

## pastor's perspective



There's something about fall that feels both refreshing and familiar. The heat of summer (slowly) begins to give way to cool mornings, school buses reappear on our streets, and for many of us, the return to a more steady rhythm of life feels like a welcome gift. In that same spirit, our church is jumping into an exciting new season of ministry and fellowship together!

Our **Wednesdays at First** return on **August 20th**, and I hope you'll make it a priority to be here. We'll start the evening with a free meal at 5:30 p.m.—a simple and intentional way to pause and regroup in the middle of the week. At 6:15 p.m., we'll move into our program time, where you'll hear about our upcoming adult classes, prayer and scripture, meals, and the plans for our children, youth, and choir ministries.

This year, we're adding something new that I'm especially excited about...our first-ever **Ministry Fair**. This will be a chance for you to explore all of the ministry teams that make our church what it is. You may already be aware of a few, but I think you'll be surprised by the variety of opportunities available. We have the Flower Ministry, which takes our Sunday morning altar flowers to homebound members; our Security Team; the Bereavement Team; the Tech Team; nursery volunteers; and many others. At the fair, you'll be able to ask questions, learn what's involved, and see where your gifts and interests might connect with the life of our church.

And because fellowship is something I believe our church does best, we'll also enjoy a **Homemade Ice Cream Social** during the fair. I can't promise which flavor will be the favorite, but I can promise you won't go home hungry! Whether you come to explore ministry opportunities or simply to enjoy the ice cream, you'll leave with a deeper sense of the ministry and missions of our congregation.

Lastly, before we step into this fall season, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to you, our church family. Over these past months, you have shown remarkable faithfulness. You've continued to worship, to give, to serve, and to encourage one another, and these things don't happen by accident...they happen because of a shared commitment to Christ and to one another.

As we kickoff the fall, it is my sincere prayer that we will keep showing up for each other—on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, and in the everyday moments in between. Let's commit to growing together, serving together, and celebrating the ways God is at work in and through our church. I truly believe this is the best church in Lufkin!

*Walker McWilliams*

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# FALL 2025

**KICKOFF**  
**Wednesday, August 20**  
**Dinner: 5:30PM // Orientation: 6:15PM**

## ADULT CLASSES

**SESSION 1: AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 24**

- **Secure, Smart, and Connected: Technology Made Simple**  
Led By: IT Enabled
- **Prayers of the Old Testament: Conversations with God from Abraham to the Psalms**  
Led By: Walker McWilliams

**SESSION 2: OCTOBER 8 - NOVEMBER 12**

- **Faith Foundations: Exploring the Core of What We Believe and Why**  
Led By: Walker McWilliams

**SPECIAL DATES**  
**Bingo Night: October 1**  
**Advent Kick Off: November 19**

## SCHEDULE

4:30 - 5:30 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal
4:45 - 5:15 PM	Prayer and Scripture
5:30 - 6:00 PM	Dinner Served
6:15 - 7:00 PM	Adult Seminars
	First Kids Wednesdays (K-6th)
	First Students (7th-12th)
6:15 - 7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

*Baptism*

**August 24, 2025**

If you are interested in baptism, please contact Walker.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Sept 21	Celebrate! Kickoff
Oct 19	Love Lufkin
Nov 23	We Give Thanks
Dec 7	Celebrate! Musical

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2025**

**LOVE**  
**LUFKIN**

**SERVICE SUNDAY!**

## memorials

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

**Building Fund**  
**In Memory of:**  
Jeannene Courtney  
Nada & Donald Minshew  
Sarah Rich  
Jesse Walker  
Steve Stephens  
Freddie Flournoy  
Vivian Crowson  
Rosalie Grayson  
Thomas Fincher  
Kay Kelley  
George Chandler  
Reece Hubbard  
Susan DeLoach Woodard  
Jerene Walker  
Michelle Hughey

**Organ Repair Fund**  
**In Memory of:**  
Jesse Walker  
Delbert Parrott  
Edwin Aldredge

**Children's Ministry**  
**In Memory of:**  
Nada & Donald Minshew  
Johnnie Ruth Ainsworth

**Flower Ministry**  
**In Memory of:**  
Sarah Rich  
Lynda Zimmerman

**Music Ministry**  
**In Memory of:**  
L'Ida Lee Zeleskey

**Deacons for the month of August**

Jule Fenley:  
936-366-8000 (cell)

David Hearne:  
936-635-2510 (cell)

Scott McIlveene:  
936-676-9804 (cell)

David Sanders:  
936-414-1196 (cell)



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new members



Harry Taylor  
Jr.



Landon West  
Evan West



Grace Garriss  
Grant Garriss

Sympathy to

Reece Grayson & family in  
the loss of his mother, Rosalie  
Grayson.

Chuck & Natalie Crowson in  
the loss of his mother, Vivian  
Crowson.

Maxine Malnar, Bruce & Harlee  
Malnar & family in the loss of  
Maxine's brother, Steve Stephens.

Patricia & Bill Jones & family in  
the loss of her brother-in-law,  
Freddie Flournoy.

Cne' & Wade Blake and Shannon  
& Mark Abney and families  
in the loss of their father and  
grandfather, Jesse Walker.

Joe & Joy Rich and Eric & Greta  
Rich and families in the loss of  
their mother, Sarah Rich.

Newt Courtney and Cheryl and  
David Hearne and families in the  
loss of Jeannene Courtney, wife  
and mother.

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	\$1,111,172.80
Budget Receipts	\$1,016,392.56
Building Fund	\$89,914.00
Other Designations	\$80,923.89
Other Receipts	\$80,275.51

Staff

Walker McWilliams,  
Interim Pastor/ Minister of Missions

Katie Baker,  
Minister to Preschool & Children

Truett Newton,  
Minister to Students

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Fall  
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WED. AUG. 20

Free Nacho Dinner 5:30 p.m.

KICKOFF 6:15 p.m.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
CHURCH MINISTRY FAIR  
INTRO TO FALL CLASSES