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November Edition for First Baptist Church

| SYMPATHY

Connie Cooper and family in the loss of her father, Richard Dean on Sept. 17.

Barb Steere and family in the loss of her son, Erik DeWitt on Sept. 25.

Dale Dodson and family in the loss of his brother, Kenneth Dodson on Oct. 8

Kyle Williams and family in the loss of his mother, Rita Joan Williams on Oct. 10.

Karry Hawkins, Gail Piper and family in the loss of their mother, Mary Beth Piper on Sept. 23.

| DECISIONS

SALVATIONS

Daniel Davis
Caleb Matthews
Marleigh Nava
Keegan Yandell
Ryleigh Yandell
Kayli Perez

9th Grade
8th Grade
8th Grade
7th Grade

NEW MEMBERS

Tyler Green
Jaydon & Carley Johnston
Connor Mitchell

2nd Grade
ABY210
College

Upward Basketball and Cheer

Sign up for our Upward Basketball/Cheer League is underway for kids age 5 by 12/31/22-6th Grade with separate Basketball Teams for boys and girls and Cheerleading for girls. Plan to attend ONE of the required evaluations for skill assessment and uniform sizing. Evaluations are: Tuesday, November 8 at 6pm Thursday, November 15 at 6pm Sunday, December 4 at 12:30pm Cost is \$75; \$85 after November 8! For more info or to register, go to www.fbcwf.org/upward.

Please note:
Our Focus is printed in advance. For up to date information, check our social media and your Life Group connections.

Monthly Budget Review

	September	Year-to-Date
Budget	\$654,307	\$4,072,200
Actual	\$579,053	\$3,580,803
Difference	-\$75,254	-\$491,397

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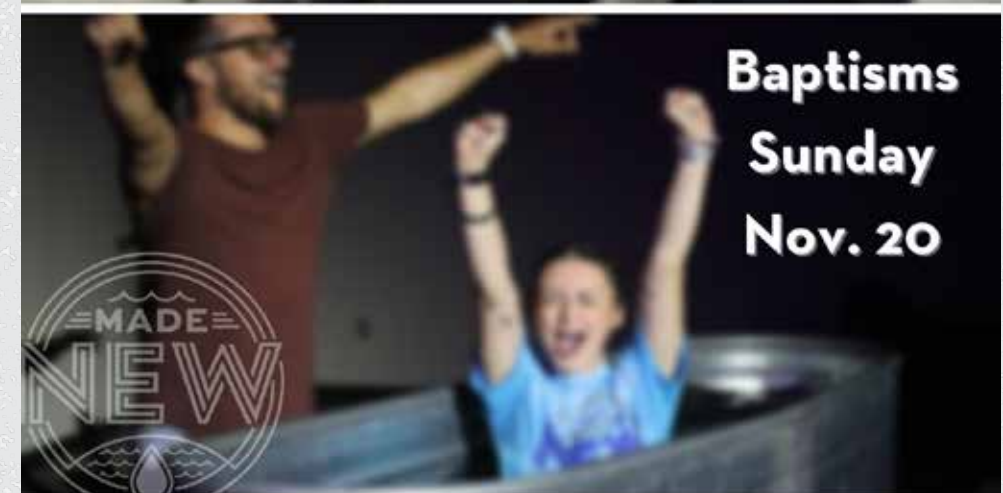
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For more news and events check out our webpage at fbcwf.org/events.

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





A MESSAGE FROM

Pastor Bob



www.fbcwf.org/socialmedia

Thanksgiving is America's forgotten holiday. We jump from Halloween to Christmas on November 1 every year. Black Friday sales and Christmas movies crowd out even the mention of Thanksgiving.

While the holiday is sometimes forgotten, the attitude of Thanksgiving needs to be cultivated in our hearts. There are two biblical action steps to continually live in a spirit of thanksgiving. The first action step is intentional gratitude. Simply giving thanks to God for the wonderful blessings that He grants us. Around the dinner table with your family ask each person to share one blessing that they are thankful for. In your time with the Lord, take a pen and write out one physical, material, spiritual and relational blessing each day.

The second action step is planned generosity. Jesus said "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Something happens in the heart of a follower of Christ when we cultivate generosity with material things. That is why the Bible talks a lot about giving. God's chosen method of funding His kingdom work is through the generosity of His followers.

Of course, it is true that your church needs your financial support. But I would never want you to see your giving as an obligation. Rather, the Lord wants us to cultivate a spirit of generosity toward His Kingdom, His church, and His people.

Bob McCartney
Senior Pastor

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebbox Season is FINALLY here! You can still pick up shoeboxes to pack! National Collection Week is November 14 - 21, so please bring back your filled shoeboxes to your campus by Sunday, November 20! You do not want to miss out on this opportunity to send the Good News to the ends of the earth! If you want more information or have questions, send us an email at beastman@fbcwf.org. We also have a Facebook page for packing tips, year-round packing and more, head to www.facebook.com/fbcwf.occ.



Angel Tree

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 "Angel Trees" with children's names soon. Cost is only \$20 per gift, a small price to help make a child's Christmas. For more information, email beastman@fbcwf.org

Cans by the Car

Cans by the Car is a special emphasis by our Church during the month of November to help both Interfaith & Faith Mission/Faith Refuge re-stock their food supplies for the Holiday season. Grocery sacks will be available Sunday, October 30 in the Atrium and by the East Sanctuary.

Non-perishable food drop off dates are: November 6 & November 13. Teams will pick up sacks of food left at the REAR of their cars on Sunday, November 6 & November 13. Tables will be set up in the Atrium & by the East Sanctuary for in-door drop off.

Baptism

Our next Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 20. 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 members to learn more about the ministries of First Baptist Church! Our next one will be Sunday, November 13 at 12:15pm in the Downtown Campus Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required. Sign up at the Events Centers, our website at www.fbcwf.org/LWP, call Angela at 940-723-2764 ext. 2050 or email abills@fbcwf.org.



Church Business Meeting

There will be a called Business Meeting of the Church on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 7:50 pm in the Chapel and at 7:00 pm at the Church at Sheppard and the West Campus. This meeting is called to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Committees and the Deacon Nominating Committee.

Christmas in the Falls

Christmas in the Falls is almost here! Join the First Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra as they present Jody McBrayer of Avalon and the Rider High School Drumline performing holiday favorites! Jody has been respected and admired by vocalists and musicians worldwide for his vocal ability. However, over the last several years, he has become known even more so for his unique and life changing testimony as well as the real way he is able to connect with people. While primarily known for his vocal abilities, over the last few years Jody has become more of a speaker that uses his music to paint a picture of God's faithfulness in his own life. Jody now travels all over the world as a musical arranger, worship leader and performer. He is 1/3 of the new trio, Cana's Voice with TaRanda Greene and Doug Anderson. There will be two performances on Sunday, December 11 at 3pm and 6pm. Tickets are \$7 and available for purchase at <https://fbcwf.brushfire.com/fbcwfforg>. Bring your family and invite your friends for a night of music and fun!

