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Dear Church Family,

A Renewed Commitment to the Great Commission

Every second, 200 people around the world Google the question, “Is God real?” Our world is searching, and Jesus has entrusted us with the answer. In Matthew 28:19–20, He calls us to “go and make disciples of all nations.” Last week, several of us attended the Texas Baptists State Convention. It was a powerful reminder of what God is doing across our state and a fresh opportunity to reflect on how we, here at FBC San Angelo, are living out the Great Commission in our own community.

As we move forward, I am asking each of us to make three renewed commitments:

1. Give Significantly

Give your time, talents, and treasure in a way that demonstrates trust in God. Significant giving is not measured by amount but by faith and obedience. When we serve and give wholeheartedly, we invest in eternal work and honor Christ with all He has entrusted to us.

2. Serve in Unity

Greatness in God’s kingdom is found in serving others with humility and harmony. The church thrives when each of us brings our unique gifts to the table. Instead of waiting for someone else to fill a need, ask how God may be calling you to step in. When we work together, we reflect the unity and love of Christ.

3. Reach One More

Pray intentionally for God to place someone in your path who needs the hope of Christ. Like Philip with the Ethiopian eunuch, we want to be ready for God-given opportunities. If each of us reaches just one person this year, imagine the impact on families, our church, and our city.

A Call to Action

Church family, this is our moment to step boldly into the mission Jesus has given us. Let us be a people who give generously, serve faithfully, and share Christ courageously. May God empower us to live out the Great Commission with renewed passion and see lives transformed through the gospel here at FBC San Angelo.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

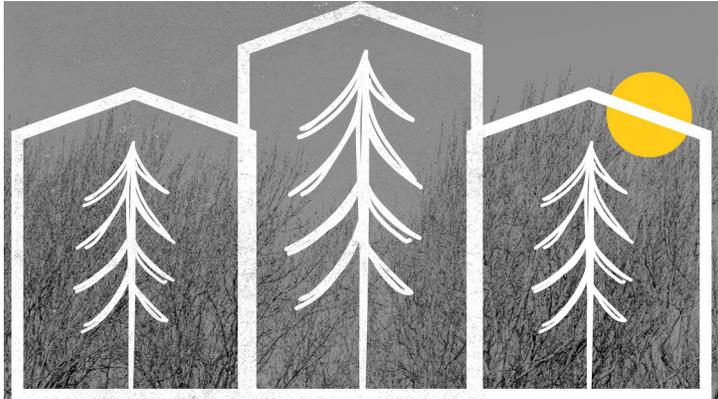
CHRISTMAS EVE

Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH \\ 6:00 PM \\ SANCTUARY



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Following God's Directions: Lessons from the Life of Solomon

This month in **FBC Kids**, we stepped into the world of King David's son, **Solomon**, and discovered what it means to follow God's direction with our whole lives. Every week has been full of laughter, questions, hands-on learning, and those unforgettable moments when a child connects a Bible truth to real life. I love watching these young hearts grow—not just in knowledge, but in spiritual maturity.



Week 1: Adonijah Tries to Become King (1 Kings 1:1–35)

Big Idea: God gives us directions to follow.

This story grabbed the kids' attention immediately—because who wouldn't be surprised that someone tried to take the throne before Solomon? One child said, "It's like he tried to skip the line!" We talked about how God had already chosen Solomon, and how important it is to follow God's direction even when we are tempted to do our own thing. We did a challenge with two groups about the importance of following directions. The kids really learned that we need to follow God even when we want something else. God's way is better.

Week 2: Solomon Asks for Wisdom (1 Kings 3:1–15)

Big Ideas: God listens to our prayers & every good gift is from God.

The kids loved hearing that Solomon could ask for anything—but chose wisdom. Before we started the lesson, I asked everyone if they could ask for anything, what would they ask for? One child said she wanted everyone in the world to know Jesus. I was surprised by everyone's answers because they were really thoughtful and not just about themselves. This opened up a beautiful discussion about why Solomon's choice honored God. We talked about how God still invites us to pray honestly, and He still gives good and perfect gifts (James 1:17). The kids wrote down their own prayer requests, reminding them that God hears every prayer—big or small. We used several sizes of marshmallows and dry spaghetti noodles to make towers to show the importance of a strong foundation like wisdom.

Week 3: Solomon's Wise Ruling (1 Kings 3:16–28)

Big Idea: God gives us true wisdom.

This week was full of wide eyes and serious faces as we read about Solomon and the two women arguing over the baby. "That was a smart idea," one child said. Another added, "But also kind of scary!" We built balance scales and let the kids weigh different choices to see which ones were wise and which ones were not. The lesson hit home because several kids shared situations from their own lives and how this Bible lesson helped them make wise choices in the future.

Week 4: Solomon Builds the Temple (1 Kings 5–8)

Big Idea: God is worthy of our worship.

This was one of the most awe-filled lessons of the month. The kids were amazed at how detailed and beautiful God's temple was. "It must have been huge!" someone said. We talked about how God's presence with His people was worth the best they had to give. We built mini-temples out of blocks and talked about ways to worship God, maybe it's not with gold and cedar, but with our hearts, our obedience, and our everyday lives.

Week 5: The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon (1 Kings 10:1–13)

Big Idea: God's wisdom shines through us.

The kids loved imagining a royal visitor traveling across deserts to see Solomon's wisdom for herself. One child said, "She must have been really impressed!" We talked about how the Queen of Sheba wasn't amazed at Solomon alone—she was amazed at the God who gave Solomon wisdom. We ended the month with a traveling treasure hunt, reminding the kids that when we use God's gifts well—wisdom, kindness, courage—others can see God through us.

Each Sunday, as your children open God's Word, ask questions, act out stories, build projects, and talk about how these truths fit their real lives,

These kids are learning to pray, to follow God's direction, to make wise choices, to worship sincerely, and to let God's glory shine through them. And every week, God teaches me right alongside them. I love teaching FBC Kids every week. It is a joy and an honor to help them grow in Christ.

FBC LIFE

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

December 1
No FBC Birthdays
December 2
Ken Campbell
Derek Lause
Mary McCarson
December 3
Garrison Nikolauk
December 4
No FBC Birthdays
December 5
Keith Summers
December 6
Sue Mansfield
December 7
No FBC Birthdays
December 8
Aaron Gill
December 9
Jim Benson
Alexis Garcia
Alyssa Garcia
John Paul Johnson
Jean McDonald
Wanda Owens

December 10
No FBC Birthdays
December 11
Robby Truelove
December 12
No FBC Birthdays
December 13
Eddie Williams
December 14
Bobbie Fletcher
December 15
Christopher Grady
December 16
Trey Boland
Coy Byrd
Jarrod Stokes
Denise Wamer
December 17
Debbie Conn
December 18
Desiree Garcia
Terry Sims
Carla Williams

December 19
Jolynn Byrd
Matthew Johnson
Jay Scott
December 20
Gary Oostveen
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
Jackeline DeLeon
December 25
Pat Cook
Kyle Cokounougher
Melva Penner

December 26
Martha Dufresne
Vonda Phillips
Josh Powell
Lizzie Nikolauk
December 27
Earl Bowman
Jessica Quigley
Hunter Schmidt
December 28
Patsy Bray
Lance Kiser
Jeff Schmidt
December 29
Jim Jones
Leslie Maynard
December 30
Betsey Garvin
Alexis Nikolauk
Kevin Pepper
Melinda Prats
December 31
Will Hewell
Nicholas Turney
Kathy Wahmann

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

November 02
FBC Sunday School
Attendance 176
November 09
FBC Sunday School
Attendance 201
November 16
FBC Sunday School
Attendance 194

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of November 24, 2025
November Budget Needs \$160,803.46
November Budget Gifts \$92,502.14
YTD Budget Needs \$1,511,552.54
YTD Tithes & Offerings \$1,193,778.96
2025 Budget \$1,672,356.00

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

In November 2025, the Homebound Ministry Team made 34 visits, 29 phone calls, & sent 9 things in the mail! Way to go team! This ministry team meets at 10:00 am the last Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact Jim Benson at 325-655-4101.

WITH SYMPATHY

Tom & Murf Dufresne on the loss of Murf's Aunt, Mollie Beene Bratcher who passed away on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ladies, Lights, & Lattes

DECEMBER 18 6-8 PM CLC

Ladies, you're invited to a cozy Christmas evening filled with fun and fellowship! Enjoy tea, coffee, and a hot cocoa bar, plus optional goodies to share.

We'll hop on the church bus to take in the beautiful Concho Christmas Lights, then enjoy a festive Mug/Cup Exchange. (Bring a wrapped mug or cup if you'd like to join the fun!)

This event is open to all ladies. Please sign up today. Contact Ashley Barnett at 325-276-1826 for more information.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS HOLIDAY DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 1.

WE WILL RESUME NORMAL OFFICE HOURS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025.



December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 FBC Women's Advent by Candlelight, 6:00pm, FH	3 Prayer Meeting, 5:30pm, HR	4	5	6 Adult 2 Christmas Party, LC
Lottie Moon Week of Prayer, Nov. 30 - Dec. 7						
7 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR First Steps Class, 9:00am, HR Lord's Supper Service Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH	8 Missions & Evangelism Committee, 5:45pm, C-208	9 Properties Committee, 5:00pm, C-208	10 Prayer Meeting, 5:30pm, HR International Mission Study, 6:30pm, FH	11 Adult 4 Christmas Party, CLC	12	13
14 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Christmas Cantata Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH	15	16 FBC Staff @ Neighbors FBC Men's Dinner, 6:00pm, Casa Ocampo Finance Committee, 5:15pm, C-208	17 Prayer Meeting, 5:30pm, HR Wednesday's @ FBC, 6:00pm Deacon Council Meeting, 5:15pm, Adult 2 Room FBC Youth & FBC Kids Christmas Parties	18 Ladies, Lights, & Lattes, 5:00pm, CLC	19	20
21 Adult 3 Potluck Brunch Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH	22 Personnel Committee, 5:15pm, C-208	23 Finance Committee, 5:15pm, C-208	24 Christmas Eve Service, 6:00pm, Sanc	25 Christmas Day	26	27
Church office closed December 24 - January 1						
28 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH	29	30	31			
Church office closed						

Building/Room Abbreviations

CH - Choir Room
CLC - Christian Life Center

FH - Fellowship Hall
FP - First Place

HR - Hospitality Room
Htg - Heritage Room

Sanc - Sanctuary
LC - Lake Cabin

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
- Instagram: www.instagram.com/fbcsanangelo
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/FirstBaptistSanAngelo

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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS



WITH GRATITUDE

From cards, texts, calls, prayers, and visits I became overwhelmed by your outpouring of Christ's love during my recent illness. The impact of such concern on my life is far reaching. Your act of love reminded me of what Jesus said that is recorded in John 13:34-35 – "A new command I give you: Love one another. as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." these words from our Lord are very healthy for our Christianity community and especially to any local congregation. Words of Christ are important, but Christ's love came not from words alone. Jesus did not just speak to people during His earthly ministry. He

healed them, touched them, and ate with them. The outreach of your love of Christ toward me and Margaret will not be forgotten. It is a Christian friendship like Jonathan had with David when David was being chased by Jonathan's father King Saul. In 1 Samuel 23:16, it reads, "And Saul's son Jonathan went to David and helped him find strength in God."

Your expression, like Jonathan's toward David, revived and restored God's strength in me when I needed the most.

Thank you FBC. You're the best!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

🕒 TIME: 5:30 PM

📍 LOCATION: HOSPITALITY ROOM

JOIN US AS WE TAKE TIME TO PRAY THROUGH OUR CHURCH'S PRAYER LIST AND LIFT UP THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, HOMEBOUND, OR JUST DEALING WITH THE UPS AND DOWNS OF LIFE. IT'S A SIMPLE BUT POWERFUL WAY TO SHOW LOVE AND SUPPORT TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRAY OUT LOUD TO BE A PART OF IT. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

🕒 TIME: 10:15 AM

📍 LOCATION: HOSPITALITY ROOM

COME PRAY WITH US!

BEFORE OUR SUNDAY SERVICE, WE GATHER FOR A FEW MINUTES TO PRAY OVER THE WORSHIP, THE MESSAGE, AND EVERYONE WHO WALKS THROUGH THE DOORS. IT'S A RELAXED, MEANINGFUL TIME TO INVITE GOD TO MOVE IN OUR SERVICE AND IN OUR HEARTS. WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

FBC MUSIC



One of the things about God's creation that I find the most fascinating is how the physical properties of our world can lead to such beautiful artistic experiences. Although a rare occurrence as far south as Texas, the Aurora Borealis was visible in November due to a strong geomagnetic storm approaching the Earth. This side effect of solar flares being ejected from our sun gives rise to beautiful, ethereal patterns painted across the sky.

There are no sunsets as beautiful as West Texas sunsets (in my opinion). The combination of vast wide-open spaces and clear skies gives a wonderful canvas for sunsets to paint on. Rays of sunlight scatter as they travel through the sky, bounce off of clouds and are intensified by atmospheric particles like dust and water vapor to make for a colorful, inspiring experience at the close of day.

As a musician, I find how vibrations in the air can carry emotional impact simply astounding. Pythagoras studied the science of music about 500 years before the birth of Christ, working on concepts like musical intervals and mathematical ratios. By simply changing the length of a vibrating string, he was able to find musical concepts like an octave, or a perfect fifth. We know today that by looking at the overtones of a vibration we can find the entire natural harmonic series. An octave, a perfect fifth, a major third, a minor seventh, and a major second are all present in the natural sound of a note. We even find this harmonic series in bird songs like those of a hermit thrush. It's amazing!

What a privilege it is to experience God's creation through the beauty of the earth. All of it works together giving praise to the creator! Psalm 19:1 says "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork", and Psalm 66:4 "All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

This reminds me of one of my favorite hymns. "This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears; all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres." - Babcock, 1901

FBC EVENTS

THE Majesty OF Christmas Cantata

December 14 || 10:30 am || Sanctuary

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FBC Youth
Christmas Party
Dec 17 - 6:00 PM
FBC Lake Cabin



FBC KIDS
KIDSMAS
PARTY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 || 6:00 PM || CLC

FELLOWSHIP HALL



INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY
BRAZIL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 6:30 PM



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Linda Bratcher
Organist
AJ Deardorff
Director of Broadcast Media
Brian Thomas
Media Sound Tech

Elizabeth McElroy
Office Manager/Ministry Assistant
Mac McCarson
Financial
Jennifer Joy
Maintenance Supervisor

Wendy Moon
Pastor's MA/Communications
Joanna Sturgill
Music Ministry Assistant

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



Ways to Give

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CONTACT YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO
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IN PERSON:
OFFERINGS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE
CHURCH DURING OFFICE HOURS:
MON., TUES., & THURS., 9:00 AM - 5:00PM
WED. 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00PM, DAILY

PLEASE CONTACT MAC MCCARSON AT
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	
9:00 am	Bible Study for all ages
10:15 am	Prayer Meeting
10:30 am	Morning Worship
4:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm
Wednesday	
5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm	Wednesday's @ FBC

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

FBC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Presents

FBC'S GOT TALENT

For all
Students and
Senior Adults!

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 10, 2026
2:00PM-5:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

