



FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



The upcoming few weeks will be particularly meaningful for our church. On Sunday, November 12, please make every effort to be with the church family. During the morning worship service, we plan to honor veterans with another wonderful **Quilts of Valor presentation**. Also, we will dedicate our **Operation Christmas Child** boxes during the worship service. Thanks to all who work so hard in coordinating these ministries.

Further, make plans to join us for our annual **Thanksgiving Banquet** on November 12 in the Fellowship Hall. Serving lines will open at 5pm. Ticket prices are \$7/adult, \$5/child, with a max of \$25 per family. We are also blessed this year to welcome Karen Ligon, a member of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, who will share her musical gifts for the Lord with us during the banquet.

Have you noticed the very important recommendations from your Committee on Committees? Keep in mind that we will vote on their recommendations on **November 8**, just prior to Prayer Meeting and Bible study. I'm encouraged by the committee's hard work and diligent effort. I also want to thank everyone who has agreed to serve on committees as well as those who are rotating off.

Similarly, our **Deacon Council** recently discussed and approved some significant changes to their procedures. I will be sharing these updates with you on **Wednesday night, November 15**.

I think you are going to be impressed and encouraged with the new ways in which our deacons will be doing ministry in our church. Their proposed changes will come soon to the whole church in the form of a recommendation to amend our church bylaws. The Committee on Committees recommendations will also require some deletions of language in our bylaws in order for our policies to be current. I have set a time for us to vote on all of these changes on December 6. I believe these are wonderful and overdue changes for our church. The changes simplify our organization and free us up to do some great ministry.

As I mentioned after my November 5 morning sermon, I want to be available for you for **discipleship** and **equipping**. If you would like to set up some regular meetings in which we could talk about your journey as a follower of Jesus, then simply call the church office, and let me know! Remember, too, that the **Disciples' Toolkit** small group will begin on January 7. Sign up at the church building or online.

Pastor James



Join Pastor James for a great Wednesday Night Bible Study series:

QUESTIONS TO ALL YOUR ANSWERS

This series is based on the book of the same title by Roger Olson of Truett Seminary.

We will be challenged to examine both our faith and how we witness for the Lord!

We meet in Fellowship Hall; supper begins at 5pm and Prayer & Bible study begins at 6pm.

First Baptist Church Thanksgiving Banquet

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 5:00 P.M.

MCBRIDE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FEATURING ENTERTAINMENT BY
VOCALIST, KAREN LIGON

\$7 - ADULTS, \$5 - CHILDREN UNDER 12
\$25 - HOUSEHOLD MAXIMUM



Concho Christmas Celebration Tour of Lights Volunteers Needed

First Baptist Church has agreed to serve as greeters for the Tour of Lights on Tuesday, December 19. The University Department is taking the 8:00 - 10:00 pm shift, but we need a team of 6-8 people to work from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Volunteers will be stationed at the beginning of the tour to collect donations and hand out candy canes and survey forms.

This would be a great opportunity for Sunday School classes or other small groups. If interested, please contact Becky Powers at 655-4101 or powers@fbcsanangelotx.org.



Quilts of Valor

This Sunday during the morning worship service, our Threads of Blessing quilting group will present Quilts of Valor to our Korea and Vietnam era veterans. It is a privilege to be able to honor these veterans for their service to our country.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- November 12** Ron Galloway
Homer Griffin
Jim Jones
- November 19** Basil Jordan
Andy McCleer
Ramon Martinez
- November 26** Spencer McDonough
Brian Meeks



2017 Holiday Publication Schedule

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it is time to take a look at *The Equipper* publication for the Christmas holidays. Our last newsletter of the year, a special eight page issue, will be published on December 19. As always, the deadline will be noon on Monday, but it will be a big help if you will get information to me as soon as you have it. That allows me to hold a spot for you, even if you may not have all the details until Monday.

Please remember to contact me at 655-4101 or powers@fbcsanangelotx.org with your Sunday School Christmas Party plans. I will be doing a section of holiday happenings around FBC on November 21 and I would like to have a complete list of these events.

Becky Powers



Meals for the Elderly

FBC serves the community by helping out at Meals for the Elderly each October. This year, we delivered to 58 different routes to about 630 individuals. Each stop delivered a hot meal daily, frozen breakfast items on Monday and a sack lunch on Friday. This year, we also included information about our church worship services, with an invitation to worship with us via radio and television.

Sincere thanks to all members who delivered a meal and love to these elderly members of our community.

Janet Eaton

A Special Thank You

Many of you noticed and made mention of the new lighting in our sanctuary on Sunday. We are making the switch from incandescent, high-wattage lighting to LED lighting. This lighting will be cooler, cheaper, and longer lasting. Carson Cummings and his folks from Danco Electric have done a wonderful job of installation for us. They have worked around our schedules and been extremely professional in their time with us. Make sure the next time you see Carson to thank him for his hard work in making FBC a brighter and more efficient place for us to worship.

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your prayers and good wishes on cards. I love you all at First Baptist.
Gerald Lackey

Thank you for your visits, prayers, and notes of encouragement during Donald's recent illness. We appreciate the concerns of our church family.
Deloras Mauldin

WITH SYMPATHY

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

Anastasia, Alexis and Zachary Bakurza in the death of their uncle, Concepcion Mendez.

Roland Williams and family in the death of his aunt.

BIRTHDAYS

November 8 Sue Havins Lawrence Wilson	November 15 No FBC Birthdays
November 9 Shelby Butts Presley Gibbs Skylar Jenkins	November 16 Wanda Barbee Bettie Moore Janice White
November 10 Evelyn Estes Audrey Truelove	November 17 Wanda Black Vaughniece Bradley Dale Nichols Matthew Sharp
November 11 Gary Allen Alex Byrd Connor Pence Lorene Southall	November 18 Bessie Schenk John Velarde Samuel Velarde
November 12 Lesalea Perkins	November 19 No FBC Birthdays
November 13 No FBC Birthdays	November 20 Sandra Crotwell Sandra Nichols
November 14 Dudra Butler Darlene Stokes Elaine Wakefield	November 21 Vince Smith

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mid-Week Meal

November 8

Chicken Alfredo; sausage, peppers & onions; macaroni & cheese, rice pilaf; steamed vegetables; salad bar and dessert

November 15

Chicken and bacon pasta bake, chopped sirloin with mushrooms and brown gravy, steamed broccoli, roasted vegetables, rice, salad bar and dessert

November 22

No Wednesday activities
Happy Thanksgiving!

Menu is subject to change.

COMING UP @ FBC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

2:00 p.m. Responders & Youth OCC Packing & Pizza, Youth Paintball following

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:30 a.m. OCC Shoebox Dedication
Quilts of Valor Presentation
5:00 p.m. FBC Thanksgiving Banquet, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

5:15 p.m. Committee on Committees Meeting, C201

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 a.m. Mission Sewing Team, First Place

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

5:15 p.m. Deacon Council Meeting, W203

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:00 p.m. Threads of Blessing, First Place
5:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, C207

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

3:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship, First Place

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Church office closes at noon, no Wednesday activities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

October Report

During October, the Homebound Ministry Team made 205 visits, 11 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.

FBC WELCOMES

New Members

Tom & Pam Granger

Tom & Pam joined FBC during the morning worship service on Sunday, October 29 by letter from a sister church in the city.

June Heck

June joined FBC during the evening worship service on Sunday, October 29 by letter from FBC, Iraan, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

October 29

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	769
Attendance	247
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	10
Talley House Class	8
GRAND TOTAL	265

November 5

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	767
Attendance	261
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	10
Talley House Class	8
GRAND TOTAL	279

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending October 29

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$12,316.19
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,200,864.08
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,178,340.19
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00

Week Ending November 5

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$46,928.02
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,228,156.44
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,225,268.21
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

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, Office MA
Mac McCarson, 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



Rocky Stone has served as the Building Engineer for First Baptist Church since November 11, 1987. Please take a moment this week to let him know how much you appreciate him and his 30 years of service to FBC.



**Building Up the Church,
One Shoebox at a Time!**

More than 80,000 churches across the United States are involved in packing gifts for OCC. There are just as many churches worldwide handing them out. We rejoice to hear how God is using shoebox gifts around the world to grow congregations, strengthen evangelistic outreach and even plant new churches. Do you have your shoebox packed?

**Dedication Day
November 12, 2017**

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

See page 3 for changes in weekly schedule.

Looking Ahead...

- Sunday, November 12** Church Thanksgiving meal, 5 pm, McBride Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, November 22** Church office closes at noon; no Wednesday night activities
- Thursday, November 23** Happy Thanksgiving! (Church office closed November 23-24)
- Sunday, December 10** Choir & Orchestra Christmas Celebration, *Almost There*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary
Glory Choir Christmas Concert, 5 pm, Baptist Retirement Chapel
- Tuesday, December 19** FBC volunteers at Concho Christmas Tour of Lights
- Sunday, December 24** FBC Family Christmas Eve Worship, 10:30 am, FBC Sanctuary
- Monday, December 25** Merry Christmas! (Church office closed December 25-26)
- Monday, January 1, 2018** Happy New Year! (Church office closed January 1-2)
- Monday, January 8, 2018** Equipping Dinner & Committee Orientation, 6 pm, McBride Fellowship Hall
- Week of January 16, 2018** Elevator repair begins, more details coming soon.

It's ALMOST Pie-Cutting Time Again!

Volunteers are needed to cut pies for our Thanksgiving Banquet THIS Sunday, November 12. We will meet at 11:45 am outside of Fellowship Hall.

If you can help, please contact Becky at 655-4101 or powers@fbcsanangelotx.org.