



## A Note From Pastor Troy

Happy 2024! I hope that you had a wonderful and delightful Christmas season. My prayer is that you received the mercy and grace of God as you took time to reflect upon His goodness and faithfulness to you and your family. I am so thankful for all that we saw God do in, through, and around our church in 2023. We celebrated 100 years of ministry! We baptized more people in 2023 than we had in previous years. We saw new families join our church and ministry desiring to serve alongside us for God's glory. We have seen record giving through the Home Initiative setting a high mark through your generosity. We continue to serve scores of people through our food pantry. Our Discovery ministry to international women saw growth this semester with many receiving bibles in their own language at their last meeting in December. All that we have seen the Lord do in this past year, we are asking Him to continue in 2024.

Next Sunday, January 7, we will have our Home Initiative Celebration Sunday! Over the past two years of the Home Initiative, we have observed God's faithfulness through your generosity. I am grateful for the way you have sacrificially given over the past two years. While we have run into some hurdles with the construction of the family ministry building, it is clear that the Lord's hand has led and directed us this far. On Sunday we will celebrate all that God has done through the Home Initiative as well as His faithfulness to us through this season of our church. God has done great things and will continue to do great things!

January 14 is a big Sunday as well. That morning we will begin part 2 of the *Jesus is Greater* teaching series in Hebrews. We will begin chapter 7. That evening we will start our Sunday evening groups. Here's the lineup for this semester:

- Praying for Revival with Darren Hromas
- Fully God, Fully Man with Kent May
- And God... with Kathy Strawn
- Experiencing God with Troy Allen
- The Passion Narrative in Mark with David Strawn
- What God Has Joined Together with Ben and Jenna Lawrence (beginning 1/21/24)

I encourage you to join up with one of these groups for this semester!

Happy New Year and Hold Fast,

### Prayer List

Jim Anderson; Cynthia Armstrong; Deb Ashbaucher & family; Paulo Barretto and family; Matt Bevers; Joel Bratcher and family; Nelda Burney; Nita Calvert; Margaret Carmichael; Emaline Clark; Jen Colkin; Sharon Colson; Family of Don Cumbie; Mary Dixon; Maria Fidone; Linda Grant; Rickey Grayson; Elizabeth Groves; Norma Hagler; Bill Hyer; Leonor Johnson; Larry Keck; Bill Kimmey; Don Landry; Clara Lanham; Dan Lewis; Eddie Lockett; Marilyn; Peggy Mobley; Janice Reeves; David and Norma Rowland; Rachel Sacco; Ryan Sacco; Rhonda Sacco; Walt Schuster; Scott Siscoe; Bob Smith; Family of Roy Smith; Karen Steele; Shannon Tauchette; Irv Wade; Beverly Watson; Steve Watson; Nathan Whited; Helen Whittington; David Williams; Beverly Woodruff; Sandra Wynn

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

Financial Stats	Month	Year
Budget Needs	\$157,405	\$1,888,856
Budget Receipts	\$356,752	\$2,482,843
Over/Under	\$199,347	\$593,987



## Minister to College

**Nathan Yates**

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Happy New Year! It is crazy to think that 2023 has come and gone. A little over a year ago, Dannielle and I faced uncertainty about our future. I had left my position of five years as a Student Pastor at Maplewood First Baptist Church, unsure of what God had next for us. It was through much prayer and seeking that God made it evidently clear that First Baptist College Station was where He was moving us. I am so grateful for the generosity and love this church has shown my family and me.

It is easy to focus on the difficulties that last year has brought my family personally. Two close family members passed away, one was very unexpected and yet another miscarriage. Through these trials and adversity, it can be difficult to say that God is good. Yet, I have seen His faithfulness through the storms of this life. He has given us a community through the church that has shown us love and compassion. I am thankful for our church staff that has supported both Dannielle and myself through these times. I am grateful for the college students who went out of their way to make sure that we still were able to function through the craziness. Through all of this we have felt God's mercy and His presence. I lean into God's promises found in Scripture. Nahum 1:7, *The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust Him. God is still good!*

As we look forward in 2024, my goal is to be reminded of God's goodness regardless of circumstances. Maybe last year for you was similar to ours. If so, I hope that you are encouraged by the goodness of God. I hope that you have found biblical community here that will support you during times of trials. If you ever need anything, please feel free to reach out! I am thankful that God has given me the opportunity to serve alongside you here at FBC!

In Christ,

Nathan Yates



## Minister to Children

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We are still taking registrations for our Preteen Winter Retreat on January 5-6, 2024 at Trinity Pines Conference Center. We always enjoy starting off our new year by studying God's Word together! We will be studying scripture dealing with having an Attitude of Gratitude. Your preteen will not want to miss this exciting event! Please contact Bronwyn, Jennifer Scamardo, or Sarah Whileyman for more information or to register your preteen. You can also register for this amazing event on Realm.

I pray the JOY, HOPE, and PEACE of this season fills your heart and mind.

Bronwyn



## Minister to Youth

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**FBC STUDENTS**  
FBC COLLEGE STATION



*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. -Ecclesiastes 3:1*

January brings a turning of a page and fresh start. What a difference a single day from December to January can make, and a new outlook on 365 days under a whole new year!

We will resume normal Wednesday night scheduling on January 3rd from 6-7:30pm. We will be jumping in to study the book of James. On Sunday mornings for Sunday School, our study in the book of Genesis will begin on January 7th. Mark your calendars for Youth Camp this summer June 24-June 28 at Mt. Lebanon Conference Center in Cedar Hill, Texas. More details will be published in the coming weeks and months. I'll keep beating the drum all spring!

Thank you so much for your prayerful support of this ministry. Love y'all.

Thad



## Minister of Music

**Heather Seiber**

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Can you believe that we are already in 2024? Where did the time go? As Pastor Troy's sermon reminded us last Sunday, we are at the time of year for endings and beginnings. For many people January seems to be a time of year that is a little slower. Now is a fantastic time to try a new Bible Study on Sunday evenings, attend a Sunday School class if you aren't already active in a class or come try out the Choir. Choir meets on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7:30pm. If you might be interested in singing or playing on Praise Team, Handbells, helping with WAM or helping with audio, lights, lyrics or cameras, please drop me a line at [heather@fbccollegestation.com](mailto:heather@fbccollegestation.com).

On January 7th we will take a look back at the faithfulness of God's provision in our Home Initiative and then return to the *Jesus is Greater* sermon series on the 14th. Speaking of a new year, perhaps you know someone that is simply waiting on an invitation to join you at Church. Can't wait to worship with you -- our God is ever faithful!

Heather



# FBC NEWS & EVENTS

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

**Quilt 'n Peace** has had a very busy 2023, providing 237 quilts for a variety of needs.

The following is a tally of the quilts made and distributed by the bee.

- Books and a Blanket (discontinued as of September 2023) = 9
- Texas Baptist Children's Home = 24
- Brazos Blue Bonnet Guild = 74
- Quilts of Valor = 2
- Area Agency on Aging (not including Christmas quilts) = 21
- Area Agency on Aging (Christmas only) = 83
- Miracle Farms = 6
- Graduating Seniors at Still Creek Ranch = 4
- Quilts for misc. donations = 14

In addition to the quilts, Quilt 'n Peace provided 8 walker totes to the Area Agency on Aging.

We took a break for the Christmas season, but we are back on schedule as of January 2, 2024, at 9:30am. We meet in room 1010/1020 and welcome those who would like to join us.



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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.*

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

Traditional Worship.....8:30am  
 Sunday School for All Ages.....9:45  
 Brown Memorial Library Open..... 9:45 & 10:40  
 Contemporary/Blended Worship ..... 11:00  
 Youth/Children's Bells .....4:45pm  
 Youth Bible Drill.....5:45pm  
 W.A.M. (ages 3-6th grade) .....5:45  
 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  
 Ladies' Evening Prayer Group ..... 6:30

### 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  
 (Harvey Washbanger)..... 7:30pm

### UPCOMING FIRST LIGHT DEADLINE:

**January 26th, 2024 @ 5:00PM**

(covers February 1 through 29, 2024)

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