

## pastor's perspective



**It Ain't Braggin' If It's True!** - I'm not sure if Will Rogers, Dizzy Dean, Yogi Berra, or Bear Bryant coined the phrase, but let me "share some truth" ...yes brag a bit on you! As of July 31, you have provided significant gifts through your faithful tithes and offerings to your church which is making a HUGE difference in Lufkin and beyond. Look at just a few examples:

- After only seven months, over \$8,000 has been given to the CISC and East Texas Food Banks to feed hungry families.
- Did you realize you have given \$15,000 to women enrolled in the Mosaic Center, men participating in Christian Men's Job Corps, and moms and kids living at Buckner Family Pathways?
- There's more...\$2,500 has been sent to the Pregnancy Help Center and another \$2,500 to the Family Crisis Center.
- I ain't braggin', but over \$25,000 has been sent to our partners outside of Lufkin through the ministries of Texas Baptists and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.
- Mission dollars have been sent to Truett Seminary at Baylor to assist students in theological education.
- In church ministries we have spent \$23,000 on our children and youth.

Church Family...It's not braggin' if it's true...and the truth is God is using your tithes and offerings to make a difference in lives all around us. We don't pause often enough to see where our budget dollar goes and the ministry that is accomplished when we all participate. Not sure if it's Braggin' or Truth... but it's all to the glory of God!

**Back to School and Back to Church** - Back to school days always remind me I have missed seeing some of you lately. Summer vacations are great and important for all of us but so is gathering for Bible Study, Worship, and Fellowship. Here is a great new opportunity. **Our Fall Wednesdays @ First will kick off Wednesday August 23.** Why don't you commit to be here? Our children and youth have full and amazing Wednesday activities planned. We will offer three classes for adults as well, but the most important element is the fellowship which occurs around the meal table. The Wednesday meals are delicious thanks to Julie and her crew, but the laughter, stories, and noise are priceless! You won't be there unless you commit NOW to show up. Join us for Wednesdays @ First, and while you are renewing commitments, circle back to Sunday morning Bible Study and Worship as well!

Proud to be your braggin' Pastor,

*Pastor Mark*

## FBC Lufkin 140th Anniversary

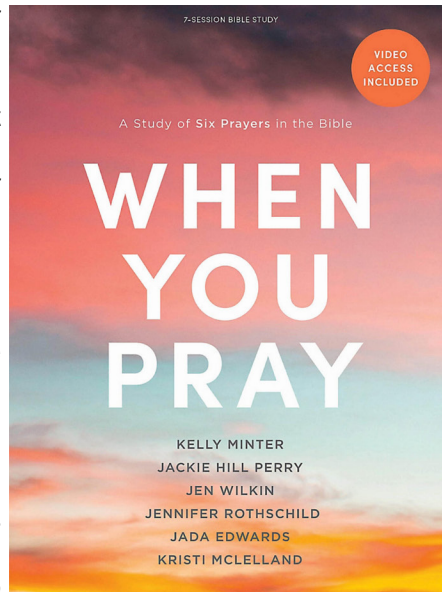
### Sunday, Sept 24

Bible Study // 9:30 AM

Special Anniversary Worship // 10:30 AM

Free Catered Lunch // 11:45 AM  
(RSVP required)

Organ Rededication Concert // 1:00 PM



## Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Begins Sept. 27  
9:30 am // Parlor  
7 Week Study  
\$20 per book

(childcare available)

## GUYS NIGHT OUT STEAK NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 28 // 6PM  
MOORE FARM

All ages. \$10.00 per person. Tickets available starting Sept 3rd at the welcome desk or in the church office.

## Wednesdays

### @ First

### ADULT CLASSES

SESSION 1: AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 27

- FBC 101 (Your Pastor, Your Church, Baptists & You)  
Leader: Pastor Mark
- Does the Bible Really Say That?  
Leader: Walker McWilliams

SESSION 2: OCTOBER 11 - NOVEMBER 13

- Forgiveness: Who, What, Where, When, How and Why  
- Leaders: Pastor Mark & Walker McWilliams

#### SPECIAL DATES

Bingo Night: October 4  
Advent Kick Off: November 29

#### SCHEDULE

4:45 - 5:15 PM	Prayer and Scripture
5:30 - 6:15 PM	Dinner Served
6:15 - 7:00 PM	Adult Class
	First Kids Wednesdays (K-6th)
6:15 - 7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	First Students Wednesdays (7-12th)
7:30PM	Praise Team Rehearsal

## SAVE THE DATE

Sept 17 Celebrate Choir Kick-Off  
Choir Room // 4 pm

Nov 5 Love Lufkin

Dec 10 Celebrate! 10 Year Anniversary Concert

## memorials

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

#### Building Fund In Memory of:

Olene King  
Bill Swearingen  
Donald (Bo) May  
Joe Murray  
Wanda Richmond  
Richard Rainwater  
Emily Kistler  
Rita Breckenridge  
Jerry Telford  
Suellen Hawthorne  
Stephen Breckenridge

#### Organ Repair Fund In Memory of:

Joe Murray  
Rob Robertson  
Wanda Richmond  
Wesley Belschner  
Judy McLemore  
Richard Rainwater  
Leon Morris  
Edwin Aldredge

#### Landscaping Fund In Memory of:

Joe Murray

#### Operating Fund In Memory of:

Joe Murray

#### Preschool Ministry In Memory of:

Joe Murray

#### Benevolence Fund In Memory of:

Joe Murray

#### Women's Ministry In Memory of:

Martha Jo Currie

#### Deacons for the month of August

Kurt England  
936-404-7371 (cell)

Steve Hogue  
936-465-8598 (cell)

Ernest King  
936-366-7603 (cell)



### Sympathy to

Sarah Murray, Erin and Jessie Bonner, Missy and Judson Coward and families, and Ernie and Tracy Murray and family in the loss of Joe Murray, husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

Debbie and Kerry Hill and family in the loss of her brother, Curtis Phelps.

Ronnie and Mary King and Kyle King in the loss of Olene King, mother and grandmother.

Charlotte Villasana and family in the loss of her father, Clyde Usrey.

Emily and Art Jordan and family in the loss of her mother, Korroll Morpew.

### new members



Doug and Mango Durham  
with their son Micah



Larry & Mabel Hill



Truett & Grace Newton

#### Church Office Hours

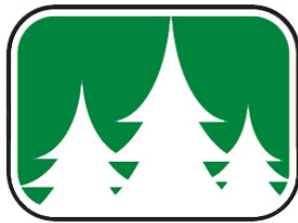
M - Th: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Closed during the lunch hour  
(12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### Financial Report Year to Date

Budget Needs	\$1,016,028.75
Budget Receipts	\$1,061,930.99
Building Fund	\$135,547.00
Other Designations	\$88,177.27
Other Receipts	\$88,559.73

#### Staff

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



# Wednesdays

# @ First

# FALL KICKOFF

## August 23

JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR A MEAL  
AND CONVERSATION!

**\*DETAILS INSIDE\***