

First Edition

**NOVEMBER 2023,
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OUR SERVICE

Sunday's

8:45 Praise Choir
Rehearsal

9:15 Bible Study for all

10:30 In-person

Worship and
online worship through
Facebook LIVE



*Fall Back Nov. 6th
Daylight savings Ends*



Wednesday

10:30am Ladies Bible Study

3:30-5:30pm Team Kids

5:30pm Wednesday Night Supper

6:30pm Wed. night groups

- Ladies Bible study
- Men's Bible study
- Creation Class
- Youth Bible Study
- King's kids' bible study
- Nursery available

7:30pm Choir Practice



In case of Emergency call:
Zoe Fox-719-207-2441
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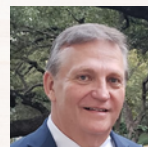
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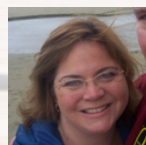
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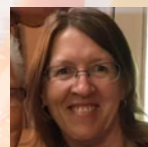
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Hello FBCF!

"A Father wanted to teach his son a lesson about God's great goodness. He took him to the top of a high hill and pointed north over Scotland, south over England, east over the ocean, and west over the hill and valley. Then, sweeping his arms around the whole horizon he said, 'Johnny, my boy, God's love is as big as all that.' The boy replied with his sparkling eyes, 'Why Father, then we must be right in the middle of it.'"

As Christians we are always in the midst of God's love. In light of that, I say with King David, "My cup overflows!" (Ps. 23.5) I love this time of the year, because it helps us stop and give thanks for all the expressions of God's goodness toward His people.

I am thankful for salvation! He forgave me, and though He could have chosen to live anywhere He wanted, He chose to live in me and in anyone else who trusts His Son! Hallelujah!

I am grateful for my family and the opportunity to have better access to them!

I am grateful for Church families, like Sonshine Baptist Fellowship who loved Robin and I these last 4 years and gave us a nice send off here to Floresville. And of course, I am very grateful for you, FBC Floresville! Thank you for allowing me to be your new pastor! I always want to know more about God's love and you can help me with that by sharing how our Father has blessed you and led you on your journey. Be patient with me as I get to know you and learn how to serve you. May we be a picture of unity so that the world will know that the Father sent Jesus and loved us even as He has loved Him! (John 17.23)

I want to conclude by saying thank you to all of our veterans and their families. This month, we of course celebrate Veteran's Day. What huge blessings we have as a nation because so many have loved America and served us by keeping us free.

Thank you Father for letting me be right in the middle of Your love! May we be "giving thanks always and for everything to

God the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." Eph. 5.21-22

Robin and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Michael

Weekly Announcements

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR E-MAIL AND WE WILL ADD YOU TO THE LIST.
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TERRY'S NOTES

Happy November, Folks! Once again, Fall is my favorite season of the year. The scorching weather appears to have excused itself for a spell, and cool fronts are starting to make their way South; thank the Lord!!! Amen?!! There were a few times during the scorching spell that I had to readjust my attitude! Yes, that is correct! Many times, I would ask the Lord why? why? why? Why were we experiencing such horrific 100 plus degree temperatures and no rain? Why was my yard dying, even though I watered as much as I could? I will be quite honest with you; I was just plain angry at times.... I had to ask the Lord to forgive my anger and horrible attitude. I finally surrendered to the fact that our Heavenly Father was and is in total control of our weather. I had to simply trust Him with those challenging scorching days. My anger turned to prayer and more of reading God's Word. My griping also turned to thankfulness. I steered my attention to things and circumstances to be grateful for. My outlook became more positive, and now each rain event that shows up in Floresville, I get very excited and do the Happy Dance!!! I am learning to be more thankful!

Let me share one of my blessings with you; someone I am very grateful for! That someone is my wife, Sandra Smith! Sandra is a great example of an individual who is thankful!

I fell in love with Sandra almost 39 years ago. Sandra was in her mid to late 20s when we met. When I was called to a country church along the northern area of Lake Travis, north of the Austin area, I met a young lady who was serving the Lord as a youth volunteer and singing in the choir. She also had a great love for Sandi Patty and Amy Grant music. In matter of fact, she tried to impress me with one of Amy Grant's songs from the mid 1980's. She was so cute! She asked me to listen to her one Sunday afternoon, and asked me what I thought of her singing.... I smiled, and I don't quite remember what I responded; however, I just remember this beautiful young lady who had a great love for the Lord and had such a desire to serve the Lord. Needless to say, we were married several months later. We were married at First Baptist Jonestown, Texas on August 10, 1985! We have been serving the Lord and praising His name together ever since!

I am so thankful for my wife! I tell people what I fell in love with was not only her physical beauty, but I fell more in love with Sandra's great love for her Lord and Savior! Sandra does not mind sharing her faith with others, and has many times, on the job, witnessed to clients and coworkers who needed encouragement and needed the Lord. Sandra also doesn't mind expressing her love for the Lord during worship services. In matter of fact, she expresses her love for the Lord by raising her hands in praise. I love that about Sandra! She is not ashamed to express her praise to the Lord. We know that some folks get annoyed about raising of hands, since Baptists, traditionally, don't do that. At least that is what I have been told.

When I was being considered to be your worship pastor on June 1, 2003, I kind of mentioned to Sandra that maybe she shouldn't raise her hands during the worship service. Stupid me told her that if she raised her hands during worship, FBC Floresville may not call me. I don't quite remember her response to that...but I think she said that she would try to not raise her hands. Anyway, as I was leading worship that Sunday morning, what does my darling, sweet wife do? She did the unthinkable! That's right! She lifted her hands to the Lord and waved them all over the place.....Yikes! Yikes! Yikes! I thought to myself....ok, Lord. If they call me, they will call me in spite of the hand raising, because this is definitely not a hand raising church.....you must really want me here. Well, that evening, I was voted in with a very positive outcome! I was called that evening!

Sandra is a great example of an individual who is very thankful for her Lord and Savior! Sandra has taught me many things about just being ourselves. Sandra loves her Church family; she is thankful for all of you. She tries her best to send out birthday cards to her church family every year, and she loves to put that confetti stuff in your cards, and sometimes with a bookmark or whatever. Sandra is a very thankful individual! I am thankful for Sandra

"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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NOVEMBER 2023



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			10:30am Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Jars of Clay 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	2 10:30 Monthly prayer time	3 8-9:30am 	4 Men's Prayer BK
5 Deacon Meeting  Deacon Al Riley	6	7	10:30am Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Elizabeth Coats 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	9 5:00pm Movie Night Pilgrams Progress	10	11 Youth GARAGE SALE 8am-2pm at FLC
12	13	14 <u>Fun Bunch:</u> Clear Springs, New Braunfels, TX 6:30pm-8pm BSF	15 Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Mens Group 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	16	17	18
19 Donations for- Thanksgiving Baskets-DUE Deacon Mike Booker	20	21 6:30pm-8pm BSF	22 No Activities	23 	24	25
26 Deacon Randy Richards	27	28 6:30pm-8pm BSF	29 Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Ragamuffins 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	30		

Sundays

8:45am - Praise Choir Rehearsal

9:15am -Bible Study for all

10:30am -In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE



Weekly Activities

- **Creative Hands Quilting**

Mondays at 10:00 am

-- **Line Exercise Classes**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - from 9:30 -10:30 am

No Classes the week of Thanksgiving.

--- **Tone & Stretch Classes**

Mon, Tues. Wed. & Thurs. from 4:30 -5:15 pm

No Classes the week of Thanksgiving.



Wednesdays

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study

3:30-5:30pm - Team Kids and Team Kids Praise

5:30pm - Wednesday Night Suppers

6:30pm -Bible Study Classes

7:30pm - Choir Practice

November Birthdays

2 Joe Leal

2 Leif Joosepson

3 Terri Johnson

5 Kenneth Kotzur

6 Terry Mills

7 Carson Addington

7 Terri Bombei

7 Marc Gulick

8 Cynthia Guerrero

9 Kimberly Embrey

10 Tyler Holt

13 Jamie Burris

13 Timothy McKeen

14 Elizabeth Coats

14 Makayla Miller

14 Adair Welfel

15 David Arispe

20 Dee Smith

20 Atticus Tipton

21 Julie Fischer

23 Rhea Nell Rogers

24 Shelbi Bays

24 Agnes Moody

26 Bonnie Banks

26 Pat Tackitt Ray

27 Bonnie Dickerson

27 Sharron Wesley

27 Jordan Respondek

27 Thomas Taggs

28 Tammy Bodiford Skloss

28 Marco Silva Jr.

29 Stephanie Moss

29 Desiree Haston

December

3 Aaron Garcia

3 Nathaniel Yeager



Events

Thanksgiving Baskets

from Students Ministries

- Donate a whole basket's worth, or
- Donate items individually.

Requested Items:

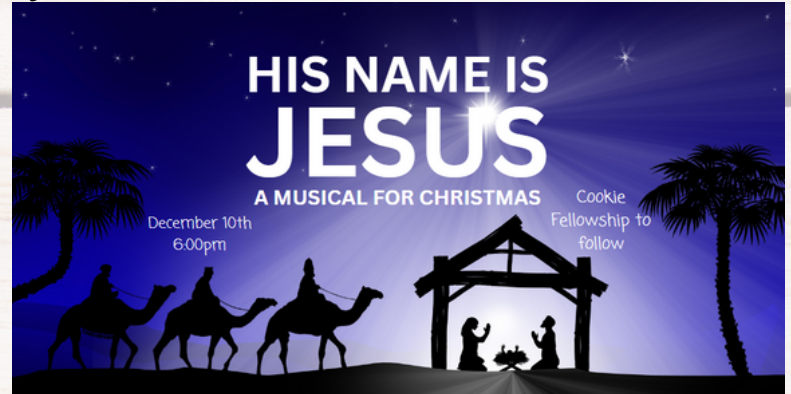
2 cans vegetables	1 lg. can sweet potatoes
2 cans fruit	2 boxes cornbread mix
1 sm. box instant potatoes	2 boxes mac & cheese
2 pkgs gravy mix	1 can evaporated milk
1 can cranberries	1 can pie filling
	1 pie crust or shell mix

Please return items no later than
November 19th.



- Nov. 16: Second Baptist Church, Corpus Christi
- Jan. 11: Parkhills Baptist Church, San Antonio
- Feb. 22: First Baptist Church, Westlaco 6pm
- Mar. 21 Westloak Woods Baptist Church, Austin
- May 15: First Baptist Church, Pflugerville
(combined concert with Singing Women of Central Texas)

Coming: December 10th



Great video link
to see where our
OCC shoeboxes go next.
Fun to see the blessings



Ladies' Time

Wednesday Bible Studies

Living victoriously in Difficult Times
by Kay Arthur, Bob & Diane Vereen
Contact office to purchase and pick up book \$5

Wednesday Morning Starting Again Nov. 1st Women's Bible Study
Led by Mary Ellen Long
In the Annex Building at 10:30



Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study
6:30 pm after
Wednesday Night Supper
Life Principles from the Women of the Bible
Books \$10 Available in Church Office



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Youth



Next Generation- Kids and Youth

Please Let the Office Know- If you would like your child to ride one of the buses to the church after school.
(830)-216-4946

Wednesday Night Family Ministry

Bus Pick-ups at North Elem,
South Elem, FMS & FHS.

3:30- Team Kids

4:45-Kids Choir

5:30-Family Dinner

6:30- Kids Bible Study



If Giving For this online use Fund 9503

Youth Camp Fundraiser



November 11th, 2023

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO DONATE TOWARD THE EFFORT?
CALL THE OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS
(830) 216-4946

Men's Time

Bus Drivers

Still Needed

Sundays 8:30 & After Church
in Fall-Wednesdays 2:30-4:45

See Pastor Terry,
John Long, Or Call

the Office- (830) 216-4946



CDL GOOD BUT NOT REQUIRED



SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Fun Bunch

Fun Bunch

Nov. 14 Clear Springs, New Braunfels

Dec. 12 Alamo Café, San Antonio
(All trips depart at 10:30)

Road Trip to
Branson, Missouri
Nov. 26-Dec. 2, 2023



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YOUTH

New Members

Larry &
Cherrie
Tinkler



The Flower Calendar is on the wall at the Coffee/Tea station. Feel free to choose a date if you would like to provide flowers for the Altar. Thank you! Call Jeannie McCarville (520) 251-1623

Meetings



Kitchen Drifts

Hope you all are enjoying the Wednesday night suppers and the fellowship with friends and family. Thanks to all the teams that provide the yummy food and offer their time and culinary skills to our church.

God is So Good!

And He has Blessed us with an amazing Church Family



MENU

Nov 1st Dinner by :
Jars of Clay
Chalupas,
dessert

Nov. 8th Dinner by :
Elizabeth Coats
Amarillo Chicken,
dessert

Nov. 15th Dinner by :
Men's Group
Chili And Cornbread
with all the fixings
dessert - Cookies

NOV. 29TH DINNER BY :
RAGAMUFFINS
LASAGNA, SALAD,
GARLIC BREAD,
DESSERT



Bible Study Fellowship BSF

Tuesdays

6:30-8:00 - Annex Building

Kinder -8th Grade

Women's Group

Men's Group

studying-
John's Gospel



Movie Nights

We will be watching Sight and Sounds Films on Apple TV.

Description From- sight-sound.com

"We are taking our passion for storytelling from the stage to the screen! We are thrilled to introduce this brand-new addition to the Sight & Sound family.

Sight & Sound Films will tell true stories about historical figures whose lives changed the world because Christ first changed them."

So Come Join us for an Uplifting evening of Biblical stories

Starts at 5:30pm

Thursday November 5th

Pilgrim's Progress



BRING:
Your Favorite
Finger Food



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Youth

Prayer Time

Monthly Time Of Prayer

Thursday, Nov. 2nd, 2023

10:30 am

Annex Kitchen

"ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY
OF EVERY
MONTH



If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly Prayer list or add a prayer request to the list - Please just call the Church office at (830)216-4946

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Intercessory Prayer Group

We need additional prayer warriors for Sunday's intercessory prayer group. We Pray during the service, for the service. It is on a rotating basis, 2 men, 2 women, or a married couple per Sunday.

If God is calling you to this ministry contact Bill Perry 614-309-1940 or Call the Church Office at 830-216-4946



Building and Grounds

NOTES: FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED TO HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH LOOKING ITS BEST!

Do you see a need?!?!
confetti or litter cleanup,
windows washed,
mowing & edging grass,
cleaning light housings, etc...



If you have any questions, please feel free to ask,
John Kelley- Building and Grounds Chairman (830)391-7704
or any member of the Building and Grounds Committee



Exercise

Line Exercise Class



Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday
In the Family Life Center
9:30am-10:30am

Cardio STRENGTH TRAINING FOR SENIORS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX
(OLD WELLS FARGO BLDG.)
4:30PM - 5:15PM

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY
(AFTER LABOR DAY, WE WILL
ADD WEDNESDAY)

Text Linda at
210-632-6018

For More Information



WAYS TO GIVE: Thank You for Giving

TEXT "Fbcf1234" to the number 73256;

Give ONLINE at www.fbcf.org;

Drop off or MAIL your gift to:
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**NO CLASSES
THE WEEK
OF THANKSGIVING**

Budget at a Glance	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to meet Budget
September 2023	\$48,071.00	\$50,405.83
YTD thur Sept. 2023	\$440,186.41	\$453,652.47

Online giving is an easy, convenient, and secure alternative to writing a check. Go to the church's web page, www.fbcf.org or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



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