WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!



OUR FOCUS IS TO INCREASE OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST AND INTRODUCE HIM TO OTHERS.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MORNING WORSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

*GATHERING SONG GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*GREETING TIME

*PRAISE SONGS BLESSED ASSURANCE

TRUST IN YOU

CHILDREN'S PARABLE JACKEE NEAL

LOVE ONE ANOTHER - EVEN YOUR ENEMIES

LUKE 6:35 (SM. 857; LG. 1587 NLT)

MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

MEDITATION SONG JUST AS I AM

THE MESSAGE PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS

CULTURE WAR JESUS #3: JESUS LOVES ME AS I AM?

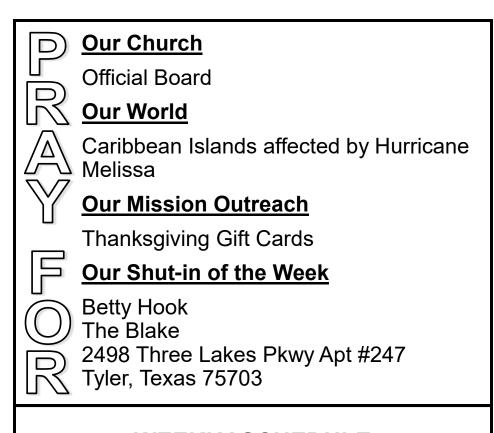
ROMANS 12:1-3 (SM. 944; LG. 1749)

INVITATION AND PRAYER

*SENDING SONG LORD REIGN IN ME

*BLESSING

*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, I	NOVEMBER	11TH
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Christian Ed Board 6:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

Bible Study 6:15 pm

EPIC Youth and Kids 6:15 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

Primetimers 1:00 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

Ruth Whitney Ministry 10:00 am

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

THANKSGIVING Dinner after Worship

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Pray for the friends and family of Marilyn Shankland who passed away November 4th.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for her friend who is having a conflict. Pray along with the Gideons for their new meeting place to become apparent.

Pray for Barb Stelzer who had a pacemaker implanted.

Praise for the work of the church committees and boards.

Crystal Vines (online request) - Pray for sound sleep and deliverance from food addiction.

William Skasick (online request) - Pray for health concerns and an upcoming doctor appointment.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for his Uncle Tim.

Linda Neely - Praise that her cancer tests came back good and that her daughter-in-law Brandy is improving and on 90% disability from Ford. Many family and work praises and prayer requests.

Janet Hutchinson - Pray for the friends and family of her mother's brother, Barry Price, who passed away.

Olivia Shields - Pray for her friends Delaney and Addie.

Jeanice Whitaker - Continue to pray for Kailynn Stacey. She has medical tests in Columbus this month.

Bridget Kennedy - Pray that she has a better week this week and that the arthritis in her ankle would ease. Pray for her staff person Dee and her son.

Dianne Sneary - Pray for her friend Carolyn who is waiting for biopsy results. Pray for the people of Israel and the UK.

Roy Garcia - Pray for Elnora Horn who has shingles.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Keith Bledsoe - Continue to pray for his nephew Joseph who is recovering at home after six days in the hospital.

Dick Meredith - Pray for Ralph Stelzer who fell and has stitches and bruises. Praise that he had no concussion or broken bones.

Pray for the work of the nominating committee and the trustees.

Praise that Stephanie Shields is home and is stronger.

Bruce Wells - Pray for granddaughter Sonia who started radiation.

She is asking for prayer to stay strong and keep her spirits high.

Ed Elchert - Continue to pray for his sister Nancy VonAlmen who is finally home after a knee replacement, but dealing with a bad cold.

Tim Miller - His friend Paul Lee has passed away. Pray for Paul's family and friends, especially the Spencerville Fire Department who will miss his leadership.

Karlyn Lauer - Pray for Herb's brother John.

Judy Fenton - Pray for her friend Deb Neely who fractured her hip.

Mindy Alsept - Praise that their daughter Tracy is home and please continue to pray for her.

Continued prayers for cancer and ongoing health concerns:

- Karol L., cancer
- Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia)
- Helena Winkler
- Stanley (Bridget's nephew)
- Don Lohr (Marlene's bonus brother)
- Kris and Lizzy Downey (Warden)
- Lynda Rice (Nancy Davenport)
- Mark Coy (Brent Jones)
- Mary in Phila (C&J Gummel)
- Virginia Kirtland (Warden)
- David Elwood (L. Hawkins)
- Sheila and Ron Schindler, cancer (Honegger)
- Dick (Jim Hefner's friend)

- Sean Sanderfer (Norma Benanzer)
- Jim Miller (Jim Hefner's friend)
- Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher)
- Tom and Beck Dickinson
- Cathy (Bridget's niece)
- Sarah Fish (Tim Willoughby)
- Pat Wilson (Tim Willoughby)
- Dana Gambrel
- Teresa, cancer (L Hawkins)
- Angel Music
- Brandi Neely
- Sonia, cancer (Wells)
- Adam Rentz (Daycare)

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord Psalm 100:1

On Christmas Eve, the First Baptist Christmas Choir will be singing Christmastime by Michael W. Smith and Joanna Carlson.

Who is the Christmas Choir, you might be asking? YOU ARE!

The melody is a blend of a catchy new song and a classic carol that will be easy to pick up. We will be singing with a recording that you will be able to practice with on your own, in between the two rehearsals we will be scheduling soon. If you are interested in joining us as we make a "joyful noise" this Christmas, please contact Laura or Karlyn. We cannot wait to hear from you!

LOOKING AHEAD:

- >November 16th: First Baptist Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner after worship. RSVP today!
- >November 25th: Daycare's Thanksgiving Dinner
- >December 2nd at 6pm: Hanging of the Greens
- >December 3rd at 6:30pm: First Baptist Daycare and Preschool Christmas Program
- >December 3rd-7th: The Annual Christmas Tree Festival will take place at the Allen County Museum. Be on the look out for the Daycare's tree, one decorated by the Ruth Whitney Ministry, and our very own tree named "Wrapped in Prayer."

FBC Spotlight: Jackee Neal

Jackee has been attending First Baptist Church since she was two weeks old. As a life long member, she has been involved in many ways over the years and currently serves as Director of Christian Education. Jackee works with our youth of all ages and they all love her. This vocation to work with youth has also led her to being a beloved teacher in the First Baptist Day Care and a coach and judge for area youth boxing.

Jackee brings fun and spontaneity to everything she does. We're lucky to have her a member of our congregation.

Thanks, Jackee, for all you do!

Our Mission spotlight this month is Thanksgiving Gift Cards. We hope to be able to help as many families as possible purchase their Thanksgiving Dinners with a \$50 gift card from our church. Our goal is twelve cards or \$600. You can help by praying the recipients and designating part of your missions offering for Thanksgiving gift cards. If you have questions, see Beth Sanders or Sue Siesel, or call the office.

The Daycare has started a Little Free Pantry for Daycare families. If you would like to contribute any nonperishable food and snacks, please bring them to the church office on Sunday morning or during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 10-1. Thank you for your support!

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - If you are a first-time visitor, we especially welcome you: we've been expecting you! When you see the offering plate in the middle of the service, we do not expect you to contribute; the financial support of the church is a responsibility we've taken on as a congregation. However, we do expect everyone (members, friends, and visitors) to place a Get Connected slip in the offering plate. Thanks for doing so!

CHILDREN AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Children are important to us. They are welcome to stay with their parents. The Cuddle Cove is available to infants and toddlers. B.L.A.S.T.: Ages 2-4 are in The Big Room. Ages 5-10 are in Class Room #12. Ages 11-14 are in the Youth Room. (They are taken to those locations after the Children's Parable). Please see dry erase board to see who is teaching and what student is helping for that Sunday. Not every BLAST class is available every week.

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER AND COMMITMENT - When the Holy Spirit stirs within you, we encourage you to listen and respond! If you have been moved spiritually and want to talk to the pastor or deacons, please let us know and we would be delighted to talk with you after the service.

DISCLAIMER - Services at First Baptist Church may be recorded or live streamed online. By entering these services or events you consent to the possibility of being recorded or live streamed.

MISSIONS OFFERING - If you would like to give to missions, please designate it on your envelope. This is the only way we receive funds for our missions budget.

FLOWERS - The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are given in the glory of God by Roy Garcia in memory of John T. Stelzer.

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the sanctuary, please contact the church office.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Total Expense Budget for 2025 is \$251,402

Monthly Expense Budget for 2025 is \$20,950 /month

Weekly Offering Needed is \$3,719.00/week

Last week's offering received:

General Fund \$2,027

Missions \$390

Attendance: 72 (November 2, 2025)

