



## A Note From **Pastor Troy**

Happy New Year! As 2022 dawns, it is like a blank canvas set before a painter. What will you put on your canvas? As you are looking upon the new year, my prayer is that you will take some steps this year to grow in your walk with the Lord. Let me suggest a couple of practices to begin implementing. Pick a Bible reading plan and commit to completing it. You may want to pick a plan that leads you to read through the whole Bible. If that seems a little too daunting, read through the Gospels and study the life of Jesus. Pick a book of the Bible and commit to reading through it. Make small steps and establish a habit of reading Scripture every day. Set aside a time each day to pray. Take time to praise the Lord and petition the Lord. Paul encourages us to pray continually. Prayer is one of the greatest gifts that God provides to us. Commit to being a part of a small group Bible study. You can easily do this through a Sunday school class. You may want to start a new group in your home or at a coffee shop. Take time to meet with other believers throughout the week with the purpose of reading and talking about the impact Scripture has on your life. Close your gatherings with a time of prayer for one another. Practice generosity in every area of your life. Commit to giving more of your time, talent, resources and money to the work of the Lord.

I want to encourage you to pray for our church. 2022 will be a year of transition. Pray for our Music Minister Search Team as they begin the process of seeking and discerning God's will for our next music minister. Pray also for the formation of the College Minister Search Team. More information about the formation of this team will come in the next few weeks. While we are in this time of transition, it is also an exciting time for our church. We clearly see that God is at work. It is a privilege to be able to join Him in what He is doing in, through, and around First Baptist. One of the greatest ways you can be involved is to pray for our church. We know that God is at work, which means the enemy is at work too. He seeks to disrupt and dismantle what God is doing. Prayer is the greatest weapon we have in spiritual battles. As we take up prayer, we are waging war in the heavenlies. Pray for the protection and integrity of our church. Pray for our leaders and their leadership. Pray for God's continued faithfulness and the obedience of our church. Above all, pray for God's will to be done.

One final reminder. We will be moving to our new Sunday morning schedule on January 9. We will have a traditional worship service at 8:30am and a blended/contemporary worship service at 11am. We are praying for God to not only draw people to our church, but most importantly, to draw people to Himself. As we seek to become and develop disciples of Jesus, we are committed to learning to live and love like Him. May our church grow in faith and maturity in 2022.

To God be the glory!

### Prayer List

Steve Aldrich; Jim Anderson; Cynthia Armstrong; Sandy Barwick; Emaline Clark; Jen Colkin; Don and Nancy Cumbie; Elizabeth Elkins; Martha Nell Evans; Pat Fagan; Shannon Graff; Linda Grant; **Billy & Vicki Hamilton**; **Family of Kathleen Heaton**; Austin Hodge; Bill Hyer; Leonor Johnson; Glenn Lewis; Julie Livingston; Eddie Lockett; Susie Martin; LaNelle McCulley; Linda Mills; One Hope; Ted Odom; The Family of Mary Jo Powell; The Family of Bobby and Neva Prescott; **Janice Reeves**; David and Norma Rowland; Bob Smith; Mitch Stallard; Karen Steele; Bill Strawn; Pam H. Thomas; Ide Trotter; Beverly Watson; **Daralyn Wallace**; Steve Watson; Nathan Whited; Helen Whittington; **Wilma Youngblood**; Hung Chi & Jeanne Yu; Linda Zajac;

Our Ministers & their Families; Office & Building Staff & their Families; FBC Worship Services, Ministries & Activities; Law Enforcement, First Responders, Our Military & their Families; Our Country & Leadership

Names in bold are new additions. If you need to add someone to the prayer list or remove someone, please contact the office at 979-696-7000 or email [info@fbccollegestation.com](mailto:info@fbccollegestation.com).

### Budget Report

\*As of Dec 26, 2021

Financial Stats	Month	Year
Budget Needs	\$134, 667	\$1,890,143
Budget Receipts	\$532, 459	\$2,142,875
Over/Under	\$379,792	\$252,732

## Message from the Family Ministry Building Steering Committee:

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the Family Ministry Building Steering Committee, I want to let you know about an upcoming special-called business conference. It will be held on January 9 during the annual Chili Cook-off in the church sanctuary. At that time, the committee will bring a motion concerning the Family Ministry Building construction project.

I want to express to you how thankful the committee is to all of those that made commitments in response to the Home initiative. We had a great response, and many in our church have stepped out in faith to answer God's calling in their lives. I am very excited with how God is working in the lives of our church members!

While we had a great response, the overall commitments fell short of a threshold that the Steering committee sought to reach. In addition, we are continuing to see construction costs rise due to Covid and recent economic inflation. As the numbers currently stand, our church is looking at the possibility of needing to carry a long-term debt of about \$4 million to finance this project.

During the project town-hall meetings last fall, our committee committed to re-engaging with the church-body if the financing portion of this project became a concern. We feel that we have reached that point. Because of this, the committee will be bringing a new motion before the church to vote on how to proceed in light of this anticipated debt-load.

A project like this can change the trajectory of our church, and greatly impact the lives of our members and community, both now and the next 100 years. The Steering committee believes our church has the resources and ability to fully fund this project. However it will take a full commitment and engagement from our church. Please pray and carefully consider how God is calling our church to proceed.

Thank you, and may God bless you in the coming year.

## Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Sunday evening discipleship classes will begin on January 16 at 6:00pm. There will be a wide variety of offerings available.

Kathy Strawn will be leading a women's group through Kelly Minter's study, *Encountering God*. This study looks at spiritual disciplines and ways to incorporate them into your daily life.

David Strawn will be teaching through Steven J. Lawson's study, *Philippians for You*. Walk through Paul's writings from prison that teach us about living with joy and firm faith even when circumstances are hard.

Troy Allen will continue on to 2 Peter in a study entitled *Knowing Truth*. Participants in this discussion based study will walk through the biblical text of 2 Peter together.

Beginning on February 6, Greg Roberson will lead a session of Dave Ramsey's popular *Financial Peace*. Sign up information will be available soon!

## Women's Ministry Update

Monday Meetups are returning! Women are invited to meet together on Mondays at noon beginning January 24 at the Blue Baker location on University Drive. Join us and bring a friend!

The MORE women's retreat is scheduled for March 25-27, 2022 at Lakeview Camp and Retreat Center in Waxahachie, TX. Cost is \$160 per person. Registration will begin soon!



### Baby

#### Announcements:



Judson and Kristin Lloyd welcomed baby girl Grace Aubree on December 3rd, 2021. She weighed 8 pounds and measured 20 and 3/4 inches.



## Minister to Youth

**Josh Price**

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**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all of us in First Student Ministry!** This past semester has been amazing to watch our students take steps toward deeper relationships with Jesus and build closer connections with each other in their community. As we look to this spring semester, we are excited to see what God will continue to do in the lives of our students.

**FSM Winter Camp** will be February 18-20. More information and registration will come in the next few weeks. This summer we will be headed back to Highland Lakes for **FSM Journey Camp**, July 11-15. Your student will not want to miss either of these events. **Help Support our Youth Ministry-** If you would like to help sponsor a student to attend any Youth event/retreat/or camp this year, please make a donation to FBC Youth with "Youth Scholarships" in the memo line.

Many of you and your Sunday school classes and/or families helped provide for our Wednesday Night Meals this last semester and we want to say again **THANK YOU!** Your generosity in feeding us has helped create the family atmosphere we crave in FSM. With the Spring semester coming, we are looking for Sunday school classes and/or families to help provide **Wednesday Night Meals starting January 12, 2022.** You or your Sunday school class can provide a meal in the Fellowship Hall or donate the funds to sponsor and our team will make the arrangements. **We typically feed 25-30 students/leaders** on any given Wednesday night. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help feed our students, **please contact Dyanna Starling** [dyanna.starling@gmail.com](mailto:dyanna.starling@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU** again church family for loving and caring for our students and volunteers in FSM! We hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Interim Minister of Music

**Heather Seiber**

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It's 2022! Happy New Year! How did we get here so quickly? The new year is always a time for both reflection and a time to look forward. As we look forward into 2022, our Worship at FBC CS will be slightly different. Our 8:30 service will be filled with Traditional Worship Music, and our 11:00 will be filled with Contemporary/ Blended Worship Music. As always, our goal in each Worship service is to glorify and honor our Great God! Every prayer, song, lyric, reading... may it bring glory to Him!

Perhaps in this new year you are looking for something new...If you are looking for a place to "plug in", we would love for you to join us in Choir, Praise Team, WAM, Handbells and Audio/Visual Tech. Please, email me at [heather@fbccollegestation.com](mailto:heather@fbccollegestation.com) to learn more.

May 2022 bring blessings into your life, and may your life be a blessing to many others! To God be the glory, great things He has done.. and continues to do! He is ever faithful!



## Minister to Children

**Bronwyn Stanley**

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Happy New Year FBC Family!

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful holiday with friends and family. Thank you to everyone who came to worship at our Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve Service. Thank you all again for pointing us right to the heart of the season!

In Kids Ministry, we are gearing up for regular Wednesday evening activities (Mission Friends, Bible Buddies, and Bible Drill) on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Please remember there will be no Bible Study Sunday, January 2, but will meet all together for worship at 10:00am.

We are planning lots of fun things for our children and families to participate in during 2022. Be sure to read your enews on Fridays and watch our social media for up-to-date information on all church events.



# FBC NEWS & EVENTS

Sign up for our weekly email updates at [FBCCollegeStation.com](http://FBCCollegeStation.com)

## JANUARY 5

### \*WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPRING KICK-OFF\*

Activities for all ages  
resume at 6:30pm



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**First Student  
Ministry**

Children's Ministry  
**FBC First Kids**



**YouTube**  
to see Sermons &  
Bible Studies!

FBC College  
Station

also follow our  
student and  
college ministry  
YouTube channels



### BRAZOS VALLEY foodbank

*If you would like to donate non-perishable food items to our Food Pantry, you may come by during normal business hours. There will be a basket in the foyer by the church office for you to place any donations.*

## New Year, New Habits

Are you looking for a Bible reading plan for the new year? Want to read through the Bible for the first time, or the 50th time? Is your small group making study plans for the new year? Are you interested in joining or starting a small group using this plan? **Reading plans** from [biblestudytogether.com](http://biblestudytogether.com) will be available soon! This chronological plan spans **two years** of reading in short segments. It also **cross references** the Old and New Testaments. There is an **app** available for personal use or for your small group to coordinate your progress through the plan. You may download a journal that includes open ended questions and daily challenges. Journals are also available to purchase through Amazon.

Have questions? Contact Alex Garza at: [discipleship@fbccollegestation.com](mailto:discipleship@fbccollegestation.com).



DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS? PHONE NUMBER? EMAIL? Please contact [korey@fbccollegestation.com](mailto:korey@fbccollegestation.com)

### OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE | ALSO ON REALM

#### SUNDAYS

Early Worship .....8:30am  
Sunday School for All Ages.....9:45  
Brown Memorial Library Open..... 9:45 & 10:40  
Late Worship ..... 11:00  
Youth Bible Drill.....5:30pm  
W.A.M. (ages 3-6th grade) .....6:00  
Youth Bible Study.....6:00  
Adult Bible Study..... 6:00

#### MONDAYS

Men's Prayer Time (open to all) .....6:30am

#### TUESDAYS

Ladies' Exercise Class .....9:15am  
Quilt-n-Peace ..... 9:30  
Food Pantry (volunteers @ 9am)..... 10:00  
Praise Team Rehearsal ..... 6:30pm  
Ladies' Evening Prayer Group ..... 7:00

#### WEDNESDAYS

FSM (First Student Ministry) .....5:45pm  
Adult Bible Study..... 6:30  
Mission Friends (Birth-K) ..... 6:30  
Bible Buddies (1st-3rd) ..... 6:30  
Bible Drill (4th-6th) ..... 6:30  
Sanctuary Choir (adults) ..... 6:30

#### THURSDAYS

Ladies' Exercise Class..... 9:15am  
Tender Warriors Day (Men's Bible Study)..... Noon  
Men's Evening Bible Study (Rudy's BBQ)..... 7:30pm

#### UPCOMING FIRST LIGHT DEADLINE:

**January 25th, @ 5:00PM**

(covers February 1 through 28, 2022)

Please bring information to the office  
or email [info@fbccollegestation.com](mailto:info@fbccollegestation.com)

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Mother's Day Out (696-7035) Birth - 5: M/T/TH/F 9:30am - 1:30pm