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Give—by meeting real needs in our community
Grow—by equipping people to become authentic
Christ followers
Go—by taking the gospel message to Brady and beyond

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FBC discontinues discussion with Ryan Buck and Immanuel Baptist Church

At the regular business meeting on October 22, George Matula reported on interactions with Ryan Buck since the last business meeting. Ryan and Keith Simpson had met with George Matula, Becky Martin, Betty Smith, Jerry Caraway, and Buz Roddie on October 4 to discuss questions our members submitted to learn more about the offer to “foster” our church. One requirement would have been that the Pastor Search Committee disband. On Friday, October 6th, Ryan Buck withdrew his offer to “foster” our church based on the incorrect assumption that a candidate would be interviewed by the search committee. At their regularly scheduled October 8th meeting, the search committee voted unanimously to continue to meet regularly, accept applications until January 1st, and reserve the right to call for an interview with any prospective pastor at any time. The deacons met that same day and voted unanimously to discontinue discussions with Ryan Buck and Immanuel Baptist Church at this time. Buz Roddie was able to find supply pastors to fill the pulpit and to handle Greg Torres’s ordination.

Greg Torres ordained as deacon

Greg Torres was ordained as our newest deacon on Sunday, October 15, in the sanctuary. This special service was led by Buz Roddie, Keith Simpson, and Don Fawcett. A reception followed in Fellowship Hall.

FBC is abundantly blessed to have Greg, Shelly, Jameson, and Elise in our church family.

Search Committee moves forward

by Vickie Roddie, Search Committee Chair

The committee continues to stay proactive in its methods of researching the pastor job search criteria set forth by information sources. The committee is committed to taking applications till January 2024. We are diligent in praying and knowing that God has ordered our steps as a church and is working behind the scenes on our behalf. The timing and placement of our next pastor is solely in His hands. May He give us strength and assurance as we ponder and wait expectantly for His best for our church.

Operation Christmas

Child shoeboxes now available

Please pick up a shoebox if you’d like to have a part in this annual project sponsored by Samaritan’s Purse. Last year the 68 boxes we contributed went to children in Central America. So that’s 68 children who had a special Christmas—and who heard the story of Jesus. There’s a brochure with information in each box and more information on the website: samaritanaspurse.org.

We will deliver the filled boxes to Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood, a drop-off location. The very last day to deliver them is Monday, November 20, so **Sunday, November 19**, is our deadline here. Thank you, Church, for your generosity and faithfulness in giving.

Family Fall Festival blessed the town and the volunteers

FBC hosted the Family Fall Festival in the Family Life Center on Saturday, October 29. A big crowd of parents, children, and grandparents turned out for

this fun time of games, costumes, food, door prizes, pumpkin painting, face painting, and fellowship.

Approximately 80 families attended. The gym was a busy place from 6:00-8:00.

The event was also a blessing to the many FBC volunteers who greeted everyone, ran the games, directed the candy bar walk and the cake walk, prepared and served the 200 hot dogs, organized the costume contest, and ran the Festival Store. Thank you to everyone who had a part, including those who brought the cakes, brownies, and cookies for the cake walk; we had an abundance of delicious sweets. Thanks to everyone who donated candy and toys. The candy was given as prizes at the games, along with tickets for “buying” the toys at the store.

The volunteers gathered for a prayer time before the crowd arrived. Jerry asked God to bless the evening, which He clearly did.

When it was over everyone pitched in to clean up and put things away. Christian community at its best!

Music Team plans new year

by Jeanagayle Behrens, Team Lead

The Music Team had their first meeting October 22. They discussed goals for the coming year:

- Organize choir room; inventory equipment and music.
- Consider guidelines for use of church’s audio/visual equipment.
- Seek volunteers to assist with soundboard and computer video and slides during worship service.
- Support the Music Leader throughout the year.

The first practice for Christmas Choir is Wednesday, November 1.

Challenges facing our youth and impacting youth ministry

by Vickie Roddie, Youth Director

The challenge of rising teen anxiety and the opportunity for all of us to make a difference in a child or youth that God allows to cross our path is becoming a regular part of our day. It is no longer a secret we're in a national and global mental health emergency, or that teenagers are one of the most impacted groups. Teen suicide has been at an all-time high for several years, and the US Surgeon General has declared youth mental health a national crisis.

This is a major challenge facing the youth ministry and those who have youth in their lives. Even if you don't have a youth in your life, God still would ask us to pray for all youth around the world daily. Three decades ago, the gravest public health threats to teenagers in the US came from binge drinking, drunken driving, teenage pregnancy and smoking. These have since fallen sharply, replaced by a new public health concern: soaring rates of mental health disorders.

Maybe what students and families really need is less programming, not more. Maybe "Sabbath" doesn't really equal "rest" when we pack our Sabbath days with activity. As adults we should value slowing down and stop programming to death. We should make time for deep conversations, caring more. We can do this through our teaching, our unpacking of Scripture, and through mentoring conversations in which we ask better questions to guide self-discovery.

One of the core questions every teenager asks is the question of identity: Who am I? Am I what others expect – what they want me to be. Teenagers need to know you are more than your loss. More than your failure. More than your labels. You are a child of God. You are unconditionally loved. You are enough.

Children's ministry takes new direction

After very low attendance at BAM this fall, the Children's Team realized it was time to try something different. So BAM is off the schedule, at least for now.

Instead, we hope to build on the success of the mini-camps last summer. **Camp Christmas** will take place on Monday afternoon, November 6. This will be three hours of Christmas storytelling, crafts, music and dance, play, cookie decorating, and other activities as the Lord leads us. This is on a "flex day," when BISD students don't have school, and will be for K-6th grade..

If you would like to help in any way, talk to RaNon or Marsha. We are hoping for a big group and can use more help. (Around 40 came each day to the mini-camps in July.) And please pray for our children and children's workers. Thank you!

Rochelle students lend a hand

FBC was the recipient of some wonderful help from Rochelle ISD high school and middle school students on their annual Community Service Day on October 26. They spent several hours here polishing the wood surfaces in the sanctuary, carrying the festival games over to the gym, cleaning the loft and a storage room in the FLC, and moving the ping pong tables to the loft.

Several outdoor projects were on their to-do list, but because of heavy rain the day and night before they weren't able to accomplish everything. But everything they did was done graciously and enthusiastically. Thanks, Rochelle!

And thank you, Amy Tetens, for organizing all this so well.

Personnel Committee News

by Janis Groves, Chair

We've begun a new fiscal year with Janis Groves taking over as Chair. Many thanks to Jeanagayle Behrens for all her hard work in the past several years. We are advertising for a nursery worker, but if anyone knows someone who might be a good candidate, please mention that they might want to submit an application. We do have someone in mind to take the one hour a week position to clean the Family Life Center and will know for sure by mid-November.

As Chair, I would like to try to set up a monthly committee meeting for planning purposes. I would appreciate input from all personnel committee members on the best time for each of them and we will go from there. I do want to thank all members for volunteering their time for this important work. The members are RaNon Caraway, Travis Gary, Pat Matula, Jim Smith, and Buddy Cox.

LIBA Annual Meeting

Jerry Caraway, Buddie Cox, Laura Alsop, Betty Smith, Judy Mitzel, and Buz and Vickie Roddie represented our church at the Lake Ivie Baptist Association Meeting at FBC Ballinger on October 29.

Worship leaders and keynote speakers were Chuck and Cindy Harper of Hilltop Christian School and Across Nations Ministry in Tse Bonito, New Mexico, and Window Rock, Arizona.

Break-out sessions were led by Marty Akins (Church 101—What Every Believer Needs to Know,) Michelle Troutman of the Pregnancy Care Center (Post Roe v. Wade,) Dr. David Hardage (Texas Baptist Men,) and Quincy Ellis, Marty Akins, and Keith Simpson (Church Health Panel Discussion.)

The evening included the annual business meeting and reports, and a fellowship meal served by the host church.

Thank you, Jerry, for driving the van, which worked perfectly, as did the heater on this cold night.



Daily Bible Readings

NOVEMBER 2023

(AM)	(PM)
EZEKIEL	PSALMS
20-23	123-124
24-26	125-126
27-30	127
31-34	128-129
35-38	130-131
39-42	132
43-45	133-134
46-48	135
JOHN	
1-3	136
4-6	137
7-9	138
10-12	139
13-15	140
16-18	141
19-21	142
DANIEL	
1-3	143
4-6	144
7-9	145
10-12	146
(THESSALONIANS 1ST)	
1-2	147
3-5	148
JOEL	
1-3	149
MICAH	
1-3	150
4-5	Isaiah 40
6-7	41

Weekly Ministries

Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00
Wednesday: Women’s prayer group, 4:00; Christmas Choir rehearsal, 5:30; Men’s Bible study, 6:30
Thursday morning: Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry

October Food Pantry Report

6 new clients
 73 boxes total
 58 adult boxes
 15 children boxes
 33 adults over 65
 58 adults under 65
 29 children

November radio spots

6-10 Jeanagayle Behrens
 13-17 Valerie Gonzalez
 20-24 Shelly Torres
 27-Dec. 1 Vickie Roddie

Birthdays in November

3 Buz Roddie
 8 Vickie Roddie
 9 Gunnar Roberts
 12 TaRell Day
 14 Drew Wilton and Genna Jennings
 16 Harold Underwood
 25 Madison Jurrius Goss

Deacons on call in November

Greg Torres 325-456-0770
 Rusty Capps 325-347-4974



Guest Preachers in November

Nov. 5: Lee Floyd
 Nov. 12: Carlos Francis
 Nov. 19: Jonathan Smith
 Nov. 26: Kurt Gross

Do you have an extra coat or jacket that you don’t wear? Consider donating it to the Haven. They are collecting winter items for their clients. Needed are coats, jackets, scarves, gloves, socks, etc., for children and adults, all sizes. If you’ll bring your donation to the church office, we’ll get it over there, or you can deliver it to the Haven. Thank you!



Monthly fellowship nights a blessing to all

The October fellowship night on the 17th featured a hard-fought Trivia battle among 3 teams. The winners, in a (fairly) close contest were the Faithful Flock. Of course it was all in fun and there were no sore losers. Food was good too.

The November fellowship is set for Tuesday the 14th, with a chili cook-off. So gather your ingredients, cookers, for this tasty competition.

Note from Becky: Everybody is welcome to come to these fellowship nights. With so many desperately serious things to deal with the last few months, it’s a blessing just to relax and have fun as a church family. Thank you, Greg and Shelly, for making this happen. By the way, Greg could very well have a second career as a game show host.

For your calendar

Nov. 1: First Christmas Choir practice, 5:30
Nov. 6: LIBA breakfast, 8:30, Sandy’s Restaurant; Camp Christmas for kindergarten through sixth grade, 1:00-4:00, Family Life Center; Deacons meeting, 6:00
Nov. 10: Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00
Nov. 12: Thanksgiving dinner right after church
Nov. 14: Fellowship night—chili cook-off, 6:00, FLC
Nov. 19: Last day to bring filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child; Church Council, 3:00
Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 26: Business meeting, 5:00

Thanksgiving Dinner November 12

Make plans now to join your church family for an early Thanksgiving dinner right after church on November 12. There’s a sign-up sheet for things to bring, such as mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, and desserts. It will be a great meal in the true FBC tradition.

Thanks in advance to our new Hospitality Team: Judy Mitzel (team lead,) Shelly Torres, Betty Smith, Pete Barrera, Linda Torres, Linda Cox, Bobbie Williams, Oralia Barrera, and Velma Hendley. And Joyce Scott is advising behind the scenes.



In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.
Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise Your glorious Name.
1 Chronicles 29:12b-13

- Our church in a season of change
- our members in care facilities and our home-bound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community

Rhonda Aguirre
Everett Andrews
Ray and Rita Ash
Beverly Bigby
Karen Bivens
Jenny Brady
Amelia Britteon
Sonny & Judy Brooks
Bill Burns
Sherry Cox
Sue Crow

Howard Dennis
Stan Dennis
Mary Favoccia
Linda Flint
Marsha Gainer
Charlie & Maria Garcia
Holly Groves
Melanie Groves
Roy and Janet Guthrie
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Mabel Jones
Janabeth & Charles Hanson
Colleen Laman
Janie Lowery
James Mallow
Lois Patton
Carrie Pearson
Carole Ramsey

James and Norma Ridout
Joyce Scott
Keith Simpson
Jerlene Smith
Richard Smith
Wendy Smith
Kathy Stanley
Edith Slaughter
Jack and Susan Turk
Linda Wall
Gene Walton
Virgil & Anita Webb
Addie Jo Webster
Bobby and Bobbie Williams
Jeanine Willis
Steve & Laurie Woerner
Claudette Young

In military:
Jon Bradshaw
C.J. Gonzalez
Jennifer McAnally
Brandon Pfannenstiel
Christian Pittman
Jace Telford
Jonathan Torres
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend Christian sympathy to the families of Tommy Stanley, Louise Morrow, and John McNelly.

And we thank You, Lord, for the bountiful rain in October.

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Memory verse for November

Because of the Lord's great love
we are not consumed,
for His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:23-24

Dear First Baptist Church, staff, and leaders,
I want to express my appreciation for being invited to speak at the ordination service, and to be with you people on such a glorious day. And it was a glorious day for the church and those who were there as guests.

Every day is a gift from God on this earth.

Then we will enter glory.

Sincerely,
Don Fawcett

To First Baptist Church, In Deep Appreciation: Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Wanda Burns.

Thank you so much for hosting the funeral and for the lovely luncheon afterwards. We know it takes a lot of volunteers to do this and we appreciate each and every one. The church was a very important part of Mom's life and I know she would be so humbled at the outpouring of Christian love that you extended to us during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Bill Burns, Media & Steve Nazareus
Nicole Nazareus, Laura & Max Marcyes
Larry & Judy Slaughter
Steve & Susan Slaughter