

Ushers & Greeters

Dec. 1- Rue Rogers, ch., Kent McClatchy, Russell Milmo, Chuck Calvin, John Moses, Scot Hayter, Hunter Simmons

Dec. 8—Kendall Montgomery, ch., Len Bernhardt, Keith Hill, Dirk Barrington, Ronnie Cowart, Justin Farmer

Nursery Volunteers

Extended Session December 1

Babies—Verma Fobbs & Natalie Hill
Toddlers—Tori & Denalee Wales
3's—Jodee & Braxton Wales

Extended Session on December 8

Babies— Lana & Bob McQuerry
Toddlers— Julie and Luke Lane
3's—Kenley & Marlee Lane

Children's Church

December 1—Melissa Edgington & kids

December 8— Jan Simmons & Crystal Simmons

Sunday Morning Scripture

December 1 - John Moses

December 8 - Matt Searcey

Sunday Youtube Mix

December 1- Chris Krajca

December 8—Jodee Wales

Sunday Sound/Screen/Camera Crew

Dec. 1 - Sound - Seth & Richard

Screens - Sonja Gray

Camera - Kevin Gray

Dec. 8- Sound - Seth & Richard

Screens - Obelea Rue

Camera - Cole Hearne

Food Pantry Sackers

Nov.30 or Dec. 1- Freddie & Judy Hammond,
Keith & Natalie Hill

Dec. 7 & 8 - Lonnie & Tracy Wales, Ione Morgan &
Johnny Robertson, Terra & Shelby Krajca

Food Pantry Distribution

Dec. 2- Terri & Jesscia Hayter, Doug McCutcheon

December 9- Shannon Moses & Kids

Keith & Natalie Hill

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“ To Grow in our relationship with Jesus, to Serve Him together and to Share His unconditional love with others.” -Mission Statement

November 26, 2024



Special Sunday Activities

Sunday, December 1 - Hanging of the Greens

Grace Care Worship Service @ 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 8 - Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15 - Deacons' Mtg. & Lord's Supper

Sunday, December 22 - All Church Christmas Meal

(ham will be provided - everyone bring a covered dish or dessert)

followed by a business meeting & 2025 church budget vote.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Feel free to call the deacon of the week if you need something.

November 24 - 30

Dale Lovett 564-6315

December 1- 7

Spencer Key 564-6789

December 8 - 14

Gunter Rodriguez 903-875-9995



**Operation Christmas Child
Total boxes forFBCO: 608**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to OCC. Big thanks to Kathy Mayers and Barbara Calvin for packing the majority of boxes. Thank you to Bill Little for organizing and shipping the boxes.

Many Thanks from OCC

I just want to say Thank You for participating and packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child 2024! With your effort and dedication we received 920 boxes at the Olney Drop-Off location. We had 6 groups delivering shoeboxes this year that include First Methodist Church -Newcastle, Fellowship of Christian Athletes-Newcastle, Southside Baptist Church, First Methodist Church -Olney, and First Baptist Church -Olney. I will pass on more information from our Wichita Falls Area team as i get it. Once again, please express my sincere thank you to everyone who helped your church or group support OCC!



- November 29 Connie Horany
- November 30 McKenziey Brisco
Cory Taylor
Taylor Thomas
- December 1 Ezra Bailey
Novек Canada
Maddox Palmer
- December 2 David Harris, Jr.
- December 4 David Sandlin
- December 5 Todd Betts
Carolyn Joy Strader
- December 6 Lori Cox
Ivy Joy Edgington
Natalie Hill
- December 7 Ashley Bitner
Dan Branum
Jean Clifton
- December 8 Nedra Belew
Zoey Hamby
Chloe McPhie
- December 10 Lynn Jackson
Lila McCutcheon

Giving for November 24, 2024	
Budget Receipts	\$9,139.31
Designated Receipts	
Lottie Moon	25.00
Benevolence	643.00
Poinsettias	300.00
Shoeboxes	2,410.00
Grief Share	200.00
SBTC	30.00
Youth Fundraiser	500.00
Food Pantry	500.00
Gospel Meals	500.00
Radio Ministry	500.00
My People's CH	500.00
Bld. Camp.	1,115,952.00
Total Receipts	\$1,122,060.00
Budget Needs: \$554,271	Receipts: \$655,670.48

**Youth Camp Fundraiser
Christmas Gift Wrapping
Saturday, December 14
9am - 3pm**

Cost is by donation.
Use the sanctuary back door to bring your gifts to be wrapped.



Nursing Home Gifts

If you would like to bless a nursing home resident this Christmas you can by providing them with a gift. Grace Care has 26 women and 15 men residents.

Some items that are suggested are: body wash, lotion, powder, shampoo, lip balm, room spray, brushes for women, combs for men, stationary, puzzle books, gripper socks, flannel pjs, and snacks. You can either make a nice stocking or wrap your gifts. Make sure to label it men or women and if there are PJs, make sure to put on the label the size.

We have 4 more women and 2 men left that need to be blessed. If you can help, please bring your gifts to the church office by December 8.

Note: The next newsletter will be mailed out on December 11, 2024.

Weekly Reports

Sunday, November 10, 2024
Bible Study: 162
Morning Worship: 238

Budget Weekly Needs	\$11,793.00
Budget Receipts	\$18,538.49
Designated Receipts	
Food Pantry	350.00
Radio Ministry	100.00
Shoeboxes	500.00
Gospel Meal	100.00
Youth Fund	100.00
My Peoples Church	100.00
Building Expenses	250.00
Onward Ever	200.00
Building Campaign	18,076.00
Total Receipts	\$19,776.00

Budget Needs to Date: \$530,685.00
Budget Receipts to Date: \$630,239.80

Sunday, November 17, 2024
Bible Study: 169
Morning Worship: 248

Budget Receipts	16,291.37
Designated Receipts	
Shoebox Donation	1,121.00
My Peoples Children	500.00
Chumbley Love Off.	1,500.00
Poinsettias	225.00
Building Campaign	11,825.00
Lottie Moon	20.00
Total Receipts	15,191.00

Budget Needs to Date: \$542,478.00
Budget Receipts to Date: \$646,531.17

Sunday, November 24, 2024
Bible Study: 166
Morning Worship: 250
Budget receipts are in the second column.

A Message from Chad

Dear Church Family,

I love celebrating the Christmas season with you at FBCO. Over the years we have started and revived traditions that “make the yuletide bright.” I want to use this article to point out all the different things we will be doing in December. Please consider inviting friends and neighbors to these different holiday celebrations.

“**Hanging of the Green” Service.** This Sunday, **December 1**, is our “Hanging of the Green” service. We will decorate the Sanctuary and point out the spiritual significance of each of the decorations. We revived this traditional service last year and it was very well received.

Christmas Pageant Costuming. This Sunday, **December 1**, costumes for the Christmas Pageant will be handed out after church for children wishing to participate in the Pageant on December 8 during the morning service. If you are unable to get your child’s costume this Sunday, please make arrangements to get a costume during the week! Children in the **4 years-old – 6th grade** may participate. Youth age students sing in the choir.

Light and Lovely Women’s Luncheon. On Tuesday, December 3, at 12pm, the women’s Light and Lovely Christmas Luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to bring a friend.

Christmas at the Parsonage. On Friday, **December 6**, from 6-7:30pm. Melissa and I will be hosting our annual “Christmas at the Parsonage” open house. Each year we host a special fellowship and invite our church family over for fellowship and refreshments. We hope you will find a few minutes to drop by and visit.

Annual Traditional Christmas Pageant On Sunday, **December 8**, during our 10:45am Morning Service we will hold our traditional Christmas Pageant. We need choir members to sing in the choir as the children act out the biblical Christmas story. The choir will rehearse at 8:45am, and then the children will practice for the pageant during the Sunday School hour at 9:30am.

Olney ISD Band Concert. On Sunday, **December 8**, at 2pm, the Olney Bands will perform a Christmas Concert at the High School Auditorium.

Church-wide Christmas Lunch and Business Meeting. On Sunday **December 22**, after church we will have our annual Christmas luncheon fellowship. The church will provide ham. Please bring side dishes and desserts. We will have a short business meeting to vote on the proposed budget. Last week the Stewardship Committee presented a recommended budget to the congregation. The budget is ambitious and significantly higher than our current budget, and it is more in line with our undesignated receipts. **Please consider this higher budget as a challenge to those of you who are *not* faithful in the area of giving.** We know that 30% of our congregation does 70% of the giving. Consider the kingdom-impact we might have if everyone was obedient in this area. Our budget would likely exceed 1 million dollars each year. Just sayin’. I spend a lot of time concerned with budget giving and always get a little fearful when the budget goes up. I know I need to have more faith. But if it always seems like the church is flush with cash, which we have been for over a decade, then those who don’t give can justify their slackness in this area. Why give when the church doesn’t need it? Well, the answer to that question is that there are always needs, but we must live within our means. I am optimistic that we can build our new facility and also do much more to advance the kingdom elsewhere.

Christmas Eve Service. On Tuesday, **December 24**, at 5pm we will host our annual Christmas Eve candle-light Service. Many families make this service a part of their Christmas celebrations. There are plenty of opportunities for family pictures in the beautiful sanctuary afterward.

We had a great time of fellowship in the **Griefshare “Surviving the Holidays”** seminar. Special thanks to Leigh Stephens and Jan Simmons for organizing that event. It was a great event.

Can you believe that our church packed over 600 shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** this year. Thanks to all of our OCC workers who make this possible each year!

I’m looking forward to hearing from our **Handbell Choir** that Jaden is organizing and directing. They are working hard to present a special Christmas song. We are hoping to feature the bell choir at least once a quarter.

If you have not made a pledge toward our building campaign, please do that before the new year. You can begin making gifts toward your pledge now, but we want everyone to begin making contributions by January 1. Thank you!

The building process is coming along. Currently we have floor plans that have been sent to the Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing engineers for more detailed planning. When these plans are finalized, we will have more detailed blueprints that will allow for more precise bids. We are prayerfully optimistic that we will be able to complete this project without borrowing money. This will be possible if everyone just does their part. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build something this substantial. To think that we might be able to complete with 3-year pledges and no debt-load is wonderful. As our campaign consultant, Jeremy Malick, said to me, “I’ve been doing this for over 10 years and I’ve never seen anything like this. Your church is on miracle ground, so just keep walking!”

Happy Thanksgiving! I love you. I love being your pastor. These are amazing times! I will see you on Sunday!

Brother Chad



Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Jerry Keeter and his family at the death of his father, Wayne Keeter.

*Light & Lovely
Ladies Luncheon
Tuesday, December 1
Noon - 1pm
All ladies are invited.*