

# BUDGET

AUGUST (incomplete)	BUDGET RECEIPTS
Needed:	\$54,210.00
Received:	\$44,628.25
THIS YEAR.	BUDGET RECEIPTS
Needed to date:	\$433,680.00
Received to date:	\$407,792.68

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

August 2	150
August 9	150
August 16	157
August 23	180
August 30	N/A

## CHURCH STAFF & OFFICERS

<i>Dr. Ray Franklin</i>	<i>Interim Pastor</i>
<i>Lynn Madden</i>	<i>Music Minister</i>
<i>Zach Martin</i>	<i>Student Minister</i>
<i>Fara Newkirk</i>	<i>Children's Director</i>
<i>Ann Clark</i>	<i>Secretary</i>

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Praise Band Rehearsal</i>	<i>9:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Morning Worship</i>	<i>10:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Awana (school term)</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Student Ministry</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Evening Bible Study</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

<i>Handbell Choir</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Wed. Night Supper</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Prayer Room</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>
<i>Refuge Student Ministry</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Kids' Praise</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Midweek Bible Study</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Singles Bible Study</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Celebration Choir</i>	<i>7:15 p.m.</i>

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Jessica Wells, Haylee Oden
- 2—Doug Johnson, LeAnn Roshto
- 6—Kevin Sinclair, Britney Dienstag
- 7—Jennifer Swilling
- 8—Bobbi Tabor, Mike Moore, Keith Newkirk
- 9—Ed Koon, Laura Patterson, Alex Newkirk  
Cameron Roshto, Lexie Jeffords
- 11—Dixie Howard, Carly Curry
- 12—Cindy Brown
- 13—Belinda Winston
- 14—Callie Griffith  
Jordan Addison, Ethan Graham
- 15—Greg Warner, Ryan Mitchell
- 16—Ronnie Matlock, Lyndsey Dunlap
- 18—Kara Harlan, Tami Gill
- 19—Virginia Brooks
- 20—Owen Williams
- 21—Brady Epperson
- 22—Kati Jones, Larry Johnson
- 23—Peggy Caddy, Nancy Porter, Tim McGhee
- 24—Lindsay Henson
- 25—Terry Moore, Chad Smith  
Wyatt Harrington
- 26—Shania Breyer, Karson Osgood
- 27—Libby Bennett
- 28—Ben Caldwell, Lee Morris, Nelodie Perkins  
Daniel Paty, Carson Hardin
- 29—Connie Judith, Lathan Wylie
- 30—Judy Warner, James Clement

If we miss your birthday (or get it wrong), please call the church office

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We need your e-mail address in the church office. Please contact us if we do not have your e-mail address on file. Thanks!

### SPECIAL POINTS

OF INTEREST

- Deacons of the month for September are Charles Mead and Brandon Morrison, with Ed Koon and Blake Duncan serving as alternates. Deacons Meeting will be Sunday, September 13, at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- Ushers for the month of September are Charles Mead, Leo Caddy, Darryl Harrington, Maburn King III, Kevin Welch and Joseph Judith.
- The monthly Nursing Home Ministry will be Saturday, September 19, at 3:30 at the Sheridan Nursing & Re-Hab Center.
- The Singles meet each Wednesday night in the home of Blake and Jennifer Duncan at 7:00 p.m.
- Children's Church will resume on Sunday, September 13, for 4 year old through kindergarten age children. Care is provided in the nursery area for babies through three year old children. Volunteers are asked to call the church office or see Elizabeth Hale if they are willing to serve.
- Awana Leaders will have a lunch meeting in the Park on Sunday, August 30, immediately following the Morning Worship Service. Pizza will be provided.
- The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday night, September 2, at 6:30 in the Conference Room.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- No evening services or activities will be held on Sunday, September 6, due to the Labor Day weekend. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday with your family!

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**UNEXPECTED!**  
Jeremiah 33:3

**DIXIE  
JACKSON  
OFFERING  
ARKANSAS  
MISSIONS**

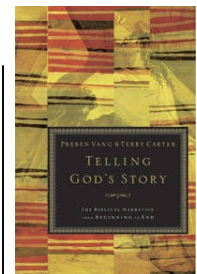
**Week of Prayer  
September 20-27  
Church Goal: \$3,500**

## Dr. Ray Franklin called as Interim Pastor

In special conference this month the church unanimously called Dr. Ray Franklin as Interim Pastor here at FBC. Dr. Franklin (Bro. Ray) is Associate Professor of Missions at OBU. He will be here each Sunday morning and evening and on Wednesday nights. You can learn more about Bro. Ray by reading his words to us on page 3 of this publication. Welcome to FBC!

### SPECIAL CONFERENCE

We will have Special Conference on Wednesday night, September 9, to vote on the Officers & Teachers and the Committees for the 2009-2010 church year.



## BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Aug. 30, our evening services will feature a presentation of *Telling God's Story*. Written by OBU Professors Terry Carter and Preban Vang, *Telling God's Story* guides us through the entire story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. For the next several weeks, we will see how the books of the Bible connect with each other, and we will learn how to share the Bible's greatest messages with others. If you are hungry for a greater understanding of God's word, you won't want to miss this.

(Anyone interested in purchasing this book may find it online at places like Amazon.com.)

**Prayer Concerns....**

PRAY for those of our church and community who are ill or bereaved: Elizabeth Brown, Children's; JoAnn Wingard (Paige Dixon's mother); Shelly Oakes; Don Newkirk (Keith's father); Robert Boyd (Kerri Bone's father); Bobbie Douglass (Ronnie's mother); the Raymond Lancaster family; the Charlie Mitchell family; the Mary Lemons family; all who have lost loved ones recently.



**KIDS' PRAISE**

Kids' Praise, the children's choir for ages K-5th Grades, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday night, September 9, from 6:30 until 7:15 p.m. in the Kids' Park. Marla Moore will lead the choir this year. The Christmas music has been selected and is here! Parents, enroll your children in choir on the 9th!



**AWANA**

BEGINS

SEPT. 13

FROM 5:30-7:00 P.M.

**MOTHER'S DAY OUT**

MDO begins on September 8, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and meets each Tuesday and Thursday during the school year. For MDO questions or info contact Judi Siegfried at [mdofbc@yahoo.com](mailto:mdofbc@yahoo.com).

**Thank you....**

Dear Church Family,

"Thank you so much for the prayers, calls and visits while John has been under the weather. The plant is beautiful and is a reminder of God's people praying for our family. We love you all and appreciate everything you have done for us."

In Christ,

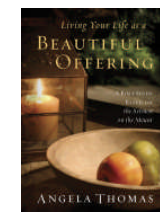
The John Crews Family

Dear FBC Church Family,

"Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, visits and potted plant. I am so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful and supportive church family. Please continue to pray as I continue to recover while starting the school year."

Love,

Angela Douglass



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Ladies, sign up now if you would like to participate in the Women's Bible Study this fall. The study will be "Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering" by Angela Thomas, and will be held each Sunday evening from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. in the Solomon's Porch SS room. The cost of a book is \$12.00. The sign-up sheet is on the Women's Ministry table in the north foyer.



**Food Pantry**

The Mae John Swaty Class will distribute food on Saturday, September 12, in Fellowship Hall beginning at 10 a.m. If you know of someone in our congregation who needs food, call the church office. Please continue to pray for this ministry and bring non-perishable food items (please check expiration dates). Monetary donations are always appreciated for this important ministry of our church.

Dear Church Family, What a delight it is to write this word of greeting to you as your new interim pastor. In the few Sundays I have been with you I have been impressed with your warm spirit and your commitment to make FBC Sheridan a shining light for Christ in this community.

For those who have yet to meet me in person, let me introduce myself. I was born in Texas. (Please don't hold that against me. J) But I grew up in Ohio. I went back to Texas to get an education and a wife. Two degrees later, my new wife and I moved to Alamogordo, New Mexico. We served at Bethel Baptist church there for two years.

God then called us both the missions, and we found ourselves in Japan with our six month old daughter. Most of our ministry we spent as church planters on the island of Okinawa. We saw four churches started over an eighteen year period. We also were blessed with two new additions to the family; a daughter and a son. In 1999 my wife (her name is Ardith, by the way) were appointed to nationwide leadership positions in Tokyo. Our job then became to work with all our SBC missionaries in Japan.

It wasn't long, however, until we sensed God changing directions in our lives. After three years in this

position He called us back to the United States. I now teach missions at Ouachita Baptist University and Ardith serves as program coordinator for FBC Arkadelphia. (Which is why you won't be seeing much of her while I am with you.)

**Welcome Ray Franklin as our Interim Pastor**

Before God called me to missions, He called me to preach. I have had that calling in my life since Junior High, and I feel most fulfilled when folks like you give me a chance to do it. (My classroom teaching is basically preaching, only with tests.)

Over the years I have come to see my calling as consisting of five dimensions: **Love God; Love People; Feed the Sheep; Preach the Word; Win the World.**

For the time that I am with you, it will be my privilege and joy to live out this calling alongside you as we seek to advance His kingdom through First Baptist Church. May God bless us all in the journey,

Ray Franklin

P.S.—On campus I am known as Dr. Franklin, but you are welcome to call me whatever you like. (As long as it is nice.) Perhaps my favorite name throughout the years has been, Bro. (or Pastor) Ray.

**CHOIR NEWS**

The Celebration Choir has resumed rehearsals after the summer recess. They meet each Wednesday evening from 7:15 until 8:00. The 2009 Christmas music has been selected and is being introduced to the choir this week. "The Wonder of Christmas" will be presented on Sunday morning, December 13. On Sunday, September 13, from 4:15 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. the choir will have a fall kick-off preview rehearsal in the choir room, where they will review the entire fall music, and cd's will be given to all attending.

The Handbell Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. Doug West is the director for the Handbell Choir. See Doug if you would like to participate!

**Wednesday Night Supper**

**CELEBRATION CHOIR** rehearsals Wednesday night at 7:15 in the choir room!

The family Wednesday night suppers will resume on Wednesday night, September 9, at 5:30 p.m. and continue throughout the month of September. Menus will be posted each week. The cost is \$4 for adults & youth, \$2 for children under 12, with a \$20 ceiling per family. Come and

help make this ministry a success!

**See You at the Pole!**

See You at the Pole will be on Wednesday, September 23, at the various school campuses. Pray for our students and teachers!