

pastor's perspective



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

- Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

Can you believe that March is just around the corner? It feels like we were just celebrating the New Year, and now we see trees budding and flowers beginning to bloom—time is moving so quickly! The arrival of spring brings a renewed sense of hope, growth, and transformation, not only in the world around us but within our own hearts as well.

March also marks a significant moment in our spiritual journey as we enter the Lenten season. This sacred time of reflection, repentance, and deepening our relationship with Christ prepares us for the joy of Easter. Our theme this year, Hunger + Thirst, centers on seeking God as our true source of fulfillment amidst the chaos of life. Walking through Lent together has always been deeply meaningful, as it is a season of intentional pursuit—seeking God wholeheartedly and making His presence known in our lives and communities. I encourage you to commit to drawing closer to Him in this season.

As a church, we are offering several opportunities to support your spiritual journey during Lent. It all begins with our Ash Wednesday Service, where we will reflect on what it means to hunger and thirst for God and have the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes. Additionally, our Lenten display in the Great Hall will explore different themes of the season, providing space for reflection and renewal. We are also introducing a new Lenten Devotional Guide, designed to encourage, challenge, and strengthen your relationship with both God and one another over the course of 40 days.

My sincere prayer is that this season will lead you to a deeper understanding of what it means to hunger and thirst for God—the only one who can truly satisfy. I look forward to worshipping, growing, and serving alongside you in the coming weeks.

Walter of Williams

Deacons for the month of March

Kolby Buckner: 903-646-4462 (cell)
Elizabeth Perkins: 936-465-3773 (cell)
Cary Sims: 936-465-2104 (cell)



Ash Wednesday WORSHIP

**Wednesday
March 5, 2025
6:00 p.m. // Sanctuary**

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

LIVE IT OUT
DISCOVER HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

First Kids Kamp 2025
June 23-26
K-5th (completed)
Registration begins March 1
\$100 per camper/\$225 family max
www.fbclufkin.org/children

Oh baby!

Ladies, please join us for a
BABY SHOWER celebrating
Grace and Truett Newton
Saturday, March 8
Great Hall from 10am-Noon
Come and Go

<https://my.babylist.com/grace-newton>

COME HEAR THE
**SFA
A CAPPELLA CHOIR**

AN AMERICAN ANTHOLOGY:
AMERICA'S CHORAL TRADITION

DR. MICHAEL MURPHY,
DIRECTOR

FANGZHOU FENG,
PIANIST

TATE ASHBY,
ORGANIST

SUNDAY, MARCH 2
6:30 PM
LFBC SANCTUARY

weecare
MOTHER'S DAY OUT

TEACHERS NEEDED
Begins in August (Tues/Thurs 8:30-2:30)

POSITIONS OPEN:
**TEACHER
MUSIC TEACHER**

Contact kelsey@fbclufkin.org for more info.

memorials & honorariums

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

Building Fund In Memory of:

Larry Ross
Jimmy Lawrence
Georgia Watson
Cheryl Lindell
Bret Nicholson
Kathleen Shelton
Linda Buckingham
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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

Cookie Ross in the loss of her husband, Larry.

The family of Elizabeth Biles.

The family of Norma Braden.

Marty and Lacey Cummings in the loss of his father, Mike Cummings.

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	\$243,069.05
Budget Receipts	\$231,081.19
Building Fund	\$21,595.00
Other Designations	\$11,340.00
Other Receipts	\$19,732.43

Staff

Walker McWilliams,
Interim Pastor/ Minister of Missions

Katie Baker,
Minister to Preschool & Children

Truett Newton,
Minister to Students

HUNGER + THIRST

A Lenten Sermon Series

March 9 - April 13

