

# First Edition



## OUR SERVICE

### Sundays

**8:45** Praise Choir  
Rehearsal

**9:15** Bible Study for all

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



### Wednesdays

**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

OFFICE CLOSED FEB 29TH 2024



In case of Emergency call:  
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Terry Smith-830-391-3362  
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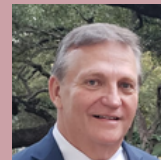
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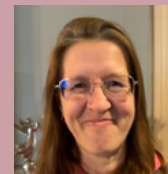
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# Thoughts from Pastor Michael

As we enter this month that celebrates Valentine's Day, I am grateful to be part of a church family that practices love! Robin and I are so grateful to be here! I thought I would write this article based on love as it was described in the following verses.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (HCSB) "About brotherly love: You don't need me to write you because you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. In fact, you are doing this toward all the brothers in the entire region of Macedonia. But we encourage you, brothers, to do so even more,"

2 Thessalonians 1:3 (HCSB) "We must always thank God for you, brothers. This is right, since your faith is flourishing and the love each one of you has for one another is increasing."

The Apostles wanted the early church to live in the Lord's love. Even though the Thessalonians were loving each other, Paul wanted it to happen "even more." John also emphasized love in His letters. According to Jerome, who lived from 354-430 AD and gave us the Latin translation of the Bible, John constantly emphasized love when he was dying. Jerome said that John was very frail in his final days of life in the city of Ephesus. He was so frail that he had to be carried into the church. There was one phrase that was on his lips constantly: "My little children, love one another." When asked why he always said this, John replied, "It is the Lord's command, and if this alone be done, it is enough."

Loving one another is so crucial! Jesus said that the world would know that we were His disciples if we loved one another. (John 13:34-35) It is no wonder that both Paul and John wanted God's people to love one another and to do so "even more."

How do we love other people "even more?" Psalm 32:10 says, "....But the one who trusts in the Lord will have faithful love surrounding him." In John 15:9 Jesus says, "....Abide in my love." You cannot produce it, but you can absorb and reflect it! The early church must have done so. Tertullian, born around 150 AD in northern Africa and one of the early church fathers, quotes a statement from the enemies of the early Christians and how they were viewed: "How they love each other."

Oh Father, enlarge our capacity to receive and reflect Your love!  
Grateful to be your Pastor!

*Pastor Michael Funderburk*



## Weekly Announcements

If you would like to receive the weekly announcements or the prayer list, please contact the office with your E-mail and we will add you to the list. Phone- 830-216-4946

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# TERRY'S NOTES

February? Already? Goodness to Betsy! What do you think about when you think of the month of February? I think of, obviously, Valentine's Day! I also think about President's Day, Ground Hog Day and a few other important days. Oh, yeah, and I think about 39 years ago when I met Mrs. Sandra Smith. It's hard to believe that she has put up with me that long! Mercy me! All in all, February is a pretty cool month, sort of literally, too! Oh, yeah, and I remember when we had our last snow fall and power outages event in February of 2021. That great Arctic event actually occurred on Valentines Day, Feb. 14. I remember Sandra and I running outside, during the middle of the night, running around in the snow, while our daughter/family were sleeping. We tried to wake them up to come and witness the beautiful snowfall; instead, they replied from their bedroom, "Seriously, Mom and Dad, we are trying to get some sleep-ugggh!"

Valentine's Day is a month when we like to express our love a little bit more to our loved ones, our classmates, and our friends. We like buying little Valentine gifts and cards expressing our love to each of them. I loved Valentine's Day at school and exchanging cards with my classmates, even with the classmates we despised. LOL! It was that one day of the year we could be kind of mushy and get by with it, since that is what we were supposed to do.

Let's talk about a greater love, God's perfect love. 1 Corinthians 13 is the love chapter of the Bible. Of course, God's love is written from beginning to end in His Word; however, Paul's definition of love is defined a bit more specifically. I have used 1 Corinthians 13 when I have officiated weddings. Every time I read this incredible chapter to the bride and groom, I am reminded of the true meaning of love, and I reexamine my own life to make sure I am loving others with God's love and not with any other form of love. Most love that is expressed by mankind is a selfish love, or a love that expects something in return. I am afraid I have been guilty of this many times, expressing that selfish love opposed to expressing God's agape love.

Is there someone in your family, at work, or even at church you are having a very difficult time expressing God's love? Why don't you and I challenge ourselves this year and express to that individual by way of a card or a gift letting them know how much you appreciate them and love them. All we need to do is pray to the Lord to take away our selfish dislike, hate or resentment towards them and replace it with a kind deed we can use to express God's love through us to them. I have experienced this many times, and I have seen relationships restored, friendships made and forgiveness received. God wants us to try to get along with each other, especially the Body of Christ. So many times, we just walk away from hurt relationships, and we never get to experience the victory that can occur between 2 people. Why don't you try reaching out to someone who has hurt you or maybe you have hurt them. Give God a chance to use you to be a vessel for healing! Love You! *Pastor Terry Smith*

## CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- Team Kidz Praise: Wednesdays 4:45 pm
- Worship Choir practice: Wednesdays 7:30 pm
- Sunday Worship Choir: Sunday morning warm up 8:45 am

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# FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1  10:30 Monthly prayer time	2	Men's Prayer BK  <b>8-9:30am</b>  OCC Mtg. <b>8am-</b> Jack's cafe Mtg. following Annex
4  Deacon Ron Bluff	5	6  Guest Services Meeting- <b>2pm</b>  <b>6:30pm-8pm</b> BSF	7  3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Ragamuffins <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	8  Meeting- COC/ Fellowship Comm. & Baptism Comm. <b>6pm</b>  <b>5:30pm-</b> Movie Night	9	10
Youth Super Bowl Party  5pm -8pm <u>Deacon Meeting.</u> Deacon Chirs Coats	12	13  <b>6:30pm-8pm</b> BSF	14  3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Family Ministry <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	15  Meeting- COC/ Funeral Comm. & Transportation Comm. <b>6pm</b>	16	17
18  Deacon Bob Etheridge	19  Office Closed For Presidents Day	20  10am Fun Bunch -Texas Pride BBQ St. Hedwig Tx. <b>6:30pm-8pm</b> BSF	21  10:30am Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Jars of Clay <b>6:30pm</b> Special Call BM 7:30pm - Choir	22  6pm Texas Singing Men First Baptist Ch. Weslaco Tx. <b>5:30pm-</b> Movie Night	23	24  Men's Time <b>10am</b>
25  Youth Interfaith Event  Deacon Danny Fenner	26	27  <b>6:30pm-8pm</b> BSF	28  10:30am Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Elizabeth Coats <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	29		

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HAPPY  
Valentines  
DAY

## Wednesdays- AM

**10:30am** - Ladies Bible Study

## Wednesdays- Nites

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

**5:30pm** - Wednesday Night  
Suppers

**6:30pm** -Bible Study Classes

**7:30pm** - Choir Practice

## Weekly Activities

- **Creative Hands Quilting**

Mondays at 10:00 am

-- **Line Exercise Classes**

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

---**Tone & Stretch Classes**

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



## February Birthdays

1 Al Riley

3 Mac Gleeson

3 Tim Lanier

3 Clara Kotzur

3 Pam Talley

4 Bob Whitley

4 Esther Remling

5 Patty Swahn

6 LaShea Addington

7 Abygail Burns

8 Dustin Meyer

8 John Kelley

8 John Long

8 David Lozano

8 Dale Yeager

10 August Gleeson

10 Carol Bagley

10 Bonnie Rice

10 Jenny Richards

10 Katherine Brannon

11 Nick Nissen

11 Jerry Aldrich

12 Jewel Gleeson

13 Ron Wright

14 Connor Parkinson

15 Ansley Gates

15 Roy Idrach

15 Carolyn Sickenius

15 Laura Yeager

16 Kimberly Posey

16 Ray Addington

17 Sally Jenkins

18 Ricky Cox

19 Monroe Sickenius

23 Karen Gulick

23 Jason Guerrero

23 Tyler Mills

24 Hulon Drewett

25 Jan Browning

25 Kaitlyn Keylich

27 Kathy Hargrove

Happy  
Birthday



March  
Birthdays

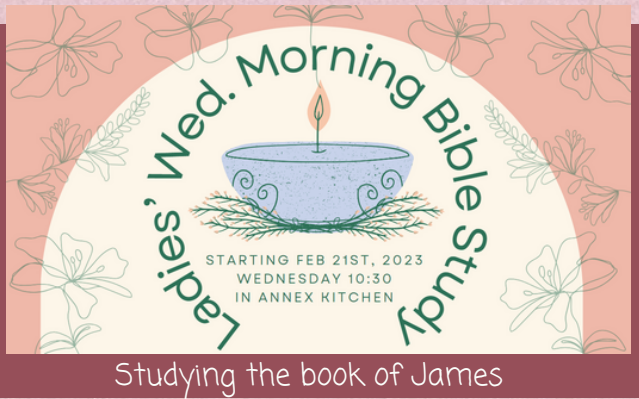
1 Bob Herndon  
2 Chris Coats  
2 Sean Coats  
2 Jane Lee





Ladies' Time

New Start Date- Feb 21st



Ladies' Wed. Morning Bible Study

STARTING FEB 21ST, 2023  
WEDNESDAY 10:30  
IN ANNEX KITCHEN

Studying the book of James

Bible Study Fellowship  
BSF  
studying-  
John's Gospel

6:30-8:00 - Annex Building  
Kinder -8th Grade  
Women's Group  
Men's Group

Wednesday Bible Studies



Nursery Available  
Wednesday 6:30-7:30  
Newborn-PreK



6:30 PM King's Kids  
Kids' Bible Study



6:30pm Family Life Center

YOUTH  
GROUP

Mens' Time

Men's Prayer Breakfast  
in Fellowship Hall

February 3rd, 2024  
8-9:30am





Men Doing Men Stuff...  
With Men  
First gathering of a new  
men's fellowship group  
Feb. 24th @ 10:00am  
Lunch and Drinks  
Provided  
Contact: Robert Calmes  
for info or to RSVP  
210-232-3344



*Fun Bunch*

Feb. 20- Texas Pride BBQ, St. Hedwig, Tx.  
Mar. 19- Golden Corral, San Antonio, Tx.  
Apr 30- Big Lou's Pizza, San Antonio, Tx.  
May 21- Olive Garden, San Antonio, Tx  
Bus Leaves at 10:30am



*Valentine  
Supper*

SPAGHETTI DINNER PROVIDED  
BY FBCF'S STUDENT MINISTRY  
Wednesday, Feb. 14th

No Charge for Senior Adults





Creation  
CLASS  
WEDNESDAYS  
AT 6:30



Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study  
6:30 pm after  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Life Principles from the  
Women of the Bible bk 2  
Available for \$10 in Church Office



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
Wed. Nights 6:30pm  
STUDYING JAMES

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# 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**

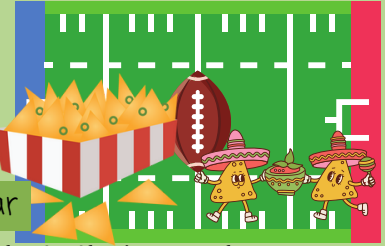
## Super Nerf & Nacho Party

February 11th

*YOUTH*

Super Bowl Party

Half- Time Nerf War



Bring your Nerf guns for half -time nerf wars. We will provide nachos but bring an appetizer or dessert to SHARE

Sunday - February 25th

Interfaith Youth Service

More details to follow



**If Giving For this online use Fund 9503**

Work starting on Windows



## FEBRUARY PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE

Date	Younger Preschool 9:00 am - Noon	Middle Preschool 10:20 am - Noon
02/04	Bonnie & Russell Dickerson	Denise Trabuocco & Julia Trabuocco
02/11	Sally Gaertner & Sherrie Welfel	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
02/18	Bonnie & Russell Dickerson	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
02/25	Elizabeth Coats & ???	Pam Dempsey & Celeste Savage



Link



VBS  
June 3-7,  
2024

## Events

Feb. 22: First Baptist Church, Weslaco 6pm

Mar. 21 West Oak Woods Baptist Church, Austin

May 15: First Baptist Church, Pflugerville  
(combined concert with Singing Women of Central Texas)



## Missions

Breakfast at

Jack's at 8am on February 3rd

followed by our next PAL for OCC get together in the Annex at 9:30. The breakfast is optional, but a bit of fun before we gather for our actual meeting to discuss our progress and what new ideas we have come up with. (For more information, send a text or contact Sallie at 830-391-2344)



PAL, stands for Packing Agape Love, our acronym for our Operation Christmas Child project. Planning ahead is what we need to help everyone know how to pack our boxes better. We now have a couple props we can display to bring attention to our project. We have our Alpaca and recently acquired a display rack for boxes. The previous Safety Deposit Room is where we are storing items we purchase, and boxes that are already packed can be kept securely behind a locked gate.

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# New Members

Dustin & Kasie Meyer

Maclaine Gorzell

Charles Felton  
& Dana Kerby



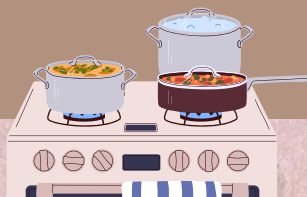
The Flower Calendar is on the wall at the Coffee/Tea station. Feel free to choose a date if you would like to provide flowers for the Altar. Thank you! Call Jeannie McCarville (520) 251-1623

## Kitchen Drifts

Thanks to all the teams that provide the yummy food and offer their time and culinary skills to our church. We appreciate the help laundering the kitchen towels please remember to return them to the kitchen as soon as possible.

God is So Good!

And He has Blessed us with an amazing Church Family



### MENU

FEB. 7TH DINNER BY :

**RAGAMUFFINS**  
**LASAGNA, SALAD,**  
**GARLIC BREAD, DESSERT**

FEB 14TH DINNER BY :

**FAMILY MINISTRY**  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**SENIORS EAT FREE**  
**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY**



Feb. 21st Dinner by :

**Jars of Clay**  
**Chalupas**  
**Fixings & Dessert**

Feb. 28th Dinner by :

**Elizabeth Coats**  
**Amarillo Chicken,**  
**dessert**

## Church Committee

Needs!

WHAT'S MISSING?!? **UR**

Church Council-1 Family Ministry-2

**Combined Meeting for -**  
**Committee on Committees/**  
**Fellowship/ Hospitality &**  
**Baptism**  
**2/8/24 at 6pm**  
**Annex Foyer**

**Combined Meeting for -**  
**Committee on Committees/**  
**Funeral & Transportation**  
**2/15/24 at 6pm**  
**Annex Kitchen**

**DEACON FEB 11TH**  
**MEETING AFTER SERVICE**

**Guest Services**  
**Ministry Meeting**  
**Feb. 6th, 2024 2:00 pm**



**Special Call**  
**Business Meeting**  
**2/21/2024**

**Agenda:**  
**Vote to fill the position**  
**of Family Minister**

## Movie Nights

Starts at 5:30pm

Thursday  
Feb 8th



#3

Thursday  
Feb. 22nd



#4

BRING:

Your Favorite  
Finger Food



## Prayer Time

Monthly Time Of Prayer

Thursday, Feb. 1st, 2024

ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 10:30 am  
Annex Kitchen



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



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# Building and Grounds

**NOTES: FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED TO HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH LOOKING ITS BEST!**

Do you see a need???

litter cleanup, leaf pick-up,  
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

**Building & Grounds Meeting**  
Sat. February 3rd at 10am  
Place: Fellowship Hall

## Up coming MARCH Events



**Canning Class**  
March 2nd- 10:30am  
& March 16th 10am  
In Fellowship Hall  
Exercise

**New Member's Celebration!**  
**MARCH 3RD**  
WE ARE CELEBRATING  
EVERYONE THAT  
HAS JOINED SINCE...  
**JULY 2022**  
More Details to Follow

## Help needed

**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

**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

**Line Exercise Class**

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

**Immediate Needs in KidMin**

<b>Bible Study</b> 9:15 am - 10:30 am	<b>Worship</b> 10:20 am - Noon	<b>Children's Church</b> 10:45 am - Noon
<b>2-3 yr olds</b> alternating Sundays	<b>Middle Preschool</b> 2nd Sunday	<b>Kindergarten - 5th Grade</b> 3rd Sunday of each month
<b>4th - 5th Grade</b> 1st, 2nd, & 5th Sundays Co-Leader	<b>Middle Preschool</b> 3rd Sunday	Thanks to all of our volunteers!

**Praise BLESSING - WE CAME WITH-IN**  
**\$365.73 OF MEETING OUR YEARLY GOAL**

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Go to the church's web page,  
[www.fbcf.org](http://www.fbcf.org) or scan the QR  
code with your smart phone.



Budget at a Glance	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to meet Budget
December 2023	\$75,373.00	\$50,405.83
YTD thur Dec. 2023	\$604,504.27	\$604,870.00

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