

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 28	241
April 4	390
April 11	233
April 18	252

OFFERINGS

	General Fund	Building Fund
March 28	\$ 9,407.34	\$ 750.00
April 4	\$ 30,340.19	\$ 485.00
April 11	\$ 19,171.33	\$ 225
April 18	\$ 6,533.30	\$ 80.00
Total	\$ 65,452.16	\$ 1,540.00

50K Water Project

Given to Date:	\$ 120,899.90
Misc. Expenses:	\$ (15,787.21)
Water Systems	\$ (66,885.25)
50K Balance:	\$ 38,227.44

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Address Service
Requested

JUNE 2021

- June 2 Summer on the Lawn Kick-Off**
- June 5 Community Food Pickup**
- June 6 Child Dedication Service**
- June 7-11 CentriKid**
- June 7-12 FUGE Camp**
- June 11 Kirsten's Birthday**
- June 16 Summer on the Lawn**
- June 20 Father's Day**
- June 21-25 VBS**
- June 23 VBS Family Night/Summer on the Lawn**
- June 27-July 2 Quiet Week**



Newsletter

GATHER

GROW

GIVE

GO

MAY 2021

CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE

This year, we will be having a special child dedication service on June 6 for children to be dedicated to the Lord by their parents, in partnership with our church family. This is open to new babies, kids of families new to our church, or any children that haven't been dedicated yet for any reason. To dedicate your child that day, email Becca Pickens at nurseryfbc@gmail.com for details and next steps by May 26th.



SUMMER ON THE LAWN

This summer, we invite you to join us for Summer on the Lawn on Wednesday nights at FBCM! These will be nights of food, fun, and fellowship for our whole church body and for the community as well. More details are to come, but mark your calendar for June 2, 16, 23 and July 14, 21, and 28 at 6pm.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

We have the opportunity to make more breast cancer mastectomy pillows. If you would like to purchase fabric and/or stuffing to help make these pillows, it would be greatly appreciated. Soft cotton fabric is the best. There will be a time later this summer when we will get together to make these pillows. For more info, contact Becky Dawson at (256) 509-8536.

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Dear Church Family

Can you believe that we are 25 percent finished with the year 2021? I'm thankful that as time has passed that we have been able to return to a more normal schedule for our fellowship!

I've so enjoyed preaching through the book of Acts and you, as always, have been tremendously encouraging as I have shared God's word. Thank you for your prayers, for your texts, for your hand written notes, and for all of your other personal words of encouragement. I could not do what I do without you and I thank God for a fellowship that is hungry for the Word of God!

We still have a large contingent of our members who are worshipping with us online. I want you to know that if you are one of those people that 1) I completely understand your conservative approach to a return to church and 2) Both I and our church staff will do everything that we can do to keep you informed on the workings of your church.

Laura and I are nearing the move to our new home. Thank you for being so very excited for us as we have gone through this process. As we move, I'm reminded that a house is just a house (that someone else will own one day), but a home is where God's love is. Our world is so badly mistaken about what makes for true happiness and peace. Some of the most joyous people I have ever known was a couple from our previous church (Luther and Gertrude Shankle.) They had been married for 70 years when we knew them and they had raised 12 children in the process. Luther raised watermelons in the Summertime in order to pay for propane during the winter. Their little home, though not impressive by our world's standards, was filled to overflowing with the love of God and the joy of God's Spirit. It was a place of genuine peace. How does the Psalmist put it?

Psalm 127:1, "Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it". . . . The truth is that some of the grandest homes on earth are some of the saddest places on earth, and some of the most humble homes on earth are some of the most joyous places on earth—all because of God.

In closing, if you are not in a small group, like D-Life, I would encourage you to consider it. The fellowship and encouragement is extraordinary! Please email Bro. David and he will get you placed into one if you aren't in one already.

I love you church family and I'm honored to be your pastor and friend!

God Bless, Bro. Tommy

A Word from Your Associate Pastor

Every communicator desires that a few important words or phrases or sentences are retained by their listeners. "The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself." (Franklin Roosevelt) "I have nothing to offer except blood, toil, tears and sweat." (Winston Churchill); "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." (Neil Armstrong); I am no different. I hope and pray that when I am long gone there will be some words or phrases that stick with, mostly because they come from the Word of God. That is why I say some of the same things over and over again. Things like:

"Every disciple of Christ is to be a disciple-maker." If you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you know enough of the Gospel to disciple someone toward Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20)

"Every Christ follower is to be a student of the Word of God." God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105). We cannot adequately follow God without knowing His word.

"Your opinion doesn't matter and neither does mine. What matters is, 'What does the Word of God have to say.'"

And a relatively new saying the God has been working on me about and you have heard me say is, "God has placed each of us in the neighborhood or road we live on for a reason. There are broken souls in need of a Savior living in each home in our neighborhood and we are commissioned by God and equipped by the Holy Spirit with the good news of Jesus Christ to engage them." A great way to begin to engage your neighbors is to begin to consistently pray for them by name. God has given us a great tool called blesseveryhome.com. Go to the website, listen to the video and be challenged and informed on how to pray for your neighbors specifically and consistently. Then don't be surprised to see God open up doors for to bless, care for, and share the gospel with your new friends. As Paul reminds us, "For this is what the Lord has commanded us, 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" (Acts 13:47)

Friends, let's join together and bring the light of the gospel of Christ to our neighbors, our community and our world. After all, that is God's over-arching purpose for His children.

Your Fellow Pilgrim,
Bro-D

STUDENTS

Upcoming Events

May 2 – Cornhole Championship and Cookout
May 23 – Baccalaureate Service
June 7-12 – FUGE Camp

FBCM KIDS

VBS Volunteers Needed

We still need more volunteers for VBS! If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, please sign up to help on the Events tab of website or Church Center app. Sign-ups for attending VBS will open at a later date.

Upcoming Events

May 12 – Last Night of AWANA/Store Night
May 16 – CentriKid Parent Meeting
May 19 – AWANA awards night at 6pm in sanctuary
May 26 – No Wednesday Night activities
June 6 – Child Dedication Service (see front cover)
June 7-11 – CentriKid
June 21-25 – VBS
June 23 – VBS Family Night



FBCM LITTLE KIDS

VBS Volunteers Needed

We still need more volunteers for VBS! If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, please sign up to help on the Events tab of website or Church Center app. Sign-ups for attending VBS will open at a later date.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of volunteers for nursery during Sunday morning worship on a rotating basis, at most every 4 weeks. Please contact Becca if you are available and willing to serve our families in this way! Email nurseryfbc@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

June 6 – Child Dedication Service (see front cover)

MISSIONS

Guatemala Trip Dates

Our summer trip is scheduled for July 10-16. If you are interested in going on this trip, email David or Kim Hutto for more information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are in need of prescription pill bottles and old t-shirts. Please wash and remove the labels from the pill bottles. T-shirts can have holes and stains. Place these items in the box in the Fellowship Hall on the left labeled OCC. We are also in need of bar soap if any one would like to donate some. Thank you!



WEE CARE

Registration Open

We are now registering for the 2020-21 school year which begins in August. Weekday Early Education classes are available for ages 18 months- 4 years. For more information check the WEE Care page on our church website or call Kim Hutto at (256) 348-3531.

Hiring

We are also looking for teachers who would like to be a part of our WEE Care ministry. These are part time, paid positions. We are looking for loving, Christian teachers who desire to work with preschool children during the week. For more information contact Kim at kimhutto@att.net.

HOLIDAYS & BIRTHDAYS

May 3 Whitney's Birthday

May 9 Mother's Day

May 31 Memorial Day