

The *Focus*

November Edition for First Baptist Church

| SYMPATHY

The family of Alane Leach, who passed away on September 23.

Debbie Dunaway Walla, in the loss of her son, Tim Dunaway, on September 24.

Josie Perry, Eva Rios and Louis Ojeda, in the loss of their brother, Felix Ojeda.

The family of Joe Blake, who passed away on October 18.

Jodi Chapman and family, in the loss of her husband, Morris Chapman, on October 20.

| DECISIONS

NEW MEMBERS

Luke Barrera	DT College
Gracie Looney	DT College
Aubrea Strealy	DT College
Hannah Grace	DT College
Kay Jennings	Downtown
Ayden Canada	Downtown
Sarah Digby	DT Wood

| DECISIONS

NEW MEMBERS

Sally Simmons	DT Shaw
Brandon & Ashley Davis	DT Halverson
Stephen Six	DT Marks / Hargis
Kimberly Palmer	Sheppard
James & Shayla Guffey	Sheppard

SALVATIONS

Dakota Kelley	2nd Grade
Kohen Kelley	3rd Grade
Jax Rater	5th Grade
Gabby Crowley	10th Grade
Charlie Carter	Downtown
Emily Rodriguez	Downtown
Madalyn Maples	Downtown
Eva Valent	Downtown
Kadence Whitten	Downtown
Harper Reames	West

BAPTISMS

Quinn Bell	3rd Grade
Ivy Shafer	3rd Grade
Madilyn Shafer	4th Grade

| DECISIONS

BAPTISMS

Sutton Garza	6th Grade
Sophie Garza	6th Grade
Hannah Crowley	6th Grade
Alora Catrubes	6th Grade
Jason Davis	6th Grade
Ezekiel Bell	8th Grade
Christyauna Velduizen	10th Grade
Ethan Shafer	11th Grade
Emily Alexander	11th Grade
Caroline Wynne	11th Grade
Evan Ward	12th Grade
Elaine Akwar	12th Grade
Haley Moon	12th Grade
Addison Copeland	12th Grade
Haven Mata	College
Honesty Cadenas	College
Jack Leary	College
Jayden Shafer	Downtown
Hannah Foley	Downtown
Jason Peel	Downtown
Ricky Kelley	Downtown
Kaylee Shafer	Downtown
Trista Shafer	Downtown

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Ways to continue your giving to First Baptist Church

1. Online at: fbcwf.org/giving
2. Generosity Boxes
3. Mail in
4. Drop off at Church Office

Please note:
Our Focus is printed in advance. For up to date information, please check our social media, app or website.

FIRSTWOMEN

MORNING OF WORSHIP



November 15 | 10am-12pm

**Tickets include
brunch & meaningful
worship, led by guest
worship leader,**

Sydney Frank

**Downtown
Campus
Fellowship
Hall &
East
Sanctuary**



LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR



Financials as of September 30, 2025

	Annual Budget YTD	Tithes Received YTD	Over Budget
Tithe	\$4,059,942	\$4,658,405	\$598,463

God has truly blessed us through
the generosity of our givers.
Thank you to all who faithfully give as
we do the work the Lord has set before us.



SEND GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY IN JESUS' NAME

Return Packed Shoeboxes By:
Sunday, November 23

samaritanspurse.org/occ

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is November 17 - 24. Shoeboxes are available at all campuses. Bring back your filled shoeboxes by **Sunday, November 23!** For more information email: ravenius@fbcwf.org.



A MESSAGE FROM

Pastor Bob



www.fbcwf.org/socialmedia

Each month our church gives to help support mission efforts locally, in the United States and around the world. Literally from Texas to Taiwan your prayers and faithful giving are helping to bring the Good News of Jesus to others.

In this issue of the Focus you'll find an article about a team from our church who recently went to North Carolina to help with the ongoing relief efforts there. Rebuilding after Hurricane Helene will take some time. Not only have we sent people but from the very onset of the need we have sent funds directly to those on the ground who continue to help others in their recovery.

Following the tragic flooding here in Texas our church sent thousands of dollars to help with many needs. We continue to look for ways to be of assistance.

The last Saturday in October members from all three of our campuses went as part of Serve Saturday to minister to widows from our church as well as others in our community. Not only did our volunteers perform work around these homes but personal prayer was offered up for each home.

During the months of December and January we collect our annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering, 100 percent of which goes directly to the support of foreign missions.

Each month your giving through both our regular budget and our Impact Missions Offering helps us continue to be of support to both local, U.S. and overseas mission work. From Faith Mission to foreign missions in France we are blessed to help share the Good News of Jesus.

I am grateful to be your pastor and very much appreciate our church and our heart for missions!

Bob McCartney
Senior Pastor

Morning of Worship

First Women! You are invited to a morning of connection and worship **Saturday, November 15, 10am-12pm, at the Downtown Campus.** A delicious brunch will be provided, followed by a time of intimate worship and reflection, in the East Sanctuary. Sydney Frank, a beloved favorite of FBCWF, will be leading us in this meaningful time to recenter our hearts, in the midst of the busyness of our lives. **Tickets are \$15 and are available at Home Pointe, Event Centers and online. Register at: www.fbcwf.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/616. Online registration ends **Friday, November 14 at 10:00am.** Email jwood@fbcwf.org for more info.**

Lunch with the Pastor

Lunch with the Pastor is for new and prospective members to learn about the Ministries of First Baptist Church. Our next lunch is **Sunday, November 16 at 12:15pm in the Downtown Campus Fellowship Hall.** Reservations are required. **Sign-up at our Event Centers, register at: www.fbcwf.org/LWP, contact Angela at 940-723-2764 ext. 2050 or email abills@fbcwf.org. Online registration ends Thursday, November 13 at 3:00PM.**

Year End Giving Makes a Difference

As we close out 2025, please prayerfully consider your year-end giving to First Baptist Church. Your faithful support enables us to continue the vital ministries of our church and share the love of Christ with our community. Ways to Give:

In Person: The church offices will be open **Wednesday, December 31, until 5:00PM.**

Online: Give securely through our website at: www.FBCWF.org or the First Baptist app.

By Mail: Year-end gifts must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2025 to be counted for this year.

Stock or Property Transfers: For gifts of stock or other assets, please contact the Business Office for assistance.

Thank you for your continued generosity and partnership in ministry. Together, we are making a lasting difference through the ministries of First Baptist Church.

Church Business Meeting

There will be a called Business Meeting of the Church **Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00pm in the Chapel and at Sheppard and the West Campus.** This meeting is called to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Committees and the Deacon Nominating Committee.



Angel Tree Ministry

Please help us bless children this Christmas season by being a part of the Angel Tree outreach. This ministry delivers gifts to children whose parents are incarcerated. Be watching for the "Angel Trees" with children's names beginning **Sunday, November 9.** Cost is \$20 per gift, a small price to help make a child's Christmas. For more information email: ravenius@fbcwf.org.



Baptism

Our next Baptism is scheduled for **Sunday, November 16.** If you would like to be baptized on this day or would like more information on baptism, please visit our website at fbcwf.org/baptism.

Cans by the Car

Cans by the Car is a special emphasis by our Church to help Interfaith & Faith Mission/Faith Refuge re-stock their food supplies for the upcoming Holiday season. Grocery sacks will be available **Sunday, November 2** in the Atrium and by the East Sanctuary. Non-perishable food drop off dates are: **Sunday, November 9 & November 16.** Teams will also pick up sacks of non-perishable food left at the REAR of cars **Sunday, November 9 & November 16.**

Upward Basketball

It's time to register for Upward Basketball! This Christ-centered sports program is open to boys and girls age 5 (by 12/31) through 6th grade. Everyone must attend one evaluation for skill assessment and uniform sizing (November 18-30). Cost is \$105, and registration closes **November 24.** Register at: www.fbcwf.org/upward.



Helping with Disaster Relief in N. Carolina

As part of Baptist on Mission relief work our church sent a team in early October to help with the ongoing rebuilding in N. Carolina following last year's hurricane. The team represented two of our campuses. They worked on the main building which is being used to house Southern Baptist relief teams from throughout the U.S. This is just one of the many ways our church goes outside our walls to share the love of Christ with people in need. Thank you, First members, for your prayers and faithful giving on this opportunity to send the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth! For more information email: ravenius@fbcwf.org.