

# First Baptist Idalou

An Every Member Ministry

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Most of us enjoy “newness.” We like to get new clothes, new cars, new houses, and other new things. However, there is something which is far better than new *things*, and that is new *relationships*. The greatest joys I’ve ever had were the new relationships created by getting married, having children, and making friends. Now I’ve got the chance to make new relationships again, because you have invited me to become your interim pastor. Although I’ve only been with you a few weeks, I already feel right at home in First Baptist Church of Idalou. I look forward to getting to know you better.

Permit me now to give you a brief biographical description. I was born in Farmersville, Texas last century (1943) in my grandmother’s house. My father was not present because he was called to serve our country in World War II just before I was born. He didn’t see me until I was almost three years old. My mother and father are part of the so-called “greatest generation.” They made countless sacrifices for my brother and me, including providing for our college and seminary education. My brother Mark is a pastor in Denver, Colorado. My father and mother now live in a retirement community in a Denver suburb.

I grew up in Dallas, where I graduated from South Oak Cliff High School in 1961. I am a graduate of Baylor University (B.A.) and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Th.D.). My spiritual heritage includes being saved at age 8, called to ministry at age 17, and becoming a pastor at age 19. I have served as pastor of churches in Texas, Oregon, Oklahoma, and Colorado for about 25 years. My West Texas pastorates include First Baptist Church, Lorenzo, Oakwood Baptist Church, Lubbock, and First Baptist Church, Plainview. I have also had the joy of serving as Interim Pastor in 31 churches. In 1985 I began teaching at Wayland Baptist University. Although I am now retired from Wayland, I still teach online courses for the university. In addition, I am Director of the Logsdon Seminary Lubbock Program, which is a joint partnership with Wayland’s Lubbock campus.

My wife Sally is a registered nurse who is a graduate of Baylor University (B.S.N.). She worked in a variety of hospitals and public schools. Sally retired as the school nurse for Plainview High School in 2006. Sally and I are blessed with two daughters. Marnie works for the Wagner Oil Company in Fort Worth, and Meredith is a social worker who until recently lived in Austin. We live in Plainview, having returned there from Colorado March 2010.

I am looking forward to serving the Lord with you here in Idalou. Once again, I look forward to getting to know you better. It is both a joy and a privilege to be with you.

In Christian love,  
Brother Fred Meeks

 I am TEXAS Missions  
MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING

State Goal: \$36,000,000  
Our Goal: \$1,500.00  
Received to date: \$1,190.00  
Amount to Goal: \$310.00





Hello everyone! Yet another month has passed! September was a good month. Our regular Wednesday night crew is back with quite a few new 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We have been going over what Jesus says about our faith. We have had good discussion over the past month. The next few months are going to look a bit different. I have weeks where some of our students will be giving the lesson on Wednesdays, please pray for them as they



prepare. I am also going to need help. Some weeks, in the next month, we will be practicing sharing the gospel. It is my hope to have different stations set up with different types of people one might encounter in everyday life. As students go to each spot they will be challenged with sharing the gospel. I need adult volunteers to be those people. You must be willing to act. I would like to have a skeptic, someone angry at God, someone who has no clue who God is, the prosperity gospel, someone who has fallen away from faith and a few others, I am still thinking on this matter. I think this would be a good opportunity to give a safe place our youth can practice these things. I didn't really know how to talk to people, let alone share the gospel with them when I was in high school. This would be great practice. If you are interested let me know. Also, we are doing a Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. We need at least 20 cars. If you would like to participate contact Elizabeth Wallace.

One last thing, we have been going over the Gospel of Luke on Sunday nights. This study is open to all ages. I encourage you to come and study with us. Luke emphasizes that the good news of Jesus Christ is for everyone, even the people that we find hard to like. If you want to be challenged, join us.

That's all I have for this month. Continue praying for our youth and myself as we walk through life together.  
Bryson

It's nearly here; the moment we've all been waiting for. It's time to begin practice for the Christmas Cantata! This year we're presenting a cantata by the same people responsible for last years Easter program, Dennis and Nan Allen. It is called, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, it emphasizes the realness of the Christmas Story with a focus on the Cross at the end. I'm going out on a limb here and have chosen a musical that has important parts for our men singers at FBI. Counting on you guys so don't let me down...



MUSIC  
MINISTRY

We will begin Sunday afternoon practice on October the 1st at 4:30, if our material arrives. This will be our regular time to meet unless it turns out there is a better time, but we can iron that out when we get together. This time has the advantage of taking us right up to Bryson's excellent Sunday night study on Luke. If you have been missing out on this study, you are missing a blessing! See you Sunday!

Jim

# Fall Festival!



## OCTOBER IS A GIVE ME 5 MONTH!

Every month that has 5 Sundays we support Texas Boys Ranch by giving an extra \$5 to Help support the Ranch. There are envelopes In the Sunday School boxes and in the church foyer. Please make a separate check and write TX Boys Ranch or Give Me 5 in the memo

Saturday October 28—6-8

In the parking lot across from the funeral home. We need 20 cars!

You can provide games or just candy, but we need your help!

Contact Elizabeth for more information.

# Bridal Shower

Cori Morton

Bride Elect of Jarred Dewbre  
 Home of Janet Bryant  
 915 W. 6th—Idalou, TX  
 Saturday, October 7th  
 10:30-12:00  
 Selections: Driscoll's, Target  
 Dayspring Designs and  
 Bed, Bath and Beyond



If you would like to pledge \$10 a month or more to Allison Turner's "YoungLife" group, please contact Joyce at the Church office. For more information check out their web-site. <http://www.younglife.org>

## Women's Bible Study

### October 7th

### 10:00 p.m.



All Women Are Welcome!



It is time to gather items for your Operation Christmas Child boxes! Deadline for boxes is November 12th. More information will follow in the coming weeks. You can pick up your OCC boxes in Bryson's office.



## Tamale Fundraiser

### October 22nd

The meal will follow the morning service. All proceeds are to help a church sponsored by Robert and Claudia Flores in Mexico. They are also taking orders for Tamales. Contact Robert at [RFlorez2007@hotmail.com](mailto:RFlorez2007@hotmail.com) to place an order.

# THANK YOU!

First Baptist Family,  
 We would like to thank everyone who brought food to feed our family after Papa Sam's (Sam Rosson) services. We apologize that we didn't get a chance to write each of you a personal thank you, as the list of individual names was misplaced on Wendy's travels back to South Dakota. Thanks again for the food, thoughts, prayers and love!  
 The Family of Sam Rosson

Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you very much for the kindness and love you all showed Daniel and me during the saddest time of our lives. In Christ's wonderful love ~~Daniel and Alfred Von Theumer

Dear Members of First Baptist Idalou  
 Thank you for the delicious lasagna luncheon you prepared and served our school staff. The meal and the prizes were enjoyed by everyone! In addition, we would like to thank you for your continued support of our school! We are blessed to have you in our community!  
 Idalou Elementary Staff

Dear First Baptist Church Idalou,  
 Thank you for the hospitality you showed the middle school teachers during in-service week. The lasagna was absolutely delicious! We greatly appreciate the love, prayers and fellowship you daily provide for the school throughout the year.  
 Sincerely ~~Josh Damron (Middle School)

Dear First Baptist Church,  
 Thank you so much for providing a wonderful lunch and lots of great door prizes for our Idalou ISD family. We appreciate your prayers and support of Idalou ISD! Thank you!  
 Sincerely ~~ Karen Carroll (High School)

Dear First Baptist Church  
 Thank you for advertising in the Idalou Yearbook. Your purchase enables our school to continue to produce a high quality book that will be cherished for years to come.  
 Sincerely ~~Idalou Yearbook Staff

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**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**      **9:30 A.M.**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**      **10:45 A.M.**  
**EVENING WORSHIP**      **6:00 P.M.**



**FBI STAFF**

Dr. Fred Meeks                      Interim Pastor  
 Bryson Wallace                      Minister of Youth  
 Vestal Blakely      Minister of Senior Adults  
 Jim Green                      Minister of Music  
 Joyce Snodgrass      Secretary/Financial Clerk



**First Baptist — October 2017 — Birthdays**

10/4	Lynn McDonald	10/20	Lee Proctor
10/7	Chris Robertson	10/21	Abigail Follis
10/8	Wilson Cole	10/22	Wanda Rine
	Myles Ramsey		Hannah Parnell
	Joyce Snodgrass	10/23	Charlie Stark
10/9	Charlene Brasher	10/27	Dusty Follis
	Earl Hutson		Tate Hendley
	Kristopher Verett		Roy Hendley
10/12	Jill Mull		Sharon Van Hoose
10/14	Mary Irwin	10/29	Betty Ferguson
10/15	Carrol Baker		Sue Williams
	Yvonne Clark	10/31	Kayla C. Watson
10/16	Cheryl Stephens		
10/17	Bobby Millner		

**Happy Birthday**

