



First Family News

FBC GRANDVIEW: A community connecting to Jesus.

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Not Good

Genesis is a book of firsts. In its verses, we see the first words of God, the first day of existence, the first created beings, the first breaths of humanity, and much more. One first that is often overlooked in Genesis though, is the first thing that isn't good. There are a lot of things that God calls good in Genesis, most memorably at the conclusion of each day of creation, culminating in God looking at all of creation after the sixth day and declaring it, "very good." The first thing that God calls "not good," however shows up in Genesis' second chapter. In Genesis 2:18, God says, "It is not good that man should be alone." This, of course, leads into God's creation of woman, showing us God's plan for marriage, but I believe that this passage is about more than marriage.

Man being alone is called "not good," BEFORE the fall. We should be intrigued by this because pre-fall, absolutely everything else about God's creation was indeed good. This one thing, man's solitary existence, was singled out by God. God, therefore, builds companionship within His perfect design. If God's inclusion of companionship was only about marriage, then the Apostle Paul would be incorrect when he declares, in 1st Corinthians 7:8, that it would be preferable for believers to remain unmarried so that they might be more focused on the gospel. (Read the context though, Paul does understand that most will marry!) The "not good-ness" of man's solitary existence, then, must be about more than marriage.

When we look to the context of the whole canon of Scripture, we see the bigger picture. For the sake of space, here are just two examples. Psalm 133:1 says, "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity," and Jesus, in

John 17:20-21, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." God's answer to the problem of man being alone is more than marriage. His answer is community. More specifically, His answer is the church, which is called a body multiple places in Scripture. Look to Romans 12, 1st Corinthians 12, Ephesians 1, and Colossians 1 for examples.

Jesus desired for His followers to be united together. Perhaps the words of Jesus in John 17 were on the mind of the great English poet John Donne when he famously penned the words, "No man is an island." Donne wrote these words in the seventeenth century, but they are just as true and just as needed today. Today we not only battle loneliness, but we do so while surrounded by fake and surface level connections via social media. As the author of Hebrews instructed, however, there is simply no replacement for the members of the body Christ meeting together face-to-face (Hebrews 10:25).

Even deeper than just being physically present with each other, true Christian community happens when believers share their lives with one another. This is one of the purposes of all our group ministries. Our Sunday School classes, Wednesday night Bible studies, special meetings like Re|Engage, our home groups, our fellowships, and more are all created with the intention of us growing closer both to God and to one another.

Here's the question then. Are you plugged into our church community? Joining us on Sunday is great, but you're missing out if you're not part of a smaller group. Give one of the things I listed above a try and let God's goodness show up for you in Christian community.

Pastor Corey



Small groups do make a difference. You are given an opportunity to get to know others better but also are able to get closer to the Lord through Bible studies, discussions, activities, etc. Not only does First Baptist offer age appropriate Sunday School classes on Sundays but there are several more areas you may want to consider for yourself and/or family. Wednesday evenings offer groups for our kids and youth as well as for ladies, men, and a prayer group. On Sunday evenings, different Faith Bible Institute classes are available on a semester basis. If those don't work for you or you need more, check with Pastor Corey about small groups that meet in homes throughout the week. We have a class suited for you!



Labor Day
Monday, September 1st
Church Office Closed



- 01 Geri Rhodes
- 02 Tyler Firebaugh, Rhonda Lamb, Alex Poynter
- 03 Meredith Akers, Kenneth Kirkpatrick, Monte Maddox
Michael Masella, Fitz Massey
- 04 Hope Hudson, Yvonne Morphew, Bobby Reynolds
- 05 Zachary Gilliland
- 06 Jerry Anderson, Missy Barron, Joe Perrin
- 07 Kirk Hinkson, Chrissy Rogers
- 08 Christopher Caro, Shawna Riegling
- 09 David Cloud, Lorelei Hackler, John Hanna, Krysta
Yates
- 10 Harley Breton, Marty Grimes, Tena James, Lisa
McGowen
- 11 Aaron Fulford, Sheri Hughes, Nic Morphew, PJ
Rogers, Adley Vasquez, Austin Wylie
- 12 Jonathan Anderson, Dametrious Crownover, Hudson
Scharnhorst
- 13 Julie Holloway
- 14 Kason English, Chris Mitchell, Hunter Russell
- 15 Mary Aldridge, Peter Caro, James Meehan, Ryan
Parks, Logan Pickens
- 16 Jonah Cloud
- 17 Melissa Bailey, Marissa Chambers, Kailyn Russell,
David Self
- 18 Anna Miller, Keller Power, Jessica Watson
- 19 Shirley Prater
- 20 Stephen Moore
- 21 Ellie Farmer
- 22 Missy Davis, Paul Papan, Tom Penix
- 23 Angi Penix
- 24 Chuck Moore, Savannah Rhodes
- 25 Raelynn Anderson, Stephanie Randolph
- 26 Airemy Caudle, James Dailey, Amy Moore, Rusty
Rhodes
- 27 Miranda Sessums
- 29 Shelley Clark, Martha Nivens, Waylon Rogers,
Ariella West
- 30 Lyla Higgins, Terri Cheek, Isaiah Corgliano, Carolyn
Neff, JD Pierce

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Attention all committee chairmen! It's time to work on your committee's 2026 budget requests. You are to call a meeting with your group between Sunday, September 14th and Sunday, October 5th. Contact the church office with the time and date of your meeting. Our secretary, Alicia Doxtator, will prepare a budget worksheet packet for each committee. Budget requests will be due in the church office by Sunday, October 5th. The Budget/Finance Committee is scheduled to meet and begin its 2026 Budget Proposal work on Wednesday, October 15th, 7:30pm in the Conference Room.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

12:30PM - Fellowship Hall

Light Lunch & Childcare Provided

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH!

Sign up at gvfbc.org or by calling
the church office at 817-866-4430.



LORD'S SUPPER

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 21ST
BOTH SERVICES



*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes".*

1 Corinthians 11:26, ESV



Attention all elementary, junior high, and high school students! Join other students across the nation on the morning of **Wednesday, September 24th** and pray for your schools, administrators, teachers, staff, and fellow students. There are so many things for which to pray. Some examples are: for teaching; for learning; for the safety and well being of all; for healthy friendships; for love and kindness; for respect of one another; for sportsmanship; for honor, for no illness outbreaks. The list can go on and on. You can add your own personal prayer requests for yourselves and others.

Meet at your school campus flagpole on **September 24th** at: **elementary 7:15am, junior high 7:15am and high school 7:30am**. Be ready to pray for and with your classmates.

A community-wide youth *Saw You at the Pole* rally will take place **6pm** at **FBC**. This specific event is for youth in grades 6-12.



Friday, September 5th, 5:30-8:30pm
Ages 6 months—5th grade, \$10 per child
Dinner will be provided
RSVP to the church office by 4:00pm on
Wednesday, September 3rd



Sunday, September 28th

All parents wishing to participate in our Fall Baby/Child Dedication Ceremony with their little one(s) are asked to contact the church office at 817-866-4430 by Wednesday, September 24th.



Monday, September 1

Labor Day—Church Office Closed

Friday, September 5

5:30-8:30pm

Parents Night Out

Sunday, September 7

Overcoming Obstacles 10 year Celebration

Thursday, September 11

CDO Fall Picture Day

Sunday, September 14

2:00pm

Grandview Nursing Home

Wednesday, September 17

6:30pm

Membership Class

Thursday, September 18

CDO Creer Day

Sunday, September 21

Lord's Supper

Wednesday, September 24

See You At The Pole

Sunday, September 25

CDO Decades Day

Sunday, September 28

Bay Dedication

Sunday, September 29

Primetimers Luncheon

SEPTEMBER DEACONS ON CALL

07	Andrew Rogers.....	972-268-4668
14	Coy Nall.....	817-343-4187
21	Rustin Mayse.....	903-229-0591
28	Jon West.....	916-837-5003

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Sundays -

Traditional Worship* 8:30am
Sunday School 9:45am
Contemporary Worship* 11:00am

Wednesdays -

Student Ministry 6:00pm
FBC Kids 6:30pm
Ladies **GROW** Grp 6:30pm
Men's **GROW** Grp 6:30pm
Prayer and Psalms Grp 6:30pm

**In house and on Facebook*

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Primetimers Luncheon
Monday, September 29th
12:00pm—FBC Fellowship Hall
Theme: Summer Trails
Bring a side and/or dessert to share.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF:	July 20	July 27	August 3	August 10	August 17
SS Attendance:	139	106	146	143	161
8:30 Worship:	61	56	77	63	52
11:00 Worship:	133	135	164	179	240

BUDGET:

YTD Required:	396,828.63	410,567.40	424,252.98	437,938.56	451,624.14
YTD Receipts:	493,828.63	506,846.14	522,334.57	530,182.96	538,307.75
Wkly Required:	13685.58	13685.58	13685.58	13685.58	13685.58
Wkly Receipts:	16,592.89	13107.51	15,488.43	7,848.39	8,124.79



Week of Prayer for State Missions
and

Mary Hill Davis Missions Offering

September 14th—21st

Church Goal: \$2000

Prayer guides are available on the
tables in the main hallway.

