

“Word from the Pastor”



As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. – Proverbs 27:17

Have you ever been inspired by someone else’s generosity and then felt spurred on to be generous to those around you? Perhaps you admired someone else’s hospitality and were inspired to imitate it, or maybe you received a large gift and suddenly began looking for ways you could give to others. It seems to me that generosity inspires generosity. This is perhaps too homely an illustration, but when Candice and I were in college, we were the recipients of quite a few meals paid for by others. Our stage in life made us ready recipients, but the generosity of others also made us eager to take up the practice ourselves. Honestly, it was quite novel and fun, so we started buying dinner for our college friends. Soon, our friends started to notice and began buying meals for one another. These were not showy, grand displays of generosity, just small kindnesses. Nevertheless, a culture of generosity grew in our group. The fact that we each had so little made it all the more meaningful. We used to say to one another, “generosity inspires generosity.”

Over the past couple weeks, we have been in a sermon series called “Generous Living.” As a way of capping off the series, we are hosting a special night of fellowship and testimony called a “Celebration of Generous Living” (next Sunday, October 24 from 5-7pm in the Great Hall). This is not a fund raiser. We are not asking for money at the event (no auctions, raffles, tickets, or suggested donations—not that those are bad, they’re just not the purpose of this event). The goal is to fellowship and share stories of generosity so that we might inspire one another towards open-handedness in every area of our lives. There are some things that are better “caught” than taught, and this is one thing I’d love for us to get “caught up” in as a church. We will have *hors d’oeuvres*, hear testimonies, and hopefully inspire gratitude, joy, and generosity in one another as iron sharpens iron. See you there! (R.S.V.P. to izeitlow@fbcl.org would be very helpful, but not required).

Sincerely,

Pastor Collin



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Sunday, October 17, 2021

 **First Baptist**
LONGVIEW
A Family with
a Place for Everyone

the **FIRST FOCUS**

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CELEBRATION OF
Generous Living
FBCL Great Hall
Sunday | 10.24.2021 | 5:00pm
HORS D'OEUVRE RECEPTION
Childcare Available
Upon Reservation
R.S.V.P. to Jill at
jzeitlow@fbcl.org
(903) 212-3300

Chili
COOKOFF
and
Movie Night
TOY STORY 4
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 7
6:00-9:00PM
OUTSIDE @ THE ROC
WE'LL BRING THE CAMPFIRE
YOU BRING THE CHAIRS
FREE TO ENTER & FREE TO TASTE

**FIRST KIDS
UPCOMING EVENTS**

- OCT. 24: CELEBRATION OF GENEROUS LIVING 5PM /FIRST-KIDS DROP-OFF IN GAME ROOM
- OCT. 27: COSTUMES TO CHURCH-FALL FUN
- NOV. 5: OCC LOCK-IN 6P-10P (K-6TH)
- NOV. 7: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- DEC. 3: DROP & SHOP. BABIES-6TH
- DEC. 5: CAROLS & CANDLES
- DEC. 12: LIT 3-5:30
- FEB. 4-6: SKY RANCH WINTER RETREAT
- JUNE 22-25: CAROLINA CREEK SUMMER CAMP

TOUCH^POINT MEAL & BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays
11:30 am -Meal
12:00 Noon-Bible Study
Great Hall
Cost: \$5.00/person
Reserve your spot each week, please call the church office and speak with Christy by 12:00 Noon each Tuesday.

Menu:
Spaghetti and Meat Balls, Cole Slaw, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Water, Tea, or Coffee
There will be no Evening Meal



The ROC is in need of dining room chairs, if you have any dining rooms chairs that you no longer need please donate to the ROC. For more information contact Alicia at 903-758-0680.

Sunday, October 10, 2021

FBC Attendance

LIFEGROUPS TOTAL	324
(Children, Youth, Adults, PA Children)	
WORSHIP	
Exalt Service	151
Revive Service	164
Kidz Church	21
Puertas Abiertas	110
Online Numbers	87
	533
FBC Gifts:	
Weekly needs in October:	\$42,937.14
October 10, receipts:	\$34,816.02

CHURCH FAMILY CONFERENCE
Sunday, November 7, 2021
5:00 pm
ROC Café

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LONGVIEW TEXAS
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
1871-2021
150 YEARS

There is still time to order your 150th Anniversary memory book! Contact Jill to place your order by Oct. 25. Hardback \$80 Softback \$40 903-212-3300

**Mary Hill Davis
Offering for Texas
Missions**

Our church goal:
\$20,000.00
Received to date:
\$7,581.50



In case of pastoral care emergencies, the following ministers will be on call for the following weekends.

October 15-17
Kip Salser
903-918-2130

October 22-24
Collin Bullard
870-210-0176

Drop off: FBCL OFFICE
or 2nd floor



We are taking gently used and new coats to donate to Bailey Elementary. Please help us keep our community warm this winter.

At the evening Mid-Week Worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the BCEB Theater on Wednesday, October 27, come hear a report from Rob Miller, Co-Founder of Catch the Vision International, about the current state of missions work in Peru and what God is doing there.

JINGLE JAM LIGHT SHOW

TIME:
6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
DATE:
November 5, 2021
LOCATION:
First Baptist church
Longview, ROC

THANK YOU
A thank you card was received from Mrs. Caroline Simmons and family.



ROC 360

ROC360 Basketball registration is now open!!!
Fee for participation will be \$50 per child (includes cost of Jersey)
In person only registration at The ROC
Evaluations will be:
October 25th K-2 Grade between 5:30 & 7:00
October 26th 3-4 Grade between 5:30 & 7:00
October 28th 5-6 Grade between 5:30 & 7:00
Practices will begin on Monday, November 15th
For information contact 903-758-0680 (Alicia) or Agibson@fbcl.org