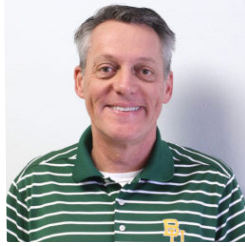


perspective



BOO – I like Halloween. I always have. As a kid, Halloween was just the greatest day ever! Halloween meant selling PTA Halloween Carnival tickets all across town. Families of all ages participated in the Burnet Elementary School Halloween Carnival. It was THE fundraiser of the year for PTA. Each individual class sponsored a carnival booth such as balloon dart throw, bobbing for apples, pony rides, dunking booth, goldfish tank, and of course everyone's favorite ...the cake walk and haunted house. Yes, it was small town America with a Halloween Parade around the courthouse square and a Halloween King and Queen... (picture *To Kill a Mockingbird* with Scout, Jim and Boo Radley.) Following the carnival right at dusk, my friends and I went to Trick or Treat. I would walk all over town with my plastic pumpkin and dodge the big kids throwing water balloons and eggs. Well times have changed, but I still love Halloween and seeing kids dressed up, candy being consumed, and carnival games being enjoyed. Our Wee Care/MDO kids will trick or treat and visit all our offices throughout the church building next Thursday during their Wee Care Day. Please don't preach to me about the evils of Halloween...just chill and enjoy kids being kids. Sometimes church people are just the worst when it comes to having fun and living life. Stop being a Pharisee and just buy some candy, turn on your porch light, and enjoy!

THANKS – Many of you have told me how much you enjoy our annual We Give Thanks Church Family Meal on the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving Day. This is a great FBC Lufkin tradition. A delicious (and free) meal will be provided immediately following worship on Sunday, November 2. You must eat after worship anyway, so plan to eat and fellowship with your church family. We will spend a brief time expressing thanks to God for our many blessings around each table. You will be fed, finished and home sooner than if you go out to eat, so plan to join us! I am so very thankful for each of you and the loving and supportive church family called First Baptist Lufkin. Mark those calendars...Sunday November 24. Bible Study – 9:30. Worship - 10:30. Fellowship Thanksgiving Meal -11:30.

ADVENT – Advent guides, written by our members, will be available on Wednesday, November 20 during our final Wednesday of scheduled activities for the semester. Copies will also be available on Sunday, November 24 at the Welcome Desk. The Advent guides are absolutely amazing and a highlight of the season for all. I'm so grateful to all who agreed to participate by writing a daily devotion this year. Advent begins Sunday, December 1, with special Advent worship services each Sunday during this most holy season.

These are full and exciting days at FBC Lufkin. Don't miss out on all the opportunities to serve, fellowship, minister, worship, pray, and study scripture each week. I love my church and as always I'm so proud to be your pastor.

Pastor Mark

JOIN US FOR THE
KIDS HAY RIDE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
K-6TH // 5:15-7:30
DROP OFF & PICK UP FROM FLC
HOT DOGS AND TREATS AT THE OATES' HOUSE

2025 PROPOSED CHURCH BUDGET
Available Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Welcome Center
Budget Adoption/Church Conference
Wednesday, Nov. 20
6:15PM // FLC

FIRST STUDENTS
FBC LUFKIN
Friendsgiving
Wed., Nov. 20th
6:15-7:30 p.m.
Youth Room
Bring your favorite side!

Advent
KICKOFF
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
DINNER AT 5:30
KICKOFF AT 6:15

SAVE THE DATE
GRACE WOMEN'S
Fall Retreat
November 16 // 9-11 a.m.
All women welcome!
RSVP by Nov. 5
Childcare available upon reservation.

Veterans Reception
NOV. 10 // 8:45 A.M.
Coffee and Donuts in the Great Hall

POINSETTIAS
Order form at the Great Hall Welcome Desk
\$9.00 EACH
ORDER BY DEC. 1

Celebrate!
SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8, 2024
6 P.M.

memorials

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

Building Fund
In Memory of:
Thomas Anderson
Berneice Harvill
Charline Lively
Rosalind McAdams
Charlie Rhame
Charles Ray Russell
Phil Morris
Jerene Walker
Jerry Fenley
Joy Eagle
Rita Breckenridge

Valley Build Fund
In Memory of:
Phil Morris

FBC Operating Fund
In Memory of:
Charlie Rhame

Organ Repair Fund
In Memory of:
Charlie Rhame
Charles Hedrick

Music Ministry
In Memory of:
Charline Lively
Rosalind McAdams
Jerry Fenley

Youth Ministry
In Memory of:
Rosalind McAdams

Flower Ministry
In Memory of:
Charline Lively
Rosalind McAdams

Deacons for the month of November
Richard Byler
936-414-1980 (cell)
Chuck Crowson
936-635-6892 (cell)
David Sanders
936-414-1196 (cell)
John Wood
936-676-6374 (cell)

(936) 634-3386 / www.fbclufkin.org

new members



Ron & Delores
Williams



Scott & Sheila
Skelton



Russell & Lauren
Ford & RJ

Sympathy to

JoAnn Anderson in the loss of her husband, Thomas Anderson.

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	\$1,361,070.03
Budget Receipts	\$1,313,641.65
Building Fund	\$139,440.36
Other Designations	\$88,010.07
Other Receipts	\$116,632.04

Staff

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

