



From the Pastor

The new year is upon us, and I'm excited about what God has in store at First Baptist Church. Over the past few months, I've considered the following question, "Who are we at First Baptist Church?" The more I thought about it, the more I realized the answer wasn't quite as simple as I'd thought. In fact, different people would define who we are in many different ways based on their individual beliefs, backgrounds, and experience here.

As we launch out into 2022, I felt it was essential to provide a little clarity to the question of who we are at FBC, so I've laid out an answer below, and I'm calling it Vision 2022.

At FBC, we strive to be a people of prayer who believe the Bible, follow Jesus, and love others.

This vision will be our guidepost for ministry in 2022. The first statement refers to prayer. We will strive to be a people of prayer because Jesus said his church should be a house of prayer. The scriptures tell us to pray in all things without ceasing. My hope is that in 2022 we will tangibly see more prayer in everything we do at FBC. Why? Very simply because it is God's work we endeavor to do, and He possesses all the wisdom and power to accomplish that work. We are not simply a goodwill or non-profit organization. There is so much more going on, and we are helpless to accomplish all that God has in store for us without significant prayer!

We'll dive into Vision 2022 soon. Would you join me by committing to pray regularly for our church and community this upcoming year?

Blessings,
Pastor Greg

Deacon Ordination Schedule

An Ordination Council meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9 at 2 pm in the CLC to consider the ordination of Jimmy Conn, John Nikolauk, and Jeff Schmidt to the Deacon Ministry. All members who are ordained deacons or ministers are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Following the approval of the Ordination Council, these men will be ordained on Sunday, January 16 during the morning worship service.

STAFF SERVICE DAY

The church staff will cook and serve at Neighbors Café on Wednesday, January 12 so the office will not open until about 1:00 pm. The phone will be answered, so please call if you need to reach someone.



Sunday School Prayer Time
Sundays, 8:30 am in the atrium
All Sunday School directors and teachers are encouraged to join Pastor Greg and Mike for prayer time before Sunday School begins.

Deacon Prayer Time
Sundays, 10:15 am in Hospitality Room
All Deacons are invited to join Pastor Greg in prayer for the worship service.



Serving Together

January is a great time for us to once again emphasize the importance of small group Bible Study through Sunday School. December 2021, we had our best attendance in over a year. On Sunday, December 12, we had 199, one short of 200. Our goal for the new year is to begin to average 200 in Sunday School. To do that we must renew our efforts in contacting members and inviting new people to our departments and classes.

Our pastor is challenging us to embrace a Mission Statement that best describes our purpose as a church:

FBC strives to be a church of praying people who:

- a. Believe the Bible
- b. Follow Jesus
- c. Loves others

Those 4 areas all speak to the purpose of Sunday School. In Sunday School, you will find praying people, strong Bible teaching where we learn to follow Jesus, and we love all people. The verse in Matthew 22:37 teaches us this mission pattern. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you strength and love your neighbor as yourself."

I look forward to this new year as we continue to move forward in praying, teaching, following, and reaching people to be more like Jesus.

Mike O'Donnell

FREE 8TH

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, January 11

4:00-6:30 pm, Come & Go

Christian Life Center, 20 E Harris Ave

This will be our opportunity to introduce parents and guardians to our after-school program. Potential volunteers are also invited to come learn more about Free 8th.

Free 8th for the students will resume on Tuesday, January 18. This is a great way to draw 9th graders to our church. We will teach life skills, socialize, and have a devotional time.

Volunteers are needed to furnish snacks, which can be as easy or involved as you like. If we have a large group, you can be paired with a buddy.

If you would be interested in helping with snacks, please contact Valerie Matthews at 325-245-6472 and for information on other ways to serve, contact Jennifer Wright at 325-374-1878.



It is hard to believe that in a blink of an eye, we have started a new year. I am looking forward to seeing what God is going to do in not only my life but in the lives of our awesome youth. I am praying that God will open their hearts to be obedient in what God calls them to do. I pray they will be bold in this new year, and they will have a desire to deepen their walk with Christ. I am so excited to see how God will show up in the lives of students.

A perfect opportunity for students to start their new year right is our Impact Weekend. Impact is a local event that surrounding churches participate in. We meet at one church where we eat and have three worship services over two days. Impact weekend will begin Friday evening January 28 and end on January 29 at night. More information will be coming soon, as well as a sign-up form. Please keep an eye out on the Reach Student Facebook page for more information.



Happy New Year! I am excited to start a new year of ministry here at FBC! We are starting a new series entitled "A Day at the Museum." This five-week series covers Jesus' early life and ministry. "A Day at the Museum" is all about helping children interact with the stories of Jesus and connecting them to God.

Museums have the unique ability to transform learning. Instead of simply reading words on a page, we can experience them through our senses. Imagine visiting one of your favorite museums but not being able to use your senses. You are told to look at an ancient artifact to understand the existence of another culture in history, but the crowd is blocking your view, and you cannot see anything. You are walking through a fascinating exhibit, but you cannot hear the tour guide's commentary. You can smell the food court, but the lines are

too long for you to buy anything to taste. Without your senses, you lose perspective. It is only by engaging your available senses that you gain understanding and become more involved in the experience. Similarly, Jesus gives us what we need to experience God. The children will learn this through the following lessons:

- WEEK 1: We can see God through Jesus (John 1:1-18; John 14:6-11)
- WEEK 2: We can hear God's voice if we listen (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; Psalm 29)
- WEEK 3: Jesus gives us a taste of God's power (John 2:1-11; Psalm 34:8-9)
- WEEK 4: The Bible shows us how to experience God
(Luke 4:14-21; 2 Timothy 3:14-17)
- WEEK 5: Following God makes us stand out (Luke 4:22-30; Psalm 71:1-6)

For this month and the whole year, I want to ponder what God is showing me through the passages I may have read numerous times.



FBC Kids' Ministry 2022 Kickoff



Wednesday, January 19
5-6:30pm, Christian Life Center

Dinner at 5 pm, snowball fight begins about 5:30.
Wear a coat and gloves...it's gonna be COLD!

F Fun &
Fellowship
hosted by the
Young at Heart Ministry

Monday, January 17
6:00 p.m. in First Place
We'll be having chili which 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

January 1
Charles Norris
Liberto Perez
Marcelle Skillingberg

January 2
Milton Bearden
Aaliyah Reese
Mary Smith

January 3
Leslie Santillan
Gloria Sheffield

January 4
Tommy Moran

January 5
No FBC Birthdays

January 6
Mason Barnett
Jack Baucom
Brandy Gill

January 7
Mary Gatlin
Jackie Jacoby
Bob Rowland

January 8
No FBC Birthdays

January 9
No FBC Birthdays

January 10
Elaine Gillum
Jo King
Nadine Mathis
Kenneth Wright

January 11
Carlos Valenzuela

January 12
Denise Reiner

January 13
Johnell Vincent

January 14
Jonah Bethune

January 15
No FBC Birthdays

January 16
Oscar Herrera

January 17
Gracie Byrd
Maria Martiarena
Dickey Ponder

January 18
Lance Mosley
Frances Murray
JoAnn Noble
GenElle Willis

January 19
Eric Duran
John Nikolauk

January 20
Johnny Carlson
Carson Cummings
Juanita Hardy
Cathy Nikolauk
Donna Swindle

January 21
No FBC Birthdays

January 22
Spencer McDonough

January 23
Janet Eaton
Jonnie Jordan
Mary Sue Paddock

January 24
Amy Breedlove
Erick Lopez
Raul Lopez
Doug Slate

January 25
Tommy Bowman
Bill Gillum
Mel Register
Norma Scott
Sarah Wilson

January 26
Wilma Kidd

January 27
William Gatlin
Lawrence Greer
Nell Irvine

January 28
John Clark
Juanita Garza

January 29
Dick Wetzal

January 30
Deborah Smith

January 31
Ann Alexander
Branch Van Court

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

December 5
FBC Sunday School
Enrollment 642
Attendance 188
Baptist Retirement Center
High Rise Class
GRAND TOTAL 188

December 12
FBC Sunday School
Enrollment 638
Attendance 199
Baptist Retirement Center
High Rise Class
GRAND TOTAL 199

December 19
FBC Sunday School
Enrollment 638
Attendance 175
Baptist Retirement Center
High Rise Class
GRAND TOTAL 175

December 26
No Sunday School due to the holidays.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of December 26, 2021
December Budget Needs \$106,229.14
December Budget Gifts \$250,961.33
YTD Budget Needs \$1,380,979.00
YTD Tithes & Offerings \$1,610,739.91
2021 Budget \$1,380,978.79

FBC WELCOMES

Our new members...

Ron & Jannette Westbrook
Ron and Jannette joined FBC on
Sunday, December 26 by letter
from a sister church in San Angelo.

WITH SYMPATHY

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

Jimmy Roman and family in the death of his
brother, Ray Roman.

Harold & Vonnie Sharp in the death of his
mother; Matthew and Elijah in the death of
their grandmother, **Lillie Sharp**.

Kyle & Sydney Cokonougher and family in
the death of his grandmother, **Lillie Sharp**.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mid-Week Meal

January 19
Pot roast, green beans, dessert


January 26
Breakfast Supper: scrambled eggs, bacon,
sausage, biscuits & gravy

Dinner reservations must be made each
week by Tuesday at 10 am for the following
evening. Sign up sheets are in each Sunday
School department or you may call the
church office to reserve your meal.

Cost is \$8/person

Menu is subject to change.

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2  9:45AM, Atrium	3	4 Free 8th Mtg 4:00PM, CLC	5	6	7	8
9 Deacon Ordination Council, 2:00PM, CLC	10	11	12 Staff serves @ Neighbors Café Equipping Dinner 6:00PM, C203	13	14	15 Any & All (Adult 2) Fellowship, time TBD, CLC
16 Deacon Ordination Service 10:30AM, Sanc	17 Fun & Fellowship 6:00PM, FP	18	19 Mid-week activities resume Quarterly Business Mtg, 5:45 pm, FH	20	21	22
23	24	25 Finance Committee 5:15PM, C208	26 Homebound Luncheon 11:45AM, CLC Deacon Council 5:15PM, C203	27	28	29
30	31					

Building/Room Abbreviations

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. 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
- YouTube: 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.

Meeting/Event Calendaring and Set Up Request Policy

Please remember that all meetings and events are to be booked through the church office so that a setup form can be completed. This will ensure that no over-booking occurs and that the maintenance/custodial staff and facilities are available.

FBC MISSION MOMENTS

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

Joshua 1:2 Fellowship and Bishop Street Ranch

The Missions and Evangelism Committee recently increased our church's level of support to Joshua 1:2 Fellowship and Bishop Street Ranch, two faith-based residential facilities that minister to those whose lives are broken by addiction. Both facilities focus on rehabilitation through Bible Study, discipleship, and prayer.

First Baptist Church has worked with both facilities by referring people in need and making quilts for the residents. Becoming more aware of how the facilities serve our community, the Missions and Evangelism Committee requested that \$2000 of our 2022 budget go to each ministry to help with ongoing additions and renovations.



The Missions and Evangelism Committee will be working with both ministries throughout the year to assess the facilities' needs and determine how First Baptist can help. Immediate needs at Joshua 1:2 are toiletries (soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants, lotions, shampoos, feminine hygiene products, razors, and shaving cream) and packages of men's and women's underwear. Donations of these items will be accepted in the church office and delivered to Joshua 1:2.

Because of your generous support, First Baptist Church can continue to reach out to those with the greatest needs in our community.

Christmas Gift Bags

The week before Christmas, First Baptist Church gave away 137 gift bags as follows: 96 gift bags to men, women, and children at Neighbors Café; 23 bags to men and women at Joshua 1:2 Fellowship; and 18 bags to men at Bishop Street Ranch. Each bag included several pairs of socks, a hat, gloves or a scarf, a pillowcase (courtesy of Janice Ferrell and her sewing companion), a bar of soap, a toothbrush, and assorted other toiletries (courtesy of the residents of Christian Village).



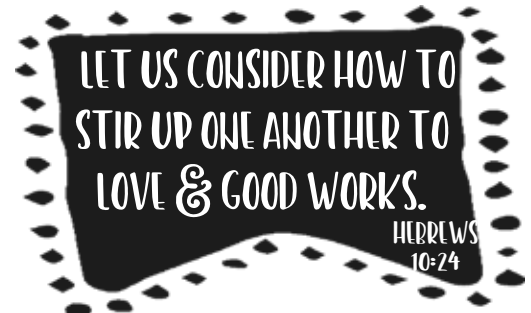
Volunteers who packed and handed out the bags were Judy and Jimmie Auten, Andrea Bakurza, Carol Ann and Charlie Bonds, Sherman Clark, Linda Hale, Louise and Jim Jones, Jeannie McCleer, Sandy Meeks, Mike O'Donnell, Patsy Rogers, Donna Riddle, and Jennifer Schmidt. As part of the Christmas Gift Bag giving day, Martha Ellis, Lauren Pepper, Nathan Pepper, and Christine Scott organized a book-give-away for the children at Neighbors Café.

A special thank-you to those who generously donated items and time for this mission project!

Together
we transform lives

**Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering**

FBC Goal: \$20,000
FBC Offering: \$20,929



QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
5:45 am, Fellowship Hall**

In addition to our Quarterly Report, the Finance Committee will present a motion that the Properties Committee be given authority to spend the funds in Sale of Properties Account down to \$150,000 for needed repair projects.

THANK YOU *The following notes were received in the church office:*

Dear Church family,

I'm truly blessed to be a part of this church family. Thanks for the prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers and cards during this holiday season, not to mention all the "goodies."

I am doing ok and am looking forward to the time I can be there "in person" again.

Love you all,
Pauline Grubbs

Dear family at First Baptist,

Thank you so much for your support of Neighbors Café specifically, but also all the work you do in our community.

In the 20 months I have been in San Angelo, I have found it to be a uniquely generous community and First Baptist is a vital part of that.

May God continue to bless you with all of His riches as you serve Him, each other, and our community.

Because of Jesus,
David Ingram, Jr.
Director, Rust Street Ministries



Once again, we will emphasize that "FIRST BAPTIST LOVES SAN ANGELO" during February. Here's how you can help!

1. Put a "First Baptist LOVES San Angelo" yard sign in your front yard by February 1. This will be a great way to let others know that you attend FBC and that we love our community. If you have your sign from last year, you may use that one. If you need a sign, they will be available at the Welcome Center beginning January 23 and in the church office during the week. They are free, but you may donate \$5 to help cover the expense.

2. During the week of February 21, we will deliver goody boxes to the San Angelo Police Department, eight fire stations, and the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office, and the Shannon ER department. We are asking that you bring individually wrapped snacks, such as candy, beef sticks, chips, cheese or peanut butter

crackers, or any other kind of snack to put in the boxes. You may place your contributions in the labeled boxes in the atrium and the church office door beginning January 30. If you cannot shop but want to be a part of this ministry, you may make a donation, and we will use the money collected to purchase snacks.

Last year was a great success, and our law enforcement, firefighters, and other first responders were overwhelmed and blessed. We need to continually pray for and support those who serve us as a community.

Luke 10:27 says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength, with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." What better way to love these groups in our neighborhood by honoring them.

How blessed we are to be a part of this family called First Baptist. Let's spread this love to others. We will be richly blessed, and so will those we serve.

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Greg Breedlove, Pastor

Matt Vaught, Interim Minister of Music

Melodie Penland, Children's Ministry Director

Mike O'Donnell, Ed/Admin Director

Erin Medina, Youth & College Ministry Director

AJ Deardoff
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

2022 Equipping Dinner

In keeping with our Kingdom Concept of equipping members for effective ministry, all committee members are invited to the 2022 Equipping Dinner at 6 p.m. on January 12 in the Fellowship Hall. Following a Frito Pie supper and review of committee procedures, committees will be asked to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary to serve in 2022.

2022 Committee members are asked to please let us know by Monday, January 10 if they will or will not attend so we can plan the set up and meal. You may email Becky at powers@fbcsanangelotx.org or call the church office with that information.

We look forward to what God will do in and through our church in the year ahead!

*Take captive every thought
to make it obedient to Christ.*
2 Corinthians 10:5

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
- 7:00 p.m. Crossovers (resumes Jan. 16)

TUESDAY

- 4:00 p.m. Free 8th, CLC (resumes Jan. 18)

WEDNESDAY (resumes Jan. 19)

- 5:00 p.m. FBC Kids, Christian Life Center
- 5:00 p.m. REACH Youth Worship & Bible Study, Christian Life Center
- 5:45 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.



First United Methodist Church invites you to a recital featuring

Monte Maxwell
and local musicians

Sunday, February 6
4:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary
37 E Beauregard

Monte Maxwell is the Director of Chapel Music and the Chapel Organist at the U.S. Naval Academy Music Department. A native of San Angelo, Monte received his undergraduate degree at Texas Christian University and his graduate degree from the Juilliard School in New York.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

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