

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

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FLORESVILLE, TX**

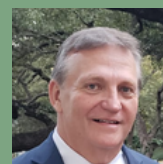
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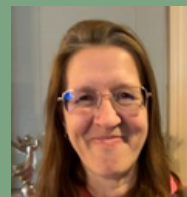
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Weekly Announcements

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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Thoughts from Pastor Michael

I feel very blessed by the unity displayed in our last business meeting concerning the vote for pursuing a youth and family pastor for our church! The Committee on Committees will begin meeting soon to nominate a group of people to do this work. Our church as a whole will need wisdom, sacrificial giving, prayer, and faith to see this through. The Lord will make us sufficient!

This month we will also be collecting our Annie Armstrong Easter offering that goes to fund missionaries in North America. Our national goal is 75 million dollars. Our church goal is 3,000 dollars. Starting this Sunday, we will have pamphlets for the week of prayer for our missionaries, and we also will be sharing more information about this missions offering during our worship services.

This coming Sunday evening we will be celebrating new members to our church. I hope you can come at 5 p.m. so we can get to know each other better as a church family. See other announcements in this newsletter for more details.

Also, the last Sunday of the month is Resurrection Sunday! This is a great time to invite and bring a friend. These are exciting days! In closing, I want to share some thoughts about feeling sufficient for the obstacles and opportunities that we face in life.

Mark 1:13 (NKJV) "And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him."

2 Corinthians 2.16b (ESV) "Who is sufficient for these things?"

Our Lord, the One Who is adored by the Father and all the saints and angels of heaven, was in a wilderness with wild beasts and the main beast himself, Satan. Maybe you feel that you are in a wilderness surrounded by beasts. And you ask along with Paul, "who is sufficient for these things?"

Here is the answer. If you are a Christian... you are! You are because Christ was and is sufficient! He lives in you. He was victorious in the wilderness and in the worst trial of all, the cross. Whether it was hunger, homelessness, abuse, rejection, murder, betrayal, misunderstanding, or temptation from toe to toe combat with Satan, Jesus won. Through Him, we win too! Because He lives, we will live also. (John 14.19)

And hear what Paul wrote in 2 Cor. 12.9. "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Those words are from the King of Kings-Jesus.

Charles Spurgeon once wrote pertaining to this verse, "This is a precious word from our Lord's own lip. It has made the writer laugh for joy. God's grace enough for me? I should think it is. Is not the sky enough for the bird and the ocean enough for the fish? The All-Sufficient is sufficient for my largest want. He who is sufficient for earth and heaven is certainly able to meet the case of one poor worm like me!"

Amen!

In His love!

Pastor Michael Funderburk

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Youth

TERRY'S NOTES



Hello, again! Marching forward into this new year of 2024, and we are already in the month of March. Unbelievable!!! Most of us enjoy this 3rd month of the year, since we are beginning to see Spring unfold and Spring Break for our students and educators! It's also the month for St. Patrick's Day, which means to be Irish and wear green for a day, so you won't get pinched. Oh, yeah...kite flying used to be the best time of the year to fly a kite. Man, I loved those days as a kid! And, March, this year, March 31, is Easter, or Resurrection Sunday. This year, March is full of excitement and activities! I like March! What do you like best about the month of March?

Speaking of resurrection.....let me elaborate on the FBC Floresville Praise Choir for a moment...Just a few years ago when Covid became a threat to the world and our health, it also threatened our churches and our ministries, like the Praise Choir.

5 years ago, our Praise Choir had a great attendance of praise singers. We would average between 25-30 in attendance each Sunday. Then, in March of 2020, Covid came knocking on our doors and threw us all in a defensive mode. We were being told by the health experts what to do, like closing down businesses, schools and even our churches. I don't know about you, but I literally hated this time 4 years ago! As a church, we stood strong, attempting to do what was best for all of our congregation. To God be the glory, our church only temporarily stopped having live service for a few months. Our media team, fortunately, made it possible to present church by way of Facebook Live. Many of you watched and worshipped as you viewed church from your computer or your phone. Today, we continue Facebook Live Ministry. By the way, thank you, Facebook Live Team, for your great ministry, too!

While we were going through the worst of the Covid era, our Praise Choir dwindled in numbers. We lost many due to social distancing recommendations. Not just our choir dwindled, but after we returned to live worship services, many from our congregation chose to stay home and continue worshipping from home, as well.

There was a time I didn't know whether our Praise Choir ministry would continue or not. After losing so many wonderful singers, we only had a half dozen remaining, who refused to step down from the choir. I appreciated these folks so much! They encouraged me to continue on with our choir ministry. After a year or so, the FBC Praise Choir resurrected from a half dozen to an enrollment of about 35 singers. Of course, getting the 35 singers here at the same time seems to be a difficult reality on any given Sunday; however, we are grateful for the 20-25, who are here. Let's just say....the FBC Floresville Praise Choir has resurrected, and we are so excited!

In closing, I want to say I am very grateful for our choir ministry! We have resurrected from an almost no choir ministry a few years ago to a good solid choir ministry! I hear from many other worship pastors that have discontinued their choir ministry. They tell me that they have turned their stages into a platform for just the praise band and praise team. Many of my minister friends also say, that they wish they had their choir ministries, and they find it very difficult to begin all over again. So, thank you, FBC Floresville Praise Choir, for enduring the trying times and keeping it together! And, thank you, newest choir members, who have joined us recently! You have added so much to our music ministry, and we are looking forward to many years ahead!

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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MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Men's Prayer BK 8-9:30am 
						 OCC Mtg. 9am-2pm
3 New Member Fellowship- 5pm Deacon John Long	4 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer	5 Guest Services Meeting- 2pm 6:30pm-8pm BSF	6 10:30am Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Men's Group 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	7 10:30 Monthly prayer Meeting- Committee on Committees- 6pm	8	9
10  Daylight Savings Deacon Meeting. Deacon Bill Munk	11	12	13 10:30am Ladies Bible study NO Activities Spring Break	14	15	16 Canning Class 10:30-1:30pm
17 Deacon Randy Richards	18	19 10am Fun Bunch -Golden Corral San Antonio, TX 6:30pm-8pm BSF	20 10:30am Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Ragamuffins 6:30pm Business Meetings 7:30pm - Choir	21 7pm Texas Singing Men-Austin	22 	23
24 Palm Sunday Deacon Al Riley EASTER Deacon Tom Welfel	25	26 6:30pm-8pm BSF	27 10:30am Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Helping Hands 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	28 Meeting- COC/ Master Planning- 6pm	29 Youth Passion Play	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

---**Cardio & Strength Classes**

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

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

Happy Easter!

March Birthdays

- 1 Bob Herndon
- 2 Chris Coats
- 2 Jane Lee
- 4 Braxton Richardson
- 4 Preston Pehl
- 4 Adlai Welfel
- 5 Tony Perez
- 5 Audrey Haston
- 7 Elton Gilchrist
- 8 Keegan Ward
- 9 Luis Chavarria, Jr.
- 10 Charlotte Rolland
- 10 Mae Belle Stringer
- 12 Gail Fuller
- 14 Henry Coleman
- 14 Nora Felan
- 15 Wade Harris
- 16 Bethany Smith Vick
- 16 Christopher Fossler
- 18 Mark Davis
- 19 Stephanie Simmang
- 19 Michelle Talley
- 19 Sean Coats

- 20 Matt Bingham
- 23 Randy Gorzell
- 23 Chris Reed
- 23 Clair Moore
- 24 Alyssa Flores
- 24 Kaitlyn Flores
- 24 Lou Johnson
- 26 Jean Harris
- 26 Charles Rice
- 27 Jimmy Rochester
- 27 Maclaine Gorzell
- 28 Mary Pierce
- 29 Rick Huber
- 29 Ivy Lanier
- 29 Jocelyn Woods
- 31 Fay Rogers

April Birthdays

- 1 Julia Trabucco
- 3 Mary Zarosky
- 3 William Lanier
- 4 Jessica Fossler
- 4 George Hill
- 5 Jill Coleman



Happy Birthday



A word from the Deacon's

Hello, Church Family! We truly are a family, as God is our Father in heaven and is with all of us. As a family, we need to keep in constant communication and care for each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some updates on recent church activity. Back in mid-February, a number of committee chairpersons, deacons and staff met with Pastor Michael concerning the empty position of Minister of Family and Youth. As we all should be aware, that position is absolutely critical in the development of our young people and children, who are the future of our church. As a member of our Guest Services Team, I cannot count the number of people we have met who told us they are attending because their children are active and developing here. The church gets many thanks and compliments on our youth program. Although parent volunteers have been doing a great job, the need for a full-time Minister of Family and Youth is obvious.

The Budget\Finance committee met February 18 to revise the 2024 budget to include the salary and reasonable moving expenses that this position would incur. Then the special called business meeting on February 21 addressed this need, where the importance of this position was discussed fully and then voted on. Many of us noted that we felt God's presence at that meeting, where unity in spirit was obvious with a unanimous vote of 85-0 in favor of moving forward to seek God's man for this position. God granted us unity, and now we need diligence and commitment to our church family. This community and county are growing tremendously, giving us the opportunity and responsibility to grow and reach out to people who need Christian fellowship and guidance by God's servants.

In thinking about this challenge, I looked back about 25 years to a little of our own history—because we need to remember and learn from history. When we were planning to build our new sanctuary, we used a BGCT (Baptist General Convention of Texas) program called "United We Build." The slogan used by this program was "Not equal giving, but equal sacrifice." It was a 3 year program to generate funds to kick-start our building program, with monthly and yearly goals. Families were asked to commit to giving over and above the tithe, and the program was amazingly successful! By the time we started to build, the UWB fund was \$706,195.! When God's people have a need and vision (which is clear to them through prayer and His will), they respond in amazing ways!

With God's help and guidance, we have met financial challenges before, and we can do it again! Let me share what Marcy Jacobs put into our finance meeting minutes. (Incidentally, Marcy is doing an incredible job as treasurer and she has my full support!) She wrote – "Once all the costs were included, the consensus from the Committee was that if the Church approves the position, we would ask the Church to commit to giving above and beyond their normal giving for a year. For 50 families, that would be an average of an additional \$125 per month. A separate fund would be set up in the online portal and also within the financials to track that money as restricted." This is a big item for us all, but "we cannot outgive God" (Dr. Charles Stanley). Our giving should reflect the generosity and grace of our Lord. Let us all pray diligently about this open door, and –

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will guide you with My eye". Ps. 32:8
I love all of you and this church!

Sincerely,

Bob Whitley, Deacon Chairman

**Family/Youth Minister Fund- 9506
Has Been set up**



NEW MEMBER'S CELEBRATION!

MARCH 3RD
5PM

WE ARE CELEBRATING
EVERYONE THAT
HAS JOINED SINCE

JULY 2022

**If you are able to attend
to welcome our New Members**

please bring
by Last name

**(A-F) CHIPS /DIPS
(G-L) VEGGIE TRAYS, ETC.
(M-R) Desserts
(S-Z) Sandwiches, etc.**

Bible Study Fellowship
BSF

studying-
John's Gospel

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



ANNE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

GIVE TO THE
**ANNIE ARMSTRONG
OFFERING**

WEEK OF
**PRAYER MARCH
4TH-7TH**

GOAL \$3000

Fun Bunch 

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



Mar. 21 West Oak Woods Baptist Church, Austin

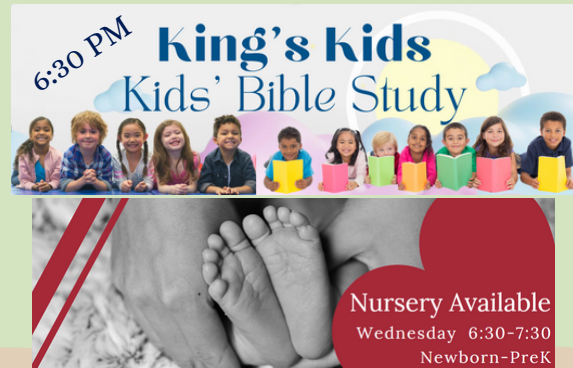
April 16-23 Mission Trip to PA.

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

Wednesday Bible Studies

REMEMBER

No Wed. Night Activities During Spring Break



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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-Kid's Choir
5:30-Family Dinner
6:30- Kid's Bible Study



VBS
June 3-7,
2024

Link

Easter Sunday **FAMILY WORSHIP** **MARCH 31, 2024**

After the 9:15 am Bible Study hour,
preschoolers will worship with their families
during the 10:30 am worship service.



If Giving For this online use Fund 9503

Missions



March 2nd
from 9am- 2pm



Each month on the first Saturday we will have a work day for
OCC. Not everyone can be there each time, but
consider stopping by, even if you can't stay, to see
what we are doing to help get these boxes filled.

Invite a friend to join you, or bring your creative child.

You can gather info for your own packing, or decide on
a plan to join us for the next OCC work day.

These work days will have plenty of projects to choose from, and
the supplies and instructions will be there for you to use your
talents, or maybe you can learn something new.

Check the weekly announcements on Thursdays to get a
reminder for the next OCC work day.

For more information, send a text or contact
Sallie at 830-391-2344

New Members

Sherry
McKenna

Bobby & Susan
Faulkner



**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO RECEIVE MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER, WEEKLY
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
WEEKLY PRAYER LIST,
AND FUN FAMILY FRIDAY
EMAILS!**



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Ladies' Time

Dear Church Family,

I just wanted to take a moment to personally say a big THANK YOU to all of you! I told Michael recently that I really do love going to church on Sundays and Wednesdays at FBCF...I truly do feel like I am walking into a warm and happy environment that feels like family!

Also, as many of you have heard, we should be closing on our home here in town this week. During the last few months, it has been a special privilege to live in the parsonage and live right downtown. It has really helped to immerse me into the essence of Floresville as a community. Although I am excited to move into our new home, I have so much enjoyed the coziness of the parsonage and am very thankful to everyone who participated in getting it ready to make a home for us!

Finally, thank you for the happy birthday on Sunday! While I might like to fly under the radar, it was very special to be sung "Happy Birthday" by all of you there on Sunday!

I look forward to continuing with all of you our pursuit of Christ and serving Him together at FBCF!

In His Love,
Robin



Mens' Time



SATURDAY,
MARCH 2ND, 2024
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

**MEN'S PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

Meetings



Regular Business
Meeting
Wednesday
March 20th
6:30pm



Committee on Committee meeting
to form Ad Hoc Search Committee
3/7/2024 6:00
Annex Kitchen

Committee on Committee &
Master Planning meeting
3/28/2024 6:00
Annex Kitchen

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Prayer Time

Monthly Time Of Prayer

Thursday, March 7th, 2024

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 614-305-1940 or Call the Church Office at 830-216-4946



Kitchen Drifts



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

March 6th Dinner by:

Men's Group

Chili, Cornbread

Cookies

March 13th

SPRING BREAK

NO

WNS

MARCH 20TH DINNER BY :

RAGAMUFFINS

LASAGNA, SALAD,

GARLIC BREAD, DESSERT

March 27th Dinner by :

Helping Hands

Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw,
Beans, Chips, Dessert

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

Events

Canning Classes coming in March

Sat. MARCH 16th at 10:30 AM

Canning Chicken



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



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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

Immediate Needs in KidMin

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



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

Exercise

Line Exercise Class

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



Thank You for Giving

WAYS TO GIVE:

TEXT "Fbcf1234" to the number 73256;
Give ONLINE at www.fbcf.org;
Online Giving to look at you account
Drop off or MAIL your gift to:
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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.



Budget at a Glance	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to meet Budget
January 2024	\$36,308.07	\$44,990.33
YTD thur Jan. 2024	\$36,308.07	\$44,990.33

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