



The days are getting shorter, Friday nights are spent under the lights, and the town is preparing to celebrate the pumpkin harvest. Fall is here! However, these late summer storms that have recently passed through our area remind me that seasons in Texas do not go out without a fight. Most of us, if not all, feel the same way about change.

Change is hard. It has always been hard. We get into a routine that seems to work, and we stick with it. We are fond of the saying "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

But, change is inevitable. As Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages teaching, and healing all kinds of diseases and afflictions he noticed something. Those healthy, abled bodied people, were happy where they were even as the kingdom of God was breaking into their world. They may not have had everything they wanted, but they had learned to be comfortable where they were. However, for those that were desperate, they did what it took to come to this great teacher and healer. The Scriptures tell us that when Jesus looked out at the sea of those who were suffering, "he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." (Matthew 9:36-38) It's not easy getting out of our routines, especially when we are comfortable and seem to have things figured out, but we are the very people Jesus was talking to.

Pray earnestly that God would move in our town, that he would make his presences known in our church, and that the workers will come to gather the harvest. There are many ways you can get involved in the ministries at First. From working with children to senior adults or serving behind the scenes or under the spotlights. If you're unsure where you can serve please feel free to see me or any of our staff members to help point you in the right direction.

Southern Gospel Night of Praise

October 8 @ 7:00 pm Wayland's Harral Auditorium

Presented by Area Church Choirs

If you would like a ride the church van will leave the back parking lot at 6:00 pm



AWANA:

We have 125 kids registered for Awana! It was so good to see the kids' smiling faces again, I had missed them over the summer. There is still time to jump on board if you are interested in helping!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Collection Dates for OCC Shoeboxes will be the week of November 13-20. I have items left from the last Awana store that can be used in shoeboxes if you are interested. I can also pack some boxes for anyone with these items if you would like to pay shipping. Shipping is \$9.00 this year and we are no longer allowed to pack ANY candy or toothpaste. I purchased 24 green/red plastic boxes from Samaritan's Purse with the OCC logo on it as well as the usual green/red cardboard ones. They are available at no charge, but donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the plastic ones.

FALL FEST:

Mark your calendars! The Fall Fest will be November 1 from 6:00-7:00pm in the back-parking lot (weather permitting). Sunday School classes are needed to sponsor a booth and help with clean up. Awana will not meet on this day. We are now taking donations of large bags of candy and prizes. Please no ghosts, witches, goblins, etc. Bring to the church office.

Thanks!! Ludustia Prisk



Youth Council Meeting
October 4 @ 8:00 pm

Budget Request Deadline
Wednesday, October 11

Food Bank Delivery
October 16
Volunteers needed at 11:15 am

Deacons' Meeting
October 22 @ 5:00 pm

Business Meeting
October 22 @ 6:00 pm

FBC Senior Adults Lunch
October 23 @ 11:30 am

Observance of the Lord's Supper
October 29 during am service

Harmony

One Body~~One Spirit~~One Hope

All-in-One 2017 Annual Meeting at Wayland

Make plans now to attend this year's annual meeting on **Sunday, October 15**, beginning at **3:30 PM** with Registration. We will be meeting in the **Laney Center on the Wayland Campus**. There are special activities for your entire family. While the adults are participating in the conferences and celebration service, high school, middle school and children (grades 1-5) will be in their own activities.

Tickets for adults and youth (grades 6-12) are **\$5 each** and that includes a catered meal. Children (grades 1-5) will enjoy a **free pizza** during their separate activities.

Childcare (birth to kindergarten) is by reservation only through the area office at 296-2751.

Our speakers for the adult session will be our own **David Vela**, Associate Director of Missions, as well as pastor of Calvario of Crosbyton, **Dr. Bobby Hall**, President of Wayland Baptist University, and **Bobby Dagnel**, FBC Lubbock pastor and Texas Tech University Chaplain.

Worship will be led by **Dr. Rick Garcia** of Abundant Grace of Plainview and we will enjoy great singing guests, including the Happy Union Baptist Church choir.

**TICKETS AND CHILD/YOUTH
CONSENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

Monthly Report

August	\$48,436.72
Amount needed each month:	\$58,378.33
YTD	\$391,693.59



We would like to say Thank You to our wonderful, praying church family. We feel so blessed by all of you prayers, visits, phone calls, food and cards for Curtis.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Friendship Class, Wednesday Night Prayer Group, Auditorium Class and Bro. Mark. It is truly hard to find the words to express how much all of this has meant to our family. Curtis is doing well and we praise our heavenly Father for his healing power.

Love, Curtis & Iva Sanders

