



The other day I was casually watching some television and came across a car restoration show. It was a pretty neat show where the crew shows up at somebody's house who has an old car in need of refurbishment, and over the course of a week, they fix up that person's car. The episode I watched featured an old muscle car that had been sitting in this man's garage for about ten years. At first glance, the car looked perfect. It was all shiny on the outside and looked like it would only need just a bit

of work. The show's host commented that people see shiny new paint jobs and think the car is finished. Then he opened the hood to find only the skeleton parts of a motor, and almost nothing done. As beautiful as this car was, it had no power and wouldn't be going anywhere anytime soon.

We can do a pretty good job making our lives look good on the outside to others and be empty and powerless on the inside at the same time. Jesus doesn't want that for you! As Jesus prepared to ascend to Heaven after the resurrection, He told His disciples to wait. They had a large assignment coming, and they needed to wait. Wait? Really. There's a whole world that needed to hear the gospel of Jesus, and Jesus told them to wait. He knew that their God-sized mission needed to be God-strengthened. Without the power of God, their mission would quickly fade. Jesus promised that they would receive power

from the Holy Spirit to accomplish their mission. They spent the next season gathering together, praying, and waiting. Then the day came, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, 3,000 people were saved in one day!

This Christmas, be reminded of the old saying from missionary Hudson Taylor, "When we work, we work. When we pray, God works." God can and will do more than you could ever imagine if you would just rely on him and seek his strength to accomplish the mission. There's a temptation we must resist that we need to always be busy. If your busyness isn't Spirit-led and Holy Spirit-empowered, maybe you need to head back to the "garage" for some motor work from the Holy Spirit. Don't be afraid to spend some time and even a season waiting on God and seeking His strength for the mission ahead!

Pastor Greg



Celebrate the Season with First Baptist Church

Sunday, December 11

Pancakes with the Pastor
9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

FBC Kids Christmas Presentation
10:30 am, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 18

Believe in Christmas
presented by the
FBC Christmas Choir and Orchestra
10:30 am, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve
Candlelight & Carols
6:00 pm, Sanctuary

When is the right time to start listening to Christmas music? I think every person you ask has a different answer to that question. Some will say December 1. Some might even say the day after Thanksgiving. Or maybe they say Christmas Eve is soon enough for them. Others would say that July 1 would be fine, or even December 26.

Whichever camp you fall into, I hope you're looking forward to Sunday, December 18. Our Sanctuary Worship Choir will present a cantata titled "Believe in Christmas." This exciting collection of songs will have you dancing for joy and pa-rum-pum-pumpum-ping the days away. When making your plans for that day, please pray for neighbors and friends you could invite to attend with you. Someone you know could benefit from some seasonal encouragement, and we all need to hear the Good News proclaimed!

This whole Advent and Christmas season, we will be praising God as the angels did; saying, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."



If you are good at keeping up with the latest trends in today's world, the phrase "Cancel culture" might sound familiar to you. Cancel culture is a movement to call out, shame, and even "cancel" someone out of existence. This commonly happens to people who have spoken out or done something that is not socially acceptable and goes against the grain of culture. Countless lives have been ruined by this phenomenon. Calling someone out is not necessarily bad if it is done out of genuine love and compassion. Sometimes, we need to be held accountable for our words and actions. When calling out someone becomes hateful and cruel, that is when it becomes an issue. Culture today is quick to judge and cancel individuals through social media. How can we connect

and compare "Cancel culture" to scripture and biblical teachings? Students this month have been going through a series called "Canceled." Even in the Bible, we see accounts of people having a hard time loving others and casting others out of society/culture. We see people being outcasted due to their sins, illnesses, disabilities, social status, religious beliefs, and cultural differences. We have looked at true stories of people who experienced being "canceled," including the Samaritan Women Jesus encountered at the well, Jesus healing Bartimaeus (the blind beggar), and the women who reached out to touch Jesus to be healed. These three people were not popular by any means, and yet Jesus cared about them enough to notice them and treat them with love. Through this series, we learned how Jesus challenges us to love people who are not like us, love people who are in need, love the people we envy, and love the people we want to hate.

Important Dates coming up:

December 3 - Christmas Light Parade

December 11- Pancakes with Pastor

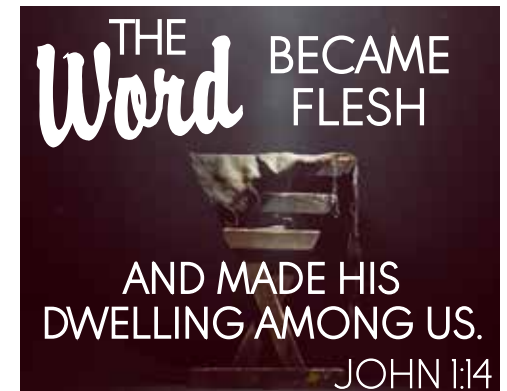
December 10 - Youth Christmas Party

December 14- Last Wednesday Night of the year

Holiday Publications Schedule

The final issue of *The Equipper* for 2022 will be published on December 20 with information on the year-end and first of the year events. This issue will also include pictures from the many Christmas events happening around FBC, so remember to send photos from your department and class parties, keeping in mind that digital photos work best. These may be emailed to powers@fbcsanangelotx.org. Please include a brief caption about the event. The deadline is noon on Monday, December 19, but it will be a big help if you will send the information and photos as soon as you have them.

Because of the way the holidays fall this year, the January 2023 issue will not be published until January 10. Information will need to be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, January 5.





Why are there so many Christmas songs about angels? Because angels show up throughout the Christmas story with great news! I often need to remember the importance of the messages they share. In this four-week series, kids will explore the foundational stories of Jesus' birth, focusing on the angels who witnessed them! From the city where Jesus was born to the cities we live in today, the angel's message is just as important now as it was then! Jesus is God's plan, calms our fears, makes everything new, and is God's love for everyone.

The messages that angels share with people who expected and received Jesus can help us with the tensions that cause us to be afraid or uncertain about the future. Has it been a while since you have asked Jesus to calm your fears? Is there something in your life that is broken and needs restoration? We are all supposed to be messengers that share the truth that Jesus is God's love for everyone. The birth of Jesus brought us love, hope, and joy, and I pray we celebrate the real reason for the Christmas season.

This month we are learning:

Week 1- An angel appeared to Zechariah. Luke 1:5-25; Isaiah 11:1-5. Big Idea: Jesus is God's plan.

Week 2- An angel appeared to Mary. Luke 1:26-38,46-55; Isaiah 35:1-4. Big Idea: Jesus calms our fears.

Week 3- An angel appeared to Joseph. Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 43:16-19. Big Idea: Jesus makes everything new.

Week 4- Angels appeared to the shepherds. Luke 2:1-20; Hebrews 1:1-6. Big Idea: Jesus is God's love for everyone.



The kids learned about Queen Esther and how God used her to help others.



The kids were learning about the first 4 commandments. In the picture above, they were putting things in order of importance, for example, God, family, friends, money, toys, etc.



SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 3
9:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP
HALL

Invite a friend and join the FBC men for breakfast with our special guest speaker, Pastor Richard Jackson.

Pancakes WITH THE Pastor

All children, youth and their department workers/teachers are invited to this special Sunday breakfast.

Pastor Greg will share the Christmas story and we'll have fun games for all ages!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
9 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL



You are invited to join the family of **Larry Edgington** at a party celebrating his 80th birthday.

Saturday, December 10
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Come & Go
Main St. Café
at Baptist Retirement Community
903 N. Main St.
Cards only; no gifts, please.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

December 1
No FBC Birthdays

December 2
Ken Campbell
Mary McCarson

December 3
Aaden Dusckas
Garrison Nikolauk

December 4
No FBC Birthdays

December 5
No FBC Birthdays

December 6
Sue Mansfield

December 7
No FBC Birthdays

December 8
Norma Cummings
Christopher Garcia

December 9
Alexis Garcia
Alyssa Garcia
John Paul Johnson
Jean McDonald
Wanda Owens

December 10
Lea Beyerlein

December 11
Janet Gregory
Luke Hogg

Emelio Rincon
Robby Truelove

December 12
Bobby Fletcher
Nyla Rosenstrom

December 13
Eddie Williams

December 14
No FBC Birthdays

December 15
Christopher Grady

December 16
Coy Byrd
Jarrod Stokes
Denise Wamer

December 17
Debbie Conn
Bob Harthcock

December 18
Desiree Garcia

Terry Sims
Carla Williams

December 19
Jolynn Byrd
Pat Hunter
Jay Scott

December 20
Buddy Parker
Harold Sharp

December 21
Zack Deardorff

December 22
Jim Bush
Jessica Cantu
Larry Edgington
Martha Gerber
John Hancock

December 23
Bob Hewell

December 24
No FBC Birthdays

December 25
Kyle Cokonougher
Melva Penner

December 26
Murf Dufresne
Lizzie Nikolauk
Vonda Phillips
Josh Powell

December 27
Earl Bowman
Homer Griffin
Hunter Schmidt

December 28
Patsy Bray
Felix Garza
Lance Kiser
Jovita Mata
Jeff Schmidt

December 29
Jim Jones
Leslie Maynard

December 30
Betsey Garvin
Lexi Nikolauk
Kevin Pepper

December 31
Will Hewell
Kathy Wahmann

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

November 6
FBC Sunday School
Attendance 195

November 13
FBC Sunday School
Attendance 175

November 20
FBC Sunday School
Attendance 141

November 27
FBC Sunday School
Attendance 198

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of November 27, 2022

November Budget Needs	\$101,784.08
November Budget Gifts	\$111,237.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,221,408.92
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,456,498.38
2022 Budget	\$1,323,193.00



FBC WELCOMES

Our new members...

Ronnie & Tammy McKinney joined on Sunday, November 27, by letter from Home Line Baptist Church in Midland.

WITH SYMPATHY

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

Jim & Marcella Wade in the death of their daughter-in-law, Karen Wade, on November 23.

Family and friends of Jeanne Jones who passed away on November 13.

Kerry & Diane Peacock in the death of her cousin, Beth, on November 9.

Makayla Beijl in the death of her grandfather.



Deacon Council Selection

The Deacon Selection Committee is pleased to report that the following ordained deacons, elected by the church, have agreed to serve on the Deacon Council for a three-year term, ending December 31, 2025:

Charlie Bonds	Larry Edgington
Laylan Bratcher	Griff Griffin
Ron Crumley	Billy Hollis

Mike Nikolauk

Jim Jones has been granted Deacon Emeritus status by church approval.

WHAT'S FOR SUPPER?

Mid-Week Menus

December 7
Filipino Potluck

December 14
Breakfast Supper

December 21
Holiday break




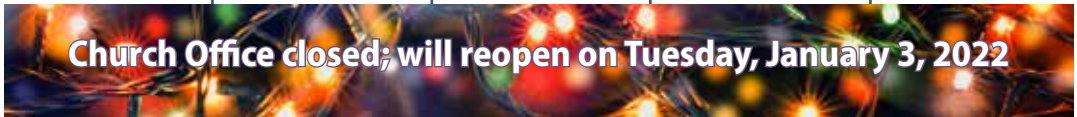
Wednesday activities resume January 18, 2023.

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

Cost is \$8/adults; children & youth free

Menu is subject to change.

DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>A complete list of small group Christmas events can be found on page 7.</p>				1	2	3 Men's Breakfast, 9AM, FH Christmas Parade Outreach, 5PM FP parking lot
4 First Fellowship, 8:30AM, Atrium Lord's Supper 10:30AM, Sanc	5	6 Women on Mission, 10AM, BRC Properties Committee, 5:30PM, C208	7	8	9	10
11 Pancakes with the Pastor, 9AM, FH FBC Kids Sing 10:30AM, Sanc	12	13 Finance Committee 5:15PM, C208 Ladies, Lights & Lattes, 6PM, CLC	14 Staff serves @ Neighbors Café Deacon Council, 5:15PM, W203	15	16	17
18 <i>Believe in Christmas</i> 10:30AM, Sanc	19 Fun & Fellowship 6PM, FP	20	21 No Evening Activities	22	23	24 Candlelight & Carols 6PM, Sanc
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31 
 <p>Church Office closed; will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2022</p>						
Building/Room Abbreviations						
BRC - Baptist Retirement CLC - Christian Life Center		FH - Fellowship Hall FP - First Place		HR - Hospitality Room Htg - Heritage 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.

FBC MISSION MOMENTS

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

Christmas at Neighbors Café

Christmas is around the corner, and again FBC will be giving gift bags for our friends at Neighbors Café. We need the following items for our bags:

- * Men and Women: Crew socks, gloves, hats, and scarves
- * Children: Small games and toys
- * All: Hard candies

A collection box is outside the church office.



ON THE AIR Please note the following changes to our broadcast schedule:

Sunday, December 18
No 10:00 AM broadcast.

Sunday, December 25
The service will air at 7:00 and 8:00 AM.



To God be the glory for our FBC folks who gave so generously that His Word will be spread through the 343 boxes sent to children around the world! We are grateful to everyone who packed boxes, donated money and/or items, helped pack the boxes for shipping after church on Sunday, and then delivered the boxes to the area receiving church. God bless each giver! *Carol Ann Bonds*



Pastor Greg offered a prayer of dedication for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Adult 1 had a group of all ages at their packing party. Adults and children wrote notes and drew pictures to include in their boxes.



Adult 3 had a packing party and dinner at the Lake Cabin

Glasses for Peru

The Peru mission team will purchase glasses for the clinic from a ministry there, but they will also collect prescription glasses at the church to send to this ministry.

Once there, the prescriptions will be read and the glasses placed into the inventory. While our team may

not actually use the glasses we send, the collection will help offset the cost for us and will help the ministry for future use.

Glasses are being collected in boxes outside the church office and Fellowship Hall.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer for International Missions

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® is an annual offering collected by believers around the world to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by Woman's Missionary Union in honor of the missionary to China who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially. This offering is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of gifts provide for missionaries all over the world.

Together
we transform lives

Envelopes for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer guides are available outside the sanctuary. You may also text @imb to 52014 for quick and simple giving.

Filipino Potluck
Wednesday, December 7
5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

As part of our December emphasis on missions, we will have an International Mission Study on the Philippines on December 7. Our dinner that evening will feature a Filipino Potluck. Recipes are available at the Welcome Center and in the Sunday School departments.

If you have questions regarding the recipes, ingredients, etc., please contact Judy Auten at 254-368-8183.

FBC LAVISHED WOMEN'S MINISTRY
INVITES YOU TO



Ladies, Lights & Lattes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13,
FBC CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
6:00 - 8:00 PM

There will be a variety of Christmas goodies and a coffee and hot cocoa bar to enjoy! We'll take a bus trip to view the Concho Christmas lights, we'll return to the CLC and end the night with an ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament if you'd like to participate.

This event is open to all ladies. Please RSVP in Sunday School or by calling the church office. Contact Ashley Barnett at 325-276-1826 for more information.

Advent by Candlelight



'Tis the Season



Adult 3 Potluck
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 5:30 P.M., FBC LAKE CABIN

Adult 4 Potluck
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6:00 P.M., CLC

Adult 2 Christmas Party
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 11:00 A.M., CLC

FBC Youth Christmas Party
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6:00 P.M., MEDINA HOME

Adult 5 Brunch
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 9:00 A.M., CHAPEL

Adult 6 Breakfast
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 8:30 A.M., C115

FBC Kids Christmas Party
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 6:00 P.M., C116

College & Career
Christmas Dinner & Party
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:30 P.M.
LOS PANCHITOS & McCLEER HOME

Adult 1 New Year's
Chili Cook-Off & Game Night
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 5:00 P.M., CLC

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SMALL GROUP
EVENTS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR
THE DIRECTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION.

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight was such a special event. Over 100 women gathered to center our minds and hearts as we move into this holiday season. We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Kerry Peacock and appreciate him and the men who served us. The service was full of incredible testimonies and beautiful music. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made this event a success!

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Melodie Penland, Children's Ministry Director	Erin Medina, Youth & College Ministry Director	
Linda Bratcher Organist	Brian Thomas Media Sound Tech	Becky Powers Pastor's Ministry Assistant
AJ Deardorff Director of Broadcast Media	Martha Bailey Office Manager/Ministry Assistant	Joanna Sturgill Music Ministry Assistant
Janet Faulkner Pianist	Mac McC Carson Financial & Senior Adult Director	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

Holiday Happenings at FBC

Saturday, December 3

Lights of Christmas Parade Outreach, 5 P.M., First Place Parking Lot

Tuesday, December 6

FBC hosts the Concho Christmas Light Tour

Sunday, December 11

Children and Youth Pancakes with the Pastor
9:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall

FBC Kids Sing, 10:30 A.M., Sanctuary

Sunday, December 18

Believe in Christmas

presented by the FBC Christmas Choir & Orchestra
10:30 A.M., Sanctuary

Saturday, December 24

Candlelight & Carols
Christmas Eve Worship, 6:00 P.M., FBC Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Worship, 10:30 A.M. (no Sunday School)

Sunday, January 1, 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Worship, 10:30 A.M. (no Sunday School)

The church office will be closed December 23 - January 2 for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.

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

TUESDAY

4:35 p.m. *The ZONE*, CLC

WEDNESDAY

5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Time,
Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. FBC Dinner, Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study,
Fellowship Hall
FBC Kids, C116
REACH Youth, Youth Floor
Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Sing With Me, First Place

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

Fun & Fellowship

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
6:00 P.M. IN FIRST PLACE**

Sandwiches will be provided; bring your favorite Christmas 'goodies' to share, and invite your friends to join us for a festive night of fun!