

Ushers & Greeters

Nov. 17- Brad Simmons, ch., Brian Hampton, Randy Behrens, Casey Pulliam, Trampas Patton, Kade Betts, Michael Blevins

Nov. 24—Ron Rogers, ch., Matt Searcey, Jodee Wales, Rocky Hickam, Jimmy Mayers, Ed Berngen

Nursery Volunteers

Extended Session November 17

Babies—Shirley Jeter & Natalie Rounsaville
Toddlers—Mari Behrens & family
3's— Lindsay Stephens & boys

Extended Session on November 24

Babies— Barbara & Chuck Calvin
Toddlers— Karrie Canada & Laken Canada
3's—Samantha & Michael Blevins

Children's Church

November 17—Kyle & Jill Turner

November 24— Jodee & Tori Wales

Sunday Morning Scripture

November 17 - Tracy Wales

November 24 - Judy Hammond

Sunday Youtube Mix

November 17- Obelea Rue

November 24—Kade Betts

Sunday Sound/Screen/Camera Crew

November 17 - Sound - Seth & Richard
Screens - Linda McDaniel
Camera - Kevin Gray

November 24- Sound - Seth

Screens - Debbie Key
Camera - Richard Behrens

Food Pantry Sackers

November 16 or 17 - Barbara Calvin, Kimberly & Bobby Wolfe, Debbie Key, Randa Betts

November 23 or 24 - Gena Barrington, Randa Betts, Oscar & Sandra Garcia, Ariel Loggins

Food Pantry Distribution

November 18- Shannon Moses & Keith & Natalie Hill

November 25- Cristi Little, Gabe Simmons & Steve Stephens

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“ To Grow in our relationship with Jesus, to Serve Him together and to Share His unconditional love with others.” -Mission Statement

November 13, 2024



Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes Collection Week

Nov. 18 - 25

Shoebox dedication will be on Sunday, November 24.
Shoeboxes need to be turned in no later than the 24th!

Cost to ship a box is \$10.



Grief Share Event - “Surviving the Holidays”
Sunday, November 17 from 5-7 pm
Leigh Stephens will be leading. RSVP to Leigh
at 940-867-6279 or the church office at 940-
564-5594.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Feel free to call the deacon of the week if you need something.

November 10 -16

Lonnie Wales 564-6033

November 17 - 23

Rue Rogers 254-652-3795

November 24 - 30

Dale Lovett 940-564-6315



SHOEBOX DONATIONS NEEDED

Updated Needs for Operation Christmas Child

Needs for boxes: deodorant - boys & girls, Band-Aids, hair brushes & girls hair accessories, nail kits, t-shirts, small socks for boys and girls, small toys, games, Hot Wheel and small cars, whistles, small balls. A tub is in the sanctuary foyer for your items. If you would prefer to help with the cost of shipping, the cost to ship is \$10 per box. Last year we sent 533 boxes, the cost to ship was \$5,330.



Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Meghan & Hayden Austin at the death of her grandfather, Larry Camp.



- November 14 Judy Mankins
- November 15 Gay Lynn McClelland
J. W. Rounsaville
Natalie Simmons
- November 19 Shannon Moses
- November 21 Zakkery Bailey
Mary Butler
Trevor Key
Judi Winslow
Kent Wright
- November 22 Scott Palmer
- November 23 Seth Berngen
Jeff Palmer
- November 25 Keegan Barnhardt
- November 26 Richard Behrens
Kirk Ondricek
- November 28 Kelbey Thurman
- November 29 Connie Horany
- November 30 McKenziey Brisco
Cory Taylor
Taylor Thomas



Budget Discussion

**Sunday, November 17
after the morning service.
No meal.**

*You are invited to
join us for*

**Robert & Lana McQuerry's
50th Anniversary
Celebration**

**Saturday, November 16
2-4 pm**

**First Baptist Church's
Fellowship Hall**

And the Lord Added:

**By Letter:
Frankie & Becky Bailey
Sharla Butler**

**By Statement:
Melissa Ming**

**For Baptism:
Emma Sanders
Tony Ming**

**By Baptism:
Zayden Adkins
Clyde Rounsaville
Thomas Simmons**

Weekly Reports

Sunday, October 27, 2024
Bible Study: 147
Morning Worship: 223

Budget Weekly Needs	\$11,793.00
Budget Receipts	\$9,753.72
Designated Receipts	
Benevolence	500.00
Radio Ministry	100.00
SBTC	260.00
Building Fund	<u>320.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$10,933.72

Budget Needs to Date: \$507,099.00
Budget Receipts to Date: \$587,632.26

Sunday, November 3, 2024
Bible Study: 161
Morning Worship: 216

Budget Receipts	22,455.23
Designated Receipts	
Shoebox Donation	150.00
Building Campaign	30,345.91
Food Pantry	<u>100.00</u>
Total Receipts	54,664.96

Budget Needs to Date: 518,892.00
Budget Receipts to Date: 611,701.31

Sunday, November 10, 2024
Bible Study: 162
Morning Worship: 238

The financial report will be included in the next newsletter.

Note: The next newsletter will be mailed out on November 27, 2024.

A Message from Chad

Dear Church Family,

We are heading full speed into the holidays. I want to ask a couple of things of you. First, our attendance this fall has been pretty weak. I know there has been a lot of travel, but let's make sure that we are prioritizing our worship hour. Everything else builds on our gathering. We live in a disconnected digital world. I don't think God has designed us to thrive that way. Our connections start when we are in the same place. Make sure you are in church, in your spot, and making connections. This is especially true in the holidays. Make sure you prioritize being back for worship if you are travelling. That isn't an unreasonable thing to ask.

Second, we are having a Griefshare Event this coming Sunday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Look for details on that. If you know someone who is grieving, invite them to come and attend the event with them.

Third, Jaden is going to be directing a hand bell choir for the holiday season, if you want to play, contact one of us or call the church office.

We had a great celebration this past Sunday as we celebrated the ingathering of gifts and pledges. Our total, so far, is just short of 1 million dollars! There are still other pledges to be added as well. Remember we have a group of donors who will match pledges up to 1.5 million dollars. That means that our 1 million in pledges has turned into 2 million because of this challenge grant. If you have not submitted your gift or pledge to the office, please do that as soon as possible. Thank you all so much for your willingness to get behind this project and to give sacrificially of yourselves to the Lord. This isn't just giving, but it is also worship. As a note, you can begin your pledges now, or you can wait until the first of the year.

I hope you feel that our campaign has grown and stretched your faith as we have walked through this process, seeking God's vision for ministry, praying individually and together, seeking to have our hearts transformed, being attentive to hear the voice of the Lord, and then seeing him move as we follow in obedience. There is still much work to be done, but make sure you stop and recognize that this has been a special time in the life of our church. We have all learned lessons, and I know this has been life changing for me. I look forward to using what God has shown us as we move forward in ministry.

Our Thanksgiving meal distribution was a great success this past Monday. I was at the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting, but I did see the pictures of all the cars lined up on Avenue D, waiting for the distribution. The goal this year was to provide 200 meal baskets.

We were able to be a blessing to our community this past Saturday night as we allowed the Heroes and Harvest Festival to be held on our parking lot due to muddy conditions at the Country Club. What a treat it was to welcome Songbird Jones and Coffey Anderson to Olney. These are two godly men who are seeking to influence culture in the country music scene. When the organizers of the event were looking for a new venue, they were running into logistical problems. Our property committee felt it would be good to be a solution to the problem, and I believe God honored that decision with a unique night of ministry. It was awesome to see our own Verma Fobbs honored as a Hometown Hero!

I love you. I love being your pastor. I will see you on Sunday!

Brother Chad

A Message from Jaden

There are a few things to be on the lookout for at FBCO.

1. We are starting up a **handbell choir**. We have not worked out all of the details yet, but I can tell you some general things. The rehearsals will be on Monday evenings, and we will need eleven players to make it happen. To be a part of the bell choir you must know how to read music. Player spots will primarily go to adults that want to sign up, but if we have extra spots we will recruit some youth. We will be playing pretty easy music this time around, so if you've never done handbells before, that's okay because it will be a great introduction. We will try to do handbells for other special events besides Christmas as well.

2. The youth will be doing a **gift wrapping fundraiser** to raise money for youth camp in December. Before you go out on black Friday and start wrapping your gifts, consider supporting the youth ministry and letting our students wrap them for you.