



THE INTERIM

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From the Pastor...

Have you ever walked into a room where you didn't know anyone? Intimidating, isn't it? That's how many people feel when they enter our sanctuary for the first time. They come into a room full of people who know each other, know the space and know the way things go.

There are several ways we can make people feel welcome. First, bring people with you. If you bring guests, they never have to walk into the room alone. Second, if you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself and tell them you are glad they are here. Third, answer any questions they might have.

Even with all these welcoming actions, it can be intimidating for first time guests. The awe of our sanctuary and reverence of our worship can be overwhelming. We also love to talk to each other, and it might feel like everyone already has friends.

Sometimes it is easier to introduce folks to our church at a fellowship event. That is why First Fellowship has two purposes. First, to let us fellowship with folks who we might not see regularly. Second, is to give us an opportunity to introduce new people in a more casual atmosphere.

I hope you will come this Sunday evening! We will have grilled chicken sandwiches, plus several sides. There will be inflatables for the kids, and plenty of "sitting around shade" for the adults. Our preschool families have been invited, so please welcome them as well.

I'll be so glad to see you Sunday, but if only our members show up, we will have missed half the reason for First Fellowship. If you bring someone to introduce to our First Baptist Family, I will be thrilled. This is how we grow our church and I know I can count on you!

First Fellowship

Sunday, September 8
5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Join us for an evening of
fellowship on the front lawn.**

**We will share a meal and the
children will enjoy inflatables
and games.**

**Remember to bring your
chair or blanket!**



FIRST
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CHURCH
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Schedule

Sunday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream
 5:00 p.m. First Fellowship

Monday, September 9

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
 2:30 p.m. Wond. Wed. After-School Program
 5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Budget Discussion
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 12

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream
 11:00 a.m. Business Management Team available
 for questions

Monday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
 2:30 p.m. Wond. Wed. After-School Program
 5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 19

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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A Faith that Works

September 8, 2024

Faith is a Verb!

James 2:14-18

September 15, 2024

Put Your Faith Where Your Mouth Is

James 3:1-12

September 22, 2024

Be Wise

James 3:13-18

September 29, 2024

Work and Wait

James 5:7-11



Spiritual Statistics

	8/25	9/1
In Person	179	136
Live Stream	23	18
Sunday School	95	68

Financial Statistics

	Seotember	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	78,588.00	982,345.00
Budget Receipts	33,243.00	866,854.00
Goals Not Met	(45,345.00)	(115,491.00)
Alms	690.00	14,526.00
Designated	2,404.00	128,357.00

Back to School Bash

August 21, 2024





Announcements

Parents Night Out
Friday, September 6, 2024
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Children (birth - grade 5) are invited for a fun evening with Melissa and Kristina. Children will make a craft, eat pizza, play in the gym, and watch a movie. Cost is \$5.00/child.

First Fellowship
Sunday, September 8, 2024
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

First Fellowship is back. It is a time for us to enjoy just being together. More importantly, it's an opportunity to bring friends and family to introduce to your church in a more laidback atmosphere. We'll have a great cook out and lots of games. We need you to bring your lawn chairs and a guest or two.

2024-2025 Church Budget

A copy of the proposed 2024-2025 budget has been mailed to all members. The proposed budget will be presented to the congregation in conference on Wednesday, September 11. The Business Management Team will be available in Adams Hall after worship to answer questions on Sunday, September 15. The congregation will vote without discussion on Sunday, September 22.

Senior Adult Luncheon
Thursday, September 19, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Clay Lunsford and the Gospel Voices will entertain. The menu will include country style steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. Cost is \$6.00 payable at the door. Please make your reservation by Monday, September 16 at noon.



FBC Women of Faith
Come Hear Juana Mikels
Thursday, September 26, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Make plans to attend a meaningful evening complete with a delicious meal, good music, inspiration message, and wonderful fellowship with other ladies

Juana Mikels goes in search of peace and happiness leaving behind her husband, home, and friends. She became a Christ follower during her two year separation. Her marriage was reconciled with her husband coming to faith in Christ seven years later.

This event is sold out. You may add your name to a waiting list.

Upcoming Events

October 6, 2024
World Communion Day

October 30, 2024
Trunk or Treat

November 3, 2024
All Saints Day

December 15, 2024
Christmas Cantata

