

FIRST NEWS

Our mission, centered in worship, is to REACH people for Jesus, CONNECT them in Christian fellowship, GROW together spiritually, and SERVE our community and world as we become mature followers of Jesus.

From the Pastor's Desk

I am very excited about the month of September in our church. First, on September 13 we begin two morning services. Our 8:30 service will be titled "The Classic Service" and will be focused on traditional accompaniment and hymn selection. Our 10:45 service will be called "The Celebration Service" and will be focused on contemporary accompaniment and song/hymn selection. Both services, including the Adult Six Sunday school class, will be televised. I appreciate all the hard work that has been put in by Mark and our musicians as they prepare for the two services. I am excited about the possibilities presented by both services.

Second, another year of Families in Action (FIA) creates excitement for me. FIA is our Sunday afternoon/evening children's ministry during the school year that focuses upon Bible study, music, and missions in a creative atmosphere. FIA begins on September 13 in the Family Life Center and will go from 4:30-5:50. Elizabeth Kenesson is our new director this year. I know she will do an excellent job.

Third, I am excited about youth ministries this year. Todd is doing an excellent job leading our youth, and he already has much planned for the school year. Please remember to pray for our youth during the youth revival we will be having August 31-September 2. I am praying that God will do a mighty work in our teenagers, and they will be a light for Jesus at home, at school, or wherever God places them. It is an exciting time to be a part of our church, and I am grateful that God placed me here for "such a time as this." Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor.

Pastor Ross

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR TEXAS MISSIONS
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SEPTEMBER 2009

STATE GOAL \$5,167,000
OUR CHURCH GOAL

\$2,000.00



"AND WE REJOICE IN THE HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD" ROMANS 5:2B NIV

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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The First Family expresses their Christian love and sympathy to:

*With
Sympathy*

Family of Dean Hendrix
Bonita Cards in the loss of her uncle Ed Smith

With Gratitude

The C.M. Knight family would like to thank everyone in their support of food, flowers, and most importantly prayers during this most difficult time in our lives.

In Christ Love,
Ruby Knight

Dear Church Family,

I would like to tell you how much we appreciate your prayers, calls and concerns during O.Z.'s hospital stay.

Yours in Christ,
Eva Foxworth

FBC Family,

Thank you so much for your support of the Boy Scout Troop at our church. The luncheon fund raiser goes a long way to help meet our expenses.

Again Thank You,
Troop 150

Thank you, church family, for your many acts of love and kindness after the passing of our son Dean and brother R.J.

God Bless You,
Lloyd & Lois Hendrix

The family of Dorothy Tolar will hold in grateful remembrance your kind expression of sympathy during the time of our sorrow. We are blessed to have such a loving and caring church family who reaches out-stretched hands in time of needs. May God bless you.

The Tolar Family



ARTS & CRAFTS

Starts again, Tuesday, September 1st., in the Old Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. For further information call the church office.

A Window on Jacob's Ladder

Because of you, our benevolence committee has given good books to many Woodville children. One of our Center's ten year old boys received a book about a Christian ballplayer. The very next day, he returned with the following thank you note: Thank you, thank you, thank you for the book! I think this will teach me something. Love, _____.

This week one of our families lost their home because of a fire. Our benevolence committee has already given the children new clothes and shoes. Their Mom was so touched by the love shown.

Our God has blessed us mightily! Pray for Jacob's ladder as we start a new school year.

In Christ's Love,
Linda

New Members



Bob and Jan Borel
1112 Hwy 287
Woodville, Texas

By Letter



Colton Grissom
P.O. Box 986
Woodville, Texas

By Baptism



The Deacons of First Baptist Church presented Tyler County Hospital Bible to place in the patient rooms and the chapel.

Two Services to Pick From Your Choice

Starts

September 13, 2009

8:30 or 10:45 A.M.

Classic or Celebration

Come Worship With Us!

September Birthdays

1: Edna Anselem, Dixie Cunningham 4: Dorothy Robinson, Toby Spurlock 5: Lisa Holton 6: James Kimbrough, Susan Ramos 7: Richard McCullough, Jill Pate, Brooke Laco 8: Shirley Rawls, Luke Satterwhite, 9: Charles Ingle, Jayne Best, Leshia Burkhalter, Martin Sanderson 10: Alene Chisam, Clara Watts, Lavelle Bush, Ruby Spurlock 11: Lenora Hargrave, Jackson Hennigan 12: Dr. Milton Cunningham, Cambria Dear, Garret Allen 13: Cindy Whisenant, Sophia Weeks 14: Odessa Murphey, Kathy White, Ashley Jackson 15: Richard Shaw 17: Gary Weaver, Stephanie Randall 18: Sharon Martin, Laren Allen, Heather Burkhalter 19: Gracie Holland, Len Pelly, Ramon Shaw, Alyssa Skinner, McKenna Watts 20: Clarence Jones, Colton Grissom, Alyssa Thomas 21: Larry Kelley, Bela Nagypal 22: Lillian Abbott 23: Randall Gibson, Korbin Pate 24: Bobby Lord 25: Janet Dean, Al Sims 26: Erline Ingle, David Williams, Billy Cards, 27: Willie Walker, Rusty Harrison, Tillman Johnson, Lillian Shaw, 28: Karen Sikora 29: James Spurlock, John Bostick, Janice Harrison, Joseph Fentress 30: Tamberly McCullough



2 in 2--Two Services Begins in Two Weeks.

Starting September 13, we will offer an 8:30 service and a 10:45 service. We will call the 8:30 service the Classic service and 10:45 service the Celebration service. You will have the opportunity to attend one or both of these. They will offer different elements of worship. You will prayerfully consider which one or both to attend. Several folks have asked me how they can help. Two ways you can help me personally are: 1. Pray and 2. Be active in the music ministry. We will have two services so there will be two opportunities to lead in worship. It has been my experience that most organizations either grow or decline. There are very few that remain status quo. Get involved and let's allow the Lord to use our church to be the regional church of Tyler County! As we grow the church, this only means that people's needs are being met.

SONlight Ministries, Sunday night, October 18

SONlight reaches out to the world via radio with two forms of radio broadcasts that seek to work along both sides of the Great Commission. We seek to share the gospel with 60 second evangelism message, and help disciple with 5 minute Bible studies and interviews.

Media Team Needs You! As we gear up for two services, we will need two sets of computer operators, two sets of sound operators, and two sets of broadcast teams. We are more interested in your availability than your ability! We are all trainable! Come try it, you might like it! You could work in one service and worship in the other! There are many options!

Communication is Key These are exciting days in the life of the church. Our services have been full to the brim. There are folks attending that I haven't met yet. Congregational singing has been as strong as I remember in the life of the church. People are coming expecting God to do something. As we are making changes, remember to be in the loop. If you have any questions about our church or church life, call the church office and ask. If you know the correct info, you can answer with confidence when you are asked. In many cases, Jesus is the answer to the question whatever it is! Another great way to keep current on church activities and schedules is to show up! You are a great part of our church family and when you are not here, it leaves a hole. Remember a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Pray about God's plan for your life and the plan that is unfolding right here at FBC. I agree with Ross and Milton Cunningham that God has so much more in store for us if we will let Him lead! Have you invited anyone to church lately? Do you pray for your staff? Do you read your Bible daily? Join us as we reach to Tyler county in a way that we have never done before. Thanks for spreading the good news and for infecting people with the spirit of love and excitement! The best days are ahead!

Mark

Grades 6-12

MISSION POSSIBLE: REACH SEEKERS – BUILD BELIEVERS

Youth Revival: August 31 – September 2 we will have our first youth revival meetings in several years. The focus will be holiness. Evangelist Mike Satterfield from Birmingham, Alabama will preach each evening and the Micah Begnaud Band from Buna, Texas will lead in worship.

Promotion Sunday: Sunday school promotions for children classes through youth will take place Sunday, September 6! We look forward to meeting and building relationships with our new sixth graders.

5th Quarter: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY Friday, September 11 after the Woodville and Warren football game. Look and listen for details later.

Two Services: What an awesome time for our church! It is so exciting to see God work. Beginning Sunday, September 13 you will have two choices for worship. The Classic service 8:30 a.m. and the Celebration service 10:45 a.m. I look forward to what God is going to do in our church and community.

SPAM: SPAM choir rehearsals kick off on Sunday, September 13 at 4:50 p.m. The new music is incredible!

\$\$\$\$: We will work the concession stand for the 7/8 grade football game Thursday, September 17. Please let George know if you will be available to work that evening.

SPAM SUNDAY: Our first fundraiser for Centrifuge Camp at Ridgecrest North Carolina is Sunday, September 20. We can't say thank you enough, church, for your continued generosity and love for our teenagers.

Ministry Opportunities: Just a heads up here. We will have a few opportunities to serve our community in the next couple of months. Please be sensitive to God's will and make yourself available to serve others during the holiday season coming soon.

2010: We will start the year with DNow weekend in January. In February we (High School students and adults) will see life from a different perspective as we participate in Poverty Simulations at Mission Waco.

God Bless,
George!



WALKERS

For those wanting to walk the FLC will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Excluding holidays.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT FBC

SUNDAY

Church Library (FLC)..... 9:00-9:30 & 10:30-10:40 A.M.
 Sunday School..... 9:30 A.M.
 Morning Worship Service10:45 A.M.
 Church Library (FLC).....4:30-5:00 P.M.
 SPAM 4:50 P.M.
 Evening Service 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY

Library..... 10:30 A.M.-12:00 noon
 Pray & Weigh..... 12:00 noon

WEDNESDAY

Preschool Play Day (FLC).....10:00 A.M.
 Teacher's Meeting (Chapel)..... 5:45 P.M.
 Prayer Meeting (Chapel)..... 6:15 P.M.
 Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 P.M.
 ISM (Grades 6-12)..... 6:30 P.M.
 Adult Choir Practice..... 6:30 P.M.

CHANGES OR NEW EVENTS AT FBC

Tuesday September 1:

Arts and Crafts 1:00 P.M.
 Youth Revival..... 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday September 2:

Youth Revival..... 7:00 P.M.

Sunday September 6:

No P.M. Service

Monday September 7:

Labor Day (church office and day care closed)

Thursday September 10:

RTA'S (Recycled TeenAgers) FLC..... 11:45 A.M.

Sunday September 13:

Two Services begin 8:30 & 10:45 A.M.

Monday September 14:

Deacon's Meeting..... 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday September 15:

Melody Makers (Parlor)..... 9:15 A.M.

Sunday September 20:

Business Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Monday September 28:

Card Ministry (OFH).....10:00 A.M.

VITAL SIGNS

Bible Study

	<u>2nd</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>16th</u>	<u>23rd</u>
Preschool.....	29	28	33	29
Children.....	19	22	24	31
Youth.....	44	41	48	42
Adults.....	168	145	162	145
General Officers.....	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
Total in House.....	265	242	273	252
Bible Study.....	26	23	23	25
Nursing Homes.....	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>
Total.....	330	304	335	316
Av. Attendance to Date.....	286	286	287	287

Financial Report thru August 23rd

Annual Budget.....	\$679,452.00
Budget Required to Date.....	444,257.26
Budget Received to Date.....	399,164.88
Budget Required Weekly.....	13,066.39
Budget Received.....	45,146.43
Designated.....	<u>17,748.01</u>
Total.....	\$62,894.44

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Office
283-2588

Prayer Room
283-8557

Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Pastor..... Ross D. Shelton
 Minister of Worship & Music..... Mark D. Tolar
 Minister to Students..... Todd Pounds
 Sunday School Director..... Richard McCullough
 Pastor's Administrative Assistant..... Kay Katzen
 Education Administrative Assistant..... Richard McCullough
 Organist..... Anne Garner
 Pianist..... Judy Pool
 Director, Child Care Center..... Linda Boyt
 Building Supervisor..... Orrill Davis
 Chairman of Deacons..... Sergio Ramos



*Please Pray
For*

Ben Bythewood
 Frances Clark
 Gloria Coplen
 Jimmy Dean
 Shirley Spurlock



**If you can't make it to S.S.
 or church, watch the service
 on cable channel 2.
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Church 10:45 A.M.
 and 6:00 P.M.**

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