

The Focus

November Edition for First Baptist Church

| DECISIONS

NEW MEMBERS

John & Wanda Pearson	West
Jayden Friddle	Sheppard
Cody & Brooke Miser	DT Ashcraft
Wayne Worthen	DT Mowrey
Paul & Darlene Ware	DT Riley/Williams

BAPTISMS

Casey Points	Sheppard
Clara Litteken	3rd Grade
Clay Ward	4th Grade
Halle Bell Harrison	6th Grade
Stella Chelf	6th Grade
Olivia Ginger	6th Grade
Kiptyn Hayley	6th Grade
Quinn Little	6th Grade
Cameron Wolfe	7th Grade
Makayla Ayers	7th Grade
Valerie Rater	12th Grade
Vivian Rater	12th Grade
Devin Bishop	DT
Liam Cress	DT
Shawn Barnard	DT
Benjamin Truitt	DT

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SALVATIONS

Cohlon Powers	1st Grade
Cash Thomas	2nd Grade
Barrett Ezzell	3rd Grade
Katie Gail Wynne	7th Grade
Maverick Robinson	8th Grade
Keller McDonald	8th Grade
Aunalyn Owen	West MS Girls
Carmer Adam	Sheppard
Olivia Ginger	DT
Jack Anderson	DT
Delaney Ashley	DT
Abby Battles	DT
Addison Berardi	DT
Salvador Cervantes	DT
Sienna Crenshaw	DT
Berkley Curtis	DT
Roxy Edmiston	DT
Tammii Fowler	DT
Kyah Frank	DT
Landry Glassburn	DT
Anna Grace Hammett	DT
Tristen Rogers	DT

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SALVATIONS

Grayson Keykendall	DT
Laila Lee	DT
Ava Luxton	DT
Faith Mock	DT
Gavin Reeves	DT
Mccallay Scott	DT
Justin Smyers	DT
Jordyn Torrez	DT
Chloe Tran-McGee	DT
Madden Turner	DT
Kinsey Anderson	DT
Isaias Arzola	DT
Ayden Canada	DT
Corbin Cantwell	DT
Jacob Diaz	DT
Kiani Mountain	DT
Tucker Hrnccirik	DT
Hadley Huchton	DT
Kerrington Harris	DT

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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

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

WORSHIP CENTER
OPEN ALL DAY for PRAYER



UNITED IN PRAYER

A DAY OF PRAYER
EXPERIENCE for ALL AGES.

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 4
6:00AM - 8:00PM**

Sunday November 17

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating
FBCWF
West Campus

Financials as of September 30, 2024

	Annual Budget YTD	Tithes Received YTD	Under Budget
Tithe	\$4,187,953	\$3,812,063	-\$375,890

While spending continues to be within budget, our giving has not kept pace. We are seeing an increase in attendance on Sunday's and our ministries are reaching more people. Thank you for your support and please continue to pray for God's blessings.

| SYMPATHY

The family of Billye Ellis, who passed away on September 18.

Allyson Flack and family, in the loss of her mother, Margot LeGrand, on September 23.

Clint Pittsworth and family, in the loss of his wife, Mary Ann Pittsworth, on September 29.

Brenda Snodgrass and family, in the loss of her mother, Nona King, on October 1.

The family of Mary Jo Ball, who passed away on October 15.



A MESSAGE FROM

Pastor Bob

Ten years ago, we decided to expand our ministry footprint in Wichita Falls. We had already established the Sheppard campus. On the west side of our city, we saw a population center that really didn't have a local church that was effectively reaching out. On Easter Sunday, we held our first service at McNeil Middle School. In the fall of 2014, we launched the West campus.

The West campus has grown tremendously in the past decade. We have seen people saved, launched a successful student ministry, made a big impact on families through our children/preschool ministries, and helped others grow in their faith. The West campus has always been supported by an army of volunteers. In the early stages at McNeil Middle School, we set up and tore down every weekend. Some of those same volunteers taught LIFE groups or served in other ministries. Our two campus pastors, first, Gary Ohmstede and, now, Larry Mauldin have both faithfully led West.

Then we made a major investment by purchasing a building to permanently house the west campus. While we are thankful for that building, we have now filled the space. Soon, we need more space to reach more people with the gospel. This is a time to celebrate ten years of God's faithfulness and provision. It is also a time to celebrate every volunteer who has served and sacrificed so that the West campus can continue to fulfill our mission.

As an entire church, we are seeing God's blessings on so many aspects of our ministry. Attendance is up. Baptisms are up. Student ministry is near record numbers on Wednesday night. Our college ministry is dynamic and growing. Our young adult ministry is reaching families. There is only one area where we are not keeping pace and that is the area of giving. We are behind on giving to our budget this year. That is why I want to remind you that your giving in November and December are important to our missions and ministries.

Bob McCartney
Senior Pastor

Year End Giving Makes a Difference

Please prayerfully consider your year-end giving for First Baptist as we close out 2024. We are dependent on the support of our members to maintain the Ministries of First Baptist Church. Giving may be done either:

In person- Church offices will be open Friday, December 27 until 5pm and Tuesday, December 31 until 1:00pm.

Online- On our website or on the app.

Mail- year-end gifts must be postmarked no later than December 28, 2024 to be counted for this year.

Transfer of Stock or other properties (contact the Business Office). Thank you for your financial support.

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Church Business Meeting

There will be a called Business Meeting of the Church **Wednesday, November 20 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.

Give Thanks Anyway

Ladies, you are invited to a morning of connection and encouragement **Saturday, November 16 at 9:30am** with guest speaker Christi Gibson. As the holiday season approaches, having gratitude and contentment can be difficult when our circumstances dictate something different. Tickets can be purchased online: <https://fbcwf.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/501> or at Events Centers for the cost of \$10 for one, \$15 for two.



Send Good News,
Great Joy
In Jesus' Name

Return Packed Shoeboxes By:
Sunday, November 24

PACK A SHOEBOX

samaritanspurse.org/occ

Operation Christmas Child

We will have shoeboxes available for pick up beginning **Sunday, November 3!** National Collection Week is November 18 - 25. Bring back your filled shoeboxes to your campus by **Sunday, November 24!** For more information email: ravenius@fbcwf.org.

Baptism

Our next Baptism is scheduled for **Sunday, November 10.** If you would like to be baptized that 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 local ministries and families to restock their food pantries during the Holiday season. Grocery sacks will be available **Sunday, November 3 & November 10** in the Atrium and by the East Sanctuary. Teams will pick up sacks of non-perishable food left at the REAR of cars on **Sunday, November 17 & November 24.**

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 is scheduled for **Sunday, November 10 at 12:15pm** in the Downtown Campus Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required. Sign up on our website at www.fbcwf.org/LWP, at Events Centers, call 940-723-2764 ext. 2050 or email abills@fbcwf.org.



www.fbcwf.org/socialmedia

Serve Saturday

Do you want to use your skills to help others in our community? Then Serve Saturday is for YOU! Join us, **Saturday, November 9 at 8:00am** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast before heading out to different jobs to serve in our community! Sign Up for Serve Saturday at rpayne@fbcwf.org. Even if you do not have a particular skill, but you just want to help, we would love to have you come out!

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 "Angel Trees" with children's names soon. Cost is \$20 per gift, a small price to help make a child's Christmas. Please email: ravenius@fbcwf.org.

Give Thanks Sunday

Give Thanks Sunday in Life Group (Ages 2- Grade 5) **Sunday, November 17.** Give Thanks snack and activity, PLUS turkey bowling! For more information go to: www.FB.com/KidZoneWF.

Upward Basketball/Cheer

Join Upward! Age 5 by 12/31/23-6th Grade Boys & Girls. Everyone must attend ONE evaluation for skill assessment and uniform sizing. \$75-\$85 after **November 5.** Register at www.fbcwf.org/upward.

