#### **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



### **APRIL 2024, VOL. 50 ISSUE 4**

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### <u>Wednesdays</u>

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

### 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

Or Use this QR Code

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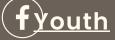
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### Thoughts from Pastor Michael

Genesis 1.2 "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters."

Sometimes our circumstances may seem to be very dark, without form or without meaning as to what is happening. Yet this verse shows that in the formless period of the earth, the Holy Spirit was there hovering over all that was happening. The word "hovering" is also translated to flutter like a bird fluttering over its baby birds. It literally has the idea of cherishing. In this verse, the Hebrew suggests an action that is very intensive or intentional. The earth in the beginning may have appeared to be something that was in chaos. But the Lord was cherishing what He was doing and making everything happen just as He pleased.

He does the same thing through every hurt and dark moment of our lives. He may seem to be far removed from what is happening, but He is there cherishing you, hovering over you, and making His perfect plans unfold. We will look back one day and say with rejoicing "...He has done all things well.." (Mark 7.37) With joy, we might as well say it now.

I want to encourage you to not only find comfort in His sovereignty, but to also find comfort in His Presence. By faith, nestle under His fluttering wings, and rest your head on His heart that always beats with love for you!

Psalm 91.4 "He will cover you with His feathers; you will take refuge under His wings. His faithfulness will be a protective shield."

Deuteronomy 32.11 "As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings,..." Michael Funderburk

Thank you for letting me be your Pastor,

### Baby Dedication on Mothers Day

There will be a baby/child Dedication Ceremony scheduled for Sunday May 12, 2024 at the beginning of the worship service. The front pews in the church will be reserved for those participating in the ceremony.

If you plan to dedicate your baby/child, please attend a meeting with me on Sunday, April 14th after the church service. It will help me if I can meet with everyone at one time on that day. If you wish to participate, please notify the church office (830-216-4946) no later than April 10th. We also need to have the baby/child's full name and date of birth. If for some reason you cannot attend that Sunday, please let me know and we can work out another time. However, I need to meet with you before May 12th.

Children are a gift from God. God gives us not only the gift of the child, but the responsibility of raising the child in the proper way. Deuteronomy 6.4-7 says, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

The purpose of the Dedication Ceremony is for parents to visibly commit to raising their children in the way of the Lord. This event will be an opportunity for the parents\grandparents, along with the church, to pray for the child to make a decision to follow Christ when he/she is old enough and follow the Lord with a holy life.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

In His Service, Pastor Michael

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### TERRY'S NOTES



Howdy folks! You all doing ok? I hope so! I know that I have been so blessed, and like we say, "God is good all the time; and all the time, God is good!" Our precious Heavenly Father continues to shower His blessings on us individually and as a Church! What are you grateful for, especially at this time of year? First of all, I think April continues to be a very colorful month with the wildflowers still blessing us with its beauty and fragrance. This has been a very exceptional spring for our wildflowers. Sandra and I chuckle; we have only 2 wildflowers growing in our backyard; they are both Indian Paint Brush flowers. When I mow/trim, I try to be careful to not cut both of these beauties down. Of course, the warmer weather will eventually cause these 2 flowers to wither and fade out, but they are sure enjoyable to look at when we go to the back yard. Both of these flowers are anchored near our koi pond, which holds no koi or goldfish.

Even though there are not many flowers accompanying these 2 orphan flowers, we are thankful for them, nonetheless! As we look at these 2 flowers, we know God cares for these 2 flowers as much as He cares and nurtures the other thousands that bloom along the highways and pastureland. God created every one of these flowers, and He takes care of them. God takes care of His children, too. We should not be worried about anything in life. Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, will always provide for His own. Jesus

mentions in the New Testament to not worry. Jesus mentions flowers and grass of the field, and how God takes care of His creation. In Matthew 6:28-31, Jesus compares flowers with mankind:

"So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil or spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown in the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or What shall we wear?"

What a great promise in His Word! Be thankful today! There is so much to be grateful for! Just know our Heavenly Father loves you, and He wants to bless you with an abundant life! He will provide everything you need! Allow the Holy Spirit to revive your soul, and start living for the Lord! Allow the Lord to manifest Himself through you as you live out your life for Him. Let each day be a spring day- fresh and full of sweet fragrance!

#### PENNSYLVANIA MISSON TRIP

Please pray for Sandra and I as we will be travelling with the Singing Men of South Texas chapter to Pennsylvania during the week of April 16-23. The SMOST group plans to present several concerts at various churches, and we will also participate in several mission projects in the Southeastern region of Pennsylvania. We are very excited about this ministry opportunity!

#### **CHOIR NEWS**

We want to say a BIG thanks to Sheila Brieden, Taelyr Coleman and Grace Lanning for leading our Team Kidz Praise Choir! We are looking forward to hearing them sing on April 28th. They have several music selections they will present that morning!

#### SUNDAY MORNING PRAISE CHOIR

Our SMPC continues to grow, and we are blessed! Thanks to our newest members who have joined recently! Every one of you are such an added blessing! The SMPC rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, and we have a warm up rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am. If you have any questions about our SMPC ministry, please feel free to contact me at (830) 391-3362.



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#### Tuesday Monday Thursday Friday Wednesday Saturdau 10:30am 4 Men's Ladies Bible study Prayer BK 10:30 3:30-5:30 Team kid 8-9:30am **Guest Services** Monthly prayer **5:30pm** WNS Meeting-2pm Helping Hands **6:30pm** Meeting-COC/ OCC Mtg. April Showers 6:30pm-8pm Bible Studies **7:30pm** - Choir Nominating Com.-9:30am-2pm **BSF** 6pm 11 9 10:30am <u>12</u> Meeting-Ladies Bible study **3:30-5:30** Team kids **Pastor Search** Com.- 6:30pm **5:30pm** WNS Meeting-Camp Elizabeth Coats After Fab 5th 6:30pm Deacon 6:30pm-8pm Bible Studies **7:30pm** - Choir **Bob Whitley BSF** 10:30am 18 14 15 19 Youth Ladies Bible study Lord's Supper **3:30-5:30** Team kids Bake Sale **5:30pm** WNS Meeting- COC/ Men's Group **Deacon Meeting** Building & Grounds DON'T miss it! McCoy's 6:30pm Com.- 6pm Deacon 6:30pm-8pm Bible Studies Ron Bluff **BSF 7:30pm** - Choir 28 10:30am 25 26 27 21 22 Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids **5:30pm** WNS Jars Of Clay 6:30pm 6:30pm-8pm Deacon Business Meetings Chris Coats **BSF 7:30pm** - Choir 28 29 30 10am Fun Bunch -Big Lou' Pizza San Antonio, TX 6:30pm-8pm Deacon

#### <u>Sundays</u>

**Bob Etheridge** 

**8:45am -** Praise Choir Rehearsal

9:15am -Bible Study for all

10:30am -In-person Worship 3:30-5:30pm - Team Kids and online worship through Facebook LIVE



### Wednesdays- AM 10:30am - Ladies Bible Study

BSF

#### Wednesdays- Nights

and Team Kids Praise

5:30pm - Wednesday Night

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

-Cardio & Strength Classes

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

----Walking

Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 -9:30 am

William Lanier

Mary Zarosky

Jessica Fossler

5 Jill Coleman

**Britley Loeffler** 8 **Austin Welfel** 

Linda Coston

11 Darrell Bombei

11 Cathy Munk

11 Ronald T. Tipton

13 Ryan Street

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15 Asher Welfel

16 Karen Coston

Lyndra Harris 17 Steven Kramm

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**Kyle Miller** J.R. Rogers



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19 Braden Loeffler

19 Seth Taggs

19 Karen Wallace

21 Jaclyn Flores

21 Garner Remling

22 Leonard Lee

22 Donna Etheridge

22 Gary Seidel

24 Barbara Estes 24 Travis Pehl

26 JoJo Gleeson

17 Rayne Guajardo 27 Roland Ledoux

29 Danny Fenner

May

Birthdays

Tricia Tipton

Randy Coston

**Brooklen Pelech** 

**Thomas Harris** 

### A word from the Deacons

Hello, FBC Church Family! I don't think you can know how blessed I feel to be a part of the fellowship at church. Judy and I talk about it all the time and the entire deacon body is thrilled to be in a position to be of service to the church as a whole and to each of you individually. Thank you all for the unity displayed in our family and for the love I feel and see among us all. Scripture reveals so many times and so many ways that we are to love one another just as God loves us. I see it happening here!

We, as your deacon body, have quite a few important roles to engage in as servants of the FBC family. One is that we are to involve ourselves in loyal support and respect for the pastor and staff. We are, in essence, to be an extension of the pastor and staff. They can only do so much in each day and only be in one place at a time. This is a blessing to them and to us as their servant helpers. Two, we are to at all times work faithfully to maintain unity in the church body. The enemy will go to any length to cause disharmony, strife, conflict, etc. in any way he can at any time. Again, we are to love one another as God loves us always. By the way, disagreements are fine, as long as they are in the right spirit and for the right reasons. Three, I have heard of more and more churches that involve deacons with guest and new member ministry. This ties in perfectly with our guest services group work that is so important and a blessing to us all. Four, in this day and time we cannot have enough effort and people involved in security work. We have a devoted security team now, but deacons should be involved as well. Five, we as deacons, cannot overemphasize service to widows and widowers. It should be continual.

As you can see, the deacon body is to be made up of willing servants that can and will do their best to attend to the needs of all that are known. One of the best sources of knowledge about needs is our weekly list of prayer requests. That is my "go to" list every week. Also, the visitors and new members information is important. Currently, each deacon has a separate listing of church families to make contact with. At a recent meeting, the deacons unanimously approved a motion for a change that we believe will be good for all. Instead of deacons having just a family list, the church family should have a list of deacons that they may contact at any time. The deacons now have a complete membership roster. By members having a deacons contact list, they may prefer to contact a deacon that they know well, one that may live near to them or just one that they feel comfortable with.

My prayer is that this information will be a blessing to you all, brothers and sisters, and that our servant ministry as deacons will edify God's church as it grows and reaches out to this community.

Sincerely, Bob Whitley Ps. 32:8 Current active deacons are:
Ron Bluff 210-844-8819
Chris Coats 210-215-0719
Bob Etheridge 254-717-7918
Danny Fenner 210-275-1683
Bob Herndon 830-534-7699
John Long 830-534-7427
Bill Munk 512-517-3976
Randy Richards 830-391-5641
Al Riley, Jr. 281-787-5730
Thomas Welfel 361-813-9643
Bob Whitley 210-416-0471

### 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









#### **Youth BAKE Sale**



April 20th at McCoy's 8-5 All Baked Good **Donations Welcome** to Raise Money for Youth Camp



#### APRIL PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS Date 9:00 am - Noon 10:20 am - Noon 04/07 Bonnie & Russell Dickerson Denise Trabucco & Julia Trabucco 04/14 Sally Gaertner & Elizabeth Coats Zoe Fox & VOLUNTEER NEEDED 04/21 Bonnie & Russell Dickerson VOLUNTEERS NEEDED





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Ember Glenn

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## Mandatory UDUTH CAMP PARENTS MEETINGS

April 7th -After Fabulous 5th dinner Eat and visit about Camp

& / OR April 10th- 6-6:30pm \*Daily Schedule Dress Code \*Fees \*Q&A time

Between WNS & Bible Studies



Scan the QR code for more information and to let us know you are interested!





Field of Faith- April 24th, 7pm High School Football Field Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Welcome



Guests! SCAN THE QR CODE TO FILL OUT THE CONNECTION CARD!

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



TO RECEIVE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, WEEKLY
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
WEEKLY PRAYER LIST,
AND FUN FAMILY FRIDAY

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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



#### Bible Study Fellowship BSF



studying-John's Gospel



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

April 30th-Last Tuesday for BSF Kids May 7th- Last Tuesday for BSF Adults

### Fun Burch



Apr 30-Big Lou's Pizza, San Antonio, Tx. May 21- Olive Garden, San Antonio, Tx Bus Leaves at 10:30am

April 16-23: Mission Trip to PA.

May 15: First Baptist Church, Pflugerville Singing Women of



(combined concert with Central Texas)

### **Missions**



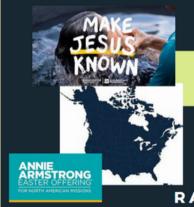
April 6th Jack's-8am



Annex-9:30am

Please consider joining us for breakfast at Jack's at 8am on April 6th which will be followed by our next PAL for OCC workshop in the Annex at 9:30... front door. The breakfast is optional, but a bit of fun before we gather for our day of work and of course more fun. PAL, stands for Packing Agape Love, our acronym for our Operation Christmas Child project. What we have been doing is our way of planning ahead, which helps everyone know how to pack our boxes better. We have an impressive stash of supplies. Lots of ideas out there, but always looking for new input to add to the mix. Consider attending the workshop on April 6th.

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



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OR DESSERT

**FABULOUS FIFTH** 

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP **APRIL 7TH, 2024** 

10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE 12:00 PM - BBQ LUNCHEON

(BRISKET AND SAUSAGE WILL BE PROVIDED)

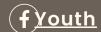
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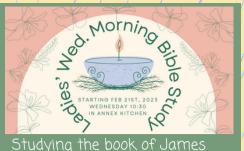








### adies' Time



### coming up





### MENS' TIME



Men Doing Men Stuff..... With Men Date: Saturday, April 6th Time: 10:00 Location: TBD Activity: Making holes in things Target practice Bring your own noise makers and targets **Upcoming Dates:** Tables and chairs provided May 18 - Shrimp Boil @ FBCF Spiritual Discussion

Burgers/hotdogs/chips/drinks



### **Meetings**

**Pastor Search Committee** 4/9/2024 6:30pm **Annex Conference Room** 

### Ch\_ch Committee Needs!

WHAT'S MISSING?!?!

**Committee** needs for people \*Master Planning \*Family Min. \*Nominating



#### **CAMP**

**Parents** 

April 7th -After Fabulous 5th dinner

Eat and visit about Camp & / OR

April 10th - 6-6:30pm

Between WNS & Bible Studies

**Committee on Committee & Nominating Committee meeting** 4/4/2024 6:00pm **Annex Kitchen** 

June 29 - Browning shop visit

**Committee on Committee & Building & Grounds Comm. meeting** 4/18/2024 6:00pm **Annex Kitchen** 



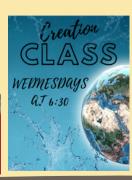
### Wednesday Bible Studies











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# Monthly Time Of Prayer

Thursday, April 4th, 2024 10:30 am -Annex Kitchen

THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH



If you would like to recieve 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

#### Intecessory 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

### Help needed



#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### SUNDAY MORNINGS

- · 9:15 am 10:25 am Middle Preschool (2s-3s) Bible Study Leader
- · 9:15 am 10:25 am Older Preschool (4s-Kinder) Bible Study Leader
- 10:25 am 11:45 am Preschool Next Hour Care
- 9:15 am 11:45 am Babies/Toddlers Bible Study Leader
- Reliable and Prescreen Substitutes for all ages

#### **Want More** Information?

Contact Christie Davis in the church office, text 210-861-1292, or email christic@fbcf.org.

All volunteers must be willing to undergo a criminal background check.

#### WEDNESDAY **AFTERNOONS**

- After School 5:30 pm TeamKids (K-5)
- 6 pm 6:30 pm Playground Care (K-5)
- 6:30 pm 7:30 pm King's Kids Bible Study (K-5)
- 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
- Preschool TeamKids

#### Vacation Bible School June 3-7, 2024

- Age-graded Leaders (Babies through 5th grade)
- Rotation Leaders (Rec, Music, Missions, Crafts, Snacks)
- Technology Team
- Administrative Team
- Connection Team
- Prayer Team

### 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 amazina Church Family

#### **WNS MENU**

April 3rd **Helping Hands** Pulled Pork Sandwiches

April 10th Elizabeth Coats Amarillo Chicken

April 17th Men's Group Chili and Fixings

> April 24th Jars of Clay Chalupas

Kitchen Manager- Jan Browning 210-417-6222

#### **Building and Grounds**





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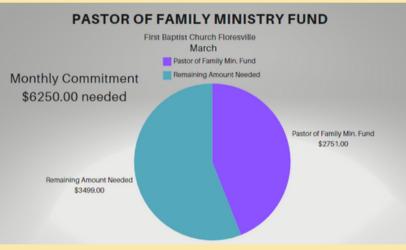








### **Business Meeting** Notes Avaliable in the Church Office









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YTD thur Feb. 2024	\$78,856.81	\$89,980.66

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