

pastor's perspective



I've always loved January because it is an opportunity to reset, refocus, and renew personally, but in church as well. In worship I've shared my vision and goals for our church while also reflecting on God's vision for His Church. I hope those messages have been encouraging.

2026 is an invitation to lean more fully into the life we share as a church. From worship and Bible study to Wednesday nights and service opportunities, God has given us many ways to connect, grow, and serve together. My hope is that each of us will find a place to belong, to be encouraged, and to build meaningful relationships within our church family.

Finally, as grateful pastor, I want to share one more word of celebration and gratitude. In my last letter, I challenged us to faithfully work toward paying off our building loan. If you haven't heard yet - we are debt-free! We even ended the year with a healthy budget surplus that will allow us to continue caring for our facilities without the need to take on additional debt.

Of course, it's not just about finances. You have faithfully given your time, energy, and hearts to the ministries and mission of our church, and for that I am truly thankful. It is a joy and an honor to serve as your pastor. I truly believe this is going to be a great year.

Walker of William

deacon notes

In every worship bulletin and every FBC newsletter, we list for the church body the names and contact information for the Deacons of the Month. Some new members and even some long-time members have asked what service the Deacons of the Month provide. So, at the start of the year we wanted to explain the purpose and the intent of introducing the monthly Deacons of the Month.

The FBC Deacons work to help in ministry with the staff and in service to the church fellowship. While this is often obvious and visible, sometimes the work is behind the scenes and unknown. You may see Deacons assisting in the Lord's Supper or in greeting members. The Deacons purchased a cart to assist members from the parking lots. You have seen Deacons providing hot chocolate at the Christmas Parade or serving meals at church events or preparing food for the Church picnic. But you may not see the Deacons providing or organizing bereavement arrangements for families of deceased members. In the past, the Deacons have assisted in providing communion to the homebound. The Deacons send out cards, notes and telephone calls to let our homebound members know that they are remembered, cherished and loved. We are working to reinstitute the hospital visitation for members that want visitation.

So, what is the purpose of the Deacons of the Month? We are here to be the hands and feet of Christ to our church body. When there is a need - the loss of a family member, a request for prayer, a period of illness, a specific need that the church can fulfill - these men and women are available for you to call. It may only be to let the Church know of some specific concern that is affecting you or someone that you know, but the role of the Deacons, and the spiritual desire of each of the Deacon members is to be available to serve God's Grace to you.

VALLEY HOME BUILD 2026

IN-TOWN WORK DAYS

Saturdays at 9:00am

January 24 - February 28

Church parking lot

BUILD IN THE VALLEY

Foundation Build: February 19-22

Spring Break 2026

March 6-14

Penitas, Tx

Contact Walker or David Sanders for more info or go to fbclufkin.org/valley

WINTER CHILL
2026
CAMP CHO-YEH!

FEBRUARY 6-8 // \$125

FIRSTKIDS fbclufkin.org/children

FIRST STUDENTS fbclufkin.org/youth

Save the Date!

Women's Retreat

Saturday, February 28

KRISTI MCLELLAND

Luke
in the
Land

Walking with Jesus
in His First-Century World

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday Mornings
February 4 (8-week study)
11 a.m. // Parlor
Books \$20

Follow Jesus in the places he walked.
See how Jesus brought his Kingdom to earth
for everybody.

Deacons for the month of February

Max Alvis: 936-366-7976 (cell)

Jimmy Ford: 936-635-6696 (cell)

Hall Henderson: 936-465-2240 (cell)

Steve Hogue: 936-465-8598 (cell)

2025 Finance Review

To GOD be the Glory!
You were so faithful in your
stewardship and giving of tithes and
offerings in 2025.

2025 Budget Receipts

\$1,871,312

2025 Budget Expenditures

\$1,518,426

Year End Surplus

\$352,886

2025 Building Fund Receipts

\$410,965

Building Debt YE 2025 \$77,502

(Building Debt YE 2024 \$749,167)

memorials & honorariums

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

Building Fund

In Memory of:

Jo Ann Vincent

Jack Bresie

Ted Hancock

Mack Carnes

Delbert Richardson

Gip Friesen

John Henry Tatum

Franklin Spruiell

Bill Gibbs

June Clement

Sarah Rich

Jesse Walker

George Chandler

Dick McKay

Reece Hubbard

Marguerite Garrett

Bill Simpson

Delbert Parrott

Liz Wilkins

Elven McAdams

Sue Sessions

Ann Maxwell

Jimmy Lawrence

Keith Green

Kathleen Shelton

Lexie Hall

Building Fund

In Honor of:

Walker & Katelyn McWilliams

Preschool Ministry

In Honor of:

Bob Sowell

Valley Build Missions Fund

In Memory of:

Garland McWilliams

FBC Missions Fund

In Memory of:

Edwin Aldredge

Angela Aldredge

Kenny Baker

Bernice & Bobby Couch

Douglas & Ina Aldredge

Global Missions

In Memory of:

Lexie Hall

Church Conference January 21 at 6:15 PM in the FLC

The agenda will include:

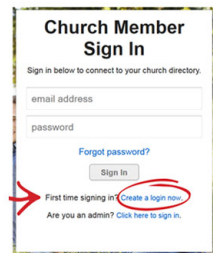
- Approval of church minutes
- Membership reports
- 2025 Year End Finance Report

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Did you know we have a 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

Hall and Becca Henderson and family in the loss of his grandfather, Mack Carnes.

Elizabeth and David Perkins in the loss of her sister, Jo Ann Vincent.

Susanne and David Lively in the loss of her father, Jack Bresie.

David and Melissa Handley and family in the loss of his mother, Marilyn Handley.

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	\$68,243.58
Budget Receipts	\$42,019.39
Building Fund	\$720.00
Other Designations	\$7,035.00
Other Receipts	\$5,320.00

Staff

Walker McWilliams, Senior Pastor
Katie Baker, Minister to Preschool & Children
Tate Ashby, Music Coordinator
Truett Newton, Minister to Students

Kickoff

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST SPRING 2026

JANUARY 21 @ 5:30

FREE NACHO BAR 5:30

CHURCH CONFERENCE // KICKOFF 6:15

YOUTH, CHILDREN, CHOIR 6:15