

Ushers

September 7 - Brad Simmons, ch., Brian Hampton,
Randy Behrens, Kade Betts, Trampas Patton,
Michael Blevins

September 14—Ron Rogers ch., Matt Searcey, Jodee
Wales, Rocky Hickam, Jimmy Mayers, Ed Berngen

Nursery Volunteers

Extended Session on September 7

Babies—Kimberly & Spencer Cox
Toddlers— Ashley & Colson Ballard
3's— Meghan & Hayden Austin

Extended Session on September 14

Babies— Leigh Stephens & Tracy Wales
Toddlers— Shannon Moses & Serenity Winter
3's—Terra & Shelby Krajca

Children's Church

September 7 - Calli & Gabe Simmons

September 14 - Randa & Todd Betts

Sunday Morning Scripture

September 7- Lila McCutcheon

September 14-Tracy Wales

Sunday Youtube Mix

September 7- Chris Krajca

September 14-Jodee Wales

Sunday Sound/Screen/Camera Crew

September 7- Sound - Dale Lovett

Screens -Debbie Key

Camera - Cole Hearne

September 14 -Sound - Dale Lovett

Screens - Obele Rue

Camera - Cole Hearne

Food Pantry Sackers

September 6 - Barbara Calvin, Debbie Key,
Todd & Randa Betts

September 13- Gena Barrington, Todd & Randa Betts,
Oscar & Sandra Garcia, Ariel Loggins

Food Pantry Distribution

September 8- Shannon Moses, Keith & Natalie Hill

September 15 -Cristi Little, Steve Stephens,
Gabe Simmons

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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

September 3, 2025



following the Football Game

Friday, September 5 @ The Refuge

Adults are needed to help sponsor, contact Jaden.

Light & Lovely Ladies Luncheon

All Ladies are invited

Tuesday, September 9 Noon-1pm

Fellowship Hall

DEACON OF THE WEEK

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

August 31 - September 6

Ed Berngen 254-595-2648

September 7 - 13

Spencer Key 940-564-6789

September 14 - 20

John Moses 940-282-0314

Coming Up

Sunday, September 7

Deacons' Meeting @ 8 am

Lord's Supper @ 10:45 am

Grace Care @ 3:30 pm

Youth 6th - 12th - 6-8pm

Monday, September 8

Produce Truck @ the Pantry

9-10:30 am

Crosstimmer Stitchers 9:30 am

Sunday, September 14

Deacon Election @ 10:45 am

*You are invited to a
Baby Shower for
Parker & Emma Mayers
Sunday, September 7 from 2-4
in the McQuerry's home
903 W. Edwards*



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Needs

We need small toys, small stuffed animals, hairbrushes, combs, girls hair accessories, nail kits, Band Aids, Hot Wheel cars, whistles, small balls, and etc. **We also need financial donations to help with purchasing supplies and with shipping. Last year we packed and shipped 608 boxes for a cost of \$6,080.00. The cost to ship one box is \$10.**



Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Kaylah & Brian Hampton and their family at the death of her grandfather, "Buddy" Stennett.



September 5	Brad Green Schelby Ming Nicholas Pulliam
September 6	Aden Milmo
September 7	Aaron Grubbs Clint Pulliam
September 8	Sheree Schrader
September 9	Rylan Keeter Kent McClatchy Michael Nash Brenda Rogers
September 10	Lane Searcey LaVerne Wood
September 11	Kelley Hughes BJ Kimbro
September 12	Jaden Brisco Natalie Rounsaville
September 13	Pam Holt
September 15	Rodney Simmons
September 16	R.J. Behrens
September 17	Diayalsi Flores Rue Rogers Charlotte Vaughn

And the Lord Added

By Baptism:
Serenity Winter
Jessa Branum

Senior Adult Branson Trip

December 1 - 5, 2025

Time is running out to sign up.
All money needs to be turned in.

Weekly Reports

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Bible Study: 186

Morning Worship: 336

Budget Weekly Needs	\$12,811.00
Budget Receipts	\$10,352.57
Designated Receipts	
Gospel Meals	310.00
Branson Trip	10,732.23
Shoeboxes	700.00
March for Jesus shirts	40.00
Annie Armstrong	25.00
Building Campaign	<u>1,130.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$23,289.80

Budget Needs to Date: \$435,574.00

Budget Receipts to Date: \$471,324.68

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Bible Study: 143

Morning Worship: 227

Budget Receipts	\$12,937.11
Designated Receipts	
Gospel Meals	10.00
Benevolence	193.00
Branson Trip	9,527.93
Shoeboxes	25.00
SBTC	312.00
Building Campaign	<u>2,482.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$25,487.39

Budget Needs to Date: \$448,385.00

Budget Receipts to Date: \$484,261.79

Note: The next newsletter will be mailed out on September 17, 2025.

A Message From Chad

Dear Church Family,

Emerald and I have taken up playing catch in the front yard. We borrowed a glove for her to use. I have an old baseball glove that I've played with since high school. It is a Ryne Sandberg edition Rallings glove. My friend Scott got a new glove and gave me his old one. It was already nice and broken-in. I've hung on to it all these years. It dawned on me that I don't have very many things in my possession that I have had as long as that old glove. But it's nice to put it on, it literally fits like a glove! It is comfortable and familiar, and it has never changed. Neither has a lazy game of catch. You know, the church is a lot like that old glove. Comfortable, familiar, unchanging. Many things in my life have changed, but I still feel the way about Christ's church as I did when I was a boy, a teenager, a young man, and now as an older man. I love to gather with God's people each week to walk the old paths and survey the unmoved boundary stones. It has been and remains the greatest blessing of my life to have been loved, raised, mentored, educated, and called to pastor by wonderful Southern Baptist saints. I know there are Christians of all kinds, but this is my tribe.

I want to urge and impress you to think about what a wonderful gift we have been given by God to be part of this church, right here and right now. Just as those who have gone before us, we have the duty to gather together, to uphold the gospel, to rightly divide the scriptures and obey them, and to love God and our neighbors. These are exciting times to be a part of the First Baptist Church in Olney. We are called right now to press in, to seek Christ first, and to be the finest church members we can be. We do this by caring for the ministry of this church and for the souls of our fellow brothers and sisters. This is a season to recenter each of our lives on following Christ.

We have a great opportunity this Sunday as we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper in the service. I urge you to be here this Sunday not just for worship, but for Sunday School. I urge you to catch up on your tithes and offerings and building campaign if you are behind. I urge you to pray about who you will nominate for deacon election on the 14th. I urge you to make a commitment to being at prayer meeting if you are not serving elsewhere on Wednesday night.

Remember the rare and precious gift it is to be a part of the long chain of faithful members of FBCO and do not neglect it.

Once again, let me remind you that on October 5, Dr. Richard Ross from Southwestern Seminary will be here to minister to our church. When you are making plans, if you can help it, be here that weekend. It will be a tremendous Sunday. We will have an all-church breakfast at 9am. At 9:25pm we will dismiss the children to their classes and Dr. Ross will teach everyone else in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. Dr. Ross will also be preaching for our regular worship gathering at 10:45am. After the service, all youth 6-12 grade and their parents/grandparents/guardians will gather back in the Fellowship Hall for a special luncheon during the noon hour. Please be in prayer now for this special Sunday. Anticipate that the Lord will move in a special way.

The Parenting Luncheon with Dr. Ross will focus on restoring heart connections between parents and teenagers. After a light meal, Dr. Ross will lead parents and teenagers into some powerful experiences together. In 2015 we saw family relationships altered in visible ways during the session. Dr. Ross does not give a talk during the session, but he leads families through a powerful time of sharing and communication. The church will provide childcare for grade-schoolers and younger children elsewhere during the session. If you know of a family that will be helped by attending this luncheon, please invite them to come to church on October 5. Please RSVP to the church office if you will be attending the luncheon.

Also, don't forget that October 4, the day before Dr. Ross will be here, we will have the 27th March 4 Jesus. Make sure you are here to support the march. Jaden will be preaching at the event following the march

Brother Chad

A Message from Jaden

For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:11–12 (ESV)

The gospel is not of man, but is a supernaturally powerful message from God. Here, Paul is referring to the fact he was not one of the original twelve apostles who traveled with Jesus, but that Jesus directly revealed Himself to Paul in a blinding light on the road to Damascus. He was not taught the gospel, nor did he receive it from man, but he was given it directly from the Lord.

It is true that everyone today is taught the gospel through men and by the word of God. That's a little different than Paul's experience, but we also know that no one *truly receives* the gospel except from God. The gospel becoming real to a person and then receiving it is wholly a work of the Holy Spirit. So, even though Paul's conversion experience was much different than ours, we can still stand beside him and say we did not receive the gospel from man either. God gave it to us through His Son and by His Spirit.

So what? Why write about this verse? Two key takeaways:

1. The gospel is from God. It is transcendent and supernatural. Be confident in it and trust its miraculous power to save.

Even though you are the one sharing the gospel, the words you choose to use will not affect the effectiveness of the gospel. No one receives it from you. They receive it from God, and if He wants to save someone through what you said, he'll do it!

Believe in the mighty power of God in the gospel, and go tell someone this week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Fifth Quarter is Friday, September 5th. Please come to the refuge and help after the game. We are expecting 120 teens!
2. Fellowship of Christian Athletes is starting in the high school on September 10th during the "Brunch" period.

We will be taking the youth group to a Saw You At the Pole Rally in Graham on Wednesday. September 24th. Make sure your child is coming to Sunday Night Youth group, so I know who all is coming. I don't want anyone to miss out.