

### **Ushers & Greeters**

**Jan. 19-** Rue Rogers, ch., Kent McClatchy, Russell Milmo, Chuck Calvin, John Moses, Scot Hayter, Hunter Simmons

**Jan. 26**—Kendall Montgomery, ch., Len Bernhardt, Ronnie Cowart, Keith Hill, Dirk Barrington, Justin Farmer

### **Nursery Volunteers**

#### **Extended Session January 19**

Babies—McKenzy Brisco & Randa Betts  
Toddlers—Katie & Jesse Grubbs  
3's— Alyssa & Kade Betts

#### **Extended Session on January 26**

Babies— Kimberly & Spencer Cox  
Toddlers— Tricia, McKenzie & Trent Berngen  
3's—Ed & Janessa Berngen

### **Children's Church**

**January 19**—Kent, Syndal & Kaci

**January 26**— Melissa Edgington & kids

### **Sunday Morning Scripture**

**January 19 -** Rue Rogers

**January 26 -** Terra Krajca

### **Sunday Youtube Mix**

**January 19**—Kade Betts

**January 26 -** Chris Krajca

### **Sunday Sound/Screen/Camera Crew**

**Jan. 19 -** Sound - Seth Nash

Screens - Debbie Key

Camera - Cole Hearne

**Jan. 26-** Sound - Dale Lovett

Screens - Sonja Gray

Camera - Kevin Gray

### **Food Pantry Sackers**

**January 18 -** No sackers - holiday

**January 25 or 26 -**Hammonds & Hills

### **Food Pantry Distribution**

**January 20 -** Holiday

**January 27-** Cristi Little, Gabe Simmons, Steve Stephens, Frankie & Becky Bailey

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# THE LIGHT

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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

**January 14, 2025**

Chad is turning 50!

Join us for a  
**Cake Party**

January 19th 6pm  
FBCO Fellowship Hall

No gifts! Just come and celebrate with a huge spread of home-baked cakes!

2025 Committees to Meet  
Sunday, January 26@ 5pm  
Fellowship Hall

Cards have been mailed out to the church members who are currently serving on a committee.  
If you are not sure if you are serving, call the church office to find out - 564-5594.

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

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

January 12-18

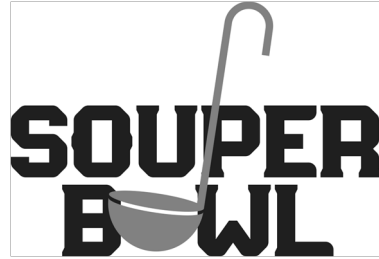
Dale Lovett 940-564-6315

January 19 - 25

Ed Berngen 254-595-2648

January 26 - February 1

Gunter Rodriguez 903-875-9995



**Olney Senior Cub Center  
Souper Bowl Fundraiser  
302 S. Ave B**

**Sunday, Feb. 9th 11am until 1pm  
Adults-\$10 Under 5-\$5**

**Tickets can be purchased through  
Debbie Key, Nita Hearne or Sheila Pulliam.  
Tickets will also be available at the door.**

**Food Handler Online Class**

Those who help at the Food Pantry, it is time to renew Food Handler Certificates. If you help with the food pantry you probably have completed this course in 2023.

The certificate is good for 2 years. Go online to [www.foodhandlerclasses.com/texas](http://www.foodhandlerclasses.com/texas). It might take 2 1/2 to 3 hours to do the course. Cost is \$7. When you bring in your certificate to Jan we can reimburse you for the cost.



- January 18 Logan Betts  
Betty Mathews  
Chase McClatchy
- January 19 Julia Fletcher
- January 20 Chad Edgington  
Terra Krajca
- January 23 Ray Acuna  
Ted Scobee
- January 24 Chuck Calvin  
Sawyer Edgington
- January 25 Maya Morales
- January 26 Maril Adams
- January 27 Kaylah Hampton  
Michael Jacoba  
Shiloh Miller
- January 28 Ember DeVries  
Cody Dixon  
Eric Loggins
- January 29 Autumn Ballard  
Mike McCuistian  
Janis Willis
- January 30 Brooks Branum  
Huck Branum



**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Whitney & David Nantz at the birth of a son, Luke Alexander. Luke was born on December 20, 2024. He weighed eight pounds and five ounces and was twenty inches long. Luke has two sisters, Blake & Everett. His grandparents are Rodney & Kristy Nantz and Sharla Butler. His great-grandparents are Mary & Gerald Butler and David & Jeri Nantz.

**Weekly Reports**

December 31, 2024

Budget Receipts	\$1,960.00
Designated Receipts	
Youth Winter Retreat	40.00
Youth Camp Fundraiser	300.00
Ron Keeter Scholarship	1,000.00
Building Campaign	<u>1,100.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$4,400.00

Budget Needs to Date: \$613,236.00  
Budget Receipts to Date: \$723,569.76

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December 31, 2024

Budget Receipts	\$18,207.32
Designated Receipts	
Samaritan Purse Shoebox	1,000.00
Youth Fundraiser	500.00
Benevolence	1,000.00
Building Campaign	475.00
Food Pantry	100.00
PreTeen Camp Fundraiser	500.00
March for Jesus T-shirts	500.00
Lottie Moon	<u>100.00</u>
Total Receipts	22,382.32

Budget Needs to Date: \$613,236.00  
Budget Receipts to Date: \$741,777.08

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: \$10,275

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Sunday, January 5, 2025

Bible Study:189

Morning Worship: 252

Budget Weekly Needs	\$12,811.00
Budget Receipts	\$19,404.55
Designated Receipts	
Gospel Meals	20.00
Youth Winter Retreat	80.00
Building Campaign	<u>13,215.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$32,719.55

Budget Needs to Date: \$12,811.00  
Budget Receipts to Date: \$19,404.55

**Weekly Report for**

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Bible Study: 188

Morning Worship:266

The Stewardship Report for January 12 will be included in the next newsletter.



Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Anja Fields and her family at the death of her mother, Virginia Pribble; to Tony Ming and family at the death of his step-grandfather, Bob Dillard.



A Big Thank You to the men of the church who made short work of a big move. We of the church are blessed by the work of the Lord. May we each seek and find that blessing of service.

Through Faith in Christ, Rosalee Craig

Note: The next newsletter will be mailed out on January 28, 2025.

## A Message from Chad

Dear Church Family,

What a great day of worship we had this past Sunday. I enjoyed preaching the “Two Suppers” sermon and I hope the Spirit will use to bring us closer to Christ. The memorial for Virginia Pribble was very well attended. I really appreciated our funeral meal team and our deacons, who all joined in to help facilitate the service. The family truly appreciated the hospitality.

Our building project is moving right along. We are currently waiting for more detailed plans to be drawn. This is the first official month for us to start giving toward pledges if you will be making your gift in monthly installments. It is important to remember that all of our giving toward the building needs to be over and above our normal budget giving. **Also, we are still raising funds for this project. If you have not made a pledge, please prayerfully consider what you might give. We still have matching funds available. Every dollar you give or pledge will be doubled up to the remaining challenge pledge amount of \$500,000.**

Last Wednesday I drove over to the Texas Baptists office on Rambler Road in Dallas to continue in a dialogue with the state convention and the North American Mission Board. The goal for several of us pastors through this process has been to improve relations between our state convention and the national mission board. Even though I have been discouraged in our attempts to bring the two sides together, the meeting this past Wednesday was very encouraging. I credit the leadership of NAMB and the BGCT for coming up with an agreement that will hopefully lead to the planting of many strong conservative churches in Texas. It will also lead to a greater partnership between our state convention church planting department and the NAMB church planting department. This is good news for conservative churches like ours.

It probably isn't couth to invite people to your own birthday party, but I want to invite you to come celebrate with me on the 19<sup>th</sup> as I celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday! Melissa has put together a sweet fellowship, literally, as we will have 25 cakes to eat.

I know it may seem too early to think about Easter, but we are planning on putting together a choir for an Easter Cantata to be presented on the evening of Palm Sunday. Jaden will be directing the choir and we will open this up to the entire community. We will practice on Tuesday evenings beginning on February 19<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will be a part of this choir. You need to be able to sing to join, but you don't have to know how to read music. The commitment will be to attend 7 rehearsals and the performance.

I'm also trying to plan revival meetings for us in the next couple of months. Look for an announcement forthcoming. I am still trying to work out the schedule with the revival preacher.

I'm excited about what the Lord will do in 2025. This will be a year of transformation and growth. I am glad we will take that journey together. Keep seeking Christ.

Brother Chad

## A MESSAGE FROM JADEN

I read a quote that inspired this short message, but I could not find the source. Still, I wanted to share it with you all.

Spiritual growth is a slow process. Be encouraged whenever you are serving God and discipling others in the most mundane of ways. Week after week you may be pouring into others without seeing much fruit in their lives, but this is to be expected because spiritual progress takes time. As disciple makers we are not planting flower seeds that spring up quickly and produce stunning blossoms after only a short time of watering, but we are instead planting acorns. The weekly things we do in our disciple making efforts may seem insignificant, but we are surely sowing seed. Acorns take time (a lot of time) to mature, but when they do those little acorns stand as mighty oaks. This is much better than a wimpy flower that sprouts quickly, but is easily trampled underfoot. Keep planting those acorns. Keep watering. It will be worth it.

### Reminders:

Youth Winter Retreat @ Camp Chaparral is January 31- February 1st. We will leave the church at 4:00pm on Friday, and then we will be back in town around 5:30pm on Saturday. A full schedule is coming soon.



High School Girls

Cookie Decorating Class with Obelea Rue

Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8 pm, Fellowship Hall

Drinks and Snacks provided.

If you plan on coming, please let Sonja Gray

(940-873-3573) know by January 26<sup>th</sup>