

The Lighthouse

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

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Enter
his gates
with
thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4





From the Pastor...

Howdy FBC! I hope this November's church newsletter finds y'all doing well and excited to push into what is usually my favorite time of the year; November and December, the holiday season.

October 2023 was one of the busier months in the history of church. Here's a quick recap to get everyone caught up...

Our theme for October this year was "FBC Loves Our Community," and love on them we certainly did. It began right on the heels of very busy September. The month was full of showing our love and appreciation to many around our community. Meals, treats, and goody bags were given by our church to several different groups. We started the month showing love and appreciation to our community, a few local businesses, our local law enforcement, and all of the teachers and administration at Giddings ISD. Throughout the month, we also had several folks serve at other events around our area like our local food pantry and our local Relay-4-Life. "FBC Loves Our Community" ended the month of October just like we have the last several years. Volunteers and staff handed out hundreds of snow cones, cases of candy, and several gallons of hot chocolate during our annual community-wide Halloween trick or treat extravaganza. Our church's property sits firmly in the middle of this annual event and we make the most of it. This is always a great opportunity to communicate with folks, hand out information regarding our various services and ministries, as well as a time to just show a little love to those who stop by... and it's A LOT of kids and their parents!

On top of all of that, nothing slowed down in any of our usual ministries in our church. Life groups grew and met more frequently. Our "Flagship Experience" (our Sunday morning service) had as many in attendance over the course of the month as I can ever remember an October having. Pastor Johnny continued his series entitled "THIS IS US" in which we're working our way through the book of Acts discussing the calling and formation of the original Christian church. Colton also preached a message one Sunday morning in the book of Jonah over OBEDIENCE. We gathered, we sang, we listened to the word of God, and we WORSHIPPED. Our children and youth ministries have continued to gather every Wednesday and Sunday respectively. We continued to touch the lives of the younger folks in our community through those ministries. Our women's ministry had a wonderful night of worship and testimony earlier in the month as well. This month saw MANY new members joining our church family! The month ended with three more saved souls professing their faith through baptism. Baptisms 99, 100, and 101 in the last 25 months or so since Pastor Johnny was called to FBC-Giddings. WOW! Talk about movement...

This past month was also "Pastor Appreciation Month." We were able to recognize several on our church staff for the monumental work they've been doing in within the ministries of our church. Pastor Johnny Spray, Colton Christiansen, Kirstin Simon, and Patty Thamez were all recognized and shown love by church. We even showed a little much-deserved love to our lead Pastor's wife, Trina. Like I stated above, October was a BUSY month for FBC!

Things aren't going to slowdown. We have a LOT going on at FBC during the upcoming holiday season!! I'll hit a few of the highlights here. FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR INFORMATION ON ALL THE THINGS GOING ON IN AND AROUND FBC-GIDDINGS!

The Community Wide Thanksgiving Service will be on November 19 at 6pm and hosted by us right here at FBC Giddings in our sanctuary. It will feature several area pastors as well as our worship team with a possible few guests. We will keep you posted as it gets a bit closer. We are continuing our annual tradition of "Operation Christmas Child," in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse, a will sending gift boxes to children in need. These will be due on November 12 in order to get them out for Christmas. There is more information regarding this this on our Facebook page and at the information/welcome center to the right of the foyer of the sanctuary.

It was just announced that we will have a "FBC Family Christmas" presentation on Sunday, December 17 at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to watch all of our FBC Kids perform Christmas songs in a stellar performance. They will be practicing all month and into December during Wednesday night and Sunday morning children times. We will continue to have all of our other ministries in full swing all month as well. Be sure to get involved and follow our social media for more details on how you may possibly attend different ministry events or even find out how to serve on the teams that facilitate these ministries.

The first Sunday of November 2023 will bring with it a possible new time at our church in which we will vote on a new worship leader. The church body will be voting on myself, Lane Jatzlau, to take over the staff position of worship director at FBC Giddings. I will be up front and honest in saying it's a role that I'm certainly honored, humbled, and excited to potentially take on. For those of you who may not know me or our new to our church and community, I grew up in Giddings, TX. I grew up at FBC Giddings. I was saved and baptized in our church. I've been singing in that sanctuary since I was 5 or 6 years old during our kids' presentations, then in the choir, and throughout my teenage years singing regular "special music" on Sunday mornings and solos within youth presentations. I then went to college at Texas A&M where I would spend a large portion of my free time playing music and traveling around with a few bands I played in. We lead worship for churches and youth/college groups as well as played concerts, festivals, and things of that nature.

After finishing college and moving around a bit for work, life brought me right back to Giddings, TX. My wife, Jackie, ended up moving back here at the same time. I came back to work with my father, Mike, and my brother, Warren, at our construction company, Jatzlau Construction. My wife moved back to do what she's done for years; train horses and compete in professional rodeo. We ended up falling in love and getting married in 2008. We have 2 kids, Jagger - 12yo/6th grade, and Journey 9yo/3rd grade. We live here locally on our horse ranch just north of Giddings. We feel very blessed to call this community "HOME."

My wife and I both attended church regularly growing up. For a decade or so, prior to us coming to FBC, we hopped around to a few different churches. We generally went to the church where my wife attended most of her life here in Giddings. When Pastor Johnny was called to Giddings, TX from Louisville, KY (in part by my big brother, Warren, who was on the pastor search committee), we heard a lot of good things about this "new pastor at FBC." My family told us we should come check him out and we did just that at the end of 2021. We liked it a lot. By the first part of 2022 we were attending FBC Giddings with much more regularity. By the end of the year we started being more involved. Over the last 3 months I've been blessed to baptize our 2 kids in the same baptistry I was baptized in over 30 years ago.

Fast forward to March of 2023 when I begin singing with the worship team here at FBC. One thing led to another and by the summer I was acting in a leadership role on the team. Something I had never really intended to do. Something I'd never imagined would've happened at the church I grew up in, but God's timing is perfect. After praying over it vigorously with my wife and kids, I knew this was a role I wanted to formally attempt to fill. The other members of our worship team have been extremely willing, patient, and gracious as we've transitioned to where we are now. I certainly believe things have been going very well on that front. We're blessed to have the talented and willing souls that we do on the worship team at FBC Giddings. I'm blessed they've allowed me to lead them. I feel humbled to have the support of many at the church. I hope to be in this role as long as God wills it. There's much more to the story that I hope to share with y'all as we move a long, but this newsletter is already pretty lengthy...

To close, I'd like to say that my prayer over our church family for this time of year, and this month in particular, is one of thanks for all God has done in and through FBC. God is using our church as a catalyst for big things in our community. It is up to us to heed the calling he has given and be willing participants in the growth and the vision he is calling us towards. I feel very blessed to be a part of this church's movement and can't wait to see what the future has in store for us!

See you on Sunday,

Lane Jatzlau



FREE FRESH FOOD FOR FAMILIES & HOPE
November 17th
9:00 a.m.



Thank you!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

**December 9th
6:00 pm**

FBC Volunteers join us for a night to celebrate you!

Please RSVP to help us plan!




FBC Family Christmas

DECEMBER 17, 2023

COME WATCH OUR FBC KIDS IN A STELLAR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!

6pm
600 Sunrise Ave. Giddings, Tx

Lee County

Community Thanksgiving Service

November 19, 2023
6:00 pm

Hosted by First Baptist Church

Join together as a community of Christ followers for a time of Thanksgiving!

600 Sunrise Ave - Giddings
Light refreshments to follow.


Baptism Sunday



11/26/23



If you're ready to take your next step in your walk with God, sign up today!

	Nov 5	Penny Neil	Nov 16	Richard Conley	Nov 30	Noel Buck
	Nov 6	Sharon Rinn	Nov 20	Luke Lindner		Valarie Hernandez
	Nov 8	Sara DeGerolami	Nov 22	Steve Buck		Carla Rub
	Nov 12	Kyle Smith	Nov 25	Christine DeGerolami		
	Nov 13	Joshua Godwin, Jr.	Nov 28	Leslie Blasig		
	Nov 14	Mary Ross		Richard Conley		
	Nov 14	Elaina Hernandez		Timothy Barr		

Missionaries We Support Monthly

Go Drill	Mission: Dignity
Tejas Ministries	FIRM
BGCT	FCA
Giddings Area Food Pantry	

Monthly Giving Needs: \$27,300.00
Weekly Giving Needs: \$6,300.00

Total October giving:

\$44,894.00

First Baptist Church Deacons

John Booth	Mike Jatzlau
Vance Bradford	Warren Jatzlau
Tim Cruise	Marty Lindner
Billy Gillum	Michael Thamez
Billy Higgins	

Retired Deacons at FBC

Bob Sharp

Wednesday Night Kid's Menu

Nov 1	Chicken Nuggets
Nov 8	Pancakes and Sausage
Nov 15	Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Nov 22	No Activities
Nov 29	Spaghetti

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

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

Week of November 6

Monday	Acts 27
Tuesday	Acts 28
Wednesday	Romans 1
Thursday	Romans 2
Friday	Romans 3

Week of November 27

Monday	Romans 14
Tuesday	Romans 15
Wednesday	Romans 16
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1
Friday	1 Corinthians 2

Week of November 13

Monday	Romans 4
Tuesday	Romans 5
Wednesday	Romans 6
Thursday	Romans 7
Friday	Romans 8

Week of November 20

Monday	Romans 9
Tuesday	Romans 10
Wednesday	Romans 11
Thursday	Romans 12
Friday	Romans 13

Food Pantry

Next Food Pantry

Thursday, Nov. 9th - 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, Nov. 11th - 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Volunteers needed!

Contact # 979-540-6310
for more information