



From the Pastor

Back in my junior high days, I remember learning the Latin phrase, "Carpe Diem." You are probably familiar with it, but if you're not, this phrase simply means 'Seize the Day.' In other words, make the most of today. 'Carpe Diem' should remind us that today is all we have. In a sense, Paul tells Christians in 2 Corinthians chapter six to "Seize the Day." At the end of verse 2, Paul reminds us that "now is the time of God's favor, and now is the day of salvation."

So how are we going to **Seize the Day**?

Spiritual matters, quite possibly above all others in this life, tend to get put off until tomorrow. How many people put off following Jesus until they 'get it together,' 'get old,' or 'get sick'? How many Christians have failed to share Jesus with others because the timing wasn't right, or they didn't want to offend the person? Paul is telling us to Seize the Day! Today is the day to start following Jesus! Today is the day to talk to your friend or a stranger about Jesus! Today is the day to get back to church! Today is the day to invite a friend! We seize the day by doing the Lord's work **NOW** and not later.

Today is the day!

Right now, we are bombarded with what we feel to be legitimate excuses to put off spiritual matters until tomorrow. Let's not continue to do that. There is no guarantee of tomorrow. Today is the day! Carpe Diem for Jesus!

Y'all have a great week!

Pastor Greg



**Sunday, October 3
in the atrium**

Come by for coffee, donuts
and an opportunity to
fellowship with each other
before Bible Study!



**Interim
Appreciation
Day
RESCHEDULED**

The Personnel and Pastor Search Committees have set a new date of **Sunday, October 3** to show our appreciation to Jim Bush and Mike O'Donnell for their service as our interim pastors for the past year.

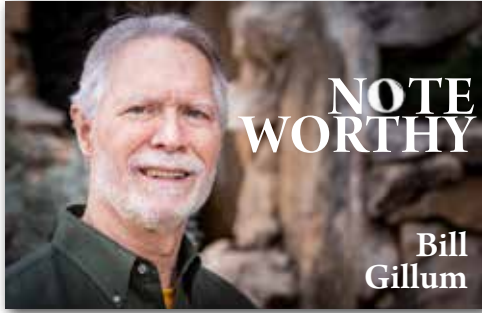
That morning, there will be tables in the atrium where you can drop in a card, note or other token of appreciation and a time of recognition during the service. "



Deacon Council Nomination Process Begins

The process to nominate Deacons for next year will begin Sunday, October 10. At each door to the sanctuary you will find a Deacon Eligibility list. This list includes the names of all currently ordained deacons who are not currently serving and are eligible for election and the list of those in our church who meet the qualifications to serve (listed on the front of the sheet and in our church bylaws) and who would be ordained if elected. This sheet will be available from Sunday, October 10 - Sunday, October 17. We ask that you look at the list and prayerfully consider the names. If you are listed and don't wish to be considered, or if you or someone you know may be eligible but is not listed, please contact the church office at 655-4101 or Becky at powers@fbcsanangelotx.org so we can update the ballots before printing. Please note that this is not the ballot and should not be turned in with your selections.

The ballot will be available beginning Sunday, October 24 outside the sanctuary doors, and through the week in the church office. If you would like a ballot and are not able to get one, please let us know and we will get one to you. Final ballots will be due by the end of the morning service on October 31.



What a joy it has been, after many months of absence due to Covid, to have our worship choir back leading our worship music! Their energy and sound make such a huge difference in our service each Sunday morning. I am so appreciative of their dedication and commitment to this ministry. They love singing, and they love spending time with one another. My week is energized every Wednesday night when we join together to rehearse for the coming weeks. Even though we have a great group participating, we still have room for more to join with our family of worshipers. Each Wednesday evening at 6:45pm, we meet in the sanctuary for a time of preparation and encouragement. We always love to have interested folks come and enjoy this time with us. Who knows? Perhaps this is a ministry that you would enjoy being a member of.

Believe it or not, we have already begun working on Christmas! We will be presenting it the Sunday before Christmas in December. It is not too late to catch up with us. We are already in the process of hiring our Christmas orchestra. We are excited that this year's group will be comprised of many members of the Nutcracker orchestra. This is always a time of joyous celebration and, more importantly, remembering the gift of new life given to us through the birth, life, and death of God's Son, Jesus the Christ.

I hope you will make plans to come and bring a friend as we tell the old, old story!

Once again, thanks for your wonderful encouragement and kind words about our efforts to lead in God-honoring worship. It is quite the task to fill everyone's worship needs each week. Our prayer is that we can remind you of all He has done for each of us and, in turn to give Him the glory!

Love you all and look forward to worshipping with you Sunday!



September is leaving faster than it came. It's hard to believe that school has been in session for over a month. It is busy around here in the student ministry. Wednesday nights have started back, and I have enjoyed seeing students fill up the CLC/Gym. Through September, we have learned about how we can be radical like Jesus. He was radical in the way he spoke, listened, and loved others. Some of the highlights for the month's theme included:

- 1.) Radical People listen more than they speak
- 2.) Radical people don't play favorites
- 3.) Radical people watch their words
- 4.) Radical people fight for peace

These four lesson points helped us understand how Jesus treated people and how we can make a radical change in our own lives and world.

I also want to give a huge thank you to our REACH students who participated in making sandwiches to send to Del Rio. I am incredibly proud of how they came ready to serve. They jumped right in without any hesitation. There were no complaints, and we all came together to accomplish a goal. Our students played a vital part in making this task come to fruition.

October will be filled with many fun activities, be watching for what we are doing next.



FALL FUN

**REACH YOUTH
SAVE THE DATES**

Wednesday, October 20: Pumpkin painting in the CLC, 5pm
 Saturday, October 23: Trip to a pumpkin patch, Time and location TBD
 Wednesday, October 27: Trunk or Treat @ FBC

During September, we focused on wisdom. It is funny that the curriculum this month for both Sundays and Wednesdays was on the subject. In last month's article, I discussed what we planned for Wednesday evenings with the kids. So in this article, I would like to mention our Sunday School lessons. In week one, we learned about being wise by not choosing sides. In the second week, we learned how we could be wise by choosing our words carefully. Week three, we learned that we could be wise by choosing to do good. In our final week, we learned that we could be wise by choosing God. We asked the kids how we could do these things, and they had some great answers. We can ask God for help, pray and read our Bible, and ask someone wiser than ourselves.

Many of the kids mentioned their parents or grandparents (which is great), but several children said they could ask their Sunday School teachers for guidance when they needed help.



I want to brag about the faithful teachers of Children's Ministry. Barbara Rowland and Sylvia Peel have taught the Elementary class for many years. These ladies are two of the strongest Bible teachers I have ever encountered. They truly know the Bible, and they love the children, which is evident in their teaching. Barbara and Sylvia make sure the lessons target the Elementary age and make the lesson fun and engaging.

I value their leadership and servant hearts. I also want to shine a light on Jeannie McCleer. She leads us in worship every Sunday morning. She picks songs that are upbeat and easy to follow along. You can tell by her smiling face and overall good attitude that



she loves leading music with children. She also helps teach the preschool class on Sunday mornings and all ages of children on Wednesday evenings. Jeannie is expressive and very creative. She picks out activities and games that will steer the children towards learning while having fun. If you see us on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, it may look like we are having a lot of fun (because we are), but we are also learning about Jesus. I am always appreciative of my teachers and volunteers, but I was sick for two weeks this month, and the Lord impressed on my heart how precious these ladies are.



Children & Youth
Pumpkin Painting
Wednesday, October 20
5pm in the Christian
Life Center

In this
WORLD
you will have trouble
BUT
TAKE HEART
I have
OVERCOME
THE WORLD
JOHN 16:33



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

October 1
Roman Moya
Barbara Rowland

October 2
Bobbie Burns

October 3
Madolyn Mertz

October 4
Eric Droegemeier

October 5
Jan Duncan
Ed Smith
Annabelle Tawater

October 6
Terry Chambliss
Rebecca Love

October 7
Connie Fletcher
Craig Terrill

October 8
Joanne Martin
Bob McCarty
Rey Robles

October 9
Meagan Bitner
Bill Nikolauk

October 10
Tommy Dudley
Larry Howard
Sandra Piel
Delmira Sanchez

October 11
No FBC Birthdays

October 12
John Henry Watson
Coralie Wetzell

October 13
Anastasia Bakurza

Evelyn Howell
Terry Jeffries
Cotten MacDonald

October 14
No FBC Birthdays

October 15
No FBC Birthdays

October 16
Winn Palmer

October 17
Sherrell Bethune
Johnny Matthews

October 18
Devin Fox
Hayden Schmidt

October 19
No FBC Birthdays

October 20
No FBC Birthdays

October 21
No FBC Birthdays

October 22
Jennifer Schmidt
Martha Snider

October 23
Donna Moorehead

October 24
No FBC Birthdays

October 25
Roy Boggs
Jean Eady

October 26
Louise Holland
Sasha Low
Boo Vaughan

October 27
Aaron O'Donnell
Fowlan Smith
Jedediah Watson

October 28
Michael Marburger

October 29
Austin Horton
Jeanne Jones
Erin McCleer
Corine Music

October 30
No FBC Birthdays

October 31
Shronda Crumley
Xena Martiarena
Jina To

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

September 5
FBC Sunday School
Enrollment 650
Attendance 180
Baptist Retirement Center
High Rise Class
GRAND TOTAL 180

September 12
FBC Sunday School
Enrollment 651
Attendance 176
Baptist Retirement Center
High Rise Class
GRAND TOTAL 176

September 19
FBC Sunday School
Enrollment 651
Attendance 174
Baptist Retirement Center
High Rise Class
GRAND TOTAL 174

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of September 19, 2021*
September Budget Needs \$106,229.14
September Budget Gifts \$222,795.49
YTD Budget Needs \$1,009,176.96
YTD Tithes & Offerings \$1,063,224.46
2021 Budget \$1,380,978.79

*Report was printed before
September 26 giving was available.

WITH SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to those who lost loved ones:

Greg & Amy Breedlove in the death of his father, and Christopher, Ellie, Jackson, and Katie in the death of their grandfather, Paul Breedlove.

Jim Bush in the death of his wife, Tina.

Rachael & Paul Mata and family in the death of her mother, Tina Bush.

Joe Merrick in the death of his son, Bud Merrick.

Bob & Patsy Porter in the death of their son, Bobby Porter.

Tom & Pam Granger in the death of her brother, Bobby Porter.

Family & friends of Mary Landers.

 **Mary Hill Davis**
Offering
\$2901.00

FBC WELCOMES

Our new members...

Sid & Paula Frymire

Sid and Paula joined FBC on Sunday, September 19 by letter from FBC Crane.

FBC MISSION MOMENTS

In our neighborhoods, in San Angelo, and around the world

Mission Opportunities at Neighbors Café

Neighbors Café is well-known to First Baptist Church because Judy and Charlie Smith, two long-time members, were obedient to Judy's call in recurring dreams in 2012 when the Lord told her to feed the hungry. She and Charlie did everything they were advised to do to make a soup kitchen a reality: they learned what other churches in San Angelo were doing, visited soup kitchens in San Angelo and Abilene, created a plan for using downtown property -- and nothing happened, until 2015.

When Bob Knox, Executive Director of Rust Street Ministries, told Charlie several people working at Rust Street had visions of a soup kitchen, things began falling into place.

Charlie and fellow-deacon Dwayne Swindle created a space and outfitted the kitchen with donated items. They bought tables and chairs for the dining room, lined up teams of volunteers, stocked the pantry from the Regional Food Bank, and opened the doors of Neighbors Café for the first time in March 2017. On the first day, they served 49 meals.

At first, the team was serving meals one day a week. Then they expanded to two, and eventually to five. Several other churches became involved, sometimes serving as many as 200 meals a day.

"The Lord called us to do this," Judy says. "This was not my idea, not what I thought I would be doing in retirement. But these people are hungry. They may not be homeless, they may have four walls and may have a job, but they can't afford food." She tells about how one young mother recently asked if they could give her food for her baby. Judy gathered up juice and applesauce. She adds, "We may have more hungry people in San Angelo than we know."

Everyone who walks in the door at Neighbors gets a free meal, no questions asked. "The Bible is clear – it says to feed the hungry," Charlie says. "It doesn't say unless you think they have money in their pocket or unless they can get to the door by 12:30."

The work has not been easy. In 2015 and 2016, both of Judy's parents died, and she has lost significant eyesight. Their close friend Dwayne died on January 6, 2020. (One of his last acts of benevolence was to donate socks to everyone who came to Neighbors Café one day in late December.) The pandemic has forced the volunteers to serve meals outdoors in a drive-through and has caused some churches to curtail their work with Neighbors. But blessings abound for the neighbors who eat at the café and the volunteers from First Baptist and other churches and denominations working together with a shared purpose.

"We are thankful for volunteers," Charlie says. "They are wonderful. Without them, we could not do what we do."

Neighbors Café needs more volunteers. If you would like to be one of the special volunteers who feed the hungry, please call Judy and Charlie Smith.



Charlie & Judy Smith and Donna Swindle

Galveston
Island
Convention
Center

2021
TEXAS
BAPTISTS
ANNUAL
MEETING

November 14-16, 2021

FBC is entitled to 25 messengers at the BGCT Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving, please contact Becky Powers at powers@fbcsanangelotx.org or call the church office at 655-4101.

For more information on the Annual Meeting, go to texasbaptists.org/annual-meeting.



Concho Valley Baptist Association

131st Annual Celebration

Sunday, October 17

Immanuel Baptist Church

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3:30pm Block Party Trailer Training

4:00pm Business Meeting

5:00pm Worship Service

6:30pm Meal & Missions Fair

FBC is entitled to 12 messengers at the CVBA Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving, please contact Becky Powers at 655-4101 or powers@fbcsanangelotx.org.

National Shoebox Dedication Day ~ Sunday, November 14



Sunday School Departments and individuals are collecting items for their boxes to be sent to children around the world. In the hands of local churches, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!



200 loaves of bread and a whole bunch of bologna, salami and other lunch meat equals 2412 sandwiches which were made, bagged and boxed for delivery. Children, youth and adults of all ages stepped up to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Wednesday, October 27
6-7:30pm, First Place Parking Lot

JESUS
is my
superhero!



If you would like to decorate your "trunk" and be in the parking lot that night to hand out candy, please contact Melodie at 655-4101 or penland@fbcsanangelotx.org.

We will be collecting bags of individually wrapped candy which may be dropped off in the tubs outside the church office and Fellowship Hall.

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Greg Breedlove, Pastor
Bill Gillum, Minister of Music

Melodie Penland, Children's Director
Erin McCleer, Interim Family Life Director

AJ Deardorff
Director of Broadcast Media

Janet Faulkner
Pianist

Mac McCarson
Financial & Senior Adult Director

Brian Thomas
Broadcasting & Media Sound Tech

Becky Powers
Pastor's MA/Communications Director

Joanna Sturgill
Music Ministry Assistant

Linda Bratcher
Organist

Martha Bailey
Office Manager/Ministry Assistant

Roland Williams
Building Manager

FBC MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Live at 10:30 am on KCLL 100.1 FM; Rebroadcast at 8 am on FOX West Texas (Cable Channel 10/110)
and at 10 am on My San Angelo, Cable Channel 141

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, October 10, during the morning worship service. If you worship with us via television, this service will actually be broadcast on Sunday, October 17, at 8:00 am on KIDY and 10:00 am on My San Angelo. However, we will have prepackaged elements available which will allow you to participate in the Lord's Supper as you watch. If you would like to receive a set of these elements, or know someone who would, please contact Becky in the church office at 655-4101 by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6 to make arrangements to have the elements picked up at the church or delivered by one of our Deacons.

Deacons, if you are delivering elements to the homebound, those elements will be available for pick up after 10am on Thursday, June for delivery the week of October 10-16.

Come to The Lord's Table

Sunday, October 10, 10:30AM

A love offering will be accepted at the end of the service to help alleviate hunger in the Concho Valley.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
(Coffee in the atrium)
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Crossovers

WEDNESDAY

- 5:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids,
Christian Life Center
- 5:00 p.m. REACH Youth Worship & Bible
Study, Christian Life Center
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study &
Prayer Time, Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

See page 5 for the calendar of meetings and other events.



**Pastor
Appreciation
Month**

And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.
Jeremiah 3:15 ESV

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Please take a moment to extend your thanks to our Ministerial staff for all they have done and continue to do. This can be cards, calls, texts, or emails - whatever the Lord lays on your heart to do. Thank you all.


Personnel Committee



**Fun &
Fellowship**

hosted by the
Young at Heart Ministry

Monday, October 18
6:00 p.m. in First Place
The main dish will be provided; please bring sides or desserts to share.
Invite a friend, and join your church family for good fun, food & fellowship.



LET US CONSIDER HOW TO
STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO
LOVE & GOOD WORKS.
HEBREWS
10:24

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