



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. -John 3:16

Dear First Baptist Church Family,
God continues to move in our church. In the month of January, we have seen the following:

- people getting saved and following the Lord in baptism
- two new deacons ordained
- an increase in worship and Sunday School participation
- renewed spiritual fervor among youth, children, and senior adults
- focus on revival in our lives and our church
- finishing the previous year with strong giving and measured expenses
- participation in the LBC evangelism conference
- Hispanic ministry expansion

These are just a few things that I am grateful to the Lord and what he has done in the month of January. Looking forward to what God is going to do in our midst in February and beyond.

IN HIM,

Dr. Jake Roudkovski



DON'T MISS OUT!



Honduras Mission Trip
Pillowcase Sewing Night
FEBRUARY
3RD AT 5:00 PM
in the Senior Adult Center.
IF YOU HAVE A SEWING MACHINE, PLEASE BRING IT. HOWEVER, A SEWING MACHINE IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND. THE MATERIAL WILL BE PROVIDED (EVEN IF YOU CAN'T SEW, STILL JOIN US, WE ALSO NEED PEOPLE TO HELP CUT THE FABRIC!)
CONTACT SANDRA MCDANIEL OR LESLIE WESTMORELAND WITH ANY QUESTIONS.
Join us as we sew pillowcases together for Honduras!



You MUST have a passport!
JULY 7-13
HONDURAS MISSION TRIP
Go tell it on the mountain by spreading God's love to families in two small villages through VBS and water purification systems.
Ignitemissions.org
Reserve your spot with \$100 by Feb 9 paid to FBC Franklinton.

REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE



“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

– Joshua 1:8

Strength & Success Through the Word of God

Alvin York was a hero's hero. On October 8, 1918, Private York, who was serving in the US Army, single handedly captured 132 German soldiers. York who was a marksman from his youth was also a conscientious objector to war due to his religious beliefs. But as he saw the Germans killing so many of his fellow soldiers York stepped up and led a campaign to take out Germans and capture the rest of the troop. He was promoted to Sergeant and was the most decorated soldier of World War I.

But even more importantly than the heroics on the battlefield, York was a hero in his faith and personal conduct. On July 1st, 1918, he wrote in his journal “I carried a New Testament with me. I still have the Testament I carried with me during all my fighting at home now. I read it through five times during my stay in the army. I read it everywhere. I read it in dugouts, in fox holes, and on the front line. It was my rock to cling to.” In the tough times York clung to the Word of God.

His story reminds us of Joshua who was a hero also. When leadership was needed, he answered the call of God to lead the children of Israel across the Jordan River and into the promised land. Joshua was the commander of their army and oversaw the distribution of the land as God led. These two men – Sergeant York and Joshua – discovered the importance of the Word of God.

When God called him to serve, God told Joshua, “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (Joshua 1:8)

As you and I face the challenges of life, we too must depend on the Word of God for strength, wisdom and guidance. In our Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, we're studying Joshua and “God's Word for Us in This New Year”. Come dig into God's Word with us and join us as we pray for those who are facing difficulties and life trauma.

-Joey Miller

NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

“THANK YALL FOR COMING” ARE THE WORDS WE CONSISTENTLY HEAR WHEN WE LEAVE OUR NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES. THE RESIDENTS ARE GRATEFUL, AND THEY LET YOU KNOW. JOIN US AT THESE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A CHOIR MEMBER OR HAVE SPECIAL TALENTS. JUST BE YOU.

GOOD SAMARITAN - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 @ 3:00 PM
FAIR CITY - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 3:00 PM

SAM MARCH LUNCHEON

- Our March Luncheon will be a trip to tour the Maritime Museum in Madisonville on March 14. We will eat lunch at Pontchartrain Poboy's. The bus will leave FBC at 9:30 am.



SAM LUNCHEON MOVIE DAY

Friday, February 7th at 10:00 am.
in the Family Life Center

THE PROGRAM WILL BE A MOVIE DAY AND OUR MENU WILL BE HOT DOGS AND CHILI ALONG WITH FRITO PIE AND DESSERTS. THE MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR SAM TEAM AND ALL YOU HAVE TO BRING IS A FRIEND IF YOU HAVE ONE. SIGN-UP IS REQUESTED.

FOCUS

FOCUS on what God is doing through First Baptist Church

Article Written By: Pat Parish

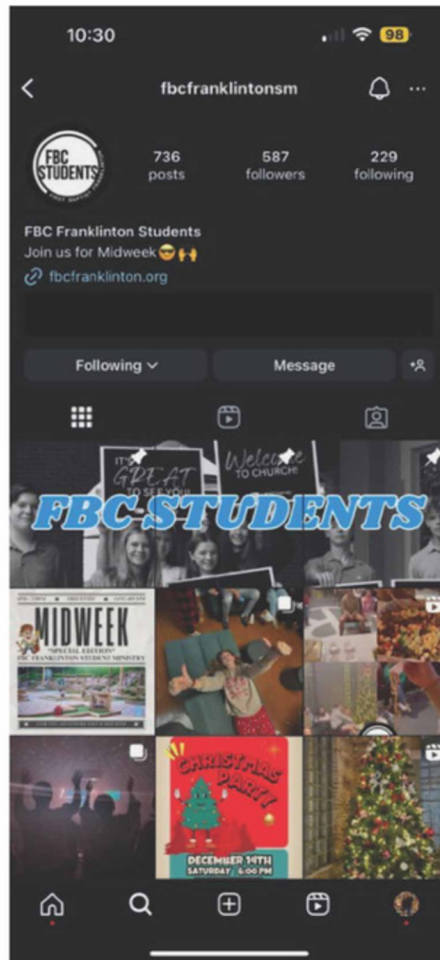
Preparing the way for God to work

Frankly, it's pretty neat to be a teenager these days attending the student group at FBC. There's always something to do with your friends— and these are likely to be your long-term friends, ones you've known since you were in preschool. If you are a sports-inclined person, it's pretty neat to have a high school football coach as your student leader. If you're into social media, the student group has accounts on Instagram and Facebook that need posts and contributions. If you like to go places, there are trips. If you like to eat, the student leaders always seem to make sure there's food around. There are areas at church that are perfect for games. And so the group is growing, now about 40 or so teens on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. It's fun and games and a pretty neat place to be.

But this is a church, designed for worship and service. Is Jesus in all the fun and games?

Come peek in on the students' Midweek program. It is set up in a worship service format with student minister Drake Westmoreland giving a sermon, then there is an invitational song. Then the students break up into groups by age and gender, led by trained leaders. That, Drake says, is where "they get into the weeds of what's going on in their lives." Jordy Thomassen, FHS sophomore, explains that they "talk about [the message] and be personal with other men that may share the same struggles."

FHS sophomore June Westmoreland remembers the time her group discussed issues of doubt and "being the



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— Jordy Thomassen

light." She said one of the girls in the group shared about how she felt led to share the gospel with a Muslim girl at school "but she thought that the girl wouldn't receive it well so she kept putting it off," June said. Finally the girl did talk to her friend about Christianity and found that the friend was intrigued and had a lot of questions. The discussion taught them, June said, that even when they doubt, God can use them to be the light.

"We play games," Jordy says, "but we're here to learn about Jesus. You have to have worship!"

After the worship and the discipleship training have prepared them, Jordy says, "we go out and tell."

"You talk to people," he says, "and you bring one, then one or two more come, and then more come.... Then God does the rest of the work."

Drake notes that three young people in the group have come to know Christ in the past three months.

If you would like to be a part of the student ministry at FBC, contact Drake Westmoreland.



Left top: Social media, used in the right way, can be both fun and helpful in getting the word out about the student program. Left bottom: Playtime! Above: Worship time.

BRO. DRAKE WESTMORELAND- NEXT GEN PASTOR



DISCIPLING A GENERATION THAT KNOWS CHRIST AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

FBC STUDENT MINISTRY

STEAK DINNER


DINE IN OR CARRY OUT


MENU


SALAD, GREEN BEANS, POTATOES, STEAK, DESSERT

DETAILS

 SUGAR SHACK

 \$30 PER PLATE

 MARCH 1ST
6:00 PM

 PRE-ORDER BY
FEB. 19TH

SEE A STUDENT TO PAY FOR YOUR DINNER(\$)

TEXT "FBC" TO 985-315-4495
TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



FBC FRANKLINTON STUDENTS



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
MORE INFORMATION



ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE OUR TEXT MESSAGES? IF NOT, YOU ARE DEFINITELY MISSING OUT! SIGN UP TODAY TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT OUR STUDENT & NEXTGEN EVENTS THAT ARE HAPPENING!

Good Things ARE Coming



DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Sunday Nights
at 6:00 PM



Girls Group



Boys Group



SEE BRO. DRAKE FOR DETAILS
BEGINNING MARCH 2ND

KELLY MCELVEEN, DIRECTOR OF FBC PLAYSCHOOL, CHILDREN'S AND PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



Raising a generation that knows Christ AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

Life Lately Jeopardy Category:

Things That Never Happen

Answer: "I'm sitting in my dining room early on a Thursday morning, listening to melting snow drip off the eaves of my house."

Question: "What are you doing today?"

Anybody else feel like January was the craziest thing yet? So, I'm guessing you didn't have being snowed in on your 2025 Bingo card either. BUT what it did was give me lots of time to do other things I love! So once the Christmas tree was down (we listen, and we don't judge!) and the laundry was all caught up (easy now that it's just two of us at home!)...I pulled out all of my VBS stuff and completely covered my dining room table. Right before the snowpocalypse hit, I had been in Houston at LifeWay's state team training. I have no idea how many pictures I sent to our VBS Director, Mrs. Sierra, but it was probably one short of getting myself blocked!

I am excited for a couple of BIG reasons - the music and the stories! If you're still singing Submerged, I think I've found you a good replacement (or two)! And the Bible content is fantastic! We are teaching lessons that, in decades of VBS, I don't remember teaching in that setting.

The way that they take the biblical content of the daily story, tie it to the central Bible truth and life application, wrap it in with the other days, and tape it in with the theme - it's a whole thing! The first thing I thought of to compare it to is when Mrs. Anna Dell and Maridell used to wrap gifts at The Farmer and the Dell. It's just special.

Having said that - curriculum is in! Teachers are "calling dibs" on their teaching spots and we are steady recruiting volunteers. What part do you want to play?? I'll be doing all things Preschool for the state this year, so I am assuming that role in our VBS, too. Love littles? Let me know! Prefer older kids? That's going to be Mrs. Sierra's department. Either place, we have a spot for you!

Want to dig in really deep? Clear your calendar for Saturday, March 8th! We'll be traveling to Greenwell Springs Baptist Church for VBS training and KidMin Expo from 8 am until 3 pm! Be sure to let myself or Mrs. Sierra know if you want to go, so we can get our group registered. Registration is required since lunch is served and we need to know if you plan to go by Monday, March 3rd. There is no cost to you for this training event.

As always, if you have questions or want to register or volunteer for anything, feel free to shoot me a text or an email at fbc.kids@fbcfranklinton.org.

Now, let's go out and MAGNIFY Christ this month!

-Kelly McElveen



Wee Worship Volunteers:

FEBRUARY

2nd:

Kelly McElveen

9th:

Wendi Fortenberry

16th:

Toni Tageant

23rd:

Leslie Westmoreland



THE LORD IS MY
Light
AND
Salvation

PSALM 27:1



Raising a generation that knows Christ
AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

SAVE THE DATE

**So, here are all the dates
you need to be aware of:**

- **February 1st:** *Deadline to register for 3rd-6th Graders to register CentriKid (July 1st-3rd, 2025, Timber Creek Camp in Pulaski, MS)*
- **February 2nd:** Any remaining CentriKid spots will be offered to 2nd Graders who have siblings also attending, then all other 2nd Graders on a first come, first served basis
- **February 3rd:** All remaining CentriKid spots will be dropped
- **February 5th:** Half Notes and Joyful Noise Choirs resume at 5:30 pm
- **February 9th:** ***\$100 CentriKid deposit is due***
- **March 3rd:** *Deadline to register for State VBS Training and KidMin Expo*
- **March 8th:** ***State VBS Training and KidMin Expo at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church***
- **March 16th:** *VBS Job Fair begins, FLC*
- **March 30th:** 5th Sunday, No Wee Worship
- **April 8th:** ***VBS Volunteer Training, 5:30 pm FLC***
- **April 20th:** Easter Sunday, No Wee Worship, No Evening Services

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February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 CentriKid Sign up Deadline
2 Griefshare 4:30 p.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 a.m.	5 Worship @ Good Samaritan 3:00 p.m. Pillowcase Sewing for Honduras 5 p.m.	4	5 Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. Thrive Bible Study 12:30- 2 p.m. Spaghetti & Meatballs	6	7 SAM Luncheon 10 a.m. Dister Relief Training at FBC Covington 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	8
9 Griefshare 4:30 p.m. Student Ministry- Guys Night VBS Leadership Team Meeting 4 PM	10	11	12 Thrive Bible Study 12:30- 2 p.m. Personnel Meeting 7 pm- Fireside RM. Lasagna	15	14 	15 WBA Women's Galentines Gathering at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church 11 am-1 pm
16 Griefshare 4:30 p.m. Student Ministry: Galentines @ the Watson's Finance Committee Meeting 5:00 p.m.	17  Worship @ Fair City Rehab 3:00 p.m.	18	19 Thrive Bible Study 12:30- 2 p.m. Jambalaya	20	21	22 Mugs & Muffins 8:30 a.m.
25 Griefshare 4:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m.	24	25	26 Thrive Bible Study 12:30- 2 p.m. Hamburgers	27	28 Pastor Search Resumes Due	

FEBRUARY
2025



FBC EVENTS



join us!

We are happy to invite all ladies to

Mugs & Muffins on February 22, 2025 in the FAMILY LIFE CENTER from 8:30 a.m.- 9:30am.

Muffins, coffee, and juice will be served. Bring your favorite mug and a friend.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. I Thessalonians 5:11

Guest Speaker: Beverly Cooke with the Washington Parish Food Bank

MUGS & MUFFINS

Donations for the Food Bank will be collected. Anything is appreciated, but mac and cheese, rice, and elbow macaroni are needed right now.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Franklinton
(985) 839-3427 OFFICE

SERVICE TIMES

Sundays
Worship Services
8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study
9:30 a.m.

Choir Practice
4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
Wednesday Night Supper
5:00 p.m.

Preschool, Children, Youth Activities
6:00 p.m.

Adult & Ladies Bible Studies
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m.

[http://](http://www.fbcfranklinton.org)  **CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT**
[WWW.FBCFRANKLINTON.ORG](http://www.fbcfranklinton.org)

Registration: January 24th - March 1st.
Limited registration for overnight accommodations.
Register early for bedroom choice!
Ladies ages 18 & up.

Be Still... Ladies Retreat

Hunt Branch Lakes
Christian Retreat Center
Enon, LA

Fri., March 21 thru Sat., March 22



Friday night is all about Fellowship!
Starts at 4pm
• Pajama's & Praise!
• Special Craft Activity
• Movie "War Room"
• Dinner & Snacks

To register in-person by cash or check: Ivy Kennedy (985) 750-3369 or at the BASELA Missions Office in Franklinton



To register & for more information

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