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Thur Oct 23
Jeremiah 42-43:
1 Timothy 1
Barry Howard
Joey Dean
Madison Seiter
Fri Oct 24
Jeremiah 44-45:
1 Timothy 2
Kevin Moore
Linda Davis
Collins Reynolds
Kaleb Jacobs-Kumpe
Sat Oct 25
Jeremiah 46-47:
1 Timothy 3
Anita Hunter
Jody Baker
Justin Sprague
Avery Catlett
Ron Spann
Drake Ferrell
Chris Murphy
Barbara Bryant
Kindsey Faulkner
John-Martin Burkland
Angie Freman
Alyssa Nugent
Sun Oct 26
Jeremiah 48:
1 Timothy 4
Summer Johnson
Liam Johnson
Donna Robertson
Jeff Olson
Clark Wesson
Savannah Green
Chuck Parsons
Sherry Rievs

Mon Oct 27
Jeremiah 49:
1 Timothy 5
Mark Ashford
Lindsey Davis
Theresa Reeves
Jesse Hasstedt
Cadence Vincent
Tue Oct 28
Jeremiah 50:
1 Timothy 6
Janie Woods
Pam Kuhn
Jennifer Huett
Fendley White
Whitney Vallun
Becky Hobson
Wed Oct 29
Jeremiah 51:
2 Timothy 1
Lisa Wade
Douglas Ross
Bill Fleming
Leslie Howard
Kyle Stevens
Boyd Hall
Thur Oct 30
Jeremiah 52:
2 Timothy 2
Terri Knapick
Maddie Nugent
Gabrielle Goins
Mark Harbour
Katie Spalding
Servando Ibuado
Fri Oct 31
Lamentations 1:
2 Timothy 3
Grayson Lumsden
Griffin Lumsden
Mackenzie Williams
Scotti Nease
Aiden McCauley
Jared Bliss
Josh Cassada

Sat Nov 1
Lamentations 2:
2 Timothy 4
Linda Washam
Rhett Ringgold
Thatcher Harris
Steven Jones
James Barrett
Amber Brandon
Adalyn Cischke
Gary Buttrum
Sun Nov 2
Lamentations 3:
Titus 1
Todd Lumsden
Ann Curry
Nicholas Griffin
Walt Everton
Brittany Dooley
Shawny Green
Vicki Atkinson
Skip Hamner
Ben Hodge
Karalyne Hibbard
Fred Barnes
Rhonda Kimble
Mon Nov 3
Lamentations 4:
Titus 2
Beth Cleveland
Ivy Wasson
Zachary Harris
Emily Hedrick
Trish Staley

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Sunday & Wednesday

Sunday Morning
9:00 am
Classic Service / Connect Groups
10:30 am
Celebration Service / Connect Groups
Wednesday Evening
6:00 pm
Adult, Student and Children’s Groups

Deacons of the Week
10/26

9:00 a.m. Dustan Gammill
10:30 a.m. David Ferrell

Sunday, October 19

Connect Groups 9:00 444
Connect Groups 10:30 362
Connect Groups Total 806
Sunday Worship 9:00..... 364
Sunday Worship 10:30..... 689
Sunday Online Worship 255
Total Participation 1,308

THE MESSENGER

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You’ll find four words printed on every coin and every dollar bill—*In God We Trust*. The phrase first appeared during the Civil War, when the nation was divided and uncertain of its future. Nearly a century later, as the Cold War stirred new fears, Congress adopted it as our national motto—a public reminder that our confidence should rest in something greater than ourselves.

For decades, most Americans assumed we were all talking about the same God—the God revealed in the pages of Scripture. But that assumption no longer holds. Those same four words now raise a deeper question: *Which god do we trust?*

Psalm 20:7 puts it plainly:

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.”

In David’s world, chariots and horses represented strength and security—the ancient equivalents of military power and political might. They were the things people could see, count, and control. But David knew that true security comes from the Lord who fights for His people.

That truth is as urgent now as it was then. Our modern “chariots” may look different—bank accounts, positions, influence, or reputation—but they promise the same illusion: *If I just have enough of this, I’ll be safe*. Yet every false god eventually disappoints. Only God Himself provides the strength and peace we long for.

That’s what our current series, *In Gods We Trust*, is all about. We’re naming some of the modern idols that quietly compete for our hearts and learning how to return our trust to Jesus, because He alone sits on the throne. This Sunday’s message, **“Putting Power in Its Place,”** will explore how our desire for control and influence can lead us away from dependence on God—and how Jesus redefines power as being humble, self-giving, and redemptive.

The following Sunday, November 2, we will kick-off BIG. Each week of this series will focus on one simple but powerful challenge:

- **November 2 – Be Here.** Let’s pack the house in both services as we worship together and celebrate all that God has done this year at FBC.
- **November 9 – Invite Someone.** We’ll give you invite cards to share with a friend, neighbor, or coworker. On that Sunday, I’ll share an evangelistic message that clearly presents the gospel.
- **November 16 – Give Generously.** Come prepared to give as we kick off our year-end offering and invest in what we believe God will accomplish in the year ahead.

BIG reminds us that when we come together in faith, God can do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine.

This week, take a moment to pray for the men attending Men of the Ouachitas—especially Chad Lockwood and Gary Beckwith, who are leading the weekend. Ask God to meet them in a powerful way—to refresh weary hearts, forge lasting friendships, and, most importantly, deepen each man’s love for and commitment to Jesus. God has used previous MOO retreats mightily in the lives of FBC men, and I’m praying with great expectation that this weekend will be no different—perhaps even greater.

I’m praising God for all He is doing in and through our church family and believing that even greater things are on the horizon.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

With Pastor Jamie Staley

Tuesday, November 13 & 20 | 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

I KNOW A GUY

These words are often quoted humorously when we are talking to someone who needs something. But in all seriousness, we all know someone who used to be a faithful part of our church who no longer attends. They may have stopped coming during Covid, or their kids graduated from the youth department, or for many other various reasons.

In Nov we are kicking off a three-week BIG series: Be Here, Invite Someone, Give Generously. I want to challenge Connect Groups as well as individuals to reach out to the person you know who is no longer coming. Invite them to eat, or for coffee and really encourage them to Be Here on Nov 2nd. Not just because of a campaign, but because we genuinely care about them!



CHRISTMAS @ FIRST (C@F) does not happen without volunteers. We invite everyone to sign up to help. Some needs require only a few hours of time, while others, such as backstage crew and drama, require being present much more.

C@F 2025 is Sunday evening (6pm) December 14. Activities to prepare for, conduct, and take down **C@F** 2025 begin as soon as October for some groups and completes the week after the program with props/decoration take down.

Volunteers are needed to help with C@F. Sign up for any area that you are interested in, and we will contact you with more information. Volunteers are not limited to the Worship Ministry. Invite your friends to be a part. Places to serve are:

- Sing in Choir (*required attendance in rehearsals beginning Oct. 26*)
- Decorations/Props/Equipment
- Drama (*speaking and acting required*)
- Backstage Crew
- Greeters
- Clean-Up Crew

To sign up, go to: www.fbchsworship.org/caf-volunteer



Saturday Morning Serving!



This past Saturday a few of our students joined a few of our deacons to help get Miss Bernice’s yard in tip top shape! Plus, they even brought her some cookies! This is something that will be available about once a month, so be on the lookout and get your student connected. We will announce it in our student services and send out a reminder when another opportunity approaches. Thanks to Blake Buttrum for inviting students to help and coordinating the service days.

Chilled Retreat Registration is Officially Open!

Don’t wait to get your 7-12th grader registered for this amazing retreat. It is the best thing we do all year long. And the students have grown to love it and look forward to it each winter! Deadline to register to ensure your student gets a hoodie is November 23rd! Cost is \$50. Scholarships available.

Sign up here: [https://onrealm.org/firsthotsprings/PublicRegistrations/Event?](https://onrealm.org/firsthotsprings/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NjEzYjQ1YmQtNGUzOS00OWRlTikY2Q2YjM3YzAwZTBmYjM5)
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Wednesday Night Meal - October

Served 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

If you are not on our permanent list, please reserve your meal by Monday @ 4 pm to get on the list for that Wednesday night. Please respond by texting “fbcdinner” to 94000 or call the office @ 624-3345 with these things: Your name / Which meals / How many

Youth & Adults, \$8/Children 4-12, \$4/Children 3 yrs & under, Free/
Family Max - \$25

Available each week: Salad bar, dessert bar and tea, lemonade & water (For the kiddos) fruit or pudding cup, juice box

10/29 #1-Soup Night-Broccoli & cheese soup, creamy chicken soup, pork & cabbage, fried okra, green beans, cornbread or roll #2-chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans

REMINDER: Please ask for the option you signed up for. We prepare food according to the options that are chosen when you sign up. Thank you!



What a wonderful gathering at Keenager’s luncheon last week! This joyful experience will be a treasured memory in my ministry highlight reel! I will smile and laugh every time I remember it. Thank you, Keenager’s, for being part of this special time.

A word of thanks to every person on the many teams who faithfully serve in Keenager’s every month: Custodial team; Keith Baker and the kitchen team; Rhonda Hodges and the table decorating/food serving team; Ray Brooks for taking care of the audio/video.

Thanks also to these who partnered with me last week.

- Joy Wolf for trying to keep us on key and in line,
- Amy Johnson for her leadership and kind words,
- Brandon Burks, Colby Gunselman, and Jamie Staley (the Wonderboys) for their willingness to partner in this offering.

Finally, our sincere appreciation to Mike and Debbie Pounders for their leadership over the Keenager’s ministry over these years.

This was our final Keenager’s for 2025. We anticipate our next Keenager’s luncheon early in 2026.

Until we all fall down, Wallace



Wednesday Wellness

Save the Date – Celebrating God’s Faithfulness Through Wallace Yamauchi

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 7th, from 3:30–5:30 PM, as we gather to celebrate all that God has done through the life and ministry of Wallace Yamauchi, our beloved Recreation Pastor, who has faithfully served First Baptist Church for 30 years.

If you know Wallace, you know this gathering is not about spotlighting a man — it’s about glorifying the Lord for decades of quiet, steady, compassionate ministry. Wallace has never sought attention or recognition. In fact, don’t expect him to stand up and give a long speech — and yes, we all know he’ll probably cry if we make him try. That’s just part of the tender, Christlike heart we love so much.

This will be a come-and-go time of gratitude, fellowship, and encouragement as we honor God’s work through a humble servant who has touched countless lives through sports ministry, recreation, discipleship, and unwavering love for people.

Join us as we celebrate not just a milestone—but God’s faithfulness lived out through Wallace’s obedience.

We hope you’ll be there to express your love, memories, and appreciation.

Sunday, December 7 • 3:30–5:30 PM in the Family Life Center

More details to come — but for now, please save the date!

In faith and health,
Amy

BUDGET REPORT 10/19

Ministry Fund	
Weekly Receipts	\$56,473
Online Giving	\$35,095
Total Given	\$91,568
GCF (Great Commission Fund)	
Weekly Receipts	\$90

If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, firsthotsprings.com/give, and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.



The 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursday of each month, 9 AM til Noon in Room 129. Come join us in making Quilts of Honor and enjoy great fellowship.



Loving Threads

Every 4th Thursday of the month.
1-3 pm in Rm 131.
All are welcome.



Women on Missions is pleased to welcome our guest speakers, Judy & Bryan Garrett, who recently returned from a mission trip to England. Meet with us on Thursday morning, 10/23/25 at 10a.m. to hear them share about their experience. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous donations. You are enhancing many peoples’ lives.—The Garage Church

