

## perspective



School and life are back in full swing. After a relaxing new year and a cold and wet January, things have begun to pick up as we quickly approach Spring! Our church has also continued to stay busy and will truthfully only get busier. Wednesday nights are back in action, from Prayer and Scripture, fellowship around the tables as we eat dinner, to Yoga, Bible Study with Walker, Youth / Kids, and Choir, FBC

Lufkin is the place to be on Wednesday nights!

We most recently had one of the best weekends of the year – our Big and Little Chill Winter Retreat. This is truly a marvelous weekend for our youth and kids. A time to pause, to not think about school, and sports, or other stresses and troubles that they have in their lives, but rather to focus and reconnect with God. Don't just take my word for it, hear what Grace Hamel a leader in our Youth Group says: "At camp I learned many things about myself, and how to truly live life centered around Christ. I learned that it is extremely important to understand the meaning of faith and what that means for me in my life. Am I living Christ like? Am I being the disciple that God has called all his children to be? Big Chill is always a great weekend to come to the realization of how you are living your life and what you need to do daily to be a follower of Christ. Camp not only helped me realize how I need to be living my life, but what I need to do to change my lifestyle to be more a faithful Christian. I learned what I needed to do more for my faith as an individual, but also with others, and some things that may not need to be in my life that are keeping me away from a stronger relationship with Christ. Above all, Big Chill weekend was an amazing time to connect with our youth group and conclude on how, as a youth group, we can help each other grow further in Christ and keep each other accountable. With all this said, the biggest lesson I look from camp is that we are "Better Together"." It is truly such a blessing that this church provides such an amazing opportunity for our kids and high schoolers to focus on their faith and relationships with each other. So, thank you, church family, for loving our Children's and Youth ministries so well.

As we press on into this spring semester, our Lenten journey has begun. Lent is nothing new here at FBC. It is a powerful and meaningful time of reflection, repentance, and renewal - a time where we can draw closer and focus on God, just as he draws closer to us. I pray that during this Lenten season, here at FBC, we will draw near to God. We will take the time to reflect, repent, and feel renewed even through the chaos of our lives.

*Justett Meunier*

### Deacons for the month of March

Caleb Beames: 936-404-4802 (cell)  
Matt Lowe: 936-366-0295 (cell)  
Pat Oates: 936-229-1182 (cell)

# VALLEY HOME BUILD 2024

**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND DURING SPRING BREAK PLEASE SIGN UP AT**

[fbclufkin.org/valley](https://fbclufkin.org/valley)

**BUILD IN THE VALLEY**

Spring Break 2024  
March 9-16  
Penitas, Tx

# Holy Week

## SCHEDULE 2024

Sunday, March 24	PALM SUNDAY
Thursday, March 28	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Saturday, March 30	EASTER EGG HUNT, FLOWERING OF THE CROSS
Sunday, March 31	EASTER

more info at [fbclufkin.org](https://fbclufkin.org)

# Kids Kamp 2024 REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1

**K-5th (completed)**

**JUNE 24 - 27**

**\$100 per camper // \$225 max per family**

[www.fbclufkin.org/children](https://www.fbclufkin.org/children)

## STAFF Spotlight

Title: Financial Officer

Early Life: I was born in Hereford, TX. We moved to Lufkin from Gainesville, TX, when I was 8 years old. I graduated from Baylor University.

Family: Robby Hefner, Natalie, Trey and Aaron Jansing

Favorite Vacation Spot: Walt Disney World

Favorite Movie: The Sound of Music

Interesting Fact: My father was the Minister of Music at FBC. Robby and I met here in the music program in 1975, began dating in 1976 and were married in 1980. In our wedding, I walked down the aisle to the 'Processional' from the wedding in The Sound of Music but without the snippets of 'How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria.'

**LAURIE HEFNER**

Once a month, the GRACE Women's Ministry organizes a gathering for the women and children at Buckner. February's event was a 'touch a truck' for the kids and a basic car maintenance session for the moms. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please email [gracefbclufkin@gmail.com](mailto:gracefbclufkin@gmail.com)

## SPRING Forward

MARCH 10, 2024

## memorials

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

**Building Fund  
In Memory of:**  
Randy Ware  
Ernest Hudgens  
Lyn Elledge  
Robbie Parkman  
Michelle Hughey  
Barbara Parker  
Grover Parrott  
Chris Sanders

**Organ Repair Fund  
In Memory of:**  
Lyn Elledge

**FBC Missions Fund  
In Memory of:**  
Randy Ware  
J.L. Beaird  
Angela Aldredge

**Landscaping Fund  
In Memory of:**  
Ernest Hudgens

**Music Ministry  
In Memory of:**  
Richard Rainwater

**Music Ministry-Handbells  
In Memory of:**  
Ernest Hudgens

**No Wednesday meals or classes:**

**March 13  
(Spring Break)**

**March 20**

**March 27  
(Holy Week)**

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Wednesday Night  
Meals

February 28

Nacho Bar

March 6

Brookshire Bros. Fried Chicken

April 3

Grilled Hamburgers

April 10

Firecracker Casserole

April 17

Pizza

April 24

Pot Roast

May 1

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

May 8

Stuffed Baked Potatoes

Sympathy to

Ginna Hudgens and family in  
the loss of her husband, Ernest  
Hudgens.

The family of Randy Ware.

Beth and Josh Squyres and  
family in the loss of her father,  
Donald Harshman.

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	\$99,590.49
Budget Receipts	\$85,428.58
Building Fund	\$8,133.00
Other Designations	\$5,926.00
Other Receipts	\$8,661.00

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

A Lenten Sermon Series

WILDERNESS

Lent 2024

February 18 - March 24