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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We began a series, ***Living By the Spirit***, in October that will carry us up to Thanksgiving.We have been looking at the fruit of the Spirit that Paul lists in Galatians chapter 5. Our key verse has been, and should continue to be, verse 25 – ***Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.***

As Baptists, we do not talk much about the Holy Spirit. Historically, Baptists have focused less on the emotional side of faith and more on the side of commitment and the importance of God's word. Unfortunately, the Holy Spirit has often been relegated to the emotional side of faith. But the reality is, scripture teaches us that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, lives within us. What an amazing source of power we have living in us!

So, as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we have His Spirit living in us. But we rarely give the Spirit much thought at all. If we are to live by the Spirit, we have to do our part to be a branch that abides in the vine – we must continuously train our attention on Jesus. When we abide in Him, we will reflect His nature and character. The fruit of the Spirit is what we reflect.

May we be faithful in walking in step with Spirit each day as we reflect His love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.



May others see Jesus in us!

Brian

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## Baptism




Bradley McComb

# Upcoming Events



## AGAPE MEAL

**Sunday, November 22 at 12:00 pm**
Recreation Center

*Turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes will be provided.*



**Last Names A-R**: Bring a side dish
**Last Names S-Z** : Bring a dessert

**9:30 am - Bible Study  10:45 am - Worship Service**

## Children's Holiday Voices

Children (Grades 1 through 5) are invited to sing with us for two special services as we prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

***Rehearsals are on Wednesdays *until December 2***
**6:15 pm to 6:40 pm in Room 215**

**New students are welcome!** Children who currently attend Rooted Kids at 6:30 pm will begin Holiday Voices at 6:15pm during this season. They will move to Creation Station after rehearsal. **Come sing, learn, and celebrate the holiday season through music!**

## Christmas At-a-Glance

*Save the dates. Details to come!*

**December 6 - *Worship at the Manger***
(Evening Choir Presentation)

**December 12 - Walk Through Bethlehem**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

## Operation Christmas Child

We still need more shoeboxes to reach our Operation Christmas Child goal of 350! If you have boxes to turn in, you may bring them to the church offie of the Rec Center.

First Baptist will be receiving shoeboxes from other churches the week of November 16 to prepare for shipping and distribution. Volunteers will be needed to help load the trucks that week. Stay tuned for more details and opportunities to serve!

Thank you for helping us share the love of Jesus with children around the world!



## Missions Month

The Cheerful Giver:
Bringing the **Light** of the **Gospel** to the **World**

Missions at First Baptist Church Corpus Christi has and will always be a driving heartbeat of love and support in our local community and around the world. The Annual Missions Offering is our time to give above and beyond our Ministry Funding Plan in support of missions. FBC has fully funded and exceeded our Missions Offering goal in the last five years - thank you church family!

Beginning November 1, envelopes for giving will be available in amounts ranging from $1 to $316. The annual Missions Offering will run November 1 through November 30 with a goal of $50,000. 50% ($25,000) of the MIssions Offering will support our partner mission agencies across the state, country, and world, and 50% ($25,000) will support and provide for our church's local ministries.

We encourage you and your family to pray about making an impact and giving toward our annual Missions Offering.

# From The Library

***Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sundays from 9:45 am to 10:15 am***

November is a time to give thanks to the Lord. We have so much in our country! It is a great time to share. Share some of the abundance that God has given us! Donate or buy a Bible for someone who doesn't have one. We give Bibles out to prisoners and the homeless. A donation box is outside the library door.

## FBC Book Club

**Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm**
The Friendship Room at Koinonia Homes
3113 Ocean Drive

This month, we'll discuss ***Where the Wind Leads***, by Vinh Chung - A Memoir about a refugee family's miraculous story of loss, rescue and redemption. Vinh Chung's family fled communist Vietnam in 1979, surviving pirate infested waters before finding refuge in Arkansas, where they overcame poverty and discrimination to achieve remarkable academic success.

Join us for discussion and fellowship. Come even if you haven't finished the book! Bring a friend!

## Book Ministry

Share the love of Jesus by donating paperback Christian books and Bibles to the **Book Ministry**. We especially need these for the Nueces County Jail. Please place donations in the box outside the Library, Room 231. Checks for Bibles may be made to the FBC prison ministry.

Your gift could be what points someone to Jesus. Many inmates have not read a book in a long time and are deeply grateful for these resources.

Books will also be donated to the Food Pantry and the Street Ministry.



Are you interested in making a new Church Cookbook? Let Cristy Kitchen know if you would like to be on the Cookbook Committee.

# Let's Celebrate!



Beverly Thomason celebrated her 100th birthday among many friends and family!



Alfonso Gutierrez is now a GED Graduate! He completed the program at FBC led by our Librarian.

# Worship Center Flowers

**November 1**
*Given by the FBC Administrative Assistants in honor and appreciation for our Pastors.*

**November 8**
*Given by Nancy Cameron in honor of Colonel Paul A. Cameron (USAF ret.) for his 95th birthday on November 11.*

**November 15**
*Given by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Priebe in celebration of the day we decided to become one.*

**November 22**
This date is available for flower donations. Contact Tarah@firstcorpus.org to reserve.

**November 29**
*Poinsettias given in honor of, and gifted to, homebound and widowed members of First Baptist Church from the Deacon body.*

# November Weekly Recurring Schedule

## SUNDAYS
**Bible Study** • 10:00 am
**Worship Services** • 8:45 am & 11:15 am - Worship Center
**Kids Church** *1st & 3rd Sundays during Worship Services* in Creation Station (Rm 219)
**Handbell Rehearsal** • 4:30 pm

## MONDAYS
**Flower Ministry** • 8:30am - Room 151
*To volunteer, contact Glenda Bailey @ 361-986-9793.*
**Pickleball** • 9:00 am-2:00 pm - Recreation Center
**Ceramics** • 9:30 am-2:30 pm - Recreation Center
*No pottery wheels - Beginners welcome! Adults, please.*

## TUESDAYS
**Library Open** • 9am-4pm - Media Library 2nd Floor
**Harbor Lights Daytime Choir -** 10am - Choir Room
**55+ Basketball** • 11:30am-1:30pm - Recreation Center
**Open Basketball** • 2pm-4:30pm - Recreation Center

## WEDNESDAYS
**Preschool Play Day** • 9:30am-11:30am - Rec Center
*Free and open to children kindergarten and younger.*
*Children must be accompanied by an adult.*
**Pickleball** • 11:30am-2pm
**Rooted Discipleship Classes**
- 5:30 pm - Family Meal - Rec Center
- 5:30 pm - Children's Holiday Voices - Rm 215
- 6:30 pm - Bible Study Classes for all ages

**Band Rehearsals** • Worship Center
- 6:00 pm - Blended Service Band and Orchestra
- 7:00 pm - Modern Service Band

**Choir Rehearsal** • 6:45 pm - Choir Room
*This is the perfect time to see if music is a fit for you.*
*All are welcome to attend our weekly rehearsals!*

## THURSDAYS
**Library Open** • 9:00 am-4:00 pm - Media Library 2nd Floor
**Senior Adult Game Time** • 9:30 am - Recreation Center
**Sewing Ministry** • 10:00 am-12:00 pm - Rec Center Craft Room
**55+ Basketball** • 11:30 am-1:30 pm - Recreation Center
**Open Basketball** • 2:00 pm-4:30 pm - Recreation Center
**Pickleball** • 5:00 pm-8:30 pm - Recreation Center
**Street Ministry** • 4:30 pm - Room 151
*To volunteer, contact Cristy @ 830-643-4837*

## FRIDAYS
**Food Pantry** • 9:00 am-11:00 am - Room 151
*To volunteer, contact Ed Cooke @ 361-991-8253.*
**Pickleball** • 9:00 am-2:00 pm - Recreation Center

## Wednesday Night Menu

Meal at 5:30pm in the Recreation Center
$6/Person, $5/Senior Adult, $4/Child

**November 4** - Beef Enchilada Casserole served with Guacamole, Salsa, Tortilla Chips, Garden Salad, and Pecan Praline Cake

**November 11** - Baked Ziti served with Garlic Knots, Garden Salad, and Italian Love Cake

**November 18** - Frito Pie or Bowl of Chili (Onions, Cheese, & Jalapenos) served with a Garden Salad, Cornbread, and Caramel Pumpkin Cake

**Weekly Kid's Menu** - Chicken Nuggets served with Chips, Mandarin Oranges or Applesauce, and Ice Cream or Dessert

## Rooted
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP**

The last day of discipleship classes for the semester is November 18. Activities will resume in January.

## Blankets Needed for the Street Ministry

Donate gently used or new blankets to the donation box near the elevators on the ground floor or in the Rec Center.

Monetary gifts are also welcome. *Indicate "Homeless Ministry" on the memo line.*

*scan here for details & giving*