



Church Family,

Grace Upon Grace

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound...”

Few words capture the wonder of our salvation more beautifully than those familiar words. Church family, may we **never grow weary of singing about, praising God for, and proclaiming the amazing grace we have received through Jesus Christ!**

Paul reminds us:

“For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—not from works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8–9 (CSB)

Over these past several weeks, we have had the wonderful privilege of witnessing this amazing grace at work as God continues to seek and save the lost. Once again this past Sunday, we saw another beautiful testimony of His saving work among us.

What a beautiful picture God is painting before our very eyes here at FBC Benton!

Week after week, as we gather for worship, we are seeing God graciously give new life to those who were spiritually dead. What a magnificent sight—and what a wonderful reminder of how every believer’s journey with Christ began. We were lost, and He found us. We were dead in our sins, and He made us alive in Christ. We were without hope, and His grace reached down to save us.

And the grace that **saves us** is the same grace that **sustains us**.

We continue to walk in His grace, to be strengthened by His grace, sustained by His grace, and sanctified by His grace. How beautiful is the grace of our God that He continually pours out upon His children!

“Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from his fullness.”

John 1:16 (CSB)

May we never lose the wonder of **grace upon grace!**

Unpacking the True Joy in Philippians

This past Sunday, we began our new sermon series through the epistle of Philippians

entitled “**Unpacking the True Joy in Philippians.**” My prayer is that the Lord continues to impress upon your heart the truths and hope we discovered together in Philippians 1:1–11.

This Sunday, we will continue our journey through **Philippians 1:12–26**, where we will discover an important truth for every follower of Christ:

Christ is greater than our circumstances.

Paul writes from imprisonment, yet his circumstances cannot imprison his joy. His concern is not primarily for his comfort, his freedom, or even his future. His great concern is that **Christ would be proclaimed and Christ would be magnified.**

I encourage you to prayerfully read through Philippians 1 this week as we prepare our hearts to gather around God’s Word on Sunday.

Celebrating 20 Years of Faithful Ministry

Immediately following our worship service this Sunday, we will gather in the **Activities Building (gym)** for a special time of fellowship as we celebrate **Margaret and Jeff Siress** and give thanks for their **20 years of faithful service to the Lord here at FBC Benton.**

I know you will want to join us in expressing heartfelt gratitude to Margaret and Jeff through words of encouragement and expressions of love. We thank God for the countless lives He has touched through their faithful service, particularly through Margaret’s ministry to our children and families.

As they prayerfully seek the Lord’s direction concerning their next ministry opportunity, please continue to lift the Siress family before the Lord. May we celebrate what God has done through them while praying expectantly for what He has prepared for them next.

Join Us in Prayer

Sunday Prayer Gathering

Sundays • 8:00–8:15 a.m. • Prayer Room

Begin each Lord’s Day by joining us as we seek God’s presence, power, and blessing upon every aspect of our worship and ministry.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Sundays • 10:15–11:15 a.m. • Prayer Room

Each Sunday, faithful intercessors gather to pray throughout our worship service. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, a sign-up sheet is available in the Prayer Room.

Prayer Needs

Church family, I ask that you join me in praying specifically for the following needs:

Wednesday Evening Mid-Week Ministries

As our fall semester approaches, please pray for each area of our Wednesday evening ministry:

- **Awana** — Pray for our leaders, volunteers, and children as the fall semester begins September 2. Pray that the Lord will use every lesson, conversation, Scripture memory verse, and relationship to point our children to Christ and establish them firmly in His Word.
- **Student Discipleship Training** — Pray for this new class as we focus particularly on strengthening the biblical foundation of our new believers and helping them grow as faithful disciples of Christ.
- **Student Mid-Week Ministry** — Pray for our leaders, volunteers, and students as they continue to learn and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Choir** — Pray for our choir as they gather each week for prayer, devotional time, fellowship, and rehearsal. Ask the Lord to prepare their hearts as they faithfully lead us in worship week after week.
- **Wednesday Bible Study** — Pray for our time together in the sanctuary as we gather for prayer and then dive into God's Word through our study of the epistle of James.

Nominating Committee & Deacon Selection

Both of these important processes will begin in the coming weeks as we enter September, but the time for prayer is **now**. Pray that God will grant our church wisdom, discernment, unity, and sensitivity to the leadership of the Holy Spirit as we consider those whom He would have serve in these important areas of leadership.

North American Mission Vision Trip — Phoenix, Arizona

Kelly and I will be traveling to the Phoenix area in September to meet with Dr. Eric Gibbs and the Live Love Ministries team and spend two days alongside them on the mission field. We will be prayerfully seeking the Lord's direction concerning how FBC Benton might come alongside this ministry through recurring mission trips beginning in 2027 as we seek to share the love and gospel of Christ.

Please pray for safe travel, fruitful conversations, spiritual discernment, and clear direction from the Lord concerning how He would have our church participate in this kingdom work.

Wednesday Evening Family Meal

Please pray that God would raise up the person or persons He would have lead the planning and preparation of our Wednesday Family Fellowship Meal. This ministry provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection within our church family, and we trust the Lord to provide those needed to lead it faithfully.

Church family, there is much for which we can give thanks and much for which we need to pray. **God is at work among us!** May we remain faithful, prayerful, and expectant as we seek Him together.

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And through it all, may we never cease to marvel at the amazing grace of our God—**grace that saves us, grace that sustains us, and grace upon grace for every step of the journey.**

In Christ,

Bro. Todd

Senior Pastor

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Music Ministry

Thank you, congregation, for your enthusiastic singing each Sunday, as we worship the living God in song and praise! When we gather on Sundays, the volume of our voices matters!

Scripture never commands a polite hum! Psalm 100:1 calls us to "make a joyful noise to the Lord," and Colossians 3:16 tells us to "sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with **gratitude** in your hearts to God".

Your voice encourages the person beside you. Strong singing binds us together. It's important that we sing about Christ and the gospel with conviction. Our **joy** is overflow! Loud singing is a sermon before the sermon.

Don't worry about your voice. God asked for joyful, not perfect. He gave you your voice to use. The choir leads, but the congregation is the main chorus!

God wants your joyful noise, not a perfect performance. This coming Sunday, take a deep breath and sing out. The Lord is worthy of all the sound that we can make!

The Worship Choir rehearses @ Wednesday, 6:15pm. Come join us!!

*"My soul, praise the Lord! And **ALL** that is within me.....praise His holy name!"* Psalm 103:1

Stuart

Minister of Music & Worship

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Student Ministry

If you are reading this, please pray for our students. Pray for our student leaders. Pray for me. What is the foundation of a fruitful ministry? **Prayer.**

Upcoming Dates

August 19 – Student Ministry | 6:15 PM

• New Christian Discipleship Class | 5:15 PM

August 23 – Sunday School | 9:00 AM

August 26 – Student Ministry | 6:15 PM

• New Christian Discipleship Class | 5:15 PM

August 30 – Sunday School | 9:00 AM

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In Christ,
Hayden Jaco
Director of Student Ministries
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Children's Ministry

We will have Old Testament Minute to Win It games this Wednesday night. We will be testing your Old Testament knowledge too! Regular Wednesday night time meeting: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Have a great week!

Margaret Siress
Director of Children Ministries
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Business Information

Budget Offering 08/16/26	\$13,634.20
Given to date	\$454,986.82
Budget needs to date	\$454,257.06
Designated Offering	\$255.00
Building Fund This Year	\$2,310.00
Lottie Moon	\$6,887.00
Annie Armstrong	\$1,800.00
Raymond James/Endowment Fund	\$75,997.61

ATTENDANCE	
08/16/26	219

Volunteers Needed

- **Monitors** for Wednesday evening bible study
- **Welcome Center** during the Sunday School and Worship hours.
This will be a once every three-month rotation. Please contact **Coye McCurry 270-703-0276** or **Mark Harrison 270- 206-8763** for these positions.
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- **Audio & Video positions** – once every 4 – 5 weeks. No experience needed. Short training session.  
Please contact church office for these positions. 270-527-7575

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

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# Church Highlights



**PARENTS: JARED & MEGAN  
ROBINSON**

**BROTHER: JACE**

**IT'S A BOY!**



# Prayer Request

## Church Family

Karen Brown  
Brent Clark  
Kia Crouse  
Kathy Harrison  
Roy & Joetta Jones  
Cheryl McCuiston  
\*Danny Owens  
Dennis Pierce  
Tristen Prange  
Wendy Rose  
Dale Southerd  
Jason Trammell  
Barb Travis

\* Indicates new prayer request

## Friends & Family

Ed & Jane Alton  
Anthony Cain  
Veronica Galloway  
Shelby Hega  
George & Jane Kickhofel  
Aaron Peters  
Alicia Powell  
Sandra Rowley  
Dorothy Ryba  
Dennis Southerd  
Eddy Wild

## Deaf Ministry

Kevin & Jessica Cartwright  
& Family  
15213 W 121<sup>st</sup> Terrace  
Olathe, KS 66062  
(Patty Sanders' son & family)

## IMB Missionaries, SE Asia

Trevor & Maggie Grant  
3806 Monument Ave  
Richmond, VA 23230  
(Martha Lewis's granddaughter  
& husband)

## North American Mission

### Board

Eric & Brittany Gibbs  
767 N Castledale Ave  
Casa Grande, AZ 85194  
(Kaitlin Penn's brother  
& family)

## Shut In/Homebound

Joe & Dianne Dodd  
June English  
Jan Erickson  
Maryde Fullington  
Doug Galyen  
Margie Greer  
Joan Hillen  
Betty Holt  
Sherry Johnston  
Barbara Kinsey

Irma McClain  
Tommy & Brooks Meyer  
Anna Lou Miller  
Dan Oldham  
Ronnie & Sylvia Powell  
Ann Riley  
Edna Riley  
Ken Riley  
Ann (Anna) Williams

# Volunteer Schedules

## **Nursery Schedule**

- 8/2** – Kathy McCurry & Janice Miller  
Elizabeth Garrett & Deanna Trammell (SS)  
Tammy Willie & Mary Jo Sprouse (Worship)
- 8/9** – Dara Smith & Stacey Malone  
Rita Hawes & Patsy Doom (SS)  
Amy Northcott & Heather Yates (Worship)
- 8/16** – Jessica Jaco & Lori McGregor  
Vicki Wynn & Vicki Tynes (SS)  
Wendy Rose & Kia Crouse (Worship)
- 8/23** – Devan Willoughby & Megan Robinson  
Dara Smith (SS)  
Karen Postma & Karen McKean (Worship)
- 8/30** – Dana Marsteller & Janice Miller  
Elizabeth Garrett & Deanna Trammell (SS)  
Mary Jo Sprouse (Worship)

## **Audio – Video**

- 8/2** – Billy Thorpe & Chase Duncan  
**8/9** – Jeff Siress & Keagan Owens  
**8/16** – Joe Jackson & Miranda Mathis  
**8/23** – Billy & Terri Thorpe  
**8/30** – Grant & Devan Willoughby

## **Offertory Prayer**

- 8/2** – Greg Carter  
**8/9** – Josh Powell  
**8/16** – Josh Owens  
**8/23** – Andy Miller  
**8/30** – Kevin Jackson

## **Wednesday Evening**

- 8/12** – David Puckett  
**8/19** – Ricky Marsteller  
**8/26** – Clayton Crouse

## **Camera Room**

- 8/2** – Bud Langlois  
**8/9** – Allen Gildersleeve  
**8/16** – Kevin Jackson  
**8/23** – Mike Donohoo  
**8/30** – Brenda Langlois

## **Worship Center**

- 8/2** – Danny Owens, Ricky Marsteller  
**8/9** – Eric Penn, Mark Heuer  
**8/16** – Josh Powell, **TBD**  
**8/23** – Davis Puckett, Ron Welch  
**8/30** – Gaba Bryant, Tim Yates

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## August 2026

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| 2<br>Joe Jackson<br>Jarrett Malone      | 3<br>Breanna Carnine                                                      | 4                                            | 5<br>Holly Moore                                                      | 6<br>Irma McClain<br>Brent Lanier             | 7<br>Brian Alexander<br>Danny Maxberry<br>Eric Penn<br>Tamie Hodges<br>Clifford & Sherrie Penn | 8                                                |
| 9<br>Marisa Smith<br>Jessica Cartwright | 10<br>Tammy Anderson<br>Eleanor Pogue                                     | 11<br>Richard McLeod<br>Todd & Amy Northcott | 12<br>Becky Auten<br>Hayden Jaco<br>Clark Pullen                      | 13<br>Susan Sedlock<br>Mark & Debbie Heuer    | 14<br>Debra Edwards<br>Sarah Robertson                                                         | 15                                               |
| 16                                      | 17<br>Todd & Kelly Henson                                                 | 18<br>David Record                           | 19<br>Steve & Cynthia Cary                                            | 20                                            | 21<br>Judy Southerd<br>Ken Toby                                                                | 22<br>Carolyn Donohoo<br>Danny & Lockie Maxberry |
| 23<br>Brooks Tynes<br>Tessa Powell      | 24<br>Cathy Maddox<br>Steven Bowers                                       | 25<br>Danny Owens                            | 26<br>Savannah Hairgrove<br>Karen McLeod<br>Pam Rye<br>Karsyn Warmath | 27<br>Tommy Sedlock<br>Mike & Carolyn Donohoo | 28<br>Nate Moore<br>Annie Malone                                                               | 29<br>Natalie Thurmond                           |
| 30<br>Erin Mathis                       | 31<br>Tommy Meyer<br>Cheryl McCuiston<br>Dusty Kornbacher<br>Jill Spencer | ANNIVERSARIES IN RED                         |                                                                       |                                               |                                                                                                |                                                  |

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| <b>6</b>                                                                    | <b>7</b>                                                                                       | <b>8</b><br>Brenda Langlois                                       | <b>9</b><br>Stuart Terry<br>Gina Bowers | <b>10</b>                                      | <b>11</b><br>Lisa Carter             | <b>12</b><br>Aaron Clayton<br>Lydia Powell             |
| <b>13</b><br>Don Frizzell<br>Mark Heuer<br>Julie York<br>Gary & Barb Travis | <b>14</b><br>Crosby Acord<br>Anna Lou Miller<br>Blake Myhand<br>Sylvia Powell<br>Brenda Taylor | <b>15</b><br>Valerie Conley<br>Jimmy Don Phillips<br>Tate Jackson | <b>16</b>                               | <b>17</b><br>Keith Anderson                    | <b>18</b><br>Lori Owens<br>Kent Rudd | <b>19</b><br>Margaret Siress                           |
| <b>20</b>                                                                   | <b>21</b><br>Sherry Adams                                                                      | <b>22</b><br>Clayton Crouse<br>Barb Travis                        | <b>23</b><br>Elijah Jackson             | <b>24</b><br>Devan Willoughby<br>Madden Lovett | <b>25</b>                            | <b>26</b><br>David Borders<br>Grant & Devan Willoughby |
| <b>27</b><br>Grant Willoughby<br>Sherri Miller<br>Sherrie Penn              | <b>28</b>                                                                                      | <b>29</b>                                                         | <b>30</b><br>Will Locker                | ANNIVERSARIES IN <b>RED</b>                    |                                      |                                                        |