



## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



Discipleship is so important for our church today. The New Testament word that we translate as “disciple” occurs 269 times in the Bible and simply means “student,” or “apprentice.” Following Jesus as his students, under his guidance, is the most biblical way to live our lives to the fullest. The great theologian and preacher, Karl Barth said it well: “Follow me’ is the substance of the call in the power of which Jesus makes people his saints. We may say, therefore, that in practice the command to follow Jesus is identical with the command to believe in him.”

God has been impressing much on my heart in recent months about discipleship and living out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). You have seen some of these impressions coming out in recent sermons and in our Wednesday

night series on the Priesthood of All Believers. I don’t think it has been any accident that God has gifted us with so many new disciples this year, either. I believe that GOD WANTS FBC SAN ANGELO TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF DISCIPLE-MAKING TO THE ENTIRE REGION! So, on Sunday, October 1, I will connect these impressions together in a message about how our church can have a fresh, strategic approach to the Great Commission. The message will be called, “Great Commitment to the Great Commission.” The next week, I plan to preach a message directed especially towards our students and young families—the next generation of our church—concerning Christ’s expectations upon us at this stage of life. Please make a special effort to be in Sunday School and in worship on these days, and please also invite guests! I would like everyone to hear how God may lead our church and homes in some special efforts in coming days.

The strategic approach on which I elaborate in upcoming days will be simple and very easy to understand. In fact, it’s so simple that I will include the

basic idea here, and you can already be praying about your commitment level. I plan to implement the strategy in the New Year, but wanted to give you plenty of time to pray and ask questions because the success of this approach is dependent upon the entire church, not just a few individuals or staff members. In other words, your commitment level is up to you.

In this disciple-making strategy, I am asking every church member and interested individual to commit to four things:

1. Worship regularly and consistently on the Lord’s Day with the FBC family.
2. Attend a Discipleship small group. These groups will open on Wednesday nights starting in January 2018. Details on these groups are coming soon.
3. Serve in a ministry of the church that involves sharing the Gospel.
4. Tithe.

I hope to see you Sunday. The Lord has blessed us immensely this year and therefore requires much from us in the days ahead. Let’s give our absolute best to Him.

*Pastor James*

## First Baptist Church University & Beyond Gathering

Sunday Nights, October 1 - November 5, 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:

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| <u>God’s Will</u> | <u>Dating</u>     |
| <u>Career</u>     | <u>Commitment</u> |
| <u>Singleness</u> | <u>Faith</u>      |

For more information, contact Vince  
at 325.655.4101 or [smith@fbcsanangelotx.org](mailto:smith@fbcsanangelotx.org).

## Meals For The Elderly



*Delivering to the Homebound*

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

## Helping School Children

We are still collecting Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, aluminum pull tabs, and the My Coke Rewards from Coca-Cola products. Box Tops for Education are appearing on more and more items in the stores and takes little or no effort to save these and bring them to church. If you cannot make it to Fellowship Hall with your items, you may put them into your Sunday School box and they will be added to the collection.

Thank you to everyone for helping in this worthy cause.

Joanna Sturgill



## CVBA Senior Adult Harvest Luncheon

Friday, October 6, 11:30 a.m.

Glen Meadows Baptist Church

Featuring entertainment by Scott Cotton & the GMBC Praise Team

Cost - \$7/person,

Catered by Dickey's BBQ

Tickets are required and will be available in the church office until noon on October 2.

## FIELDS OF FAITH

Wednesday, October 11

7:00 - 9:00 pm

San Angelo Stadium

The annual Fields of Faith sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be held on Wednesday evening, October 11. Adult "encouragers" are needed to help with teenagers who respond to the invitation. For more information, contact Vince at [smith@fbcsanangelotx.org](mailto:smith@fbcsanangelotx.org) or call the church office at 655-4101.

## 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, October 1 at 9 am in the Hospitality Room

## 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 will soon be available for checkout in the church library.

## Galilee Missionary Baptist Church Annual Men's Conference

*Laborers in the Harvest*

Men, Galilee Baptist Church invites you to take part in their annual men's conference September 28 - 30. It will consist of worship services on Thursday and Friday nights, and breakfast on Saturday morning, followed by a closing worship service. Pastor James will speak on Thursday night.

To pre-register, please contact Deacon Don Tuttle at 650-9021. Registration cost is \$20, which may be mailed or delivered to the church at 721 W. 19th St. (76903) Office hours are 10 am - 3 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

For more information, feel free to call Deacon Aubrey Todd at 450-5661.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mid-Week Meal

**September 27**

**Soup & Salad Night**

**SOUPS:** Tomato basil, Southwest chicken, broccoli cheese, vegetable beef

**SALADS:** tuna salad, pimento cheese, and the salad bar

A "Chef's Surprise" special dessert will also be served.

**October 4**

Meatloaf, chicken spaghetti, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, corn, salad bar and dessert

**October 11**

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

*Menu is subject to change.*

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

**October 1** Floyd Petitt, Tim Reid and Tommy Moran

**October 8** Charlie Smith, Bill Spraggins, and Craig Terrill

**October 15** Kenny Wright, Don Ball, and Gary Allen

## BIRTHDAYS

**September 27**  
Janice Ferrell

**September 28**  
Carol Ann Bonds  
Dede Rutherford

**September 29**  
No FBC Birthdays

**September 30**  
Joe Aaron Castillo  
Sharon Hollis  
Ricky Menchaca  
Ava Mills

**October 1**  
Roman Moya  
Barbara Rowland

**October 2**  
Bobbie Burns

**October 3**  
Madolyn Mertz  
Marian O'Hara

**October 4**  
Eric Droegemeier

**October 5**  
Kim Baucom  
Jan Duncan  
Helen Merrick  
Annabelle Tawater

**October 6**  
Virgie Clifton  
Rebecca Love

**October 7**  
Connie Fletcher  
Lana Gill  
Craig Terrill  
Juanita Wyatt

**October 8**  
David Cummings  
Joanne Martin  
Bob McCarty  
Rey Robles  
Michael Shotwell

**October 9**  
Meagan Bitner  
Bill Nikolauk  
Kayla Reiner

**October 10**  
Tommy Dudley  
Larry Howard  
Sandra Piel  
Delmira Sanchez

## COMING UP @ FBC

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
9:00 a.m. Threads of Blessing, First Place  
5:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, C207  
5:30 p.m. CDC Committee Meeting, C201

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
11:45 a.m. Homebound Luncheon, First Place  
12:00 p.m. ASU BSM lunch, ASU campus  
5:15 p.m. Deacon Council Meeting, W203

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
11:00 a.m. ASU Family Day  
3:30 p.m. ASU Ram Jam

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**  
9:00 a.m. New & Interested Members Class, Hospitality Room

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
10:00 a.m. Women on Mission, BRC  
5:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, C207

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
6:00 p.m. Special Called Business Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
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 10**  
9:00 a.m. Threads of Blessing, First Place  
5:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, C207

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
7:00 p.m. Fields of Faith, San Angelo Stadium

## FBC WELCOMES

*New Members*

### Christine Strange

Christine made a profession of faith on September 17 and joined FBC by baptism on September 24.

## CONGRATULATIONS

*We share our joy with...*

**Nell Ford** as she celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party today.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

### September 17

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	758
Attendance	297
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	8
Talley House Class	9
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>314</b>

### September 24

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	761
Attendance	266
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	9
Talley House Class	8
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>283</b>

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Week Ending September 17

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$16,821.60
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,037,109.88
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,047,397.15
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00

### Week Ending September 24

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$18,183.68
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,064,402.25
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,065,580.83
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00

## WITH SYMPATHY

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

**Linda Hale** in the death of her husband, Fred.

**Charlie & Ruth Ann Millsbaugh** in the death of his sister, Johnnie Cousins.

**Bob & Barbara Rowland** in the death of his sister, Linda White.



**Mary Hill Davis**  
State Missions Offering  
**\$5,584.00**

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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 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

## It's Annual Meeting Time Concho Valley Baptist Association 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration Sunday, October 22 Southland Baptist Church

### 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 655-4101 by October 1.

A brief special called business meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4 for the purpose of electing messengers.

## Parent University

As we partner with House of Faith and Fort Concho Elementary there may be the opportunity to implement a program called Parent University. In a nutshell, this is a Parent Coaching class that helps parents talk through and learn some good parenting skills. This program was developed by Focus on the Family (a Christian company) to be implemented at schools in order to make a lasting (and hopefully Gospel) impact on kids and their parents.

Below are some important dates if you are interested in being a part of this ministry:

**Vision Casting:** Tuesday, October 17  
10:30 am -noon

**Training:** Tuesday, November 7  
8:00 am-noon

Both of these events will be held at the Region 15 Education Service Center, 612 S. Irene St. For more information, contact Vince in the church office.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY

3:30 p.m. Free 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.



The Threads of Blessing Quilting Team made these quilts for children's beds and will present them to Rust Street Ministries. Thank you to all who have worked on the quilts and all who donated material or funds to purchase material and other supplies.

## CONNECT WITH US!



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