

FOR OUR GUESTS...A FEW THINGS ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST

☐ For General Prayer List

☐ Confidential

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We are delighted that you joined us today for worship. God created mankind in his image. In its created state, everything that God made was “very good.” (Genesis 2:7-3:2) The world is stained by sin, and every person is a sinner. (Genesis 3; Romans 3:23) The wages (Romans 6:23) for sin is death. Because of sin, every person deserves the penalty of physical death and eternal judgment. (Romans 6:23) Because he loves us, God the Father sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to receive the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross. (John 3:16; Romans 8:1-11) Every person who turns to Christ in repentance and receives him as Savior and Lord will receive forgiveness for their sins and eternal life in heaven with God. (Romans 10:9-10) Do you have questions about the Gospel? Our pastor will be happy to speak with you. Please check the appropriate box on the Connect Card or email the church directly.

We gather for worship each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. We seek to blend the best of both the ancient and modern expressions of Christian worship. We use a variety of instruments in our praise of God. The Word of God is central to our worship.

Classes for children and adults of all ages meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. We would be excited to have your family join us. For a listing of classes, please stop by our Connections Center.

We want everyone to have their own copy of God's Word. You are welcome to use the Bible in the pew rack. Bibles are available at no charge at the Connections Center.

We offer extended care for children from birth through age 4 in our preschool area and Children's Worship for ages 3 (need to be potty trained) - grade 4.

The church office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. You may call the church office any time at 254-865-2014. Please leave a voice mail message if no one answers.

Dr. David Crosby, Interim Pastor
Leigh Carroll, Children's Ministry
Brandon Tennison, Youth Ministry
Richard Sweaney, Deacon Chair
Allen Place, Council Chair
Donna Sweaney, Mission Ministry
Dr. Steve Norris, Men's Ministry
Dr. Rose Cameron, Women's Ministry
Janie Jones, Senior Adult Ministry
Allen Place, Sunday School Director



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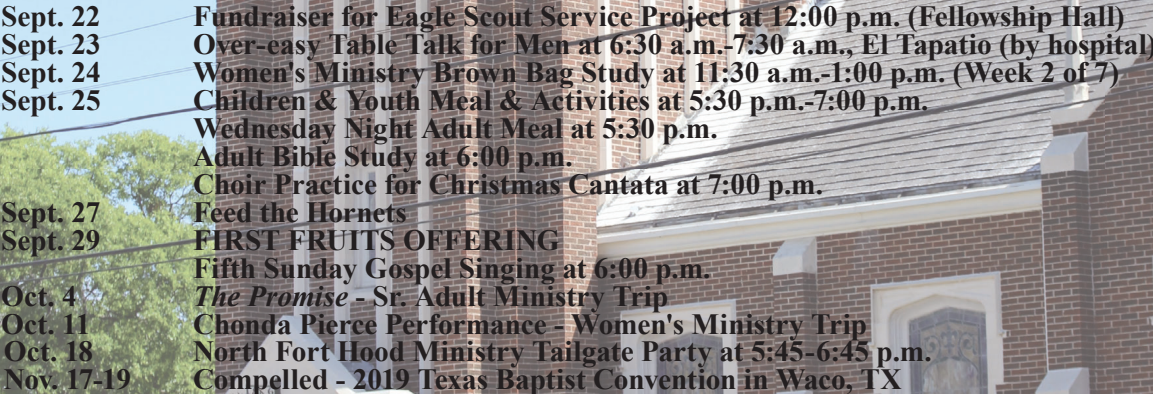
Sunday Worship Service is available to watch.

Contact our staff by email at office@fbcgatesville.org. **WiFi Passcode: 2548652014**

9.22.19

First Baptist Church of Gatesville

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



Sept. 22	Fundraiser for Eagle Scout Service Project at 12:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Sept. 23	Over-easy Table Talk for Men at 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m., El Tapatio (by hospital)
Sept. 24	Women's Ministry Brown Bag Study at 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Week 2 of 7)
Sept. 25	Children & Youth Meal & Activities at 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
	Wednesday Night Adult Meal at 5:30 p.m.
	Adult Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice for Christmas Cantata at 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Feed the Hornets
Sept. 29	FIRST FRUITS OFFERING
	Fifth Sunday Gospel Singing at 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	<i>The Promise</i> - Sr. Adult Ministry Trip
Oct. 11	Chonda Pierce Performance - Women's Ministry Trip
Oct. 18	North Fort Hood Ministry Tailgate Party at 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Nov. 17-19	Compelled - 2019 Texas Baptist Convention in Waco, TX

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From Our Pastor

FIRST FRUITS OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY



Please make sure that you take home today one of the “FIRST FRUITS” offering envelopes in the pew in front of you. Also take an envelope for other people, including children, who may be coming with you to church next week.

Put the offering envelopes on your kitchen table where the family can see them. Include a prayer of gratitude during your mealtimes, and ask that the Lord bless your gifts to be given to him on Sunday.

Our goal next Sunday, September 29, is to have 100 percent participation in the First Fruits offering, which will be collected as part of our regular weekly offering. The money we receive will, as always, support the gospel ministry of our church.

If you are a regular tither, please bring an offering that honors the Lord with your wealth—an offering that expresses your love and gratitude to God.

If you are not yet giving a regular gift, proportionate to your income, try giving a tenth of what your income would be for that week. When you write out the check, say something like this to God: “Heavenly Father, I am giving this tithe because it belongs to you. Please show me this week how you see my finances. I confess that all I have belongs to you.”

Our Strategy for Ministry



Christ-centered



Bible-based



Mission-driven

Last Week 9.15.19

Sunday School Attendance	94
Worship Attendance	150

August 2019

General Budget Received (YTD)	\$273,708
General Budget Required (YTD)	\$249,000

Emergency Contacts

Richard Sweaney (Deacon Chair)
214-213-0887

Allen Place (Council Chair)
512-422-2774

Deacon of the Week
Gary Kafer

A missional, Bible-teaching fellowship
which sincerely worships Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events

Prayer Ministry

Frankie Stephens will be in the Prayer Room during the service today.

Security Ministry

Steve Bounds will be the security team member during the service today.

Share the Live Stream

The Worship Service is being live streamed on our church Facebook page. [Share with friends](#). First Baptist Church of Gatesville is the name of our Facebook page.

Our **New** First Baptist Church Website 🌐

The URL is <https://www.fbcgatesville.com> (not .org). The site is still a work in progress and we are always open to ideas. Also, please send any corrections or suggestions to the church office at office@fbcgatesville.org or call 254-865-2014.

Fundraiser Today, September 22 at 12:00 p.m.

Prospective Eagle Scout, David Bryan, other scouts and adult leaders will host a fundraiser lunch today in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m. They will be serving spaghetti and meatballs and donations will be accepted but not required. David's service project is to construct a Gaga Pit for youth and children at FBCG.

Church Office Closure on Friday, September 27

The church office will be closed Friday, Sept. 27. If you need anything, call Donna Sweaney (214-796-2399) or Suzanne Bounds (254-640-6182).

Women's Ministry Brown Bag Bible Study, September 24

The FBCG Women's Ministry continues: Brown Bag Bible Study, featuring *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. Each Tuesday we will meet in the Parlor to "lunch and learn." Bring your lunch, and we'll supply water, tea, and coffee. The study will conclude on Tuesday, October 29. The cost of the book is \$14.00. ***Please contact the church office if you have not signed up for this study.***

New Adult Bible Study Continues, Wednesday, September 25

Pastor Crosby continues a new adult Bible study entitled *The Apostles' Creed* on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Cantata Choir Practice Begins September 25

The choir will begin practicing for the Christmas cantata, *Joy Has Dawned*, on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 25. Practices will be held in the parlor. If you have any questions, please call Mary Kafer at 254-679-9055. If you like to sing, please join us.

New Sermon Series Continues September 29

On Sunday, September 29, Dr. Crosby will continue the 5-week sermon series titled ***"Better Returns"*** from Proverbs 3.

5th Sunday Gospel Singing, Sunday, September 29

The 5th Sunday Gospel Singing will be on September 29 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. If you plan to sing or play an instrument individually or in a group; be sure to sign up at the Connections Center and indicate what you want to do. Come be a part of a night of music and fellowship!

The Promise in Glen Rose on October 4

There is a sign up sheet at the Connections Center for a trip to Glen Rose to see *The Promise* on October 4. The tickets are \$40.00 each; but if 15 tickets are purchased, each ticket will be discounted \$10.00. The vans will leave at 5:30 p.m. Contact Janie Jones at 254-223-0053 for additional information.

Chonda Pierce Performance in Waco, October 11

The Women's Ministry is planning a trip to Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco on October 11, to a performance by Chonda Pierce, Christian comedian. There is a sign up sheet at the Connections Center.

North Fort Hood Ministry Tailgate Party, Friday, October 18

The NFH Ministry will host a Tailgate Party at the Annual GISD Military Appreciation Football Game on October 18 at 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Volunteers are needed from setup to cleanup. Please contact Diana Fincher at 254-223-1548 for additional information.

Sign Up for Wednesday Night Meals - ***New***

Everyone is invited to the Wednesday night meals at 5:30 p.m. for only \$3.00 per adult. The children and youth will still eat free. The signup sheet is at the Connections Center.

CONNECT

September 22, 2019

Complete, detach and place in the offering plate or bring to the Connections Center for a gift

☐ Change in contact information

Name: _____

☐ 1st time guest ☐ 2nd time guest

☐ Regular attendee ☐ Member

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: _____

How did you hear about First Baptist Church of Gatesville?

(newspaper, name of person who invited you)

Are you married? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Spouse's name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Children? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name(s) and age(s): _____

My NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

☐ Find out more about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

☐ Request a call from a pastor to discuss church membership

☐ Connect with a small group/Bible study class

☐ I am interested in helping with
