

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Events & Supper Schedule

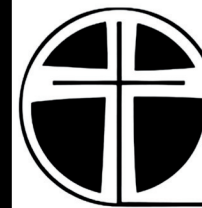
MIDWEEK MENU:

*3rd: Pulled Pork
10th: Jambalaya
17th: Hamburgers
24th: Fried Chicken*

WELCOME

New
Membership &
Baptisms

- LINDSEY MITCHELL
- AUGUST SMITH
- HAILEY MADDERN
- COLLIN STEWART
- LEVI ANTHONY
- MASON ROSE
- ANN WARNER



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Know Christ and Make Him Known

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SERVICE TIMES

Sundays

Worship Services

8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. &
6:00 p.m.

Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

Choir Practice

4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Wednesday Night Supper

5:00 p.m.

**Preschool, Children,
Student Ministry
Activities**

6:00 p.m.

**Adult & Ladies Bible
Studies**

6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m.

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September
1st:

LABOR
DAY

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WHAT ARE YOU WORSHIPING?



Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what we worship. If you worship money...you will never have enough, if you worship beauty...you will always feel ugly, if you worship intellect...you will always feel stupid, and if you worship power...you will need ever more power over others to numb your own fears. The insidious thing about these forms of worship is not that they are evil or sinful; it is that they are unconscious. They are our default settings.
-David Wallace

David Wallace spoke these words at a commencement speech in 2005. He was not a Christian, but he understood that everyone worships and builds their life on something. He understood that the human heart longs for worship, yet he himself never discovered the glory of the God who is worthy of our worship. Sadly a few years after saying these words he took his own life.

Worship is the supreme aim of the Christian – to display to the world the worthiness of our matchless God. We gather every week here at FBC to display to this community our love for God and one another. The bible declares that God displays His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. The Christian life is calling us not to behave as much as it is calling us to BEHOLD God's love displayed in the sacrifice of Jesus our Savior!

G. K. Chesterton said, "When we cease to worship God, we do not worship nothing...we worship anything." When God is the focus of our lives, the struggles and trials of life fade into obscurity. The old hymn says that the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His Glory and Grace. True worship is recognizing God as He truly is and understanding His great love for us! Worship is a powerful discipline that connects us to the strength God supplies. I pray that worship becomes a passion for you. Join me as we look to Jesus each week and declare His glory to Franklinton!

With Grace and Peace,

Bro. Keith Sheridan

★★★★★ WASHINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ★★★★★
WOMEN'S MISSIONS & MINISTRY

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

**TAILGATE THEMED
LADIES
LUNCHEON**

Saturday, September 13, 2025
10:00am - 12:00pm

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FRANKLINTON, LA 70438

Wear Your Favorite Team Attire

LUNCH PROVIDED

DEVOTION

DOOR PRIZES

FELLOWSHIP

ALL AGES WELCOME!

COLLECTING ITEMS OR
MONEY FOR PREGNANCY
CENTER



Senior Adult Ministry

REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE



FBC Student Ministry

BRO. DRAKE WESTMORELAND- NEXT GEN PASTOR



FBC Kids Ministry

KELLY MCELVEEN,
DIRECTOR OF FBC PLAYSCHOOL, CHILDREN'S & PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

When we left Fair City Health and Rehab after a recent worship service, several of the residents thanked me for the FBC group that had come to lead them in worship and to minister to them. They had been encouraged, and the look on their faces revealed it. They were grateful for the group of volunteers who had come and had brought love and hope to them in song and in the Word of God. We are all called to be encouragers of others. Barnabus was an encourager and earned the nickname as the Son of Encouragement. He hadn't gone to seminary and hadn't taken any course to teach him how to do that. It was simply the love and grace of the Lord that was in his heart.

Paul took note of the encouragement that the Thessalonian believers were sharing. He commended them, saying in his letter, "So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing." One of our ministries that brings encouragement is our homebound ministry. Through visits, Sunday School materials, meals, and other ministries, our homebound receive encouragement from the Lord and His church. Much thanks to all the volunteers who make this possible. They are thankful to FBC for keeping them connected to their church family. Let's be the generation that encourages others to know the Lord and make Him known through our ministry of encouragement.

-Joey Miller



Pictured: Mr. Carl Dick and Ms. Josie Waskom

SAM LUNCHEON & EVENTS

- The September SAM Luncheon will be our "Fair Meeting". We will have Pam Pierce and Kay Ladner from the Washington Parish Fair as our guests. The luncheon is set for Friday, September 12, at 10:30 in the Family Life Center. Our menu will be a potluck lunch. This is one of our favorite times because our folks bring their favorite dishes. Our SAM Team will provide fried and baked chicken for the event. Please invite a friend and join in this time of fellowship together.

Senior Adult Revival in Bogalusa September 8-10.

- Mark your calendar for the Fall Celebration at FBC Covington featuring the Victory Belles from the World War II Museum. See the attached flyer for this October 21 event that begins at 10:00 am. For all these functions, please sign up in Sunday School, at one of the welcome tables or by calling the church office so we can plan appropriately.

BRANSON TRIP- October 6-10

- The Branson trip planning meeting will be on Sunday, September 7, at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. We will cover our itinerary as well as other trip info, and also provide luggage tags, etc. All those going on the trip are asked to attend.

DISCIPLING A GENERATION THAT KNOWS CHRIST AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

Church Family, we are thrilled to share with you the incredible ways God has been moving in our student ministry during the month of August. This month, we witnessed a record number of students and leaders gathering for our midweek services, with attendance reaching over 100 people! On top of that, our Sunday Night Discipleship Groups saw their highest turnout ever, giving students the chance to dive deeper into God's Word and build lasting relationships centered on Christ. Even more exciting than the numbers, several students gave their lives to Jesus this month—praise God for the eternal impact being made in their lives!

Because of the growth we've experienced, we will officially move our midweek student gatherings into the main sanctuary starting in September to make room for everyone God is bringing. This is such a clear reminder that God is on the move like never before in the lives of our students, and we believe this is just the beginning of even greater things to come. Thank you, church family, for praying, serving, and supporting this ministry—you are making an eternal difference as we continue to see students come to Know Christ and Make Him Known.

-Drake Westmoreland
Next Gen Pastor



Raising a generation that knows Christ AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

NOW THAT WE HAVE ALL SUCCESSFULLY RETURNED TO SCHOOL, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE LEARNING HERE AT CHURCH IN FBC KIDS!

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM: ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, ALL CHILDREN, BIRTH-6TH GRADE, CONTINUE TO USE LIFEWAY'S THE GOSPEL PROJECT, A CHRIST-CENTERED BIBLE STUDY RESOURCE THAT LOOKS AT THE BIG PICTURE OF GOD'S STORY—THE STORY OF REDEMPTION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. EACH WEEK, KIDS OF ALL AGES WILL FOLLOW A CHRONOLOGICAL TIMELINE OF BIBLE EVENTS, ALL THE WHILE LEARNING HOW EACH STORY POINTS TO THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST. BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER, WE START VOLUME 5 AS WE WALK THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT FROM 1 KINGS THROUGH 2 CHRONICLES, JEREMIAH & JONAH. THE STORY OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOM REVEALS THE MANY WARNINGS GOD'S PEOPLE RECEIVED - WARNINGS TO SEEK REPENTANCE FROM THEIR SINFUL, IDOLATROUS WAYS AND TURN TO GOD. BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY, GOOD, AND LOVING, HE PROMISED A NEW COVENANT FOR HIS PEOPLE: ONE FOREVER WRITTEN ON THEIR HEARTS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS EMPHASIS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
OUR GOAL IS TO COLLECT. THE CLASS THAT COLLECTS THE MOST WILL RECEIVE BREAKFAST OF THEIR CHOICE IN NOVEMBER.

SUNDAYS AT 10:45 AM: DURING WEE WORSHIP, OUR PK3-KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN HAVE A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP THROUGH SONG, GAMES, CRAFTS, AND PLAY, DIVING DEEPER INTO THE LESSON FROM THAT MORNING'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR. BECAUSE WE VALUE FAMILY WORSHIP, OUR PK3-KINDERGARTEN FRIENDS JOIN THEIR FAMILIES FOR A PORTION OF THE SERVICE BEFORE DISMISSING TO THE FOYER TO WALK TO ROOM A OF THE PRESCHOOL DEPT. YOU CAN CHECK THE BULLETIN FOR WHEN OUR PRESCHOOLERS DISMISS. THEY CAN BE COLLECTED FROM ROOM A OF THE PRESCHOOL DEPT. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 10:45 AM SERVICE BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM: FBC KIDS CHOIRS
HALF NOTES CHOIR IS FOR OUR PK3-KINDERGARTEN FRIENDS. THEY ARE CURRENTLY MEETING IN ROOM F OF THE PRESCHOOL DEPT., BUT BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER, THEY WILL MEET IN ROOM B OF THE PRESCHOOL DEPT., WHERE THEY WILL LEARN MANY FUN, ENGAGING "SUNDAY SCHOOL" SONGS - THINK "THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE" AND "WE ARE CLIMBING JACOB'S LADDER".

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR IS FOR OUR 1ST-6TH GRADERS. THEY MEET IN ROOM 310 UPSTAIRS IN THE CHILDREN'S BUILDING. USING CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SONGS, THE CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT HOW TO READ MUSIC TO HELP BUILD A FOUNDATIONAL LOVE FOR WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC. BOTH GROUPS OCCASIONALLY LEAD IN WORSHIP DURING ONE OF OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES.

WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM: MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY
THIS SCHOOL YEAR, OUR PK3-KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN WILL BE A PART OF TEAMKID. TEAMKID IS A FUN, HIGH-ENERGY MINISTRY THAT ENCOURAGES KIDS TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO GROW IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. THAT'S WHY TEAM KID ENDS WITH KID. KID STANDS FOR KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP! ALL PARTS OF TEAMKID - BIBLE STORIES, SCRIPTURE MEMORY, MISSION ACTIVITIES, LIFE APPLICATION, AND RECREATION GAMES - CONNECT TO TEACH LIFE LESSONS TO KIDS. TEAM KID: GOD'S AMAZING STORY WILL LEAD PRESCHOOLERS AND KIDS TO DISCOVER GOD'S STORY OF SALVATION IN JESUS, FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION. JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE HOW GOD WORKED IN THE LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE TO PROVIDE SALVATION THROUGH JESUS.

OUR 1ST-4TH GRADERS WILL BE A PART OF **BLAST**, WHICH STANDS FOR **B**IBLE LEARNING AND **S**PIRITUAL TRAINING, WRITTEN BY MY FRIEND DR. MAGGIE FREDERICKS OF FBC COVINGTON. THE **BIBLE LEARNING** PORTION OF BLAST IS TEACHING CHILDREN GOD'S WORD, WHILE THE **SPIRITUAL TRAINING** PORTION OF BLAST IS HELPING THEM TO APPLY WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS TO THEIR OWN LIFE'S CIRCUMSTANCES AND SITUATIONS - ALL WHILE USING A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY, MISSIONS, MINISTRY PROJECTS, AND MORE! THE GOALS FOR THE CHILDREN TO LEARN THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE, DIVISIONS OF THE BIBLE, BIBLE VERSES, KEY PASSAGES, PEOPLE AND PLACES OF THE BIBLE, LIFE APPLICATION, AND THE PLAN OF SALVATION. I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AS WE HAVE A BLAST!

OUR 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS ARE A PART OF **HIGHER CALLING** DURING OUR WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE. DURING THIS TIME, THEY TAKE A MORE MATURE LOOK ISSUES OUR JUNIOR HIGH KIDS ARE FACING AND HOW GOD WANTS US TO RESPOND. THE GOAL FOR THEM DURING THIS TIME IS TO HELP FURTHER DEVELOP A PRACTICAL BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW DURING THE WILD ROLLERCOASTER THAT IS MIDDLE SCHOOL LIFE - STUFF LIKE INFLUENCE, IDENTITY, CHANGE, CHOICES, BELONGING, AND WHY THEY SUDDENLY HATE EVERYTHING THEY LOVED LAST WEEK.

MIDWEEK MISSIONS EMPHASIS FOR SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER:

WASHINGTON PARISH FOOD BANK

USING THE WORLD'S CUTEST APPLE BANKS, CHILDREN WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO SAVE THEIR CHANGE TO BE THE CHANGE! THE CLASS THAT COLLECTS THE MOST MONEY FOR THE FOOD BANK WILL WIN A FUN NIGHT AND PIZZA PARTY IN JANUARY.

-Kelly McElveen

September Wee Worship Volunteers

7th: Kelly McElveen

14th: Kristi Crain

21st: Macie Goings

28th: Sharon Phillips

AGES 3-5
KINDERGARTEN

NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE A BLESSING IN OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY AT OUR LOCAL NURSING HOMES. THEY ARE ALL SO GRATEFUL. CHECK THIS MONTH'S SCHEDULE BELOW AND JOIN US.

GOOD SAMARITAN -
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 @ 3:00 PM
FAIR CITY REHAB -
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 @ 3:00 PM