### pastor's perspective



Fall is my favorite time of year. I look forward to it more than any other season. I love the cooler weather, chilly Saturday morning soccer games, college football, and the smell the heater makes the first time you turn it on. I love it all, and it signifies to me that fall is finally here! But for all

of those great things, nothing marks the beginning of fall quite like our annual Love Lufkin service Sunday. For the past 8 years, Love Lufkin has ushered in the fall season... and for good reason.

Our church does many great and wonderful things, but none are more impactful, more meaningful, and quite possibly more fun than Love Lufkin. Obviously, I'm a little impartial, but it really is a cornerstone of the church calendar. I love watching our church come together, give their time, sweat and energy as they give back to many wonderful organizations and our great city. Last year was one of our biggest years with over 230 volunteers and almost 25 projects – and this year will be even bigger!

It all kicks off at 9 a.m. in the FLC where we gather to indulge in a wonderful breakfast that will fuel us as we go out to serve. Bacon, fruit, biscuits, eggs, coffee and more will be served as we gather to fellowship before we head out to our various projects! Those projects will range from weeding flower beds, power washing, creating care packages, painting and so much more!

Love Lufkin is the best thing we do as a church, and I look forward to it each and every year. I think this year, our 9th Love Lufkin, has the potential to be the best one yet! If you've never been a part of Love Lufkin, please commit to giving it a try. We have projects for any age range and physical ability. Sign up online on our website, use the QR code on the graphic, or fill out a paper form at the welcome desk in the Great Hall.

Love Lufkin 2025 is going to be incredible, and I look forward to seeing you **Sunday, October 19th**, as we Love Lufkin together!

Walker of William Interim Pastor/ Minister of Missions









Ladie & Bible Study Begins Oct. 1 10:00 am // Parlor

7-Week Studu \$21 per book



## SAVE THE DATE!

Nov 9 Veterans Reception

Nov 23 We Give Thanks

Celebrate! Musical

## new members



Kim Buckner



and Cameron Landry

Madison Fleming &

Hailey Fleming

Karl & Ann Knoche

Deacons for the month of October

John Ellis: 936-635-5636 (cell)

Curt Fenley: 936-675-2556 (cell)

Jeff Johnson: 936-404-8101 (cell) Sid Roberts: 936-674-6074 (cell)

## memorials & honorariums

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

#### **Building Fund** In Memory of:

Tillie Kidwell John Henry Tatum **Dorothy Temple** Bill Gibbs Tom Willis Robert Cousins Jeannene Courtney Lynda Cheavens Sarah Rich L'Ida Lee Zeleskev Jesse Walker Vivian Crowson Rosalie Grayson George Chandler Cassandra Northcutt **Ernest Hudgens Emily Kistler** Joe Davis

Landscape Fund In Memory of: Sarah Rich

### Organ Repair Fund In Memory of:

June Clement Sheila Sanders Jeannene Courtney

**Children's Ministry** In Memory of: Jeannene Courtney

**Children's Ministry** In Honor of: Cooper Hebert

**Flower Ministry** In Memory of: Lynda Cheavens

**FBC Missions Fund** In Memory of: Jeannene Courtney

**Women's Ministry** In Memory of: Tillie Kidwell

**Music Ministry** In Memory of: Franklin Spruiell



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### Wednesday Dinner Menu

October 1 Grilled Hamburgers

October 8 Chicken Spaghetti

October 15
Pulled Pork Sandwiches

October 22 Pizza

October 29 Pot Roast

November 5 Firecracker Casserole

November 12 Breakfast for Dinner

November 19 Spaghetti & Meatballs

### Sympathy to

Rebecca and Sam Brightwell, Savannah and Sawyer, in the loss of Robert Cousins, father and grandfather.

The family of Bill Gibbs.

Karl and Ann Knoche in the loss of their daughter-in-law, Mckenna Rogers.

Nelda Spruiell in the loss of her husband, Franklin Spruiell.

Jamie and Steve Zayler in the loss of her mom, Tillie Kidwell.

Peggy Lankford in the loss of her brother, John Henry Tatum.

J.W. and Kelsey Gonzales and Preston in the loss of J.W.'s grandfather, Wayland Oakes.

### 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

 Budget
 \$1,319,517.70

 Budget Receipts
 \$1,156,052.96

 Building Fund
 \$143,814.00

 Other Designations
 \$88,965.89

 Other Receipts
 \$92,116.50

### Staff

Walker McWilliams, Interim Pastor/ Minister of Missions

Katie Baker, Minister to Preschool & Children

> Truett Newton, Minister to Students



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# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

9:00 AM Breakfast

Followed by a short devotion before we head to our projects!

