# The Lighthouse

First Baptist Church, Giddings Helping Others Say "Yes" To Jesus

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God with all your heart an with all your soul and with all your strength."

Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV



# From the Pastor...

Hello FBC Family!

What an exciting time it is for FBC! As I step into the role of Ministry Assistant, I am excited about the future of our church and grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

A little bit about myself – I come to this role with a passion for ministry and a heart for building connections within the body of Christ. My history at FBC started 30 years ago at the age of 8 when my family first began attending. I found my faith at FBC, was baptized here, met my future husband, Derryk, in the FBC youth group, and was married here at FBC before starting our married life together as college students in Austin.

After graduating from the University of Texas in 2007, I taught kindergarten at Hill Country Christian School of Austin for 5 years before starting and running my own brick-and-mortar and online retail shop from 2013-2022. While living in the Austin area, we found our church home in Hill Country Bible Church where we were involved in various ministries- from leading a life group to being part of the launching of a foster/adoption ministry. In the summer of 2022, we moved back to the Giddings area and are thrilled to be raising our kids - Aiden (14), Hailey (12), and Bodie (1) in the same church that has meant so much to us.

As the Ministry Assistant, one of my primary goals is to support and assist both Pastor Johnny and the ministry team, as well as each one of you in any way possible. Whether it's coordinating events, facilitating communication, managing the church social media accounts or simply lending a listening ear, I am here to serve and support the growth of our church family. I look forward to working with you in the following ways:

**Relationship:** Cultivating an environment of transparency and openness is a top priority for me. Don't hesitate to connect if you have any concerns, suggestions, or feedback—your insights are crucial in guiding the direction of our church.

**Serve:** I believe everyone has a place to serve! Let's explore opportunities for service and collaborate on new roles within FBC ministry areas that will deepen our spiritual growth and strengthen the bonds within our congregation, as well as reach the greater Giddings community.

**Support:** Whether you're involved in a specific ministry or seeking ways to contribute, I am here to provide the support and resources you need. Let's work together to ensure that everyone feels equipped and empowered to actively participate in the life of our church.

Helping others discover their natural gifts and connecting them to ministry areas that need that support is something I'm extremely passionate about. I'm excited about the current Next Steps: Serve Bible study plan and anxious to foster those connections through our Serve Wall we're launching this Sunday!

Thank you for entrusting me with this role. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead, and grateful to be part of the mission here at FBC as we exist to build a family of Christ followers.

Leslie Blasig











The Next Business Meeting is **February 18th** 

at 6:00 p.m.

Please make plans to attend.





# **Food Pantry**

Next Food Pantry Thursday, Feb 8th 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9th - 7:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10th - 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Volunteers needed!

Contact # 979-540-6310 for more information



February 3 Colton Christiansen February 4 Kilynn Parks February 6 T. J. Johnson

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February 9 Hannah Pennington
Ollie Siegeler

February 12 Derryk Blasig February 13 Eila Caballero February 14 Kevin Berry February 15 Kin Namken

February 16 Jesenia Blasig February 17 Jackson Adams Carolyn Mattocks

February 20 Joe Berry

February 21 Tyler Gable February 26 Dentyn Blasig

Kaiser Irwin
February 27 Cheyenne Berry

# Missionaries We Support Monthly

Go Drill Mission: Dignity

Tejas Ministries FIRM BGCT FCA

Giddings Area Food Pantry

Monthly Giving Needs: \$35,000.00 Weekly Giving Needs: \$8,100.00

Total January giving: \$28,719.40

# **First Baptist Church Deacons**

John Booth
Vance Bradford
Tim Cruise
Billy Gillum

Mike Jatzlau
Warren Jatzlau
Marty Lindner
Michael Thamez

Billy Higgins

**Retired Deacons at FBC** 

**Bob Sharp** 

# Wednesday Night Kid's Menu

February 7 - Spaghetti February 14 - Frito Pie February 21 - Breakfast Tacos February 28 - Chicken Nuggets

### READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Our church body is reading through the Bible together each day. Learn with us. Join the journey.

Week of February 26

#### Week of February 5

Colossians 3 Monday Monday 1 Timothy 6 Tuesday Colossians 4 Tuesday 2 Timothy 1 Wednesday 2 Timothy 2 Wednesday 1 Thessalonians 1 Thursday 1 Thessalonians 2 Thursday 2 Timothy 3 1 Thessalonians 3 2 Timothy 4 Friday Friday

## Week of February 12

Monday 1 Thessalonians 4
Tuesday 1 Thessalonians 5
Wednesday 2 Thessalonians 1
Thursday 2 Thessalonians 2
Friday 2 Thessalonians 3

#### Week of February 19

Monday 1 Timothy 1
Tuesday 1 Timothy 2
Wednesday 1 Timothy 3
Thursday 1 Timothy 4
Friday 1 Timothy 5