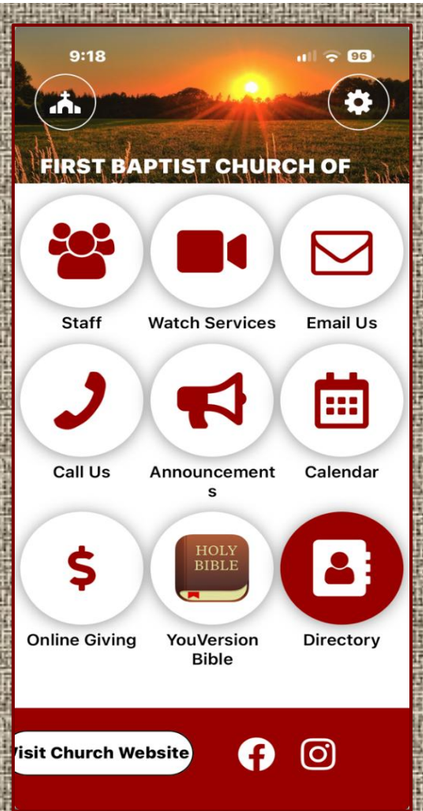


CHECK OUT OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY APP

Church members and friends who sat for directory pictures should have received an email from: **appsupport@ucdir.com** with subject: **Unique Identifier to First Baptist Church of Polk City Directory.** That message included instructions to download the directory app and an 8 letter code which is needed to access our church pictures and other information.

If you need to have that information sent to you again, send an email identifying your family to **media@fbcpolkcity.com** and we will resend the code and instructions to you.

For new members and regular attendees who were not part of the picture-taking process, FBC can add your picture and family information to the online directory. Please email a family picture and family information to **media@fbcpolkcity.com**. Please include individual names, address, phone, and email addresses. You may also text the information to **863-207-4576**. If you do not want any information published, please don't send it.

If at any time you wish to remove or update information in the online directory, please email **media@fbcpolkcity.com** or send a text to **863-207-4576**.

Thanks, Al Crowell

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF POLK CITY

The purpose of this Church is to worship and enjoy the Lord Jesus Christ, share His plan of Salvation with the world, teach people how to live as Jesus followers, and share His love with everyone.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Sunday:

Sunday School	(For ALL ages)	9:00 AM
Worship Service		10:00 AM
Children's Church		10:00 AM
Choir Practice		5:00 PM
Evening Worship		6:00 PM

Monday:

Men's Prayer Meeting		6:00 AM
Ladies Prayer Meeting		9:30 AM
Visitation		6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Awana	(Pre-K – 5th grade)	6:30 PM
Catalyst	(6th – 12th grade)	6:30 PM
Ladies Bible Study		6:30 PM
Adult Bible Study & Prayer		7:00 PM

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Online Giving is offered via our website: *fbcpolkcity.com*, church app, or scan the QR code.

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Tuesday, November 24th at 6 PM

Join us as we come together and reflect on the many reasons we have to be thankful.

Immediately following the service, we will fellowship together with soup and sandwiches in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite soup or sandwich to share.



We will not have any service or activities on Wednesday, November 25th. The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

A word from our pastor

A Thankful lifestyle

In the waning months of 2026, our minds turn towards the holiday season, beginning with Thanksgiving. It is a time to gather with family and friends, reflect on the blessings of the past year, and express our gratitude for all that God has provided. As followers of Christ, thanksgiving should be more than a holiday we celebrate; it should be a characteristic of the lives we live.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Our gratitude is not dependent upon our circumstances, but rooted in the unchanging love and faithfulness of our Lord.

This month also provides wonderful opportunities to put that gratitude into action. Through Operation Christmas Child, we have the privilege of sharing the love of Christ with children around the world. Our Thanksgiving gathering on November 24 will also give us an opportunity to come together as a church family and celebrate God's many blessings. Both remind us that thankfulness should move beyond words and find expression in our love and service to others.

As I reflect on my first year at FBC Polk City, I am especially thankful for the unity, love, and servant hearts that I have witnessed among our church family. It is a blessing to serve alongside you as we seek to make Christ known in our community.

My prayer is that this season would encourage us both as individuals and as a congregation to recognize the faithfulness of God, grow in our gratitude, and demonstrate His love to those around us, not only in November but throughout the year.

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" — Psalm 107:1

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
Pastor Halston

I hope that everyone is doing great and that you are grateful the weather has cooled down. With Thanksgiving this month that means one thing... The Christmas Musical is next month! I am excited and we are working hard to get ready. We will have one special Christmas Choir rehearsal this month. Saturday the 14th @ 10am. I hope you will make every arrangement so you can be at this rehearsal. December will be here before we know it and I want us to be ready. I am very proud of all of you and the work you put into the choir every week.
We will have our Christmas Kickoff on Sunday, November 29th during the evening service. I would love to have several specials so if you have a Christmas song you'd like to sing, please let me know. We will continue to have choir rehearsal every Sunday night at 5pm. Come join us and use your talents for the Lord.

Making a joyful noise,
Joey Hufschmidt

Music Ministry

Tithes and Offerings for the Month of September:
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Welcome

New Members for the Month of September:



By Baptism
Ryleigh Brandeberry
Karson Walters

By Letter
Hat & Faye Turner

By Statement
Larry & Judie Spears
Julia Mouser

IT"S SHOEBOX TIME!!!!

Your shoebox must be turned in by Sunday, November 8th, filled with love and prayer to show God's love to children around the world.
Please keep praying for collection week and the drop off centers. We need volunteers to help with collection week which is November 16th – 24th. The hours are different each day. The sign up sheet with the hours is available in the foyer. It would be very much appreciated if you could help and show your support for Operation Christmas Child.

Women on Mission will meet for their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. Hope to see you there!

I hope you all have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!!

Love in Christ,
Marty Scott
Women on Mission Leader

Women On Mission

Hello Ladies,

Sisters of Strength will not meet for the month of November. I pray that you will all have a very blessed Thanksgiving season. We have so much to be thankful for! Hope to see you all soon.

Dee Dee Schreibung
Women's Ministry Leader

Sisters Of Strength

Serving with Care, Watching with Love
The Safety Team is working diligently to help ensure the security of the First Baptist Church family. Our hearts are to provide a welcoming, peaceful environment where members and guests can worship, learn, and fellowship together. Please feel comfortable greeting a team member, asking questions, or sharing any concerns. A friendly conversation can make a meaningful difference. We ask for your prayers for wisdom, attentiveness, and a servant's heart as we care for our congregation. Thank you for your encouragement and trust. It is a privilege to serve the Lord by caring for His people!

Kenney Yale, Safety Team Leader

In the Natural Sense, a number of events historically occur in November. We hold elections, celebrate Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day. Each of these events have or have had generational impacts. Elections set the course and priorities of our nation. Veterans Day honors our military veterans. Thanksgiving Day was initially created in 1621 to celebrate a successful harvest and express gratitude for blessings. In the Spiritual Sense, what we elect to do daily reflects our beliefs and character. All believers are actively serving in God's army and we become veterans when we go home to be with Him. Because of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, every day is a Thanksgiving Day. We are into the second month of our Sunday School calendar year. We encourage you to come join us as we study and fellowship together.

David Bridges: Sunday School Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hey there! I hope everyone had a great and fun October and you are looking forward to Thanksgiving. We will be packing our shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 4th. Make plans to be here for this wonderful event. Also, if you want to help with the Shoebox collection week, we are a drop off location and Mrs. Marty has a sign up sheet in the sanctuary where you can see the times available. We will not be meeting on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving, but we will have a churchwide service on Tuesday, November 24th and we'll have soup and sandwiches afterwards. We may have some other things pop up, so be on the look out and make sure you are here every Wednesday for Catalyst at 6:30pm.

See you soon!
Joey, Youth Minister

CATALYST YOUTH GROUP

A day late and a dollar short! That is how I felt when I discovered the deadline for the Newsletter was the day before our first Senior Adult Adventure. By the time you read this newsletter we will have had our PIE PARTY and made plans for the rest of the year. Please read your bulletins to find out all the interesting things about the Senior Adults and their adventures at First Baptist Church of Polk City.



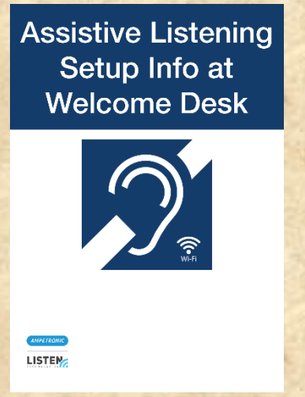
Judie Spears
Senior Adult Team Leader

Hey Men,

First, I want to thank David Bridges, Kenney Yale, and Don Roy for hosting our last Iron Disciples while I was out on the mission field. Thank YOU all for your prayers and support while I was there. I hope and it is my prayer that you are doing well and enjoying this wonderful weather! Don't forget November 12th at 6pm is our Iron Disciples night and we will be honoring our veterans and eating chicken wings. Please remember to bring a side dish to share!!! Thank you, men, for all that each of you do for Him!!

Serving Him with you,
Andrew, Men's Ministry Leader

MEN'S MINISTRY



Calling all outdoorsmen! It's that time of the year- hunting season is upon us and outdoor discipleship is in full swing, if you would like to join us, please let me know and we will get you teamed up with one of our Luke 5 guides and show you the ropes.
ALSO, we will be decorating the church Christmas float this year. And we need CANDY! Keep an ear out for more details and ways you can help!

Serving Him with you,
-Brother Andrew, Luke 5 Ministries