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1. Online at: fbcwf.org/giving

2. Generosity Boxes

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For more news and events check out our webpage at fbcwf.org/events.

3. Mail in

Downtown

1200 Ninth Street

Wichita Falls, TX 7630

4. Drop off at Church Office

West 4317 Barnett Road

Wichita Falls, TX 76310

2101 Puckett Road Wichita Falls, TX 76306

SYMPATHY

Scooter and Marilyn Bradley and family in the loss of their daughter, Renae Wells on Mar. 17.

Hank Carter and family in the loss of his father, Henry Carter on Mar. 20.

Kara Fluty and family in the loss of her mother, Jane McMahon on Mar. 22.

Bruce Travis and family in the loss of his father, Percy Travis on Mar. 28.

John Conway and family in the loss of his mother, Retta Conway on Mar. 30.

Scott Riecker and family in the loss of his mother. Joann Riecker on Mar. 31.

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Wayne Allen and family in the loss of his wife, Gay Allen on Apr. 9.

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Josie Perry, Louis Ojeda and Eva Rios and family in the loss of their nephew, Aaron Ojeda on Apr. 12.

Nanette Shipp and family in the loss of her father, James Stalker on Apr. 13.

Pam Sparks and family in the loss of her mother, Ellen Lewis on Apr. 15.

Chuck Berthelot in the loss of his mother, Mary Jane Berthelot on Apr. 16.

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Save the Date!!

Join us Sunday, August 28 for a concert with Steven Curtis Chapman benefitting The Hope of a Family Through Adoption hosted by Orphans' Embrace. Stayed tuned, more information will be coming soon!



Some appointments YOU ARE going to keep.





Church at Sheppard

May 1, 2022



A MESSAGE FROM

Pastor Bob

Some of you have asked good questions about how we are doing in comparison to before the COVID-19 pandemic. On a typical Sunday, we are averaging about 90% of the total from three years ago. That number is up over the past year from approximately 75%. There are also two other encouraging benchmarks. Our Easter service attendance was 3579 on three campuses on Saturday and Sunday. While that is not a record attendance, it is very encouraging.

We also just closed our fiscal year at the end of March. You generously gave over \$8 million to the budget of our church. That is the highest budget receipts ever given to the church. In summary, our church is facing the challenges of our culture and the economy with faith, courage and commitment. The Lord has blessed us.

Of course, we are moving into summer at First Baptist Church. Summer is filled with Vacation Bible School, camps, Student Leadership University and mission trips. Summer is always a busy time filled with great ministry opportunities. There are plenty of opportunities for you to grow and serve. In this edition of the FOCUS, you will read about some of the exciting events at First Baptist Church. I want to encourage you to be involved, be present in your LIFE group and worship, and invite someone to church every week.



Bob McCartney Senior Pastor



VBS is Right Around the Corner!!

Spark imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios. In Summer 2022, kids will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us-His creation-to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God's workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him. (Entering Kindergarten Fall 2022-Grade 5 Completed) Register at www.fbcwf.org/VBS and get a VBS t-shirt while supplies last! If you would like to volunteer to help you can sign up through the website as well, www.fbcwf.org/VBS.





7:00 PM

Worship Center

North Central Singing Men of Texas

On Thursday, May 19 at 7:00pm we will host the North Central Singing Men of Texas! These ministers of music, Baptist professors, and church staff members find great joy in lifting each other in prayer, and singing together at eight concerts annually. On most Sundays, you can find the Singing Men in churches across Texas leading worship in a diversity of styles. Their music has been heard around the world, inspiring audiences and encouraging churches in England, China, Australia, Brazil, Spain, Romania, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, and Ukraine. The concert is free. An offering will be taken to offset the expenses of their mission and recording projects.

Baptisms

Our next Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 15. If you would like to be baptized that day or would like more information on baptism, please visit our website at fbcwf.org/baptism.







Lunch with the Pastor

Lunch with the Pastor is for New and Prospective New Members to learn more about the Ministries of FBC. Our next one is Sunday, May 1 at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required and space is limited. Sign-up at the Event Centers, our website at www.fbcwf.org/LWP, call Angela at 940-723-2764 ext. 2050 or email abills@fbcwf.org.

National Day of Prayer

Jesus says in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there among them." The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we focus on the theme for this year, Colossians 2:6-7! "Exalt the Lord who has established us." Come join fellow believers as we pray earnestly for our leaders, our country and our world.

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COLOSSIANS 2:6-7



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Please be in prayer for our Middle School and High School camps this summer! If you would like to help students be able to go to camp, you can give using the QR code above. or call 940-723-2764 ext. 2075.

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