

# BRANCHES

## NEWSLETTER

### PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our church profile is complete and will be uploaded to our church website this week. You can request a printed copy from the church office or you can access it on the Resource tab on the home page for fbc-commerce.org. We are grateful for the input we have received from the congregation to complete this profile.

The committee met on Sunday, March 8 and finalized plans to post the job listing with several groups and organizations throughout the South. The job listing invites prospects to contact us and send resumes to us. We also invite you to share this with any prospective candidates that you may know.

Please continue to pray for our church and our committee each day as we go through this process. We appreciate your support and prayers!

#### Job Listing:

First Baptist Church of Commerce is prayerfully seeking a full-time Pastor. Our church was established in 1874, and is a traditional, moderate Baptist Church. Our community is thriving and growing but has maintained that small town family atmosphere. We are a strong, warm, and loving church family with a heart for serving. We cherish our traditions; however, we also are looking to expand our mission and grow our vision for the future.

#### Qualifications for this position include:

- An experienced pastor with vision and leadership skills for future church growth and whose life reflects Christian principles including integrity, humility, and dedication to the gospel.
- As the congregation's spiritual guide, the pastor shall perform leadership duties that pertain to worship, preaching, teaching, counseling, visiting and other activities that may enrich the religious life of the church and community.
- A degree is required in theology, divinity, or a related field from an accredited institution (M.Div. or equivalent is preferred).
- Strong pastoral care, leadership, organizational and administrative abilities. Excellent communication skills and an ability to relate to people of all ages and backgrounds.

We invite you to email resumes or questions to: [pastorsearch2026FBC@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsearch2026FBC@gmail.com)

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Easter Lily Memorial/Honorariums:** Form Due March 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration:** Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>. FBC Front Lawn
- **Holy Week:** March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Palm Sunday Concert:** March 29<sup>th</sup> FBC Sanctuary at 6pm
- **Church Conference:** Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>, Directly after Worship Services
- **Community Lenten Lunch:** March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Presbyterian Church

❤️ Thank You ❤️

Dear Church Family, Never are we more aware of how much friends and family mean than at the time of bereavement. Your kindness and sympathy will always be remembered. Love, The Family of William M. Studdard

First Baptist Members, We are grateful for all your kindness you gave our family to honor the memory of Bill Studdard. Thank you, Kay Burns and our Family Robbie and Children

### THE GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Join us for a 6-week Bible study series following the ministry pattern of the apostle Paul and what it means for our church today. We'll explore what the gospel really is, why it still speaks powerfully in a changing culture, how God saves and gathers people into a church family, and how ordinary believers can share Christ in everyday life. Come ready to listen, discuss, and seek God's direction for a gospel-shaped future for our congregation. ~Max Briggs



### BIRTHDAYS



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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 3/12: Karen Wardlaw  | 3/18: Emily Carolyn Hill |
| 3/12: Stella Henry   | 3/18: Carol Hodgkins     |
| 3/12: Nicky Wilbanks | 3/18: Beth Bray          |
| 3/12: Windy McCannon | 3/20: Mark Beardsley     |
| 3/13: Tyson Sosby    | 3/23: Jay Simmons        |
| 3/15: Donna Sosebee  | 3/24: Darrell Hendrix    |
| 3/16: Michael Miller | 3/24: Carolyn Goddard    |

### MEALS ON WHEELS

- 3/11: Beverly George
- 3/12: Brenda Meadows
- 3/13: Beth Mattox
- 3/16: Glenda Barron
- 3/17: Tracy Wilson
- 3/18: Kathy & Ernie Pruet
- 3/19: Mark & Barbara Beardsley
- 3/20: Renee Kelley
- 3/23: Lynn Green
- 3/24: Beth Mattox
- 3/25: Vickie McElroy & Patsy Simmons
- 3/26: Susan Harvin
- 3/27: Randall & Karen Wardlaw

### SERVANTS @ A GLANCE

#### Deacons:

- March 15: \*Terry Canup and Harold Ward
- March 22: \*Randall Wardlaw
- \*Sunday Morning Announcements

#### Greeters:

- March 15: Volunteer Needed
- March 22: William Westbrook

#### Ushers:

- March 15: \*Marilyn Henderson, Ann Rhoads, Paula Langston, Bob Greco, Vickie McElroy, & Trell Wilson
- March 22: \*William Westbrook, Bill Hairston, Donna Allen, & Susan Harvin

#### Nursery Team:

- March 15: Jennifer Sanders
- March 22: Jennifer Sanders



### FOOD BANK DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

- Week of March 8<sup>th</sup>: Jeanie Whitener
- Week of March 15<sup>th</sup>: Ann Rhoads
- Week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Sharon Highsmith
- Week of March 29<sup>th</sup>: Mark Beardsley

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Giving Required: \$39,500  
 Monthly Giving as Mid March: \$29,966  
 Year To Date Giving Required : \$222,006  
 YTD as of Mid March: \$214,544



### MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

- General Budget in Memory of Linda Hendrix
- General Budget in Memory of Donie Driver
- General Budget in Memory of William Studdard
- Youth Fund in Memory of William Studdard
- Music Fund in Memory of William Studdard



### NEXT MEETING APRIL 7

12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Event is FREE; Just bring something tasty to share, and invite a friend!

If you bring a new guest you will receive an extra raffle ticket!



Volunteers are needed to help in the church nursery during the worship service. Please contact the church office if you are able to volunteer.



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT... LITERALLY!

The Food Bank shelves are looking a little too roomy these days. If you're able, please consider bringing a few non-perishable items to help restock them. Your small donation can make a big difference for someone in our community!

