perspective

My middle child, Rosie, asked me the other day, "When are va'll going to do that thing at church where you help people? I like that thing." She was referring to our annual church-wide service project, Love Lufkin. What was surprising isn't that she was talking about it, I'm sure she's heard me mention it at home as I've been preparing for it, but that she wanted to be part of it. Rosie has been in childcare every year we've done it and has never participated. Yet, this year she wants to be part of it not because of me, but because her older sister has talked to her about how fun it is and the projects she's done over the years. That's what it's all about I think!

I know I'm a little partial, but if you ask me about my favorite thing we do as a church body, I'd point to Love Lufkin. There are many great things our church does from the Christmas musical, youth retreats, the Easter egg hunt and others, but to me, nothing is a better picture of what the church should be and do than when we leave these walls, go into the community and serve those around us—not for praise, not for money, but because we love our community, because we love Lufkin.

If you are new to our church, and there are surely many of you, you might not know what Love Lufkin is. You've heard me or Pastor Mark talk about it, but you've never experienced it and it might not make much sense. Don't worry, let me quickly paint a picture of it for you. Love Lufkin is a day of service projects, where we will have Sunday School at our normal hour, but then have an abridged church service. It will be about a 20-minute service where we will take communion and then leave to go into our community and serve our missions and ministry partners in this great city. We do this like this for a few reasons. First, this is not a Sunday "off," but rather a reflection of what is important to our church. We are not moving past a church service, but rather we want you to understand that Love Lufkin IS the church service. It's also a way to grow in community with each other as we serve our community.

If you haven't been able to tell, Love Lufkin is my absolute favorite Sunday of the year. I love hearing the stories of church members making new friends, developing new relationships in our community, learning about the great partners our church has connections with, and of course, being the body of Christ as we strive to show his love in tangible ways around our community and our world.

If you've never been part of Love Lufkin, please commit to giving it a try. We will have a wide variety of projects from painting benches at local schools, power washing in our parks, packing care packages at the church, and many more in between. We have projects for any age and any physical ability. It is a great Sunday. You can sign up online on our website or by using the QR code in our Sunday bulletin, or by filling out a paper form at the welcome desk in the Great Hall.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday October 16th as we Love Lufkin together!

Walker McWilliams Minster of Missions









new members



Billy & Emily Kistler



Bill & Svlvia Ricks



Charles & Susan Newcomer



Matthew & Blaire Craven and Margaret



Dean Hamilton



education students are going to the pumpkin patch on Monday, October 17! Here are two ways you can serve these students:

Sponsor a child for \$5

Chaperone the field trip



memorials & honorariums

Memorial & Honorarium Gifts have been given to the following Funds & Ministries of FBC:

> **Building Fund** In Memory of: Tommie Lou Eldridge Sarah Williams Jewel Kirkland Joe Mack Welch Nell Hill Lillie Tullos

Organ Repair Fund

Sara Trammell

Mel Gibbs

In Memory of: Elouise Fluth Carole Lawson Joe Mack Welch Nell Hill Lillie Tullos Paul Wilkins Sara Trammell Mel Gibbs Peggy Cearley Alice Patke

Organ Repair Fund In Honor of: Patricia Jones

Suzanne Williams

Children's Ministry In Memory of: Sara Trammell

Operating Fund In Memory of: Joe Mack Welch

Preschool Ministry In Honor of: **Bob Sowell**

Preschool Ministry In Memory of: Joe Mack Welch Nell Hill Sara Trammell

FBC Missions Fund In Memory of: Tommie Lou Eldridge

Roy Dale Lewis

Deacons for the month of October

Bob Little: 936-465-6083 (c) Pat Nicholson: 936-635-8202 (c) Cary Sims: 936-634-6414 (c)



NEEWOLLAH

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 26 | 6:15-7:45 PM

YOUTH ROOM



Pastor Mark and Aurelia's Home

1308 Southwood Dr.

Sunday November 13 2-4 pm

MARK YOUR **CALENDARS**

11.16 Advent Kickoff, Budget Adoption

11.20 We Give Thanks

12.4 Celebrate! Christmas Musical



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Fall 2022 Dinner Menu

October 5 Pizza

October 12 Meatloaf

October 19 Tilapia

October 26 Pulled Pork Sandwiches

November 2 Firecracker Casserole

November 9 Grilled Hamburgers

> November 16 Chili

Sympathy to

Lindsey & Joe Frank Mott and family in the loss of her mother, Jane Robinson.

John & Martye Fluth in the loss of his mother, Elouise Fluth.

Bartha Aldredge and family in the loss of her sister-in-law, Tommie Lou Eldridge

Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed during the lunch hour (12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.) Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Financial Report Year to Date

 Budget Needs
 \$1,158,997.32

 Budget Receipts
 \$1,122,649.87

 Building Fund
 \$235,081.75

 Other Designations
 \$280,753.72

 Other Receipts
 \$90,598.08

Staff

Mark Newton, Senior Pastor Katie Baker,

Minister to Preschool & Children

John Lassitter,

Minister of Music

Walker McWilliams.

Associate Pastor/ Minister of Missions **Dan Venzin**,

Minister to Students and Graduates



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

- 9:30AM SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
- 10:30AM LOVE LUFKIN WORSHIP & CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
- 11:00AM LUNCH, PROJECTS, & SERVICE