

pastor's perspective



Can you believe it is already April?! The sun is shining, temperatures are starting to rise, and everything is covered in thick yellow pollen – Spring is here! Not only do I love spring for the changing of the weather, but also because it means Easter is almost here. Some of the most special and important times in the life of our church are the events of Holy Week and the worship on Easter Sunday. I wanted to quickly remind you of all the opportunities you have available to worship and celebrate the Risen Christ with us.

Palm Sunday – This Sunday is a preview of the celebration to come on Easter Sunday. We will have a full orchestra, the children will process with the palm branches, and our hearts will be full of anticipation and joy.

Maundy Thursday – One of my favorite times of Holy Week is when we gather in the FLC around tables and share a meal as a church family. This is where we turn our hearts to remember the agony and pain of the crucifixion and the sacrifice of Christ. We will have a reverent and holy worship that includes meaningful hymns, communion, and the draping of the cross. This will be a deeply reflective and moving service that you won't want to miss.

Flowering of the Cross and Egg Hunt – If you've been in the sanctuary since Ash Wednesday, you've seen the large and imposing cross on the stage. It has been draped in purple, the color of Lent, and it will be draped in black during the Maundy Thursday service. On Saturday, however, the cross will be totally transformed with beautiful fresh flowers that will help us proclaim Jesus is alive on Easter morning! Please bring fresh flowers to the grassy area on our East parking lot near the parlor. We will start at 4:00PM sharp and once we let the kids go it will move FAST, so don't be late or you might miss the cross transformation! After the flowering of the cross, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt. It is such a fun sight to watch the kids hunt and enjoy their candy. You won't want to miss either of these events on this special day!

Easter Sunday Worship – This is the cornerstone of our faith, and we will celebrate the Risen Lord! There will be no Sunday Morning Bible Study to allow families to gather as one and celebrate together! Plan to get to worship early as the sanctuary will be full of friends, families, and church members. Our worship will be the best it is all year as the orchestra and choir will lead out in joyful praise. Bring your neighbors and invite your friends, as you won't want to miss this amazing morning of worship and celebration! He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

Thank you, church family, for embracing our Hunger + Thirst theme this 2025 Lenten season. I hope your hearts have been challenged and prepared to celebrate with us on Easter Sunday and at all the Holy Week events!

Walter of William

PALM SUNDAY

April 13
10:30 AM

Dynamic worship with children's processional of the palms.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17
6:00 PM - FLC

Join us as we share a family meal together around the table, remember the events of Maundy Thursday and drape the cross in black. Communion will be celebrated.

-HOLY WEEK 2025-

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

April 19
4:00 PM - Parking Lot Grass Area

All church members are encouraged and needed to provide fresh flowers to decorate the large wooden cross. Adults come and participate or simply watch as the old, rugged cross is transformed into a living symbol. Children will have an exciting time decorating the cross and participating in an Easter egg hunt.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20
10:30 AM

Bring your family and invite your friends to a glorious worship celebration.

****No Sunday Morning Bible Study**

memorials & honorariums

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

Building Fund In Memory of:

Liz Wilkins
Elven McAdams
Sue Sessions
Norma Braden
Larry Ross
Eunice Letney

Building Fund In Honor of:

Mark & Aurelia Newton

Organ Repair Fund In Memory of:

Elizabeth Biles
Gretchen Woolf

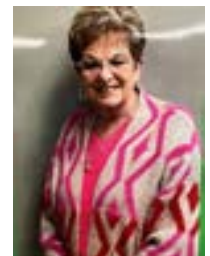
Preschool Ministry In Honor of:

Bob Sowell

new members



Nancy Sloan



Louise Abney

Deacons for the month of April

Kurt England: 936-404-7371
Steve Hogue: 936-465-8598
Ernest King: 936-366-7603
Kris McCall: 936-676-0753

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

March 30 - April 13

Church Members may submit their nominations (up to 6 names) for the Pastor Search Committee in two ways:

- Paper ballots will be available at the welcome desk and can be turned in to the box or a committee member.
- Electronic submissions can be emailed to LufkinFBCPastorSearch@gmail.com



Preteen
CAMP TEJAS 2025
JULY 18-21 // Giddings, TX
3-6th Grade (completed)
\$150 per camper
Registration starts April 1



2025
YOUTH CAMP
JUNE 9 - 13
Cedar Hill, TX
7-12TH Grade (completed)
\$225 per camper
Registration starts April 1



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Wednesday Night Menu

April 2

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

April 9

Brookshire Brothers Fried Chicken

April 23

Lasagna

April 30

Baked Potato & Salad Bar

May 7

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Sympathy to

Kathy and David Ormsby in the loss of her mother, Sue Sessions.

The family of Liz Wilkins.

Scott and Sheila Skelton and Lauren and Russell Ford and family in the loss of Kay Skelton, mother and grandmother.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21 in observance of the Easter holiday.

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	\$416,689.80
Budget Receipts	\$372,270.66
Building Fund	\$29,515.00
Other Designations	\$25,986.00
Other Receipts	\$43,700.64

Staff

Walker McWilliams,
Interim Pastor/ Minister of Missions

Katie Baker,
Minister to Preschool & Children

Truett Newton,
Minister to Students

Join us for

Easter Sunday

April 20 // 10:30 a.m.

(No Sunday Morning Bible Study)