

perspective



Happy New Year!

I have always loved the month of January, because it seems to be filled with so much hope and excitement. It is a month of fresh starts and do-overs. It's where most people tend to have a break to re-focus and rest before the craziness of life seems to really be in full swing. Traditionally, it is a time where we make new commitments and goals we want to achieve in the new year. When I was younger, I always had outlandish goals for the coming year like wanting to read 75 books in a year, running a 100-mile race, learning Spanish, and many other lofty goals. But as I've gotten older, my aim has become simple and more focused. I want to be a more present and patient parent, I want to save more for my kid's college, and I want to dress like Jesus. The Apostle Paul writes one of the most striking passages in scripture when he writes to the church at Colossae and tells that congregation what clothes they should wear.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.
Colossians 3:12-15

I don't know if Paul was writing this to the church when its members were making resolutions and commitments, probably not, but it still seems fitting to look at during the beginning of a new year. It should be our goal, our resolution, that we too would put on Christ-like garments each morning when we wake up and that we would wear compassion, joy, peace, patience, forgiveness, and love like a fresh pair of socks and in so doing, bring hope and grace to a hurting world. It won't always be easy, no meaningful goal ever is, but it will be worth the work.

I pray that 2024 is a great year for you and your family, and I hope that FBC Lufkin is a place where you can be equipped, challenged, and loved to be who God created you to be and dress like Him! Here's to the new year and new opportunities!

Walter H. Williams

Deacons for the month of February

Max Alvis: 936-366-7976 (cell)
Jimmy Ford: 936-635-6696 (cell)
Bob Little: 936-465-6083 (cell)



Ash Wednesday WORSHIP

**February 14, 2024
6:00 p.m. // Sanctuary**

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



FBC GRACE Women's Ministry invites you
Saturday, Feb 3 // 9 am-1 pm

to our
Women's Retreat
with
Erin Cuccio

Tickets are \$10.
Please visit fbclufkin.org/womensretreat
or the Welcome Desk after church on
Sundays to register and pay.

BIG & LIL CHILL WINTER RETREATS

@ CAMP CHO-YEH
FEB 9-11 // \$125 PER CAMPER



YOUTH GRADES 7-12
REGISTER AT [FBCLUFKIN.ORG/YOUTH](https://fbclufkin.org/youth)



KIDS GRADES 3-6
GIRLS FULL. BOYS CONTACT KATIE TO REGISTER

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST SPRING 2024

4:45 - 5:15 PM
Prayer & Scripture

5:30 - 6:05 PM
Dinner Served

6:15 - 7:00 PM
Adult Class
First Kids Wednesdays (K-6th)

6:15 - 7:30 PM
First Students Wednesdays (7th-12th)

6:15 PM
Choir Rehearsal
Praise Team Rehearsal
(immediately following choir)

2023 Finance Review

To GOD be the Glory!
You were so faithful in your
stewardship and giving of tithes
and offerings in 2023.

2023 Budget Receipts
\$1,982,096
2023 Budget Expenditures
\$1,599,638
Year End Surplus
\$382,458
2023 Building Fund Receipts
\$303,873
Building Debt YE 2022
\$1,458,452
Building Debt YE 2023
\$1,166,640

memorials & honorariums

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

**Building Fund
In Memory of:**
Pat Ryman Edwards
Robbie Parkman
Michelle Hughey
Barbara Parker
Grover Parrott
Roy Cates
Chris Sanders
Joe Murray
Emily Kistler
Lexie Hall

**Building Fund
In Honor of:**
Mark & Aurelia Newton
Bob Sowell

**FBC Missions Fund
In Memory of:**
J.L. Beaird

**Landscaping Fund
In Memory of:**
J.L. Beaird

**Men's Ministry
In Memory of:**
J.L. Beaird
Boe Freeman
Barbara Parker
Danny Vines
Roy Cates
Billie Thompson
Chris Sanders
Joe Murray
Wanda Richmond
Richard Rainwater
Emily Kistler
Rita Breckenridge
Ronnie Pat Durham
B.B. Stanfield
Beth Allgood
Joe Davis, Sr.
Bettie Scott
Suellen Hawthorne
Joe Mack Welch

**Deacons' Ministry
In Memory of:**
Neil Hill
Peggy Cearley
Sara Jo Trammell
Bob Garrett
Gwynn Sanders
Mary Martha Henderson
Sheila Parker
Brax Haney

VALLEY HOME BUILD 2024

IN-TOWN WORK DAYS

Saturdays at 8:30am
January 27 - March 2
in the church parking lot
Family day: Feb 24
Youth day: Mar 2

BUILD IN THE VALLEY

Spring Break 2024
March 9-16
Penitas, Tx

more info at fbclufkin.org/valley



*The Lord's
Supper*

Sunday, February 11

(936) 634-3386 / www.fbclufkin.org

new members



Ryan and Emily Granthom

Doris Gage
(Not Pictured)

Sympathy to

Barbara Mathis Davis in the
loss of her brother-in-law,
Mike Mathis.

Mary Jane Cessna and
Martha and Ernie Iverson in
the loss of their sister,
Lyn Elledge.

Michelle and Dale Green
in the loss of her mother,
Barbara Harlow Carroll.

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

WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS

SESSION 1: JAN 24 - MAR 6

LADIES YOGA

FOOD, MONEY AND GOD: SPIRITUAL
PRACTICES IN OUR DAILY LIFE

SESSION 2: APR 3 - MAY 8

MY LIFE, GOD'S GRACE