Mayfield

December 5

Dan Brown
Julie Moran
Sue Wimberly

COMING UP @ FBC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Church office closes at noon,
no Wednesday activities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Church office closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Church office closed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 a.m. Threads of Blessing, First Place

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

11:45 a.m. Homebound Luncheon, First Place

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Equipment/Supply Sale (Facilities)
6:00 p.m. Servants by Grace (Adult 1)
Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 a.m. Equipment/Supply Sale (Public)
6:00 p.m. Open Doors (Adult 3)
Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 a.m. New/Interested Members Class,
Hospitality Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 a.m. Women on Mission, BRC Highrise
7:00 p.m. Central High School Holiday
Orchestra Celebration, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00 p.m. Special Called Business Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

WITH SYMPATHY

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

Brad & Rachel Haralson in the death of her father; **Matthew, Weston and Max** in the death of their grandfather, Max Jasso.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

November 12

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	767
Attendance	290
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	6
Talley House Class	8
GRAND TOTAL	304

November 19

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	756
Attendance	279
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	10
Talley House Class	8
GRAND TOTAL	297

CONGRATULATIONS

We share our joy with...

Chad & Jessica Currie as they welcomed a new son, Grayson, on November 14. He was welcomed home by his big brothers, Caden and Lane.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mid-Week Meal

November 22

No Wednesday activities
Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29

Breakfast casserole, biscuits, gravy,
sausage, ham; salad bar and dessert

December 6

Tacos, King Ranch chicken, pinto beans,
Mexican corn, chips, salad bar and dessert

Menu is subject to change.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

November 26 Spencer McDonough,
Brian Meeks and Johnny Matthews

December 3 Ricky Menchaca,
Floyd Petitt and Chris Meadows

December 10 Tim Reid, Charlie Smith
and Tommy Moran

2018 Deacon Council Officers

Chairman	Vice-Chair	Secretary
Brian Meeks	Robert Dillard	Ricky Menchaca

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending November 12

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$53,982.21
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,255,982.21
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,279,250.42
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00

Week Ending November 19

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$24,529.77
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,282,741.17
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,303,780.19
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.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

AJ Deardorff, Director of
Broadcast Media
Brian Thomas,
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, Office 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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

**CHURCH
BUSINESS
MEETING**
6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall

This is a Special Called Business Meeting to consider recommendations from the Deacon Council, Committee on Committees and ministerial staff regarding amendments to the church bylaws. Amendment proposal packets were made available last Wednesday in Fellowship Hall and are also available in the church office.

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

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

See page 3 for changes in weekly schedule.

'Tis the Season

Servants by Grace (1)

Friday, December 1, 6:00 p.m., home of Chris & Jill Lovett

Open Doors (3)

Saturday, December 2, 6:00 p.m., home of Don & Susan Ball

Responders (4)

Thursday, December 7, 6:00 p.m., Northgate Clubhouse

Encouragers (6)

Friday, December 8, 6:00 p.m., Northgate Clubhouse

Youth

Wednesday, December 13, 5:00 p.m., CLC

Seekers (5)

Sunday, December 17, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

University

Tuesday, December 19, TBA

For more information on Sunday School events, call the church office for the Department Director's contact information.

**ELEVATOR REPAIRS WILL BEGIN
THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2018.
More details coming soon.**



**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.**
1 Chronicles 16:34
*Happy Thanksgiving
from the staff of
First Baptist Church*