

pastor's perspective



Happy New Year – I'm thrilled to have 2023 on its way with a full year ahead of us. The staff has been meeting and already it seems our calendars are full of incredible ministry and mission opportunities, not to mention weekly worship, Bible studies, and great times of fellowship. I encourage you to jump right

in and be a part of all your church has for you, your family, and others in our community. 2022 was a most amazing year at FBC with some great new and existing ministries happening as well as many new members and faithfulness on the part of all of you. Financially our church had the greatest year any remember and perhaps the best giving year in our history. We are blessed and may we strive to bless others in existing and new ways in 2023.

Wednesdays @ First – The spring semester of Wednesdays at First will be another exceptional opportunity for you and your family to grow spiritually and for all of us to grow as a family in unity through great fellowship. The intergenerational Wednesday family meals around the tables in the gym may be the highlight of the semester. I love the rich diversity of experiences offered on Wednesday evenings. From children learning books of the Bible and Bible truths to youth worshipping and hanging out in the youth room to adults sharing together around the table (a Max Lucado study on the Holy Spirit and My Life – God's Grace) to our sanctuary Choir preparing to lead us in worship... Wednesdays @ First are simply THE BEST! Commit this semester to join us. The full schedule is found elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

Special Events - There are several special opportunities and worship experiences upcoming. The Ladies Winter Retreat has been long in the planning, and I am so appreciative of all who have given hours of time to preparation and planning. I am anxious to hear all about the event and hope it will become a yearly FBC Lufkin tradition. The Winter Retreat for our children and youth will happen in a few weeks as well. Again, many hours of planning by Katie and Walker will result in a fabulous and fun weekend at camp Cho -Yeh. Pray not only for our kids to have a crazy fun time but a spiritual renewing, group bonding, and life challenging weekend. Ash Wednesday Worship will be a most reverent and reflective worship service on Wednesday, February 22. There will be no other Wednesday activities that evening, so we all can worship together.

Student Ministry - I so appreciate Walker taking on the added responsibility of serving our students during this time of interim and transition. Walker has such a heart for students and will love on our students and their families as we prayerfully seek our next student minister. Pray for our Personnel Committee and me as we search for the right one to join our church staff and minister to our incredible students. Also continue to pray for the Venzins' as Dan starts his ministry in Madison, Alabama. We will forever be grateful for Dan's 6 years of ministry with us.

Pastor Mark



Ash Wednesday

WORSHIP

February 22, 2023

6:00 p.m. // Sanctuary

- **No meal, no children or youth activities.**
- **All are invited to this special service.**

WEDNESDAYS @ FIRST

Feb 1 - Apr 26

4:45- 5:15 pm

Prayer & Scripture

5:30 - 6:15 pm

Dinner served

6:15 - 7:00 pm

Adult Sessions

He is Here! (Feb 1 - Mar 8)

My Life, God's Grace (Mar 22 - Apr 26)

6:15 - 7:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal

6:15 - 7:00 pm

First Kids Wednesday Nights

6:15 - 7:45 pm

First Students Wednesday Nights

7:30 pm

Praise Team Rehearsal

BIG & LIL CHILL

WINTER RETREATS

@ CAMP CHO-YEH

FEB 10-12 // \$125 PER CAMPER



YOUTH GRADES 7-12

REGISTER AT FBCLUFKIN.ORG/YOUTH



KIDS GRADES 3-6

REGISTER AT FBCLUFKIN.ORG/CHILDREN

S'mores & More

Sunday,
January 29
5 - 7 p.m.

Robert and
Jenny
Sanders'
House



Adult Sunday

Morning Bible Study

Spring 2023
The Final Days of Jesus

Coed Classes

Ages: 20-40's // Parlor

Ages: 30-50's // 2nd Floor Ed. Bldg.

Ages: 40-60's // 2nd Floor Ed. Bldg.

Ages: 50-80's // 1st Floor Ed. Bldg.

Women's Classes

Ramsey Class (50-60's)

1st Floor Ed. Bldg.

Geneva Class (Sr. Adult)

1st Floor Ed. Bldg.

Mary Martha Class (Sr. Adult)

1st Floor Ed. Bldg.

Men's Class

Senior Adult Men's Class

1st Floor Ed. Bldg.

Special Friends

Special Need Adults // Gameroom

2022 Finance Review

To GOD be the Glory!

You were so faithful in your stewardship and giving of tithes and offerings in 2022.

YTD Budget Receipts	\$1,747,076
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$1,507,874
Year End Surplus	\$239,202
Building Fund Receipts	\$381,453
Building Debt YE 2021:	\$2,052,210
Building Debt YE 2022:	\$1,458,452



memorials & honorariums

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

Building Fund

In Memory of:

Kimberly Magaldi
Paul Edwards
Bettie Scott
Truitt Miller
Suellen Hawthorne
Tony Brown
Lonnie Stone
Carolyn Werner
Doris Jones
James Jones
Laura Jo Welch
Chris Browning
Lexie Hall

Building Fund

In Honor of:

Catherine Roberts
Patricia Jones

Lottie Moon Offering for

World Missions

In Memory of:

Lexie Hall

Organ Repair Fund

In Memory of:

Bill McCall
Bettie Scott
Suellen Hawthorne
Chris Browning

Preschool Ministry

In Honor of:

Bob Sowell

Operating Fund

In Memory of:

Bill Woodward

Deacons for the month of February:

Curt Fenley
936-675-2556 (cell)
Robby Hefner
936-676-4095 (cell)
Pat Oates:
936-229-1182 (cell)

new members



Thomas & Mary Duncan

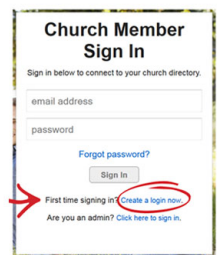
Mark & Joyce Sperry
(Not Pictured)

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**Did you know we have a
CHURCH DIRECTORY ONLINE?**

You may access it by
visiting this website:

members.instantchurchdirectory.com



You will be prompted to create a login and password using your email address that you have provided the church, contact the church to update your email address if necessary

You may also download
the app to your smart phone:

1. Go to your device's App store.
2. Search for "instant church directory."
3. Enter your email address that you have provided the church.
4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.



Sympathy to

The family of
Suellen Hawthorne.

The family of Bettie Scott.

Jessica and Dustin Hill and
family in the loss of her
grandfather,
Kenneth Runnels.

Connie and Ron Hopson
and family in the loss of her
sister, Kimberly Magaldi.

Barbara and Shirley and
Johnny Jackson in the loss of
Joe Davis Sr., husband and
brother-in-law.

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	\$123,155.00
Budget Receipts	\$127,993.40
Building Fund	\$13,582.00
Other Designations	\$11,255.00
Other Receipts	\$7,851.22

Staff

Mark Newton, Senior Pastor
Katie Baker,
Minister to Preschool & Children
John Lassitter,
Minister of Music
Walker McWilliams,
Associate Pastor/ Minister of Missions

WEDNESDAYS @ FIRST

FEB 1 - MAR 8

Session 1: He is Here!

*Finding fresh strength & purpose in the
power of the Holy Spirit.*

MAR 22 - APR 26

Session 2: My Life, God's Grace