



October 1, 2025

Dear Church Family,

It is with great gratitude that we announce the upcoming retirement of our Associate Pastor, **Bro. Mark Parnell**, after 28 years of faithful service to First Baptist Church. Bro. Mark has been a steady shepherd, a compassionate friend, and a Christlike example to us all. His ministry has touched countless lives through leading, teaching, counseling, and simply walking alongside us in our journeys of faith.

As a church family, we want to take this opportunity to express our love and appreciation for Bro. Mark and his family. We will be collecting a **special love offering** to bless them in this new season of life. If you would like to contribute, you may do so in the following ways:

1. Bring your gift on Sunday (October 5 or October 12) and give during the offering time of worship service. Be sure to designate your gift as *"Bro. Mark Love Offering"* on your envelope or your check memo line.
2. Bring your gift by the church office. Gifts will be accepted in the church office through Friday, October 17. The church office is open 8am-4pm on Monday-Thursday and 8am-12pm on Friday.

We invite you to join us in celebrating Bro. Mark's ministry and honoring the legacy he leaves here at FBC Kosciusko. More details about a special service of recognition will be shared in the coming weeks.

Please be in prayer for Bro. Mark and his family as they step into this next chapter and let us give thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness through the life and ministry of our beloved brother.

In Christ,

Dr. Luke Gardner
Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church Kosciusko

