



## From the Pastor

The past year and a half has been a very difficult season for many of us here on planet Earth. People are different than they were before. Just as any significant historical event shapes generations that follow it, COVID has shaped us. It has changed how we interact socially. People gather differently than they used to, and some don't gather at all. We hesitate before offering a hug or handshake, not wanting to cause offense to the other person. Life has changed.

Though life has changed, I am truly excited about the direction God is leading our church here at FBC San Angelo. Over the past couple of months, we have seen several people make the decision to be a part of the fellowship here. People are coming back, and new people are coming to FBC for the first time. I believe that God has hard-wired us to live life together, and our community here in San Angelo is desperately seeking real life in-person connections. We aren't designed to live life separately or digitally. Face-to-face interaction is vital to our overall health.

I want to encourage you to invite someone you know to church. If you've been out of fellowship for a season, I want to invite you back to church. Recently a couple returned to church for the first time in over a year, and it overjoyed my heart to see how happy they were just to be around others! There's just something irreplaceable that occurs when we gather together in person. You don't want to miss it! Bring a friend!

Pastor Greg

## 2022 Budget Presentation Schedule

### Wednesday, November 3

The proposed budget will be presented to the Deacon Council. Budget brochures will be available in the church office and at the sanctuary doors on Sunday, November 7.

### Wednesday, November 10

**@ 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**  
Discussion of the proposed 2022 budget is on the agenda for our Quarterly Business Meeting.

### Sunday, November 14 @ 11:30 am

A Special Called Business meeting to vote on the budget (without discussion) at conclusion of the morning worship service.



**Sunday, November 7  
in the atrium**

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

## FBC Thanksgiving Lunch & Gift Card Shower

**Sunday, November 7, 11:45 am, McBride Fellowship Hall**

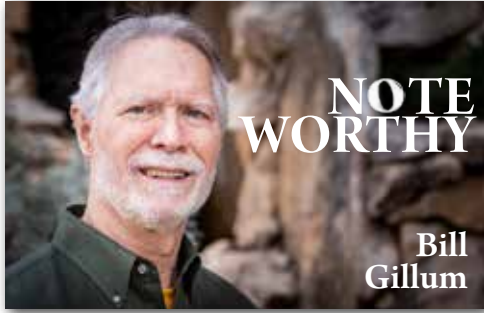
**\$10/adults; \$5 children (10 & under)**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**UNTIL NOVEMBER 2 AT 10:00AM.**

*As the Breedlove family continues settling in please join us in showering them with gift cards from local businesses and restaurants. Suggestions to consider: your favorite restaurant; grocery, home improvement, or home décor stores; discount centers or VISA gift cards.*





Enter His Gates with thanksgiving. (Psalm 100:4)  
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving. (Psalm 147:7)  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. (Psalm 95:2)

These are but a small sample of the many verses that give us the command to give thanks to our God and King. Yet even this morning, as I got out of bed, I found myself asking for things from God for my day before giving Him thanks for all that He has done for me. I think that is simply an example of the entitled world that we all live in. We are quick to accuse others of being entitled, yet in all honesty, we ourselves are entitled when it comes to truly giving thanks to God. As we enter this holiday season, I pray that we are reminded to give thanks

for all that He has done and is doing for us. He is a good God and a precious friend. May we never take Him for granted.

I have been so encouraged by the many positive comments about being able to have a choir in the loft for Sunday services. That long Covid break was so difficult, and it made it impossible to rehearse and sing on Sunday. I am THANKFUL that we are able to assemble again and be an important part of worship! Our members have been so faithful to rejoin and to enjoy wonderful times of music and fellowship together. We are looking forward to continuing to serve you each week. We are especially looking forward to December 19, when we will be presenting our annual Christmas music. We have been working hard on this event and are excited to present the story of Christ's coming to live among us and to give His life for our salvation. We will be sharing more in future articles concerning this exciting time of worship.

Finally, let me say how grateful Elaine and I are for you and the kindness that you have shared with us through the years. We are honored and blessed to be a part of such a loving fellowship of believers.

May God continue to bless His people with His presence and guidance.

## Serving Together

Sunday morning Bible Study is the heartbeat of our Bible teaching ministry. Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m., we gather in 6 different adult departments where we have outstanding Bible teachers who teach the Word with clarity and application for daily living. We also have classes for youth, children, and preschoolers. Our college class meets on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We aim to teach evangelism, stewardship, ministry, and fellowship. Our departments are made up of everyday people who love to pray for each other, care for each other, and meet the needs of the class in order to build a solid church. Great classes build great churches.

First Baptist is committed to making disciples and reaching the unchurched through our Bible Study Ministry. Our goal for the rest of this year and into 2022 is to average over 200 in Bible Study. If you are not involved in a Bible Study class and would like to be, stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday, and we will be glad to help you find a place.

I'm thankful to be serving as your Director of Education/Administration. I am here to serve and help in any way that I can. I love our church and truly believe that we are always better when we gather together as family.

*Mike O'Donnell*



October has been a busy and fun-filled month with fall festivities. Just to highlight a few things the youth has been doing. On Wednesday, October 20, 11 students and 4 adults headed out to the San Angelo Stadium for the 2021 Fields of Faith. Fields of Faith is hosted by the Concho Valley FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). One night a year, churches in the area come



Pumpkin Patch Crew

together for worship and to hear what God is doing in the lives of teenagers. I love this night because our students get the opportunity to listen to a different style of worship and hear from speakers who are close to their age. Each speaker brought something valuable to the table. Each student speaker brought a challenge to the audience that they could easily apply to their life. On October 23, the youth visited the Pecan Creek Farm and Ranch, which has a pumpkin patch, corn maze, petting zoo, and other fun activities. Afterward, we came back to the church for dinner and pumpkin painting. We had a great time being together and hanging out. It is so fun to see each person's creativity show while painting their pumpkin. Each one shows their personality! Lastly, on October 27, we had our Trunk or Treat, in which the youth passed out candy. We seriously could not have done it without their help.

## KIDS' ZONE



Melodie Penland

Have you ever stopped to think how big God truly is? God created the whole world, all the planets, animals, and stars in the sky. Knowing God is big can make us feel small and insignificant. The truth is, even the tiny things are a big deal to God. In October's Sunday School lessons, we learned these things through the life of Job:

1. Even though we are small, God is big. (Job 1: 1-2:10)
2. God listens to our big feelings. (Job 23:1-7)
3. God sees the big picture. (Job 38:1-7, 34-41)
4. God cares even about the small things. (Job 42:1-6; 10-17)
5. We can also be a big help to others. (Job 2:11-13)

## Family

## & Potluck

Friday, November 12

6:00-8:00PM

Christian Life Center (CLC)

Main dish will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Invite your friends and enjoy a great time of fellowship with other families.



With every lesson, FBC Kids have a game, activity or craft that reinforces the main point.

For lesson 2 in October, we made emoji cookies to represent our big feelings and how God listens to us.

## Library Books

As we prepare to reopen the library, free books are available on tables just outside the elevators at the library doors. These books will be out for up to two weeks and then will be donated to the Tom Green County Library "Friends of the Library."



## Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time ends November 6!

## Fun & Fellowship

hosted by the Young at Heart Ministry

Monday, November 15

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.



**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

**November 1**  
Stephen Pickles

**November 2**  
Romelia Herrera

**November 3**  
Don Ball

**November 4**  
No FBC Birthdays

**November 5**  
No FBC Birthdays

**November 6**  
Shirley Dobson

**November 7**  
Calvin Featherston

**November 8**  
Sue Havins  
Lawrence Wilson

**November 9**  
Shelby Flores  
Skylar Jenkins

**November 10**  
Evelyn Estes  
Audrey Truelove

**November 11**  
Gary Allen  
Alex Byrd  
Connor Pence  
Lorene Southall

**November 12**  
Emily Nikolauk

**November 13**  
Russell Rosemann

**November 14**  
Dudra Butler  
Grayson Currie  
Darlene Stokes

**November 15**  
No FBC Birthdays

**November 16**  
Janice White

**November 17**  
Wanda Black  
Dale Nichols  
Matthew Sharp

**November 18**  
Bessie Schenk

**November 19**  
No FBC Birthdays

**November 20**  
Sandra Crotwell  
Sandra Nichols

**November 21**  
Gabe Nikolauk

**November 22**  
June Heck  
Cecilia Trejo  
Michael Williams

**November 23**  
Sandy Meeks

**November 24**  
Billy Sanchez

**November 25**  
Joyanna Chambliss  
Sue Curtis  
Julie Dusckas  
Sharon McDonough  
Kelly McGowen

**November 26**  
No FBC Birthdays

**November 27**  
No FBC Birthdays

**November 28**  
Jeannie McCleer  
David Noble

**November 29**  
Arlen White

**November 30**  
Caleb Wright

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

**October 3**  
FBC Sunday School  
Enrollment 649  
Attendance 188

Baptist Retirement Center  
High Rise Class  
**GRAND TOTAL** 188

**October 10**  
FBC Sunday School  
Enrollment 651  
Attendance 174

Baptist Retirement Center  
High Rise Class  
**GRAND TOTAL** 174

**October 17**  
FBC Sunday School  
Enrollment 648  
Attendance 184

Baptist Retirement Center  
High Rise Class  
**GRAND TOTAL** 184

**October 24**  
FBC Sunday School  
Enrollment 646  
Attendance 181

Baptist Retirement Center  
High Rise Class  
**GRAND TOTAL** 181

**FBC WELCOMES**  
*Our new members...*

Kevin & Nancy McSpadden  
Kevin & Nancy joined FBC on  
Sunday, October 3 by letter  
from a sister church in San Angelo.

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

Wilma Aly in the death of her husband,  
CT Aly.

Friends and family of Eva Jo Brown  
Family & friends of Gloria Burleson.

Sandra & Dale Nichols in the death of her  
brother, Bobby.

Family & friends of Ray Perkins.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

*Mid-Week Meal*

**November 3**

Beef taco soup, cornbread & peach cobbler

**November 10**

Baked potato, salad & cookies

**November 17**

Pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw,  
pinto beans & chocolate cake

**November 24**

No Wednesday activities

Dinner reservations must be made each week  
by Tuesday at 10 am for the following evening

Cost is \$8/person

*Menu is subject to change.*

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**As of October 24, 2021**

October Budget Needs	\$132,786.43
October Budget Gifts	\$129,742.59
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,141,963.40
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,210,019.88
2021 Budget	\$1,380,978.79






**CONGRATULATIONS**

*We share our joy with...*

Ivan & Erin Medina who were married on  
Saturday, October 9.

Donna Riddle, who retired from Shannon  
on October 4 after 50 years of service.

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Properties Committee 5:30PM, C203/05	2 SS Directors/ Teachers Meeting, 5:15PM, C203/05	3 Deacon Council Budget Presentation 5:15PM, C203/05	4	5	6  FALL BACK! Daylight Saving Time ends.
7  8:30AM, Atrium Thanksgiving Lunch 11:45AM, FH	8	9	10 Qtrly Business Mtg., 6PM, FH	11 Ambleside Veteran's Day Program 8:30AM, Sanc	12 Family Game Night & Potluck, 6PM, CLC	13
14 Called Business Mtg., 11:30AM, Sanc	15 Missions & Evangelism Committee 5:15PM, Heritage  6PM, FP	16 Finance Committee 5:15PM, C208	17 Staff serves @ Neighbors Café Homebound Luncheon, 11:45am, CLC Deacon Council Mtg, 5:15pm, C203	18	19	20
21	22 Personnel Committee 5:30PM, C208	23	24 Church Office closes at noon; no evening activities	25	26  Church Office Closed	27
28	29	30				
<b>Building/Room Abbreviations</b>						
BRC - Baptist Retirement Community		CLC - Christian Life Center FH - Fellowship Hall		FP - First Place HR - Hospitality Room		Sanc - Sanctuary LC - Lake Cabin

## Connect with Us!

Our goal is to communicate with you regularly. Please keep an eye on our various communication resources. If you have not yet subscribed to at least one of these, the information follows:

- Website and Email: sign up: [www.firstsanangelo.org](http://www.firstsanangelo.org). Scroll to the bottom "Stay in Touch" to sign up for our emails.
- Text: Send the message @fbcsa to 81010.
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistSanAngelo](http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistSanAngelo)
- YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/FirstBaptistSanAngelo](http://www.youtube.com/c/FirstBaptistSanAngelo) (Adult Sunday School lessons are uploaded here!)

We will use these resources to communicate schedule changes, specific needs and other information as applicable.

## Missions Spotlight: Dr. Carol Ann Bonds

*Every day, do something that will bring you closer to God.*  
(On a plaque created by a cousin of Charlie Bonds)

Dr. Carol Ann Bonds is no stranger to challenges. Now retired from her leadership role as Superintendent of the San Angelo Independent School District, Carol Ann is confronting head-on the challenges of living with Parkinson's Disease. Since her husband Charlie was diagnosed with cancer in early 2021, their time in San Angelo has been upended by frequent trips to Houston for tests and treatments. These are the kinds of demands that would make most of us, when asked to help with something, say "I can't possibly do that; I'm going to be out of town for a few weeks, I don't have time or energy, or ..."

"I say you have to take your eyes off yourselves," Carol Ann says. "Contentment comes when we serve others. There is *something* all of us can do for others."

Sometimes we have to be creative in juggling what we want to do and what we can do. For instance, wanting to help at Neighbors Café without necessarily being there, Carol Ann volunteered to roll the plasticware in napkins at home. She is so well known to the regular diners at Neighbors that one of them gave her a moniker that has stuck: She is now known as the "holy-roller." "I'm not unhappy with that," she says.

Wanting to help provide Christmas gifts to the guests at Neighbors, Carol Ann hit upon the idea of knitting beanies on a circular loom. It was something she could do at home or on the road and in waiting rooms. First, she had to learn about and experiment with many kinds, brands, and weights of yarns. Her favorite: size 5, acrylic Charisma Yarn at Michael's. By the end of October, she had made 110 beanies – and still counting! In January 2021, she set a goal to make 120 beanies for the guests at Neighbors Cafe.



Knitted beanies

People ask her, "Is knitting hard? Do you get bored? Do you get tired of going to Dollar Tree? What do you think about when you're rolling plasticware?"

"I pray everyone who opens it will see that someone loves them," she says. "I pray that gives them hope. Everyone needs hope – I need hope."

Carol Ann agreed to be interviewed for this article only if it includes ideas that might inspire people to think creatively about what they can do for others. The following are the beginning of an ongoing conversation on this topic:

- Write words of encouragement to someone. How hard is it to say "Thank You" or "You'll never know how you blessed my heart."?
- Think about how you can use your hobby and interests to help others. Do you like to cook, quilt, garden, collect stamps, woodwork, play the guitar? There are service opportunities for you. Many are intergenerational.

"I want everyone to learn how good it is to do something for someone else," Carol Ann says. "God expects you to do something for other people."

Because several people have expressed an interest in learning how to make hats for missions, Carol Ann will begin teaching a class incorporating knitting and prayer in early January. Circular looms and yarns will be provided to everyone who signs up. Men, women, and children of all ages are encouraged to be a part. To get your name on the list, call Louise Jones, Missions Committee Chair. To get earlier, private instruction – and to help as a teacher in January! – call Carol Ann.



## Christmas at Neighbors Café

First Baptist Church will again be giving away Christmas gift bags to our friends at Neighbors Café. We need donations of new scarfs, hats, gloves, and crew socks for men and women. Collection boxes will be placed in the Atrium and outside the church office on three consecutive Sundays: November 21 and 28 and December 5.



## National Shoebox Dedication Day Sunday, November 14

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Since 1993, more than 188 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

## JESUS is my Superhero!

Trunk or Treat was a huge success. We had over 850 people come by, with 70 church members helping out. Twenty trunks were decorated with various themes, and everyone dressed up. Trunk or Treat was a fun event for all ages.

Thank you to the families who decorated their cars and passed out candy and those who donated candy. I am overwhelmed by the amount of candy our church family provided...enough to hand out over 25,000 pieces! I am thankful for our supportive church staff and church family who helped make this event possible.

I want to give a special thanks to Johnny Matthews and Jennifer Wright. They were in charge of our Popcorn and Prayer table. They passed out fresh popcorn while offering to pray for each person that walked by. Ninety percent of the people asked to be prayed for! It's so encouraging to see our church family praying for our community at a fun event.

*Melodie Penland*



Just a few of the awesome decorated "trunks."



Pastor Greg shared some encouraging words and prayer with the volunteers at the end of the event.



Hats off to Melodie and Erin for another great fall event!



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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Bill Gillum, Minister of Music  
Mike O'Donnell, \*\*\*\*\*

Melodie Penland, Children's Director  
Erin Medina, 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

## Quarterly Business Meeting

We will have a Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 10 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. In addition to reviewing the quarterly report, the following items of new business will be on the agenda:

- Motion by the Nominating Committee for the election of members to serve on committees beginning January 1, 2022 (listed below)
- The election of Greg Breedlove, Amy Breedlove, Kevin McSpadden, Nancy McSpadden and other interested members up to 25 to serve as messengers to the 2021 BGCT Annual Meeting
- A motion by the Properties Committee which will be published following their November 1 meeting.
- Discussion of the proposed 2022 budget.



## 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.

## Nominating Committee Recommendation

The Nominating Committee recommends that the following church members be elected to serve on church committees beginning January 1, 2022:

### Finance Committee

Term Expires 12.31.2024

John Hancock  
Jearl Holland  
Valerie Matthews

### Personnel Committee

Term Expires 12.31.2022

Jennifer Wright  
(filling vacated position)

Term Expires 12.31.2024

Robert Dillard  
Johnny Matthews  
Andy McCleer

### Missions & Evangelism Committee

Term Expires 12.31.2024

Chad Currie  
Jeannie McCleer  
Kerry Peacock

### Properties Committee

Term Expires 12.31.2024

Martha Featherston  
Dale Nichols  
Kevin Pepper

### Nominating Committee

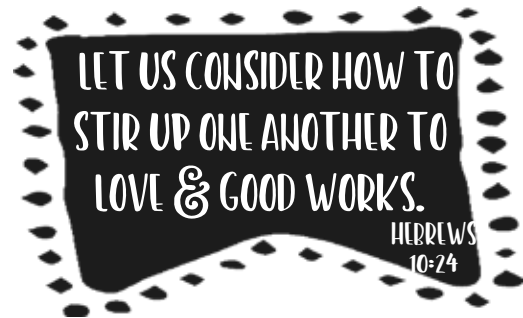
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Sandy Meeks  
Diane Peacock  
Kenny Wright

### FBC Foundation

Term Expires 12.31.2024

Patsy Rogers



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