

## perspective



**Ghost, Goblins & Jesus** – This Sunday, October 30, I trust you will be in worship as we end the month and I conclude the sermon series on “Name Calling”. I’ve enjoyed looking at the numerous times God called someone by name – twice – in scripture and the life change that followed. This Sunday, as well, we will see several of our children celebrate believers’ baptism. Baptism is such a beautiful worship experience for those professing their faith publicly, for their families and for the entire church family. Immediately following worship all are invited to join us under the pecan trees on the far side of the parking lot for Grilled Hot Dogs, great conversations, kids’ games, and a lot of candy! This is a church-wide event and I hope you will come out and see our kids and families as they run, laugh, eat, and play. We have invited our neighborhood families as well. What a tremendous opportunity to interact with our community neighbors even as we love on our young families and kids. Yes, kids can wear their costumes to Bible study and worship! Yes, kids will be hyped up and parents stressed out! Yes, you can love Halloween and Jesus! Please don’t preach to me about the evils of Halloween or force your kids to dress up like Bible characters. Bring some candy, enjoy a hot dog, stop taking life so seriously, and celebrate family!

**Fall Open House** – Aurelia and I would love for you to stop by our home on Sunday, November 13, between 2-4pm. We’ve been in our home since July and it’s time to invite all of you to come over and visit. Not once have I said, “Gee, I miss living on the 3rd Floor apartment where no one could find us.” Aurelia and I are so blessed to call Lufkin home, to serve as your pastor, and to daily get to do life and church with you. During this month of thanksgiving as we count our blessings, we are most thankful for you. You will never know, and we can’t adequately express, how very thankful indeed we both are for you. 1308 Southwood Drive. Sunday November 13. 2-4 pm. Come see us!

**We Give Thanks Worship, Lunch, and Communion** - The Sunday prior to Thanksgiving we will have a special day of worship and lunch. Worship will focus on giving thanks as we sing, share scripture, and pray. Following worship in the sanctuary we will move to the FLC for a prepared Thanksgiving Meal together as a church family. Immediately following worship, we will share communion around the meal tables. I hope you will commit to be a part of Bible Study, Thanksgiving Worship, Lunch, and communion around the meal tables on Sunday, November 20. Lunch and communion will not take long, and you will have the whole afternoon to get your nap, watch football, head out for Thanksgiving travel, or start Thanksgiving meal prep.

I love Fall and I love being your pastor,

*Pastor Mark*

### Deacons for the month of November

Buford Abeldt: 936-676-8187 (c)  
Jimmy Ford: 936-635-6696 (c)  
Mark Morris: 936-635-4998 (c)

**SUNDAY, OCT 30**  
**11:30AM - 1:30PM**

**HALLOWEEN  
BLOCK PARTY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> STREET PARKING LOT**

*Join us for lunch, candy, & fun with the  
neighborhood immediately following church!*

**FALL**  
*Open House*

Pastor Mark and Aurelia's Home  
1308 Southwood Dr.

*Sunday, November 13, 2-4 pm*

### 2023 PROPOSED CHURCH BUDGET

Available Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Welcome Center

Budget Adoption/Church Conference  
Wednesday, Nov. 16 // 6:15PM // FLC

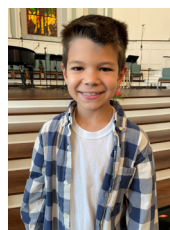
## new members



Suzanne  
Stubblefield



Nate & Cade  
Sanders



A.J.  
Beames



Lucy  
Langston

# ADVENT

*Christmas @ First*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 16**

Join us following church  
conference as we share our  
special church Advent dates and  
schedule as well as hand out the  
2022 Advent Guides.

**ADVENT BEGINS**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

*Christmas  
Poinsettias*

**MEMORIALS OR HONORARIUMS**  
**\$9 EACH**

Order forms in the  
welcome center  
or the church office.

**ORDER BY DECEMBER 4**

*Celebrate*  
*a Thrill of HOPE*

**Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m.**

FBC and New Beginnings Christmas Musical.  
Bring canned goods to donate to CISC.

## memorials & honorariums

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

### Building Fund In Memory of:

Barbara Brookshire  
Morris Childers  
John Turpin  
Tommie Lou Eldridge  
Elouise Fluth  
Jane Robinson  
Joe Mack Welch  
Nell Hill  
Lillie Tullos  
Sara Trammell  
Suzanne Williams  
Janette Cox

### Organ Repair Fund In Memory of:

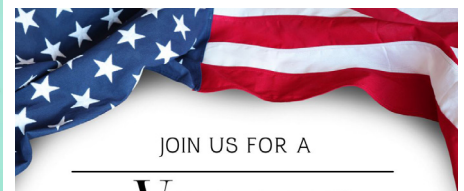
John Turpin  
Sylvia Modisett  
Carole Lawson  
Suzanne Williams  
Gwynn Sanders

### Preschool Ministry In Honor of:

Cooper Hebert

### Benevolence Fund In Memory of:

Barbara Brookshire



JOIN US FOR A

**VETERANS  
RECEPTION**

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★

**NOVEMBER 6**  
**9 A.M.**

COFFEE & DONUTS IN THE GREAT HALL



**FALL BACK**

**NOVEMBER 6**



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## Fall 2022 Dinner Menu

November 2  
Firecracker  
Casserole

November 9  
Grilled Hamburgers

November 16  
Chili

## Sympathy to

Linda McGaughey in the loss of her son, John Turpin.

Charlotte Huffstetler and family in the loss of her brother, Morris Childers.

Sheila & Robert Telford in the loss of her brother-in-law, Dr. Franklin Stein.

The family and friends of  
Barbara Brookshire.

## 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	\$1,277,868.84
Budget Receipts	\$1,261,743.95
Building Fund	\$246,928.89
Other Designations	\$299,031.72
Other Receipts	\$99,616.48

## 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



JOIN US FOR

# WE GIVE THANKS

## Sunday, November 20

### Thanksgiving Worship Service

followed by

### Church-wide Lunch & Communion around the table in the FLC.