

FEBRUARY 2026

THE CONNECTION

John 3:16



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February Birthdays

Leigh Karnes - 2nd	Teresa Searcy - 12th
Julie Vowell - 2nd	Eric Jones - 13th
Kathy Cox - 4th	Monyeen Cooper - 17th
Talie Kaufman - 4th	Debbie Stoddard - 17th
Larry Quan - 9th	Debbie Quan - 23rd
Ted Wallace - 9th	Debbie Wallace - 26th
Jo Bitner - 10th	
George Cooper - 10th	
Veronica Williams - 10th	



The Youth and Children's Ministries continue to meet three times a week! We would love for your student to join us on Wednesday for dinner at 5:00 PM followed by Bible study and open gym time.

Valentines Dinner
Tuesday, February 10th

All adults are invited to join us for a Valentines Dinner at 5:00 PM at Texas Roadhouse in Huntsville, Tx

Contact Juli Briggs by noon on the 9th at 281-450-1191 if you wish to attend.

NEW DATE
"A Legacy Of Faith"
150th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, February 22nd
Worship Service @ 10:00 AM
Lunch to follow
No Sunday School or PM Services

Please contact the church office to alter your prior reservation or to make a new reservation by Monday, the 16th.

PRAYER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

10:45 AM
Feb. 1st / Debbie Stoddard

Feb. 8th / Kathy Cox

Feb. 15th / Karen Jones

Feb. 22nd / Caren Rawlings

SUNDAY SERVICES
Sunday School For All Ages / 9:15 -10:30 AM
Worship / 10:45 AM
Youth & Children's Activities
6:00 - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY SERVICES
Youth & Children Meal & Activities / 5-7:00 PM
Adult Fellowship Meal / 5:00 PM
Adult Prayer Meeting / 6:00 PM

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. / 8AM - 4PM

2026 Annual Ladies Celebration
"El Roi - The God Who Sees"
February 27 & 28
First Baptist Church, Grapeland

Call FBC Grapeland at 936.687.2558 or email info@fbcgrapeland.org to register
Cost \$10 w/lunch provided on Saturday.

MAN CHURCH "Tailgate"
Monday, March 2nd
Grapeland City Park
5:00 PM Games
6:00 PM Cookout Dinner
7:00 PM Worship

Contact Pastor, Dr. Timothy Smith at 936-687-2558 for more info.



Good News! Great Joy!

Our OCC team members want to thank our church family for your generous support in helping us exceed our shoebox goal in 2025. Our church family packed 1159 shoeboxes. That equates to 1159 Gospel opportunities. Six hundred of those boxes were a result of youth and childrens packing parties that went to sensitive areas of West Africa. We support this ministry because it offers us the opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with children and their families across the world. Every recipient of a filled shoebox has the opportunity to hear the gospel presented in a child friendly way and most will be offered a 12 lesson discipleship class. Dorcas Wills has been involved in this ministry for 20+ years and has been a Drop Off location for our area for 16 years. As a Drop Off Location we received, counted, cartonized and delivered 3108 shoeboxes to the Central Collection location in Livingston. Thank you to the 29 volunteers who served a total of 198 hours during National Collection Week. Our OCC team is already at work preparing for 2026. Church members, please be on the lookout for sale prices of shoebox items, especially after holidays, for your shoeboxes. Packing year round will enable you to fill your shoeboxes economically making them fun and full. Thank you church family for continuing to support this ministry.

In Him,

Leigh Karnes, OCC Project Leader

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 1
Creation Ministires/PM
- February 7
Men's Ministry Breakfast
- February 8
Super Bowl Party
- SS Dir./Teacher Training
- February 10
Valentine's Couples Dinner
- February 15
Deacon's Meeting
- February 16
Grocery Ministry
- President's Day
- February 19
Chuckwagon Gospel - Groveton
- February 22
150th Anniversary
- Celebration
- February 28
Family Game Night

Ladies Bible Study every Thursday!

Busy things have been happening at DWMBBC. We have celebrated the holidays, there is remodeling & updating of our building happening, and God blessed us with the Bookout Family leaving us an awesome inheritance that the church has voted to use for the glory of the Lord. I hope you are praying daily for the Lord's direction for the Pastor Search Team and don't forget to come on Sunday's as we continue our sermon series on the Beatitudes.

Finally, here are some ideas and helps that God has allowed me to use during my ministry.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A VIBRANT CHURCH

1. An exciting worship service with good music and stirring preaching.
2. An aggressive strategy to reach the lost.
3. People who are growing in their commitment to and their likeness of Christ.
4. A happy, friendly congregation, where people feel welcome on their first visit.
5. A caring and sharing fellowship plan that enables the church to minister to its own people.
6. A missions and ministry spirit that reaches the poor, sick, lonely, & troubled in the community.
7. A fellowship largely free of conflict
8. Leadership and congregation open to new ideas and change for all generations.

Someone once said, "Our preachers aren't dreaming, that's why the church is in such a nightmare."

CHURCHES NEED TO BE ASKING:

1. Are we doing the right thing?
2. Are we fulfilling our mission?
3. What should we to be doing that we're not doing right now?
4. How does the church or the congregation need to change, to meet the challenge of the future?

GOALS:

1. Should be challenging: If you can't measure it, rate it, or describe it –then it's just a wish.
2. Goals should be measurable: Example: Instead of saying, "We need to visit more or we need to increase attendance more, the goals should be: I will make 10 visits this week or I will make 2 visits daily.
3. A goal should be achievable.
4. A goal should have a deadline.
5. A goal should be flexible.
6. A goal should be shared.

State the number of people you want to win.

State the number of people you want to baptize.

State the number you want to average in Bible Study.

State the number you want enrolled in your class.

State the ministries you want to improve on or establish.

Think of it this way: If David had slain a dwarf instead of a giant, who would have remembered?

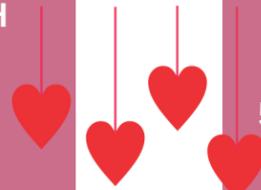
An email was sent out to church members on January 14th with a link to the Pastor Profile Survey. The Pastor Search Team would appreciate it if you would take the time to open the link and fill out the survey to help assist them. If you did not received a copy of the email, it is simply because we do not have your correct email address on file. If you would contact the church office we will be glad to add your email and forward the survey to you. Paper copies are also available in the church sanctuary and welcome center.

YEAR TO DATE

INCOME AND EXPENSES - CHURCH

YTD Tithes/Offerings: \$474,058.40

YTD Total Expenses: \$472,125.78



(Figures as of December 31, 2025.)

Matthew 6:33

Chuckwagon Gospel Singers Event

February 19th / Groveton, TX

The Adults will be leaving the church at 5:00 PM and eating at County Seat Cafe at 5:30 PM. Concert Starts at 7:00 PM.

Contact Juli Briggs to sign up!