

The Shepherd's Voice with Pastor Daniel

A QUARTARLY NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

As we turn the page to a new season, I am filled with gratitude for all that God has done in and through our church family. We have also experienced great loss and hardship, yet even in the midst of our pain, God has shown Himself faithful and good. In His grace, two souls have come to saving faith in Christ. Praise God!

Over the past months, we studied Nehemiah, learning how God calls His people to prayer, perseverance, and leadership in the work of revitalization. In Jonah, we witnessed God's mercy and grace, extending not just to a wayward prophet but to an entire city in need of repentance. These studies reminded us of God's unchanging character and His mission to bring redemption.

Now, we look ahead to the Advent season, where we will begin a series through the Gospel of Luke, *From Manger to Miracle*. Starting with the birth of Christ, we will follow His ministry, teachings, and miracles, culminating in His death and resurrection at Easter. This series will allow us to see Jesus' life and mission anew, deepening our faith and understanding of the gospel.

I want to thank each of you for your prayers, participation, and service. Whether seen or unseen, your contributions make a difference in the life of our church. Your faithfulness encourages and strengthens our family in Christ.

Let's prepare our hearts for Advent and remember that this season is not only about Christ's first coming but also anticipating His return. May we continue to grow together, seeking to know Him more and make Him known.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Daniel Fessler

Church Business

We are excited to announce Roger Taylor as our newly appointed deacon! Please join us in welcoming him to this role of service. Additionally, we are reinstating our music committee. We are excited to announce the launch of our new Thursday evening mid-week services starting in January at 6 PM!



120th Anniversary Homecoming

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

December, 13 Creation Museum Christmas Lights 5 PM
free event

December, 24 Candlelight Service 5 PM
at FBCB

December, 29 5th Sunday Fellowship 5 PM
at FBCB

January, 2 Mid-Week Service Begins 6 PM
at FBCB

January, 6 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM
at FBCB

January, 10 Tiger 5th Quarter
at FBCB following the boys basketball game

January, 12 Guest Preacher 10:40 AM
at FBCB (Benjamin Francisco)

January, 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9 AM
at FBCB

Additional events will be added to the calendar

Church Family News

We celebrated the baptisms of Bailey in September and Anna in December! Bailey's baptism was especially significant as it was the first at FBCB in two years—a joyful reminder of God's faithfulness. Pray for Bailey and Anna as they walk in their new life in Christ!

Current Needs and Opportunities

We are still in need of those willing to assist with church cleaning. Your support in this areas is greatly appreciated and helps us maintain a welcoming environment for all.



Scripture

"I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance."

Luke 15:7

Growing Together

by Stephanie Fessler

Wow! I'm so excited to share that our Ladies Bible Study has been such a hit that I had to order more books to keep up with all the women joining in! It's been such an encouragement to see so many women come together, study God's Word, and build each other up in faith.

If you haven't joined us yet, it's not too late—we'd love for you to be part of this amazing group! Thank you for your support and prayers as we continue to grow together.

In the Spotlight: Jim Dixius

Jim Dixius has been a cherished member of our church family since the day he was born, joining the cradle roll as an infant. A faithful servant of Christ, Jim holds the honored title of Deacon Emeritus, yet his impact on our church goes far beyond any title. Even with the passing years, Jim remains a vital and active part of our ministry. He is steadfast in prayer, a constant source of encouragement, and an example of a life dedicated to serving the Lord. His quiet faithfulness speaks volumes.

If you haven't yet had the chance, take a moment to meet Jim and ask him to share his testimony. Hearing how God has worked in his life will be a blessing and encouragement to you. We are truly grateful to have him as part of our church family!

The Gospel of Luke: From Manger To Miracle

by Daniel Fessler

New sermon series, *The Gospel of Luke: From Manger to Miracle*, a journey through the Christmas season all the way to Easter. Over the next several months, we will explore the profound story of Jesus—from His humble birth in a manger to His miraculous ministry, His sacrificial death on the cross, and His victorious resurrection as the Risen King.

We will see the life of Christ, highlighting His compassion, teachings, and ultimate mission to save humanity. We'll reflect on the significance of His birth and the hope it brought to the world, and how His life and resurrection continue to impact us today. As we celebrate Advent and anticipate Easter, we invite you to join us. Whether new to the story of Jesus or a lifelong believer, this series will bring fresh insights and renewed wonder at the miracle of Christ, from the manger to the empty tomb.

Looking Back: Quarter Highlights

As we reflect on the past quarter, we are filled with gratitude for the many ways God has worked in and through our church. We rejoice in two salvations and two baptisms, marking significant moments in the lives of our church family. It has been an exciting season of growth, with higher attendance and numerous visitors joining us for worship and fellowship.

One of the highlights was our 120th Anniversary Homecoming Service, where we celebrated God's faithfulness with 163 in attendance. Our church also had the privilege of sending 14 people to the KBC Equip Conference, equipping our members for further ministry. Pastor Daniel and Todd Gray spent time door knocking in the community, engaging in meaningful Gospel conversations with neighbors.

Our church family came together for several events that fostered connection and service, including a Teen Game Night and our first 5th Sunday Fellowship, where we enjoyed a meal, fellowship, and packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Speaking of O.C.C., we were able to pack a record 2,011 Big Boxes—an incredible accomplishment! Our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival was another highlight, drawing over 200 visitors from our community for a fun evening. We also celebrated the launch of our new Kids Choir, who had their first performance for Veterans Day and again for our Hanging of the Green Service, which included a beautiful play. Additionally, our first Ladies Bible Study exceeded expectations, bringing women together in fellowship and growth.

As we look back on this quarter, we are reminded of the ways God is moving in our church, and we are excited to see how He will continue to work in the months ahead. Thank you for your participation, prayers, and support in all that God is doing here at FBCB!

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