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Legacy 2030

Legacy 2030 is First Baptist Allen's vision to boldly follow God's leading in three key areas: Missions, Media, and Ministries. This is not a five-year plan. It's a call to action now, with a clear destination, to faithfully pursue the call God has given First Baptist Church Allen and celebrate all that He will accomplish by the beginning of 2030. Rooted in the Great Commission, we aim to pass on a legacy of faith, obedience, and Spirit-led leadership to the next generation.

We're asking every member to pray, give, and serve as we step forward together for the glory of Christ.



About this update

These pages share ministry stories from 2025 and 2026 and look ahead to what comes next. Churchwide statistics are labeled with their reporting period, while dated stories show how the work has developed over time.

One vision for our church

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MISSIONS

Prayer that leads us into our city



Outreach Allen

Every Sunday night, a group from our church goes into the community to offer prayer. Outreach Allen has prayed with countless people in their homes and seen Gospel conversations take place through those times of prayer.

Mission Allen

This weekly outreach helped shape Mission Allen. In July, **25 students and five leaders** spent a week learning to share the Gospel and serving locally. For three days, morning training led into afternoon conversations in the community.

The team prayed with more than 120 people, shared the Gospel with 50, and saw one person begin a relationship with Jesus.

Students also served three senior adults from our church, pulling weeds, changing light bulbs, and helping clear attics and garages. Mission Allen gave them practical opportunities to grow in confidence, care for neighbors, and carry their faith into everyday life.



Serving together across our community





Students serving through BOUNCE in the Hill Country

During spring break, **11 students** helped Camp La Junta rebuild an equipment shed after the July 4, 2025 flood. Students learned construction skills, worked together, and stepped into leadership while supporting the camp's continuing ministry.

In **2025**, our church also gave **$10,000 to Texans on Mission** to support Hill Country flood recovery, helping extend care to communities affected by the floods.

Mission churches

Our mission churches—**Trinity Chinese Church, Eastview (Vietnamese Church), and Capilla de Fe (Spanish Church)**—joined us for a joint Palm Sunday service this year. They also served alongside our Deacons to replace the fence at Main Street this summer.

Trinity Chinese Church, led by **Pastor Peter Fu**, has seen tremendous growth and plans to move into a new building later this year. Through our support, we continue to see new mission churches begin.

Our Rich History in Allen

We continue a relationship with the City of Allen by partnering in the Holly Jolly Run/Tree Lighting. During the 2025 Christmas celebration, our church welcomed the community with hot chocolate, preschool crafts, Christmas carolers, a sensory room for families with special needs, a warm gathering place, and clean bathrooms. Thousands participated in the run and tree lighting, creating opportunities to connect and serve as we opened our doors.

For Allen's 150th celebration, we opened the Rotunda as a staff rest area during the all-day event. Conversations and prayer gave us opportunities to show Christ's love to city employees.

Showing up for our neighbors





Food and practical care

During the school year, our backpack ministry delivers food to 11 schools each week. Twenty-two volunteers help prepare approximately 175 bags, providing a regular way to support students and families in our community.

Our Food Pantry has served **more than 200 local families in 2026**. As volunteers help families meet practical needs, they also build relationships and make room for spiritual conversations. Those conversations have opened opportunities to share faith and walk alongside neighbors, including a baptism this past year.

WeCare has helped **over 100 individuals and families in the past year**, providing assistance with rent, electric bills, and water bills for neighbors in need.

Our **Chainsaw Team** also serves the community by removing fallen trees after disasters and addressing hazardous trees before storms.

Relationships with our schools

In winter 2025, our church partnered with Texans on Mission to provide a meal for Kerr Elementary staff, share the Gospel, and give away door prizes. Connections made that day opened opportunities for continued outreach with teachers.

Study Buddies has served on three Allen ISD campuses, with opportunities to serve on additional campuses this year. At Norton Elementary's curriculum night this fall, volunteers provided sandwich boxes, met teachers, and received prayer requests for staff follow-up.

A place to learn and belong

We have an ESL (English as a Second Language) program that offers five levels, from Basic through Conversational English. Classes are free, and every session includes Scripture. Students have come from many countries, including Afghanistan, China, Jordan, Iran, Ukraine, Colombia, and Russia. Semester banquets bring students and families together to share food from their home countries and hear the Gospel.

Some students now attend FBC Allen or our mission churches, and some of their children participate in Music and Missions. Learning English can open the door to relationships that reach beyond the classroom.

Angel T-Ball

With the **Allen Kiwanis Club**, we support a free, adapted sports program for children with special needs. Spring and fall seasons each last eight weeks, and every child is paired with a youth buddy.

Discovery Days

Led by **Joyce Brown**, our weekday preschool enrolled **87 students this year**, connecting our church with young families from across the area. Many do not attend FBC Allen, and some have no church affiliation.

Going together and building relationships

28+

Members taking part in international trips



Over 28 members have taken part in various international trips. Through our partners, our church has opportunities to serve, share the Gospel, and build relationships beyond our community.

In **2025**, we partnered with **International Commission (IC) in Kyrgyzstan** and with **Compassion International in Peru**. Rodger was also invited by **The Timothy Initiative** to Ghana and Togo to see how our support helps plant churches in unreached places. Through this partnership, we can help share the Gospel beyond the places we can go ourselves.

Giving to extend our reach

This summer, our church gave **$10,000 to First Baptist Bethlehem** for food, Vacation Bible School, and Family Camp. **Over 170 children** attended the church's VBS this summer.

We participate in the **Mary Hill Davis giving campaign for Texas missions** and gave **$35,000 through Lottie Moon for international missions**. We continue supporting missions around the world and church planting through **The Timothy Initiative and International Commission**.

Over the past two years, our church has also given a combined **$10,000 to Gideons International**.

People and partnerships

Ben and Taverly Wingo — Collision, Allen and Frisco

Erin Allen — Cru, University of Oklahoma

Katie Haning — ProgressBible, Austin

Greg Riley — Cru Military, Pensacola

Mike and Megan Jones — Cru, University of Arkansas

Austin and Kate Roden — Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand

Compassion International — Peru and Haiti

International Commission — Global missions

Looking ahead

Five adults are preparing for an **October 2026 mission trip to Kazakhstan**. In **early 2027**, our church will begin a partnership with **Converge through Brit Redfield in Tokyo, Japan**. Pray for these teams and the relationships that will grow through their service.

Get to know our partners at **fbcallen.org/globalmissions**.

MEDIA

Clear sound and picture

2 dB

Maximum variation across all seats in the Worship Center



The A/V installation was completed August 31, and the commissioned system is now in daily use. A few cosmetic and convenience improvements remain, while volunteers continue learning the new tools.

Clearer sound helps people hear the Word and the instrumentation on stage. **Two new LED walls** bring clarity and lasting video quality to the worship center. A dedicated **Broadcast Room** gives our team flexibility to broadcast services and events beyond our walls.

The new two-level sound booth brings lighting control downstairs and provides room for different ministries to use the space. Integrated controls simplify startup, and the equipment works within the worship center's existing architecture.

Versatility shaped the design. The system supports Discovery Days programs and other worship-center events, with flexibility for volunteer-led gatherings, large conferences, and concerts. The goal is dependable technology that helps people focus on the message and participate in the gathering.

Multiple training sessions have involved **over 30 people**, many stepping into volunteer positions for the first time. Thank you to everyone who helped build, learn, serve, and give toward this project.

More consistent sound

With the new speaker system, we have been certified to have only a **maximum of 2 decibels of variation across all seats in the Worship Center**. Previously, there was a **9–11 decibel difference** across the worship center.

Your generosity at work

A/V BROADCAST UPDATE / PHASE 1

The system is installed and serving our church. Giving through Legacy 2030 continues to fund the investment. Thank you for helping provide the tools our worship and production teams use to serve people in person and online.

Funding provided

Budget seed money
$272,368.74

Legacy 2030 giving
$567,338.25

Combined funding
$839,706.99

Project investment

Audio/video installation
$1,228,387.34

Construction
$183,881.62

Total Phase 1 cost
$1,412,268.96

REMAINING FUNDING NEED

$572,561.97

Project funding and costs updated September 2026.

Continue supporting Legacy 2030 at fbc.ac/give.



Help serve through media

We are recruiting and training volunteers across the system. Explore serving opportunities at **fbc.ac/serve**.

Phase 2 • Stage Refresh

Phase 2: Stage Refresh will begin once we have fulfilled the financial obligation for Phase 1.

MINISTRIES

Where faith begins to take root





For our youngest children, learning about God happens through stories, songs, prayer, and relationships with caring adults. Preschool ministry helps families nurture those beginnings both at church and at home.

This past year, Tedye started a chapel for our **Discovery Days** program that meets **every Tuesday during the school year in the Worship Center**. Discovery Days Chapel gives children an opportunity to worship together through Bible stories, Scripture memory, and prayer. Sprout Camp encourages curiosity and learning, while JAM and Missions & Music help preschoolers connect movement and music with Bible truths.

Family gatherings create space for adults to connect, too. At Playgrounds & Popsicles, parents and grandparents get to know one another while children play. This spring, preschool families and young-adult Bible Fellowship Groups joined together for an Easter gathering at Allenwood Park.

Tedye Schuehler describes a ministry that seeks to meet families at their point of need. Sometimes that begins with a weekday program or a family event. Over time, familiar faces and caring relationships help families find a place to belong.

We give thanks for the teachers and volunteers who learn children's names, welcome their questions, and help them discover that they are loved.

Growing in faith and learning to serve





VBS welcomed **over 400 children** this year. The ministry also shared decorations and curriculum with seven other local churches, extending those resources beyond our own campus.

There is something to discover and a place to participate in Children's Ministry! At Bible Club, kids explore Scripture together. Weekly missions connects them with missionaries and the adventure of sharing the Gospel. Through Preteen Council, children step into leadership and put their faith into action by serving their church.

At Preteen Camp, **44 preteens** took part. Follow-up after VBS and camp has included conversations about faith, baptism, and what it means to follow Jesus. These questions give leaders and families opportunities to walk alongside children as they grow.

A Wednesday Children's Special Friends class has also opened another opportunity for participation and connection.

Looking ahead, children's ministry will focus on helping children develop a deeper prayer life. We want them to know they can bring their questions, gratitude, and concerns to God—and to see that habit modeled by the adults around them.



Equipping students to lead and make disciples



22

Students signed up to serve as ministry leaders

Our Student Ministry helps students grow in their walk with Christ and equips them to help others grow. Learning Scripture, practicing Gospel conversations, serving neighbors, and taking responsibility in church life give students opportunities to put faith into action.

As the new ministry year began, **22 students signed up to serve as ministry leaders** in teaching, production, and outreach. With guidance and encouragement, students can discover their gifts, learn to lead, and connect what they believe with how they serve.

Discipleship also grows through relationships. We want students to encourage one another, ask meaningful questions, and create places where friends can explore faith together.

Drew Dollyhigh's home Bible study is one example. This summer, Drew began gathering guys to talk about their faith, encourage one another, and grow closer to God. Justin Harvey remembers Drew as quiet and reserved when they first met. He has watched Drew become more willing to lead—and now help other students take their next steps with Jesus.



Developing ministry leaders

Serving alongside a ministry team gives emerging leaders a place to learn through the everyday work of church life. Our residents have contributed in Students, Children's Ministry, Social Media, and Media.



Meredith Webb

Summer 2026 • Students

Meredith served with our student ministry this summer, participating in the work of investing in the next generation.



Kathryn Hannah

Summer 2026 • Children's and Social Media

Kathryn served this summer in children's ministry and social media, contributing across ministry and communication.



Aly Baldwin

Current resident • Media

Aly is serving in media as our church continues developing the tools and teamwork that support ministry communication.

We are grateful for each resident's contribution. As FBC Allen becomes fully staffed, the residency program will continue developing throughout 2027, creating a foundation for future ministry service and leadership.

Finding a place to belong



Men's Ministry

89 men gathered for Driven, a car show and BBQ centered on **prayer life**. Alongside the cars and shared meal came an invitation to deepen their life of prayer. Men committed to next steps in service, and a leadership team was formed to help the ministry move forward.



Women's Ministry

A Mahjongg Learn-n-Play event brought together **103 women**, including many from outside our church. Book-club conversations offer another place for friendship. Leadership changes with each activity, giving more women opportunities to serve. **Come to the Table is planned for October 20.**



Young Adults

Young adults began 2026 at Passion Conference and continue connecting through meet-ups and a Bible Fellowship Group. Discipleship Pastor **Nathan McEndree** will help expand opportunities for college students, working young adults, and people navigating life-stage transitions.



Senior Adults

Our Senior Adult Ministry stays active through monthly scheduled events such as Hymn Sing, Movie Day, and game nights. Visits to restaurants across the DFW area create time to connect and fellowship, including the latest trip to Huck's in Denison, Texas. At our Deacon Banquet, Deacons serve our senior adults, bringing generations together in care and community.

Helping every generation join the song

26

People participating in choir on one recent Sunday



John Darling has joined FBC Allen as Executive Pastor of Music Ministries and is already investing in the people and plans that will shape the ministry's next season.

On one recent Sunday morning, **26 people participated in choir**. Alongside that participation, John is developing a strategy that brings Students, Children's, and Preschool ministries into a multigenerational music ministry.

He is also developing a core leadership team and plans to use the foundation of the new A/V system to help ministry reach beyond the walls of our church.

This work brings people and preparation together. New tools support the ministry, while leaders and volunteers help others find a place to contribute. As the plans develop, we look forward to seeing different generations worship and serve alongside one another.

Bring your gifts

Whether you are interested in music or serving behind the scenes, we invite you to explore a place on a ministry team.

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A year to celebrate

These figures offer a glimpse of ministry across our church in 2026. We give thanks for the people represented: those taking a step of faith, gathering for worship, studying Scripture, and learning together.



13 Baptisms

645 Average worship attendance*

605 Average Bible Fellowship Group attendance

39 Students at Youth Camp

44 Preteens at Preteen Camp

400+ Children who attended VBS

6 New Deacons ordained

9 Weekday Bible studies
Over 100 participants

* Worship attendance includes preschool during the 10:30 hour. Ministry figures reported for January 1, 2026 to the September 2026 update. Attendance averages and event totals describe different measures and are not added together.

Many hands sharing one mission

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD





Preschool Playday families, Children's Ministry families, the Youth Group, and **14 adult Bible Fellowship Groups** have participated in Operation Christmas Child.

The July 19 and 26 packing parties brought generations into a shared project. Families also prepared boxes on their own, and others participated online. Each contribution added to the work our church is doing together.

A group of **20 also served at an Operation Christmas Child distribution center in our area**, extending their service beyond our church's packing gatherings.

Thank you to everyone who prepared supplies, organized gatherings, packed boxes, and served together.

1,182
BOXES SO FAR

1,065 packed at the July 19 and 26 parties

88 turned in by families

29 packed online

Total reported in the September 2026 update.

Gifts that open a door

50–60

Families served through Angel Tree



Angel Tree

Through Angel Tree, our church partners with our local community to serve **Allen ISD families and Prison Fellowship families**. Gifts open doors to prayer, encouragement, and conversations about Jesus.

Teams pray one-on-one with nearly all of the **50–60 families served**. Each family, along with the incarcerated individuals we minister to, receives a written Gospel presentation—approximately **80–90 presentations** in all. About **25% of families** also hear a verbal Gospel presentation from their delivery volunteer.

Families receive Bibles and/or Bible storybooks and devotional materials. Every family is invited to services and receives a list of church activities. Whole families have visited our services and Bible Fellowship Groups as a result.

One parent wrote, "My children enjoyed the gifts very much; my daughter thanks me over and over again."

A volunteer recalled a woman moved to tears by an offer of prayer. She shared that no one had ever asked to pray for her.

Holiday care ahead

Our food pantry has served more than 200 local families in 2026 and plans holiday baskets for **more than 40 families**. Angel Tree offers another way to care for families during the holidays.

We will also continue our partnership with the City of Allen through the Holly Jolly Run this Christmas season, welcoming opportunities to connect with and serve our community.

Find a place to serve at **fbc.ac/serve**.

Growing in faith and caring for one another

Faith in action

Discipleship, prayer, and practical care



Foundations for a Kingdom life

In spring 2026, **over 20 members** went through our inaugural **Fundamentals of Faith** class, a **13-week series** on foundational Christian beliefs.

As our new Discipleship Pastor, Nathan McEndree will review every aspect of our discipleship pathway and develop a strategic plan that connects us to God's Word, His people, and our community.

Refresh

This year, we began **Refresh on Wednesday nights**, a time of guided community prayer. Pastor Paul Michael has encouraged us to be a church of prayer, with corporate prayer at the center. Refresh invites us to pause the busyness around us and go to God together.

Deacon Ministry

Six newly ordained Deacons joined our Deacon Ministry this year. Deacons oversee the new **Homebound Ministry**, caring for members unable to join our church community regularly.

Through our **Worship Together Ministry**, two teams lead worship services at assisted living homes in Allen, bringing worship and community to residents where they live.

Through **Acts 6 ministry**, Deacons replace smoke-detector batteries and help with household projects. They have also helped people move from their homes into assisted living when needed. This summer, Deacons served alongside our mission churches to repair the Main Street fence.

For **30 years**, Deacons have given Bibles to our first graders. This year, **nine first graders received Bibles**. From practical help to passing on faith, our Deacons serve in many ways, and we look forward to expanding that service in the coming year.

What will your next step be?

As you celebrate what God is doing through our church, ask Him:
"What step are You calling me to take?"

Pray for someone who needs the hope of the Gospel. Give toward the work ahead. Find a place to serve.

Choose one step—and take it this week. Together, we can pass on a legacy of faith.

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Your next step can begin today.

Pray for our church and those we serve. Ask where God may be inviting you to give, grow, or take part.

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