



### Dear FBC Franklinton,

I (Drake Westmoreland) am extremely excited about what God is doing at FBC Franklinton, and I believe God has much more in store for this church and this city! My wife (Eva Westmoreland) and I are excited to join the FBC Franklinton family if the church family extends the call, and we are fervently praying for what God will do in and through this church! *John 10:10 says that while the enemy seeks to steal, kill, and destroy, Jesus came to give life and life more abundantly!* I am ready to get to work for the Kingdom as Jesus uses Eva and me to share this abundant, eternal life with students and people throughout the community of Franklinton!

While I do not want this message to be centered around me, I do want you to know that God has been gracious to me throughout my time in ministry. When God called me to pastoral ministry, I was unsure of what that meant or what that looked like. While serving as a student pastor for the past several years, God placed a specific calling on my life of church revitalization. *I pray that God will continue to use this calling in my life at FBC Franklinton as a conduit for the Gospel to reach from Franklinton to the ends of the Earth!*

### Fun Facts about Drake and Eva:

- Eva is currently a dental assistant at Magnolia Dental while attending SELU. She hopes to obtain a Doctorate in Dental Surgery at LSU Health New Orleans.
- Drake currently works at Franklinton High School as a teacher and football coach.
- Drake graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Leavell College and is currently completing a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from NOBTS.
- One of Drake and Eva's favorite hobbies is catching a late-night movie, eating popcorn, and sharing a large diet coke!
- Drake and Eva are both passionate LSU fans, while Drake stands alone in admiring the Dallas Cowboys!



Drake & Eva  
Westmoreland

**COME**  
*welcome*  
**DRAKE**

in a view of a call on September 8, 2024, during both morning Worship services. We will also have a meet & greet for the youth during that Sunday school hour. Following with a parent meet & greet after the 10:45 service. We will then have a vote on September 15th during our morning worship services. If Bro. Drake is confirmed, he will start as FBC's new Youth Pastor on September 29th.



**"THE THIEF DOES NOT COME EXCEPT TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY. I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND THAT THEY MAY HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."**  
-JOHN 10:10

REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE



**SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER APPRECIATION LUNCH:**

At the beginning of our new Sunday School year, we want to say "Thank you!" to all our faithful Sunday School teachers and leaders who have served and are serving. On Sunday, September 15, we will have a lunch meeting for our Sunday School workers following the 10:45 worship service. We appreciate your gladness of heart, which shows in your ministry, and your devoted service and sacrifice for those you serve.

**SAM LUNCHEONS & EVENTS-**

The September SAM Luncheon will be held in the *Family Life Center* on **Friday, September 6, at 10:30 a.m.** For our menu, we will have chicken and potluck. This is one of our favorite times because our folks bring their favorite dishes. Our program guests for the luncheon will be Riverside Medical Center's new CEO, Darrell Lavender, and his public relations director, Amber Killingsworth. Invite a friend and join us for this time of fellowship.

Other September events include the Senior Adult Revival in Bogalusa from September 16th-18th. See the attached flyer for all the details. Sign up in Sunday School or call the church office so we can plan transportation.

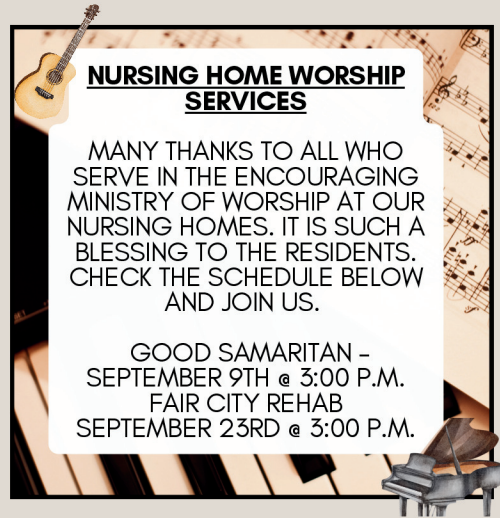
**For future SAM luncheons** – our October luncheon will feature our fair, and for our November luncheon, we will have our new Sheriff, Jason Smith, as our guest.

**PIGEON FORGE TRIP – November 4th-9th:**

The Pigeon Forge trip is shaping up with 35 participants registered and a great itinerary of shows, scenery, and fun. We still have a few spots left, so call the church office at 985.839.3427 for information or to register. Trip balances are due now. If you have questions, please contact us. We will have a *trip planning meeting* on **Sunday, October 6, at 5:00 p.m.** in the *Family Life Center*. We will cover our itinerary, as well as other trip info, and will provide luggage tags, etc. All those going to Pigeon Forge are asked to attend. I am looking forward to traveling with this great group of folks!

*-Joey Miller*

*"Serve the Lord with gladness;  
Come before His presence with singing."  
Psalm 100:2*



**NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES**

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE IN THE ENCOURAGING MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AT OUR NURSING HOMES. IT IS SUCH A BLESSING TO THE RESIDENTS. CHECK THE SCHEDULE BELOW AND JOIN US.

GOOD SAMARITAN –  
SEPTEMBER 9TH @ 3:00 P.M.  
FAIR CITY REHAB  
SEPTEMBER 23RD @ 3:00 P.M.



**SENIOR ADULT Revival**  
Bogalusa Area

SEPTEMBER 16TH-18TH

MONDAY - MT. PLEASANT, REV. FIELD THIGPEN  
TUESDAY-MONROE ST., DR. BRYANT BARNES  
WEDNESDAY- LEE'S CREEK, REV. CODY MASTERS  
WORSHIP LED BY BRO. BUTCH REVIERE

SCHEDULE: 9:00AM FELLOWSHIP  
9:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE  
10:00AM WORSHIP  
LUNCH TO FOLLOW

DO YOU NOT SAY, THERE ARE STILL FOUR MONTHS AND THEN COMES THE HARVEST? BEHOLD, I SAY TO YOU, LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK TO THE FIELDS, FOR THEY ARE WHITE FOR HARVEST! JOHN 4:35



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



## Raising a generation that knows Christ AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

### HERE'S WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN SEPTEMBER!

#### Sunday mornings at 9:30 am:

##### **Sunday School**

Every age group from 2 to 6th grade has Sunday School! All ages study *The Gospel Project*, and this quarter, we go back to the beginning! The Bible begins with creation. God created everything for His glory. When sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, God made a promise and set into motion His plan to redeem His people through His Son, Jesus Christ—a descendant of Abraham.



#### Wednesdays at 5:30 pm:

##### **Half Notes & Joyful Noise Choirs resume**

**Half Notes choir is for ages 3–Kindergarten** and meets in Rm. F of the Preschool Dept. It is under the direction of Mrs. Toni Tageant, with assistance from Mrs. Anita Reviere and Mrs. Vickie St. Pierre.

**Joyful Noise choir is for 1st–6th grades** and meets in Rm. 310 of the Children's Bldg. We will begin practice for our Christmas musical *What A Beautiful Name*, scheduled for 6:00 pm on December 15th. It is under the direction of Mrs. Kelsie Knight and myself.

#### Wednesdays at 6:00 pm:

##### **Bible Study for all ages**

##### **Ages 3 - Kindergarten will begin TeamKID:**

*Faithful Promises, Preschool Dept. Rm A.* It is designed to help preschoolers learn about God and how He always keeps his promises—no matter what! As children learn about the Old Testament promises they will see that God is always faithful to His people. God is faithful to us, forever and always! Team KID is led by Mrs. Anita Reviere and Mrs. Pam Hunt.

**Grades 1–5 will begin BLAST:** Bible Learning and Spiritual Training, Upstairs Children's Bldg. BLAST is a discipleship program for 1st-5th grades designed to increase a child's knowledge of the Bible, to develop skills in handling the Bible, to learn how to apply the Bible in their life, and to develop a love for Scripture, all done in fun, engaging and age-appropriate setting. BLAST is led by myself and Mrs. Callie Moore, with assistance from Mr. Rob Crain and Mrs. Liz Russell.

##### **Sixth Grade: Higher Calling Bible Study, Upstairs Children's Bldg.**

*Higher Calling is a time of Bible Study specifically for our 6th graders. They will study different topics to help them answer big questions about who they are in Christ and thrive in their faith. Higher Calling is led by Mrs. Jessica Mauthe and Mrs. Heather Seal.*

### September Wee Worship Volunteers

1st: Kelly McElveen  
15th: Sharon Phillips

*\*There is no Wee Worship scheduled for September 8th, 22nd, and 29th due to a shortage of volunteers.*



If you would like to help us and serve in this ministry, it is only one to two Sundays a year during the 10:45 a.m. service only. please contact Kelly at [fbc.kids@fbcfranklinton.org](mailto:fbc.kids@fbcfranklinton.org)

This ministry is a blessing to not just the children, but for parents as well.

Thank you!

*-Kelly McElveen*

SEPTEMBER  
2024

# FBC EVENTS



**Wednesday Night Supper**

**September 4th:**  
Jambalaya  
Group E

**September 11th:**  
Hamburgers  
Group A

**September 18th:**  
Fried Chicken  
Group B

**September 25th:**  
Spaghetti & Meatballs  
Group C

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

## Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

**SEPT 15, 2024**  
FOLLOWING THE 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

"THANK YOU!" TO ALL OUR FAITHFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND LEADERS WHO HAVE SERVED AND ARE SERVING!

**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.

Couples & Ladies Bible Study  
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

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