



**FBC KARNES CITY**  
 LOVING GOD, LOVING YOU

# THE ANCHOR

*“so we do not drift away”*

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## *A Heart Condition...*

This morning when I got up I stepped outside and enjoyed feeling the 58° weather with hardly any humidity. As I was standing on the porch, I heard little feet come up behind me and heard Landri say, “Whew! It’s cold out here. Good thing I have this big hoody on!” I laughed and gave her a hug, amazed at how the little things make her happy. She was genuinely pleased to be ready and prepared for the change in the weather, and because she was ready she was able to enjoy it.

As I thought about what she said, it made me think about Romans (big surprise, I know). Paul is constantly telling us to engage in progressive sanctification, the idea of letting God continually change us from the inside out until we become more and more like Him and less like our old sinful nature. If we are aware that this is a necessity in our lives and prepare for it, then when God brings about changes in our lives we will find ourselves prepared and ready to enjoy the result of those changes instead of being caught unawares and ill-prepared for the work God desires to do inside us.

Because God loves us so completely, He loves us entirely too much to simply let us go through life and not draw us near to Him. He will continually work on us and put pressure on us to conform to His ways and thoughts. “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:2. We need to be prepared for God to be at work on us throughout our life, constantly pulling us and remaking us in His image. The image that God gives in the book of Jeremiah is of the potter shaping clay into what shape seems best to Him, and we need to understand that God’s hands will be at work molding us, and that our call is to be flexible and to bend where He asks that we might take the shape we were created for.

So if that is what God wants to do, what’s the big deal? Bending is not easy! It’s not easy because God demands that every aspect of our lives must come into alignment with His will and not ours. We usually aren’t prepared and ready to do this. Our flesh hears God telling us things like Luke 9:23 about denying self, and we honestly say, “I don’t want to deny self! I want to do what I want.” And so the pressure from God increases until we are broken and moldable, or we become so hard and unmoldable that God sets us aside as unusable vessels. Now it isn’t fun to be broken by God, but it is infinitely better than being set aside and being unused.

How then can we be prepared so that we can enjoy the changes that God desires to bring about in us through sanctification? Just like Landri had put on a hoody, spiritually we can get ready for what God has planned. Daily get in the Word, pray regularly, fellowship with other believers, witness to the world. All these things foster relationship, and as we grow that relationship we will find ourselves prepared when God starts working in and around us sanctifying us as He sees fit. And if we’re ready, we can enjoy the change even though the process is hard. So let’s prepare, and let Him change us.

### **Weekly Schedule**

#### Sunday:

SS	9:45
Worship	11:00
FBCU	6:00
Youth	6:00

#### Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting 6:30

### Prayer List



Spiritual Growth  
 Unity as a church  
 The 414 Project  
 Africa Trip  
 Youth/Children’s  
 Minister

### **Monthly Memory Verse:**

*“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given to you.”*

*John 15:7*

## **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

\*\*We are now offering an emailed PDF form of the newsletter and calendar. If you would like to receive the newsletter and calendar that way instead of through the mail, please contact the church office.

\*\* On October 31, FBC University will be starting the next book in the MasterLife study. If you are interested in going through *The Disciples Personality*, please contact the church office to be added to a class. It is not necessary to have completed the first book, so anyone is welcome.



The ladies of WMU would like to invite the church to our Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger Supper on Wednesday, October 13 at 5:00 pm.



Texas Baptists are working hard with other Baptists around the world to meet hunger needs and share the hope of Christ. The funds raised work as a network of care that provide relief to the critically hungry and poverty stricken people of the world.

This is your chance to step up to make a difference. Come join us so we can work together and strengthen the efforts to give relief to those who suffer.

### **Seeing God in the Little Things**

Most people would agree that you can't "see" God. However, I would argue that I've already met with Christ, or been in His presence, twice this week! For some it would take a burning bush, angels with loud voices or talking donkeys to convince them that God had a message for them, but I want to encourage you that God is often in the little things that we so often overlook.

On Tuesday I was doing day two of my Master Life study about "Praying in Faith", and I was so excited because I had been in prayer for days about a particular situation. I just knew that this was God's way of telling me that my prayers would be answered and all would be right with the world. That wasn't the case! Disappointment came and later that day I went jogging as I often do to relieve some stress! I had just finished when I decided to walk over and speak with Alton Gross who lives just across the highway. As I turned to look for oncoming cars I saw it, a rainbow in the sky (even though there had been no rain). I have always seen rainbows as God's way of reminding me that He keeps His promises, and in that moment I knew that He had heard my prayers and would answer them in His time. In that moment I saw God!

My other encounter with God was on Monday when I received a phone call from my Mom. She is a part of WMU at her church and they had just received their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering literature and advertisements. She was curious about the theme for this year and after opening the boxes to see what it

was, she just had to call me. She wanted to know if Jan and Erika would still be in the states in December. They always try to find missionaries from the country in which the emphasis is on to come and speak in their church about that particular place. I told her that they would have already returned to Africa, but asked her what the actual theme was. She said the emphasis is on Africa and the slogan is "Are We There Yet?" Just in case you haven't been to church lately, we have a huge world map in the front of the sanctuary that says in bold letters on the bottom, "Are We There Yet?" Now of course this is to keep track of how far we have come in raising the funds to get us to Africa, and the Lottie Moon theme is talking about parts of the world that may have not yet been reached with the gospel, but in that moment I saw God!

He has revealed Himself to me in the little things this week. Probably because it is in those things that we often give credit to things like luck or coincidence. We can pray in faith with confidence that He hears us and wants the best for us. He knows our disappointments and the desires of our hearts and He will bring them about in some way, eventually. He promises! There is no doubt in my mind that He and He alone will provide what is necessary to get us to South Africa next year. It is our responsibility to recognize His provision and to give Him the glory for it.

I hope that you will look for Him in the little things this week. Look for Him in the rain, a song, the help of a stranger or friend at just the right time. He is there and He loves you!  
~Jolee Cornelius

# YOUTH FACTS

So, we have all had time to get into the swing of school again. For some, this is your last year of high school. For others, it may be the beginning of high school or junior high. We are all in different times of our life, but we are all children of The King. Let me encourage you today to get to know fellow students in your classes that don't have a place to fit in. Befriend someone who seems lonely. You have a great opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. Don't miss those opportunities.

We have been studying in John for the past month. John is writing as an eyewitness to the life of Jesus, and he tells stories that prove Jesus' kingship. These stories show what was important to Jesus, and His priority was always about people and their hearts. He never seemed to mind the interruptions, distractions, and busy schedule. He always found time to spend time with His Father first, and second, with the people around him who were hurting and searching for an answer.

As the school year begins filling up and you start to feel overwhelmed by your schedules, let me encourage you to follow the example Jesus set before us. First, spend time with your Father, and second, be a witness to the people around you. ~Kayla Jones

## COME CELEBRATE DEACON ORDINATION!

On Sunday, October 3 we will be ordaining Will Johnson and Johnny Wright to the deacon ministry as they step forward as servant leaders in the His church. Stay after the service for a church potluck lunch to celebrate the day in our church life.



### Stewardship

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>
Month:	11,705.14	15,153.61
Year:	105,346.26	131,462.72

# Kid Tracks

The 2010-2011 Awana year has begun strong. We were excited to see all 42 kids who showed up for the first meeting on September 15. Each leader is looking forward to watching those kids grow and change over the next year! It should be a great year for everyone. There are leaders spanning a large age range from the youngest in 7th grade to grandparents and great-grandparents. Isn't God great to show his timeless grace and mercy by showing kids he loves everyone from the youngest baby to the aged Grandparent? As always, we welcome any leader feeling God's pull in their life as well as any child who wants to experience God's love to join us on Wednesday nights.



*...But be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your HEART...- Ephesians 5:18b-19*

I know how much you've been waiting in eager anticipation for me to release my list of hymns that people have submitted, and the day is finally here! I received such an overwhelming response, however that I will not be able to publish every list I received in one article, so keep them coming and maybe we'll add them in again at a later date. Here are a few that I received:

**Cathy Passmore:** 1) Because He Lives, 2) To God Be the Glory, 3) How Great Thou Art, 4) It is Well With My Soul, 5) Blessed Assurance \*Honorable Mention: The King is Coming

**MJ Davis:** 1) Just a Closer Walk With Thee, 2) Amazing Grace, 3) How Great Thou Art, 4) I Surrender All, 5) To the Work, \*Honorable Mention: How Great Is Our God, Shine, Jesus, Shine, Because I Have Been Given Much

**Kayla Jones:** 1) Jesus Paid It All, 2) Amazing Love, 3) Blessed Assurance, 4) It is Well With My Soul, 5) Enough

**A Few Reminders:** As always, I have to close with some announcements: 1) We're working on our Christmas Cantata at choir practices from now until Christmas, so if you would like to take part (and we would love to have you), please make it to practice and fellowship with us, 2) If you would like to perform a special, please see me to sign up, 3) be in prayer as we seek God's will in our worship as well as what part worship will play in our trip to Africa next year, 4) Choir practice will now be on Tuesday nights at 7:00.

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## October Birthdays

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| 1– Annette Kotara     | 16– Anika Scheunemann |
| 2– Barbara Gilley     | 16– Scott Kotara      |
| 3– Tatum Kunschik     | 17– Andrew Gilley     |
| 5– Betty Franke       | 19– Kelsey Stulting   |
| 5– Royaline Kendall   | 19– Michael Tessman   |
| 6– Kathy Haertner     | 19– Madison Clubb     |
| 7– Nell Pergrem       | 21– Robert Gibbens    |
| 11– Martin Gilley     | 22– Teresa Kunschik   |
| 11– Beulah Mae Pearce | 23– Will Johnson      |
| 12– Georgia Sinesh    | 23– Willene Taylor    |
| 13– David Kunschik    | 28– Michael Braudaway |
| 14– Joshua Weigang    | 30– Kimberly Brassell |
| 16– Gwen Brown        |                       |

