

Ushers

November 16 - Kendall Montgomery, ch., Dirk Barrington, Len Bernhardt, Ronnie Cowart, Justin Farmer, Keith Hill

November 23—Dan Vanarsdall, ch, Joe Esquivel, BJ Kimbro, Jeff Harmon, Bill Little, Eric Loggins, D’Heaven Moses

Nursery Volunteers

Extended Session on November 16

Babies— Leigh Stephens & Tracy Wales
Toddlers— Mari Behrens & Benny Ramsey
3’s– Kaci McKenzie & Harper

Extended Session on November 23

Babies— Barbara & Chuck Calvin
Toddlers– Karrie Canada & Laken Canada
3’s—Samantha & Michael Blevins

Children’s Church

November 16- Jill & Kyle Turner
November 23 - Molly & Russell Milmo

Sunday Morning Scripture

November 16- Terra Krajca
November 23- Debbie Key

Sunday Youtube Mix

November 16-Obelea Rue
November 23- Kade Betts

Sunday Sound/Screen/Camera Crew

November 16 Sound - Dale Lovett
Screens -Allie Barrington
Camera - Cole Hearne

November 23-Sound - Dale Lovett
Screens - Obelea Rue
Camera - Kevin Gray

Food Pantry Sackers

November 15 - Simmons & Stephens
November 22- Calvin, Key & Betts

Food Pantry Distribution

Monday, November 17- Moses & Hills

Monday, November 24-Little, Simmons, Stephens

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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 12, 2025



Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Ingathering

Sunday, November 16 - November 23

There will be a special time on November 23
during the service to dedicate the boxes.

Grief Share “Surviving the Holidays”

Sunday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Fellowship Hall

RSVP to Leigh Stephens (940-867-6279)

or the church office (940-564-5594).

2026 Budget Discussion
Sunday, November 16 at noon

Christmas Choir & Handbell
Rehearsals on Tuesdays
Choir at 6:00 until 7:00
Handbells from 7:00 until 7:30

New Member Class
Sunday November 23 from 1-3pm
Contact Chad if you are interested.

Children's Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 21 10:45 a.m.
Costumes will be handed out on December 7.

All-Church Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 21 at noon
Ham, green beans & bread will be provided
by the church. Members are asked to bring
side dishes and desserts.

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

55 & Alive Branson Trip
December 1 - 5

DEACON OF THE WEEK
Feel free to call the deacon of the week if you need something.

November 9 - 15
Scot Hayter 940-867-5253

November 16 - 22
Dale Lovett 940-564-6315

November 23 - 29
Spencer Key 940-564-6789



Congratulations to Halli & Reed Mankins at the birth of a daughter, Libby Faith. Libby was born on Wednesday, November 5. She weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces. She was 20 inches long. Libby has a big brother, Rhett and sister, Larson. Her grandparents are Randa & Todd Betts and Judy Mankins.

Congratulations to McKenzey and Jaden Brisco at the birth of a daughter, Anya Flora. Anya was born on Friday, November 7. She weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces. She was 19 inches long. Anya has a big sister, Nellie.

NOVEMBER Birthdays

November 13	Rebekah Emmons
November 14	Judy Mankins
November 15	Gay Lynn McClelland
	J. W. Rounsaville
	Natalie Simmons
November 19	Shannon Moses
November 21	Zakkery Bailey
	Mary Butler
	Trevor Key
	Judi Winslow
	Kent Wright
November 22	Scott Palmer
November 23	Seth Berngen
	Jeff Palmer
November 25	Keegan Barnhardt
November 26	Richard Behrens
	Kirk Ondricek



Church Business Meeting
& Budget Vote
Sunday, December 14 at noon

Weekly Reports

Sunday, November 2, 2025
Bible Study: 196
Morning Worship: 271

Budget Weekly Needs	\$12,811.00
Budget Receipts	\$13,760.82
Designated Receipts	
Gospel Meals	10.00
Shoeboxes	80.00
Youth T-Shirts	20.00
Youth Fund	150.00
Building Campaign	<u>2,825.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$16,845.82
Budget Needs to Date:	\$563,684.00
Budget Receipts to Date:	\$606,649.55

Sunday, November 9, 2025
Bible Study: 164
Morning Worship: 273

Budget Receipts	\$17,195.00
Designated Receipts	
Gospel Meal	10.00
Benevolence	40.00
Shoeboxes	100.00
Building Campaign	<u>3,770.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$21,115.04
Budget Needs to Date:	\$576,495.00
Budget Receipts to Date:	\$623,844.59

Note: The next newsletter will be mailed out on November 25, 2025.

A Message From Chad

Dear Church Family,

First Baptist Church is about so much more than just our Sunday gatherings, but in this culture of hurry and frenzy that we live in, our weekly morning services have become more important. It is generally the only time we have to spend together as a church. These past two Sundays have been very special. On November 2, our ladies experienced a wonderful Light and Lovely breakfast with guest speaker Dr. Cheryl Bell. This past Sunday, we had the blessing of having Ryan Bishop come and preach for us a powerful message on God's Word. Each week it is our desire that through Bible study and worship that we can provide an opportunity for you grow in your relationship with the Lord and with your brothers and sisters in Christ. These are exciting times at First Baptist. There is a fresh excitement and many fresh faces, but it pains my heart to look out and see that so many have grown inconsistent in their attendance. Normally, when you are not in worship, people do not take your place- you are simply missed. I write this as a gentle reminder to not let your focus drift.

As disciples we are commanded to follow Jesus and make disciples of all nations. There are great things that need doing in God's kingdom. Each Sunday offers us all an opportunity to reset, refocus, and recenter our lives on Jesus.

This Sunday evening we were blessed to ordain Michael Blevins as our newest deacon. The service was such a special and sweet time. It is amazing how many ordained men we have at FBCO. In these last few years we have seen the ordination of younger men, who I feel represent the future of our church. It is great to experience one generation teach and mentor the next. Whether they are active or inactive, we thank God for all of our deacons.

Christmas Choir and Handbell choir will begin rehearsing for Christmas services this week. We will have three rehearsals, please make sure you are in your place ready to sing and ring! This Christmas season will be wonderful.

This Sunday after church we will have a special called business meeting to hear from the Stewardship Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the Deacons as they present their recommendations for the 2026 budget. The meeting will take place right after the service. The vote on the budget will take place in December. As we think about the budget and the building campaign, please be sure that you are keeping up with your regular giving and your building campaign pledges.

Speaking of the building, we were pleased last week to learn that our second soil test came back with favorable results. We are not sure at this point how this will affect our bottom line. The architect and various engineers are still working through the data to consider whether the design can be changed to include cost reduction based on better soil conditions. I am prayerful that a redesign of the foundation will result in substantial savings. I know that we are all anxious to build, but taking time to take a second look at the soil was important decision for the committee. We are working to honor the Lord, you, and those who will call this building home for the next 100 years. This project is something we will all enjoy soon, but we are mindful that this is generation-spanning work. This building will be used to make disciples long after we are gone. We need to get it right.

Next week several of us will head to the Baptist General Convention of Texas Annual Meeting to take part in the first business session. I am looking forward to voting for my friend Kevin Burrow, who is the pastor of First Baptist Eastland. Kevin is running for convention president. As this convention seems to be drifting leftward theologically, Kevin represents a theologically conservative choice. Kevin and I are likeminded on many of the pressing issues that face our convention. Just as we are mindful to be good stewards of the building dollars we are spending, we also need to be good stewards of our mission dollars. As an executive board member of the convention, I constantly try to represent the values of the other Baptist churches in our sector. If you would like to go to the meeting in Abilene on Monday, we still have several messenger spots that can be filled with members. You can attend as much of the convention as you can.

I'm excited about our New Member class on November 23. If you have been thinking about joining the First Baptist Church, please make sure you are at this class, which will meet from 1-3pm that afternoon. This will be the last single-session offering for the class. Future classes will take place on Sunday Mornings over three sessions during the Sunday school hour. Remember, that members are always welcome to sit in on these classes as well.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Brother Chad