



FIRST LIGHT

Becoming and Developing Disciples of Jesus

FIRST BAPTIST COLLEGE STATION

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Please PRAY for our members and relatives. Names in bold are new additions.

Joey Blackmon, Laura Bond, Marilyn Brown, Elizabeth Booker, Iris Burkett, BJ Conrad, Nancy Coppock, Martha Evans, Mary Lou Franklin, Maurice Gibbs, Linda Grant, **Sandee Hartsfield**, Nancy Higgs, Austin Hodge, Matthew Jackson, Charlotte Jones, Edsel Jones, Rosemarie & Richie Kotara, Gary Kovar, Don Landry, Eddie Lockett, LaNelle McCulley, Kay Meek, Jim & Sue Melton, Dianne Miles, Vic & Cookie Pears, Marilyn Radke, Fred Rivera, Chris Sellers, Dorothy Siegert, Peggy Shafer, Jennifer Sibold, Brad Smith, Karen Steele, Jace Steubing, Bernice Thompson, Beverly Watson, Helen & Arthur Whittington, John Williams, Wilma Youngblood, Hung Chi & Jeanne Yu, Our Ministers & their Families; Office & Building Staff & their Families; FBC Worship Services, Ministries, Activities, & their Leaders; Law Enforcement, First Responders, Our Military, & their Families; Our Country & Leadership, Victims of Hurricanes Harvey & Irma

If you need to add someone to the prayer list or remove someone, please call the church office at 696-7000 or email daralyn@fbccollegestation.com.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR TROY



It has been a whirlwind couple of weeks. You never cease to amaze me. Your response in the wake of Hurricane Harvey has been amazing. Not only have we sent nearly 100 flood buckets to Houston, but we have over 50 people who have signed up to be a part of our disaster relief team. We are currently working with Pine Drive Baptist Church in Dickinson, Texas and seeking to enter into a partnership with First Baptist Church in Port Aransas, Texas. Our church has amazing opportunities to help churches be the church in their communities. I am excited about the chance to

work with these churches and work in their communities for the sake of the gospel. If you want to be a part of these efforts, sign up at <http://fbccollegestation.com/harvey>. While these efforts may not be for you, there are opportunities here at home as well. We are continuing our monthly Kid's Club on first Saturdays in the Balcones neighborhood. You can sign up to be on one of these teams at <http://fbccollegestation.com/community>.

If you missed being with us last Sunday, you missed out on hearing about some new ways to give to FBC. Visit fbccollegestation.com/give to find out about text, mobile, and swipe giving. In addition to our traditional giving opportunities and online giving, these three new options offer greater flexibility for you to give and support our ministries. You can find out more information through our website, and I encourage you to give it a try.

This coming Sunday, September 24, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper together. Every time we celebrate communion together is a special time. I am looking forward to worshipping with you and sharing the Lord's Supper with you. As we move toward this special time of celebration, let me encourage you to take some time to reflect upon the sacrifice Jesus made. Think upon how His broken body and shed blood opened the door for your salvation. Take time to prepare your heart to come to the Lord's Table and share in His sacrifice.

Starting October 1 we will begin a new teaching series entitled 'Abide' based upon John 15. This is one of my favorite passages in the New Testament and I think it teaches us the importance having a vital connection with God in order for us to grow and bear fruit. As we continue to keep our eyes upon becoming and developing disciples, the 'Abide' series will help us in connecting with God and aid us in spiritual growth.

Blessings,

BUDGET REPORT

9/17/2017	Week	Month	Year
Budget Needs	\$29,397	\$88,191	\$1,206,893
Budget Rcpts	\$34,795	\$120,448	\$1,145,953
Over/Under	\$5,398	\$32,257	\$(60,940)
Mary Hill Davis Offering:		\$3,871	

Pastor Troy





Clay Hopkins, *Associate Pastor*

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Phyllis Falco

By Transfer of Letter

Greg & Irma Roberson

By Transfer of Letter

David & Ann Lewis

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What an exciting season of study we have had through our Foundations series. My hope is that you were encouraged and challenged through the weekly messages, Bible study, and devotions. Now, it is time to put it into practice. Luke tells us in Acts 4 that Peter and John had been imprisoned for speaking the gospel. They were brought before the authorities and told they could be released if they would stop. Their response, "Whether it is right in the sight of God for us to listen to you rather than to God, you decide, for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." Isn't that incredible! What have you witnessed Jesus do in your life? Are you unable to keep quiet about it? Why not? Now is a great time to "Go" and share what Jesus has done for you.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have stepped up to assist with disaster recovery. Our role remains very fluid, so I appreciate your patience as we wait on opportunities to become concrete realities. When they do, I have no doubt we will carry the banner of the Lord high as we serve our God and His church!

Bill Killion, *Minister of Music*

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Our Chimes of Praise and WAM children's choirs are off to a great start. The theme of our curriculum this year is "All Creation Sings," based on Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord." Our children are learning to work together in praising Him. Do we play games? Absolutely! We encourage each other in games and activities that reinforce our theme. Do we play instruments? Of course! We are learning to keep a steady beat and how that looks in different kinds of music. Do we sing new songs? Yes, we are learning some wonderful new songs written specifically for children's voices with a strong scriptural basis. Do we sing old songs? Yes, we are learning some of the great hymns to teach the children some worship history along the way. Do we have fun? You bet! Children ages 4 years through sixth grade are invited to join us each Sunday night at 6:00 for WAM; children in grades 2-6 are invited to join Chimes of Praise at 5:00pm.

Sarah DUEWALL, *Business Administrator*

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GIVING * FBC College Station is excited to offer some new options for giving. In addition to accepting checks/cash and accepting gifts through our website, we now offer MOBILE giving, TEXT giving, and SWIPE giving. There are videos on the church website to help you understand how to use each of these.

- **MOBILE giving:** Download the Give+ app on your mobile device. Once open, you can search for FBC College Station. You can give an offering towards the budget or to the Mary Hill Davis State Missions offering.
- **TEXT giving:** Text a dollar amount to 979-315-7812. Please use a dollar sign in front of the amount (Ex: \$100). The first time you do this, you will be required to register your contact information and list a debit/credit card to be used. After registration, you will receive a text verification as well as a receipt via e-mail. For future giving, simply send a text with an amount and it will process automatically. When there is a special offering, we will give you a word to include in front of the dollar amount. For example, to give \$25 to the Mary Hill Davis state missions offering, text: mhdavis \$25 (Please note that these special words are case sensitive – it must be entered exactly as shown here.)
- **SWIPE giving:** We have an iPad with an attached swipe feature set up on a podium/stand. You can go to this iPad, enter an amount on the appropriate field (budget offering or Mary Hill Davis) and swipe your debit/credit card. If you register, then a receipt will be sent to you via e-mail.

FBC College Station is now accepting credit cards on all of these systems, as well as our online giving system. However, we do not want anyone to go into long-term debt when making an offering.

If you are currently giving by check or cash, we would like to encourage you to continue to do so. There are no fees associated with these gifts. The second most cost-effective way to make an offering is by linking your savings or checking account – you can do that through the online system or the Give+ mobile app. The church is charged less than 1% for these gifts. Any time a debit or credit card is used, there are fees of about 3%, which comes directly off of the amount of the gift. As always, we are truly grateful for your contributions. Please let me know if you have any questions or problems with any of the above giving options.

PROPERTIES * The church has started a partnership with Ideal Impact. They are helping us with energy savings – these savings can then be put back into ministry so that we can reach more people with the gospel. There will be some small frustrations during this first part of the process as we try to fix air handlers and get things running more consistently throughout the building. Please bear with us as we do that – but at the same time, let us know if there are situations where you feel the air is not running when it should be or if it is running at an uncomfortable temperature. Thank you for your patience!

Fall activities are underway here at FBC! Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm for Bible Drill (4th-6th grades), Bible Buddies (1st-3rd grades), or Mission Friends (babies-kinder). Learn Bible skills, memorize scripture, learn about missionaries, make new friends and have fun!



There is still time to sign up for the School's Out Funday on Monday, October 9 to Franklin Safari. A prepaid reservation of \$15 per child and a completed medical release form are required to attend. Children will need to bring a sack lunch, snack, and extra water.

Believe it or not, First Fest is fast approaching! There will be a bin outside the church office for donations of individually wrapped candies. Please begin now to pray about how you would like to be involved in ministering to our community through First Fest. We will need help with set up, clean up, manning games, preparing snow cones, face painting, registering our guests, etc. Sign-up sheets will be outside the office soon.

You are always welcome to stop by the children's ministry office to sign up for events or sign up online, (fbccollegestation.com) where available.



ADOPTION FAMILIES NEEDED!

College Student Adoption (Please Apply!) We are in need of families who would like to intentionally invest in the lives of college students as they leave their homes and make their home here. This need not be a major burden (financially or time) but a way for you to include a student into your family activities. If you would like to sign up to adopt please visit www.FBCCollegeStation.com/adopt to see the family expectations as well as fill out the application. Being in college brings lots of changes for an individual, but as an adopted family you can provide a sense of familiarity and stability for these students as you open your home, share your experience, and share your life. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Jordan (Jordan@fbccollegestation.com). We have more students than families in the program at the moment!



Howdy Church Family! School is back! Please continue praying for our students, for our schools, for our teachers, and for our community. It is our prayer that our students would contend for their faith and be bold witnesses on their school campuses. I am excited to see how God will continue to use our Student Ministry this year!

If you would like to get involved or hear more about what is coming up, please contact the Youth Ministry Office.

Here is what is coming up:

- ★ See You At The Pole * September 27
- ★ Fields Of Faith * October 11



MESSENGERS NEEDED

For the BGCT Annual Meeting
November 12-14, 2017
Waco Convention Center

Contact Lisa in the church office if you are interested in attending.

CREATH-BRAZOS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 17th

First Baptist Church, Bryan, TX
Fellowship Meal at 6:00pm
Business Mtg & Worship Service at 7:00pm

Messengers Needed!

Contact Lisa in the church office if you are interested in attending.



Come, Thou long expected Jesus...

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!...

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming...

You know the words and the tune to these and many other songs of the Advent season. This year's Advent devotions will be based on scriptures related to these and other songs. If you would like to be a contributor to this year's booklet, please contact Mary Jo Powell for an assignment or with questions. (mary.jo.powell@icloud.com)

JOY GROUP RETIRES

Potluck Luncheon
THURSDAY, OCT. 5TH

Noon in the Fellowship Hall
Bring your favorite main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share!

COMING TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOR SEPT 24-OCT 7, 2017

Sept 27 * See You at the Pole * 7:00am local time. All around the globe, in every time zone, students will gather at their school's flagpoles to pray for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. SYATP is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer.

Sept 27 * Discovery International Class Registration * 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Outreach program for international wives & their preschool children. Classes begin on October 4th.

Oct 1 * FREE College Lunch * Free for College/GAP, following late worship. Join us for a great meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Oct 5 * Joy Group Luncheon * Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Potluck lunch for retired adults. Bring your favorite side dish, casserole, main dish, salad or dessert to share!

Help! We need volunteers to prepare and serve meals for our College lunches once a month on Sunday, and for Youth Refuge each Wednesday. To sign up, please contact the office.

For information on how you can help with FBC College Station's effort for **Hurricane Harvey relief**, please check out <http://www.fbccollegestation.com/harvey>.

COMING SOON

Budget Committee	Sept 27
Long-term Planning Committee.....	Sept 27
Mission Teams	Sept 27
Property Committee	Oct 3
Discovery Classes Begin.....	Oct 4
Deacons' Meeting	Oct 8
School's Out Sunday	Oct 9
First Fest	Oct 29

DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS? PHONE NUMBER? EMAIL? Please contact lisa@fbccollegestation.com

OUR WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Early (Traditional) Worship.....	8:30am
Youth Praise Band Rehearsal.....	9:15
Sunday School for all Ages	9:45
Brown Memorial Library Open	9:45 & 10:40
Late (Blended) Worship	11:00
Youth Bible Drill.....	4:30pm
Brown Memorial Library Open	5:00
W.A.M. (Music) for Kids & Preschool Activities ...	6:00
Adult Bible Study.....	6:00

MONDAYS

Deacon-led Prayer Time (open to all)	6:30am
Community Bible Study (open to all).....	7:00pm

TUESDAYS

Ladies Exercise Class.....	9:15am
Food Pantry (volunteers @ 9am).....	10:00
Quilt-n-Peace	10:00

TUESDAYS, continued

Praise Team Rehearsal.....	6:00pm
Evening Quilters (1st & 3rd Tues)	6:30
Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	7:00
Ladies Evening Prayer Group	7:00
Men's Evening Prayer Group	8:00

WEDNESDAYS

Youth Praise Band Rehearsal	5:00pm
Adult Handbells Practice	5:30
Adult Sunday School Teachers	5:45
Refuge Meal	6:00
Youth Refuge Bible Study	6:30
Mission Friends (birth-K)	6:30
Bible Buddies (1st-3rd).....	6:30
Bible Drill (4th-6th).....	6:30
Sanctuary Choir (adults).....	6:30
Adult Bible Study	6:30

THURSDAYS

Ladies Exercise Class.....	9:15am
Tender Warriors Day (men's Bible study)	Noon
Men's Evening Bible Study (Blue Baker)	7:30pm

UPCOMING FIRST LIGHT DEADLINES:

MONDAY, OCT 2 @ 5:00PM

(covers October 8-21)

Please bring information to the office
or email daralyn@fbccollegestation.com