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Dear Church Family,

This past Wednesday in business conference your church approved a Transition Committee to work with your staff and myself. Those who are to serve on the Transition Committee are:

Michael Clawson	Richelle Culifer
Gary Eastwood	Dusty George
Brian Hill	Ben Howard
Susan Howard	Don Jackson
Sherella Lewis	Amy McAtee
Bill Marten	Dawn Shelton

The purpose of the Transition Committee is to lead the church in a time of self-assessment and study of FBC, Tulia. We will take an intentional look at the future of your church. We will look back at where you have been the last ten years, where the church is presently, and at the future of the church.

Every member of FBC, Tulia is invited to some church-wide meetings to be held in the near future. Those meetings will be in Fellowship Hall on Sunday evenings and will last about an hour and a half. The times will be announced through our church bulletin and future newsletters. Child care will be provided. There will probably not be more than four of these before Thanksgiving. More can be scheduled for the future months if needed. The Transition Committee will listen to the church members, compile notes, and summarize the findings of our meetings. The first church-wide meeting will be held on Sunday, October 29.

All of this is groundwork to help us seek God's man for FBC, Tulia in the months ahead. The Transition Committee is not to be confused with the Pastor Search Committee which will be elected by the church at a future time according to the By-Laws of the church.


Let me encourage each of you to pray for your church

Come join us for Trunk or Treat

October 31 on the east parking lot to distribute candy from 5:45 to 6:30 pm. We need some men and older youth to help with traffic and keep the children safe. Please try to be here between 5:15 and 5:30.



It is recommended that you bring enough candy for 400! You might want to pair up with someone else to be sure you have enough. We have received several positive expressions of appreciation for a safe environment for children to trick or treat. This is a great outreach to our community. So, come on and join the fun!

Wednesday	5:30	Children's Choirs
Night Activities	5:45	Family meal (\$4/person \$12/family of 4 or more)
	6:30	Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Youth, Adult Prayer/Bible Study, Ladies Study

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family during this time of transition, pray for this process of preparation, and pray for that man that God has already chosen to be your next Pastor. I also encourage you to be present for the church-wide meetings beginning on October 29. The time will be announced once I have had time to meet with your Transition Committee. I look forward to seeing you there. It's a privilege for Diana and I to serve alongside you in these days!

Your Interim Pastor,
Jim Brown

Happy Birthday

- 29 - Dale O'Daniel, Beth Reynolds
- 30 - Teresa Borchardt
- November
- 2 - Richelle Culifer, Ami Miller, Kevin Powers, Bobby Vaughn
- 3 - Ted Vestal
- 4 - Whitney George Cruz
- 6 - Wendy Hill
- 7 - Gary Eastwood
- 9 - Mary Catherine Chadwick
- 10 - Nelda Elliff
- 11 - Jerrella Keim



Parsonage Renovations

It was announced at the last business meeting that we will be doing some much needed updates at the parsonage. Cost estimates are \$40,000 to 45,000. If you would like to help, we will be taking an offering above your tithe to help offset the costs. To date we have collected \$10,000!

Shoeboxes Here



The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are in the sanctuary for you to pick up. Each box has instructions and suggestions for what you can put in the box. (No toothpaste this year.) They are due back on Sunday, November 12.

You can help make a difference in the life of a child this Christmas! If you would rather make a donation to help "sponsor" a box, someone else will do the shopping for you. Or, we always need donations to help with shipping and handling, which has increased to \$9 this year. Just mark your gift and put it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.



Ski Trip for students and adults Dec 29 - Jan 1 at Glorieta/ Santa Fe. Cost is \$300. We must have 15 skiers for the trip to make. Contact James as soon as possible to sign up. Students are doing a fundraiser from now through November 2.

If you would like to have one of the plants hanging under the awning by the office, please contact Faye.

Thank You

Just want to say thank you for all your support and prayers that you all have offered up. I have been here in Tulia since June and have always felt welcome. The Hand of the Lord is definitely on this Unit. I feel it on a weekly basis.

*Praise God,
From a student in the Exodus
Prison Ministry, Tulia Branch*

Our Deacons

Here is a current list of our deacons. Please be in prayer for all of them.

- Joe Archer
- Mikeal Barnes
- Robert Chadwick
- Gary Eastwood
- Dusty George
- Brian Hill
- Ben Howard
- Don Jackson
- Clint Lewis
- Bill Marten, Deacon Chair
- Donnie Prater
- E.W. Riley
- Julius Stevens
- Paul Swanson
- Eddie Womack

Prayer Ministry

Won't you consider becoming a part of our Intercessory Prayer Ministry? Call the church office at 995-3591 and we'll help you find a time to come and pray.



We Need Your Help!

The following ministries need volunteers. Please pray about your involvement in one or more of the areas listed below and call the church office as soon as possible.

- Prayer Ministry
- Exodus Ministry
- Wednesday Night Children's Ministry
- Children's Choirs
- Sunday morning Worship Leaders
- Citychurch
- Youth
- Sound booth

Opportunities for you to give beyond your tithe to missions!



*Texas Baptist Men
Disaster Relief*

*Mary Hill Davis Offering for
State Missions*



For children age 3 through 5th grade
Wednesday
at 5:30 pm

Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to the family of Karen McBride and Rita Dobbs and their families.

Ladies' Night

The next ladies' night will be Friday, October 27, from 7 to 9 pm in fellowship hall. Bring your friends and a snack and have a great time! We will not have childcare, so please make other arrangements if you have children. Text @tuliawomen to 81010 for updates.

Addresses Needed

The WMU will be sending gift cards to our college students again this year. Please contact the church office with your student's current address as soon as possible.

*You are cordially invited to a
70th Birthday Celebration
honoring Jeannett Herring
Sunday, October 22
from 2:30 to 4:30 pm
at the Willie Room*

No gifts please - the pleasure of your company will be your gift

Deacons of the Week

October 15

- Mikeal Barnes 668-4779
- Robert Chadwick 995-4120

October 22

- Gary Eastwood 292-8111
- Dusty George 517-0712

WMU to Meet

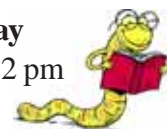
The members of WMU invite the women of the church to join them for their regular meeting. They will meet this Thursday, October 19, at 6:30 pm in fellowship hall. Bring a covered dish and come enjoy the fellowship and opportunities to do missions.

Annual Meeting

The Baptist General Convention of Texas will meet in Waco, Texas this year November 12-14. If you are interested in going as a messenger, please call the church office for more information.

VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Sunday 9 am & 12 pm **Wednesday** 5:30 pm



*Join us this Sunday for
fellowship, Bible study and worship.
And . . . Bring someone with you!
There is a place for everyone!*