

pastor's perspective



Sabbatical - I am thrilled to be back in the office and especially in the pulpit! I feel refreshed, renewed, and revived after the sabbatical. Aurelia and I enjoyed some special weeks out of town as well as days accomplishing things which were on our agenda. Having experienced a sabbatical for the first time in my 40-year ministry was a huge gift of grace and love from you. A special word of thanks to Walker and Truett who filled the pulpit in my absence. All the staff gave of their time and took on extra responsibilities, and I am overwhelmed, humbled and grateful for the tremendous blessing of sabbatical. I'm enjoying sharing on Sunday mornings the Sabbatical Epiphanies Sermon Series. Thanks again for this tremendous gift.

March Memories – The month of March was such an incredible month of missions and worship. The Valley Build Mission Trip was a huge success and life changing not only for the family who received the home, but also for all those who worked prior to and the week of actual construction. The pictures of the week revealed an intergenerational church-wide experience of sharing the love of God in such a tangible manner to a grateful and appreciative family. If you were unable to make a special offering to support the build, please know it's not too late. You may contact Laurie, and she will inform you how best to give to this missional cause. The mission trip ran right up to Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The worship services of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter were amazing indeed! Words are inadequate to express how moving and meaningful these worship experiences were to all of us. A special thanks to John, our sanctuary choir, soloists, and all musicians. A WOW worship indeed!

My Life...God's Grace – Wednesdays have been extra meaningful as individuals and couples have shared their stories of God's grace impacting their lives. These moments are hard to explain if you have never been part of these worshipful evenings. The testimonies are available online and may be accessed from the website. It's not too late however, to be a part of the final two sessions of My Life...God's Grace at 6:15 in the FLC.

Mom, Grads, and Picnics – May will be a busy month and a great month to celebrate special times with families and friends and in worship. Don't let all these special days keep you from being with your church family. The details of the events happening this month as well as other key dates are found in this newsletter.

Grandparents – Aurelia and I are going to be grandparents for the first time! Our daughter Adolynn and husband Zach are expecting and due in July. The name remains hidden from all until SHE makes HER appearance in Waco, but oh my we sure are excited! Some in the office say I have acted like a grandpa forever, so I won't have a lot to learn. Yes, my fellow ministers in the office loved my sabbatical as much as I did, and they have become a little out of control. We are working to get things back in line!!

Proud to be your pastor and so glad to be back,

Pastor Mark



new members



Evan McElroy



Karla Keese



Jenny Phelps

SENIOR SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

Join us as we celebrate our graduating seniors in morning worship!



May Meetings

Finance Committee Meeting // May 6 // 5:00 PM // Kids Zone

Trustees Meeting // May 6 // 5:30 PM // Kids Zone

Church Conference Meeting // May 8 // 6:00 PM // FLC

Deacons' Meeting // May 19 // 8:30 AM // Parlor



Title: Facilities Manager

Early Life: I was born in Lamesa, TX. My dad worked in the oilfield business so we moved a lot. I've lived in 3 states, 12 towns, and gone to 9 schools. I call Pecos my hometown, because I lived there 5 times and went to HS there. We went to church in every town we lived in, and I was baptized in Columbus, TX, in 1972. In 1980, I moved to Lufkin and met Kathy. We were married in 1981 and have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Favorite Vacation Spot: Mountains or anywhere I can see for miles on end.

Favorites: Book - To Kill a Mockingbird; Movie - Shane

Interesting Fact: I like trivia, especially movie trivia. Once I won \$1000 on a radio trivia contest. "If it is trivial I may know it."

DAVID ORMSBY

memorials & honorariums

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

Building Fund In Memory of:
Lori Lopez
Shirley Ware
A.D. Courtney
Gordon Jones, Sr.
Joe Taylor
Billie Reynolds
Richard Shelley
Janelle Glass
Randy Ware
Ernest Hudgens
Boe Freeman
Danny Vines
Brax Haney

Building Fund In Honor of:
John and Ann Wood

Landscape Fund In Memory of:
Richard Rainwater

Landscape Fund In Honor of:
Harry Stafford

Organ Repair Fund In Memory of:
Shirley Ware
Richard Shelley

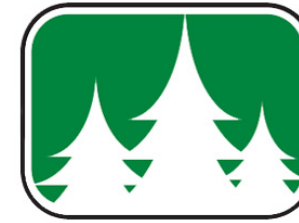
Wednesday Activities will conclude on May 8 and will resume in August.

Deacons for the month of May

Jerry Merriman:
936-414-7195 (cell)

Elizabeth Perkins:
936-465-3773 (cell)

Cary Sims:
936-465-2104 (cell)



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Sympathy to

The family of Janelle Glass.

Jeff and Dessa Glass and family in the loss of his father, Richard Glass.

Byron and Beth Jones in the loss of his father, Dr. Gordon Jones.

Catherine and Sid Roberts in the loss of her father, Richard Shelley.

The family of Shirley Ware.

Kent and Karen Walker in the loss of his sister, Lori Walker Lopez.

Robert and Mary Jo Taylor and family in the loss of his brother, Joe Taylor.

Alesa Baker and the whole Baker family in the loss of her husband, Kenny.

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	\$497,952.45
Budget Receipts	\$495,472.24
Building Fund	\$43,413.35
Other Designations	\$33,019.43
Other Receipts	\$62,047.97

Staff

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

CHURCH PICNIC

MAY 19 // 4-6 p.m.

GRACE DUNNE RICHARDSON PARK
Hamburgers will be served at 5p.m.
Bring chairs and any games you might want to play!