



please join us for our
Hanging of the Greens Service
 Sunday, November 30th,
 during both morning Worship Services at FBC
Bring one ornament that represents your specific family



OPEN POSITION

- Full-Time Financial Secretary

SEND YOUR RESUME WITH REFERENCES TO
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 Or drop it off at the Church Office
 with attention to:
 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

By: Monday, November 3, 2025

CONTACT US
 985.839.3427

WE ARE HIRING!
 JOIN OUR TEAM
APPLY NOW



Operation Christmas Child Packing Party:
 Sunday, November 16th at 4 PM in the FLC

Drop off days & times:
 11.17, 11.18, 11.19- 9 am-12 pm,
 11.20- 3 pm-6 pm, 11.21- 9 am-12 pm,
 11.22-9 am-11 am, 11.23- 12 pm-2 pm,
 11.24- 8 am-11 am

Volunteers needed!
To Volunteer,
Contact Margie Parker

New Membership & Baptisms

- LUKE & HALEY FONDA
- TRACIE BULLOCK
- DAYTON MCNEESE
- RYDER ARD
- MAICEE BATEMAN
- LUKE BOURGEIOS
- ADDISON BROWN
- PARKER DECARLO
- PAYTON GALLOWAY
- MAKAYLA HOLLYWOOD
- EMMA HILL
- LOGAN KEHOE
- KHLOE MAUTHE
- OWEN MITCHELL
- RYLEE PICKERING
- ADDY SOILEAU
- SERENITY TERREBONNE
- ALANDRIA WARNER
- JAMES WESTMORELAND

Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Sunday, November 2nd at 7 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Jordy Thomassen

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

Events & Supper Schedule

MIDWEEK MENU:

5th: Fried Chicken
12th: Spaghetti & Meatballs
19th: Pulled Pork
26th: No Supper

The church office will be closed November 26th & 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday!

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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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The Bridge November 2025
 The Monthly Newsletter for FBC Franklinton

THE CHURCH *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." -Psalm 122:1*



The fair was truly a blessing for Suzanne and me this year. But with the end of the fair, my wife turns her attention to Christmas. I always make the joke that we celebrate Hallowthankmas each year because while the world is thinking about pumpkins and turkeys, we are thinking about the coming of Jesus.

This year, we will be celebrating something new at FBC. On Sunday, November 30th, we will celebrate the **Hanging of the Greens Service**. This will be the first Sunday of our Christmas season here in Franklinton. At the conclusion of the morning services, we are asking each family to join with us by putting an ornament on our Christmas trees. I am asking each family that regularly worships with us to choose a special Christmas ornament that represents your specific family. At the end of the service, you will be asked to come and place your special ornament on the Christmas trees in the sanctuary.

The Christmas tree is an evergreen reminding us of the ever-living Son of God, whom we worship. By placing your ornament on the tree, you are declaring your allegiance and unity with Christ and with this body of believers here at FBC. This will become a new tradition for us as a congregation, and I hope that you will enjoy it as much as we will.

Christmas is a very special time for me and my family, as I know it is for you. So please come and join your family with ours as we proclaim the joy of the Christmas season! With Grace and Peace,

Bro. Keith Sheridan

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Senior Adult Ministry

REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater.”
– II Thessalonians 1:3

During this Thanksgiving season, our hearts are filled with gratitude. We naturally turn our thanks to our Lord and God, who has richly blessed us with every spiritual blessing. We thank our Father for sending His Son to be our Savior. We bow in gratitude to our Lord Jesus for giving His life that we may have forgiveness of our sins and freedom from the guilt of that sin. We also offer thanks to our forefathers who sacrificed so much to provide us with this great land we live in and the freedoms we enjoy.

But today, Karen and I must offer our thanks also to the Father for our dear church family and friends who have helped us as we journey through one of the most difficult seasons of our lives. You have blessed us with the Lord's love and comfort in the loss of our son, Chris. Chris was an integral part of First Baptist, playing RA Basketball and participating in the church's activities. He must be so grateful for all the ways you, his early church family, have shown love to his family.

- Thanks to our Branson Trip Group – As we left for Branson, we left Karen behind, where she would love and care for Chris during his last days with us. But your love and prayers traveled across the miles as you prayed for Chris and for Karen every day. We thank you for that and for remembering my birthday. I had almost forgotten, but you didn't. As I boarded the bus that morning, you all broke out in a “Happy Birthday” song. Your constant concern was a blessing.

- Thanks to our church family for the meal that ministered to our family – On the difficult day of the funeral you all went above and beyond to love on our family through the wonderful meal at the church. Thanks to all who brought food and served in the love of Christ. We thank God for you and are so grateful for the many ways that God has wrapped His love around us through your love.
- Thanks to all the friends for caring – We have been blessed through your prayer, your presence, your calls, your texts, your food, your cards and your many other expressions of comfort and grace.

We join Paul in saying that “we ought always give thanks to God for you”. We love you and are grateful for your love shown to us.

ADULT 55+ FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Our SAM Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held Friday, November 14, at 10:30 am in the FBC Family Life Center. The menu will be our usual Thanksgiving feast with desserts, etc. as we thank God for His unspeakable blessings.

Mark your calendar for December 9 when we will celebrate at our Christmas Luncheon.

– Joey Miller

NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES
A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO BLESS THE RESIDENTS OF OUR NURSING HOMES BY YOUR PRESENCE AND YOUR WORSHIP. JOIN IN THE SINGING AND MINISTRY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND BE A BLESSING TO THESE FOLKS. THEY ARE ALWAYS SO THANKFUL FOR OUR COMING.

GOOD SAMARITAN – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 @ 3 PM
FAIR CITY REHAB – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 3 PM



FBC Student Ministry

BRO. DRAKE WESTMORELAND- NEXT GEN PASTOR

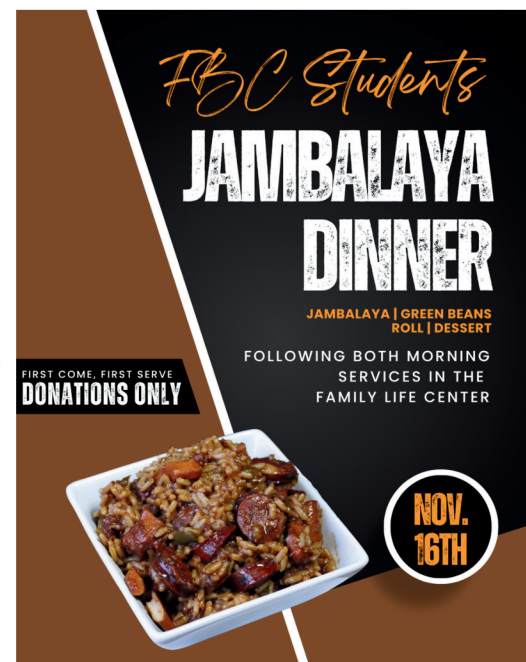
DISCIPLING A GENERATION THAT KNOWS CHRIST AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

God is Moving in FBC Students! God has been on the move in powerful ways throughout October in our FBC Student Ministry! This past month was filled with momentum, faith, and life-changing moments. We kicked off our first annual Faith on Fire event, and God far exceeded our expectations – nearly 450 students and leaders came together for a night of passionate worship, prayer, and revival. The Holy Spirit moved mightily as students responded to the gospel and lives were changed. Our student ministry internship is also thriving, and it's been amazing to see our interns grow in leadership and spiritual maturity as they help create environments where students encounter Christ.

Another major highlight was getting to lead the Sunday service at the Washington Parish Free Fair, in partnership with Jacob Tate III. Our students led with boldness and joy, and roughly 500 people joined together under the pavilion for a powerful time of worship and the Word. It was a beautiful picture of what can happen when the next generation steps up to lead for the glory of God. We are deeply grateful for our church family's continued prayers, support, and encouragement – you are making an eternal impact through your investment in these students.

As we look ahead to November, we're launching a new sermon series titled “The Shadow King: The Life of David.” This series will help students see how David's story points to Jesus and challenges us to live faithfully in every season.

We're also excited for a few special events – a Jambalaya Dinner Fundraiser after church on November 16th and a Girls Friendsgiving on November 25th. God is doing incredible things in FBC Students, and we can't wait to see how He continues to move in the months ahead!



– Drake Westmoreland



FBC Kids Ministry

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

Raising a generation that knows Christ AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

Here are some things to look forward to as we prepare to close out the calendar year (already!):

Now – December 31st: CentriKid Sign-Ups for 3rd – 6th Graders

Deposit is \$50. Remaining spots will be offered to current 2nd graders beginning January 1st, 2026. Camp dates are June 18-20, 2026 at Timber Creek Campground in Pulaski, MS. *Chaperones are still needed.*

Sundays, November 16th & 23rd: Behold the Savior Family Advent Bags Available

On the two Sundays prior to Advent, which begins *Sunday, November 30th*, our annual Family Advent bags will be ready to pick up. One bag per family is needed, regardless of the number of children in your home. Each bag contains a Family Advent Guide and many of the items needed to complete the activities. My prayer is that you use the devotional guide and supplies to prepare your hearts to treasure the good news of great joy this Christmas season!

Wednesday, November 26th: No Wednesday Night Activities

Sunday, November 30th: Hanging of the Greens; No Wee Worship; No Evening Worship

We are looking forward to this new church tradition. Each home will select one ornament that symbolizes their family and hang it on one of our trees during one of the morning services. I can't wait to share the ornament I have planned for our family! As this is a fifth Sunday, there is no Wee Worship during our 10:45 am service.

Sunday, December 14th, 10:45 am service: FBC Kids Joyful Noise & Half Notes

Our FBC Kids choirs will be leading the worship service as they share some Christmas songs with our congregation. Children will need to wear Christmas attire.

Sunday, December 14th, 5 pm – 7:30 pm: FBC Kids Movie in the Meadow

Weather permitting, we will have a Whoville Holiday Christmas Party in the Meadow (aka inside the fenced area) as well as a “drive-in” movie. Kids are encouraged to wear crazy hair and grinchy clothes, and a bring “car” to sit in – feel free to get creative! We'll have a meal, snacks, and a craft! Not sure how The Grinch has anything to do with the true story of Christmas? We'll be looking at the truth of what the real gift of Christmas is and the grace shown to us – just like the Who's of Whoville showed the Grinch! Worried about the weather? Plan B is to move the party inside to the Family Life Center. *Kids in grades 1-6 are welcome to attend without a chaperone, but preschoolers and kindergarteners will need a parent or guardian to attend.*

– Kelly McElveen

November Wee Worship:

2nd: Kelly McElveen
9th: Eva Westmoreland
16th: Brooke Barlow & London Kennedy
23rd: Johnna Creel
30th: Family Fifth Sunday- No Wee Worship

