

pastor's perspective



Summer 2024 was truly an incredible time of ministry, mission, camps, and simply FUN! I am so thankful and grateful to you for supporting your church with your participation, your prayers, and your finances these past few months. Kids Kamp, Youth Camp, Pre-Teen Camp, Baylor Music Camp provided amazing opportunities for our kids and teens to grow closer to Jesus and to each other. Years from now these students will reflect on these camps as life-changing, spiritually-maturing and pure crazy fun. All who volunteered to assist with these camps are heroes to me and to our kids. A special word of appreciation to our church ministers and staff for your yearlong planning and promotion of these summer events. None of these special summer camps or weekly summer outings just happen. FBC – Lufkin, I'm proud of you!

As you read this, I believe all our local schools are back in session and loving the cool fall weather. I hope you will join me in praying for our schools... our school administrators, teachers, staff, employees, trustees, and most definitely our students and their families. I can think of very little more needed or more important than believers in our church family interceding for our local schools, our kids, and our church families. Daily. **As often as possible. Without Ceasing. PRAY.**

Back to school and back to Sunday School! This Fall we are intentionally promoting and emphasizing our **Sunday Morning Bible Study** hour – well it's only 45 minutes, but you get it! We have a class for every age group from infants to senior adults. Our preschool and children meet in the beautiful preschool and children's area, and our youth meet in the amazing second floor Youth Area. We have nine adult classes spread across our church facilities as well as a class for special needs, our Special Friends Class. Most of our adult classes are Co-Ed but we also have a Senior Adult Men's Class and three Ladies' classes. Most adult classes are beginning a new curriculum which is most exciting for many of us. Let me encourage you to make Sunday Morning Bible Study a **PRIORTY** for yourself and your entire family. I don't know of any Christ-follower who wouldn't benefit from a Bible study class where peers share, discuss, challenge, pray, laugh, drink coffee, and fellowship on a consistent basis. If you are not a part of a class...now is a great time to commit to joining. Its only an hour...one hour...earlier than simply showing up for worship. Coffee and tea are always available in the Reich Chandler Great Hall and often donuts too! Mark your calendar and join us as we kick off our new Bible study year on September 1 with High Attendance Sunday on September 8. If you aren't sure which class to connect with, stop by the Welcome Desk and all the details will be available.

Finally...**Wednesdays @ First** are here! Our Fall semester of Wednesday opportunities for kids, teens, and adults begin with the Kickoff on Wednesday August 21. Join us for dinner at 5:30 followed by a preview of all our classes, ministry activities, dinner menus, and special Wednesday night events. I love the exciting, fun, intergenerational, family Wednesdays @ First. It's going to be a great semester, and I hope you will commit to being a part of every Wednesday!

Proud to be your pastor,

Pastor Mark

Wednesdays @ First Fall 2024

KICKOFF

Wednesday, August 21

Dinner: 5:30PM // Orientation: 6:15PM

ADULT CLASSES

SESSION 1: AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 25

- The Life of Peter
Leaders: Pastor Mark & Walker McWilliams
-Crafts with Suzy
Leader: Suzy Childers

SESSION 2: OCTOBER 9 - NOVEMBER 13

- Undistracted: Capture Your Purpose. Rediscover Your Joy.
Leaders: Pastor Mark & Walker McWilliams

SPECIAL DATES

Bingo Night: October 2
Advent Kick Off: November 20

SCHEDULE

4:30 - 5:30 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal
4:45 - 5:15 PM	Prayer and Scripture
5:30 - 6:00 PM	Dinner Served
6:15 - 7:00 PM	Adult Seminars
	First Kids Wednesdays (K-6th)
6:15 - 7:30 PM	First Students (7th-12th)
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal

Baptism Sunday

August 25

SAVE THE DATE

9/22

CELEBRATE KICK-OFF

10/20

LOVE LUFKIN

11/24

WE GIVE THANKS

12/1-
12/25

ADVENT

new members



Jason & Diana Gipson
and Madeline



Caroline and Madison
Wallace



Jacob Williams



Hazel Jane McWilliams

Deacons for the month of August

Ricky Dean:
806-676-3175 (cell)

Robby Hefner:
936-676-4095 (cell)

Pat Nicholson:
936-635-8202 (cell)

Scotty West:
936-465-6105 (cell)

memorials & honorariums

Memorial and Honorarium Gifts
have been given to the following
Funds & Ministries of FBC:

Building Fund

In Memory of:

Anna Usrey
Butch Taylor
Jerene Walker
Jerry Fenley
Joy Eagle
Jerry Holder
Raymond Dunkin
Lacy Breckenridge
Sandra Roberts
Kenny Baker
Lori Lopez
Robbie Parkman
Michelle Hughey
Boe Freeman
Roy Cates
Rita Breckenridge
B.B. Stanfield
K.C. & Bettye Platt

Valley Build Fund

In Memory of:

Clyde Wright

FBC Operating Fund

In Memory of:

Jerry Holder

Preschool Ministry

In Memory of:

Betty Kenner

Organ Repair Fund

In Memory of:

Jerene Walker
Jerry Fenley
Jerry Holder
Raymond Dunkin
Bill Fenley

Organ Repair Fund

In Honor of:

Tate Ashby

Music Ministry

In Memory of:

Jerene Walker
Jerry Fenley
Kenny Baker

FBC Missions Fund

In Memory of:

Edwin Aldredge

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Sympathy to

Kristy and Steven Forke and family in the loss of her mother, Betty Kenner.

The family of Keith Allred.

Curt and Jule Fenley and family in the loss of his mother, Jerry Fenley.

Jesse Walker, Cné and Wade Blake and family, and Shannon and Mark Abney and family in the loss of Jerene, wife, mother and grandmother.

Charlotte Villasana and family in the loss of her mother, Anna Usrey.

Randall and Cinda Taylor and family in the loss of his father, Butch Taylor.

Cinda and Randall Taylor in the loss of her brother, Kit Rudd.

Halie and Chris Gaw and family in the loss of her mother, Jan Patterson.

Randall and Cinda Taylor and family in the loss of his mother, Mary Jo Taylor.

Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed during the lunch hour
(12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Financial Report Year to Date

Budget Needs	\$1,062,298.56
Budget Receipts	\$1,053,540.17
Building Fund	\$102,424.35
Other Designations	\$63,957.07
Other Receipts	\$88,308.14

Staff

Mark Newton, Senior Pastor
Katie Baker,
Minister to Preschool & Children
John Lassiter,
Minister of Music
Walker McWilliams,
Associate Pastor/ Minister of Missions
Truett Newton,
Minister to Students

**FALL
2024**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY KICKOFF

CURRICULUM THEMES

CHILDREN PRESCHOOL

- God Made Me
- Love Like Jesus
- God is Always With Me

ELEMENTARY

- Wisdom
- Compassion
- Self-Control

YOUTH

- The Book of Romans

ADULTS

- 1 Thessalonians
- Learning to Treasure Your Days
- Worship in the New Testament
- Prelude to Grace

**NEW CLASSES AND
CURRICULUM BEGIN
SEPT. 1**

**HIGH ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY ON
SEPT 8.**

**FOR MORE INFO,
VISIT THE WELCOME
DESK IN THE GREAT
HALL.**