



# FBC Devine October Newsletter

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*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works –  
Hebrews 10:24 (ESV)*

Church family,

It has been a privilege to serve as your pastor for these last twenty months. We have been through much together in this short amount of time, have we not? More than this, in that short amount of time, the Lord has shown Himself to be faithful time and time again.

There are some aspects of our fellowship that has been modified or introduced since last year. When we worship has been altered, and what we do during worship has been changed, too. What we do in worship is now broadcast for anyone around the globe to witness. We have staffed an entirely new position for our church. In addition to these, the church has grown in its adoption of technology to do ministry.

Suffice it to say, we are a fellowship that is in transition. Much like Israel in the wilderness, the Lord is guiding us into a future that will prove to be incredibly more rewarding than where we have been, although our hearts may at times long to go back from where we have come. That is in no way said to discount the profound experiences we each share and fond memories of beloved saints that serve as the cloud of witnesses and lay our foundation as a community of faith.

We have many challenges ahead of us yet, by God's grace, we will persevere through. As you take time to grow in familiarity with things like the Church Center app for FBC, I hope that you find these tools edifying to you and your family as participants in the work of our Lord's Kingdom through ministry at FBC. Do so, remembering that though the means may change, how we as God's people love does not. Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

If there is anything that you would like to chat about, remember that I, along with Pastors Carlos and Johnny, are here to serve you. It is a privilege of ours to serve you in the name of Jesus.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Dan

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Hello FBC Family!

I am thankful for everyone in our church family, and I am joyful for the work God is doing in the lives of those who are surrendering to Jesus Christ as the gospel is preached, taught, and lived out by each one of us. Most of all, I am thankful for you and the gift you are to one another.

Paul writes to the Ephesians, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift” (Eph. 4:4-7, NASB95). As we fellowship and worship through music, reading, studying, teaching, and preaching of the word we undergird these elements by acts of service as one family.

I invite you, especially if you are new to FBC Devine, if you are seeking how to develop rich and meaningful relationships, or as you may seek how and where to worship God through service, to connect with the various leaders for the ministries taking place at FBC Devine. Whether you are aware of it, or not, you are gifted! Each one of us is empowered by the Holy Spirit with gifts to serve, love, and bless one another inside and outside of the four walls of the church building. Here are some ways I invite you to connect and serve one another:

- Teaching Ministry—Speak with Pastor Dan, Pastor Johnny, or Pastor Carlos
- Worship through Music—Speak with Scott Duffer
- Pre-School Ministry—Speak with Ashley Stricker
- Children’s Ministry—Speak with Debbie Wagner
- Youth Ministry—Speak with Jerry Martin and Pastoral Team
- Prayer Ministry—Speak with Pastor Johnny Davis
- Royal Ambassadors—Speak with Phill McAnelly
- Girls in Action—Speak with Debbie Wagner and Yvette Newburg
- Christians in Education—Speak with Peggy Chandler
- Community Events
  - \* Movie Nights—October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> (Date Night)—Speak with Martha Wall
  - \* Thanksgiving Meal Distribution—November 20<sup>th</sup>—Speak with Terrie Barron

As we follow the Lord with great excitement and anticipation for what is to come, I invite you to prayerfully consider where the Lord is leading you to serve one another.

Ever your brother in Christ,  
Bro. Carlos Garduño

*A Word from Johnny*

We are living in a time of uncertainty. We often face adversity, discouragement, disappointment, and personal loss. A quote from Corrie ten Boom says: "Look around you and you'll be distressed; look within yourself and you'll be depressed; look at Jesus, you'll be at rest." The chorus of one of my favorite hymns comes to mind: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace". We must keep our focus on Christ and not be sidetracked by the distractions of the adversary. Philippians 4:6-7 says: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Father, when troubles and distractions fill my thoughts and I am anxious, remind me to turn my focus and prayers to You. I thank you that you never leave me or forsake me. Into your hands I place my life. Amen.

IHS,

Johnny



Join us for choir rehearsal  
every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.  
We are working on Christmas music  
"The Carols of Christmas"  
Volume #2 .  
Come add your voice to ours as we  
make a joyful sound to praise our  
Lord and fellowship with one another!



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|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Logan Davis     | 9 Kadence Yeats  | 15 Denise Unger        | 23 Carla Lawson        |
| Allen Goede       | 10 Emilie Dudley | 17 Gail Duffer         | 25 Franklin Runnels    |
| Lauren Stacy      | Nathan Nentwich  | Abbi Thompson          | Anne Villarreal        |
| 3 Johnny Davis    | 11 Jerry Beck    | 18 Gustavo Martinez    | 26 Cameron Nighswander |
| 5 Sima Gallegos   | Leticia Gonzales | 19 Sessie Franceschini | Dakota Nighswander     |
| Daniel Ramirez    | Jessica Jones    | 20 Judy Stark          | 27 Leigh McIver        |
| 6 Darrel Chandler | Cynthia Ramirez  | 21 Catherine Garduño   | Estella Tovar          |
| James Freeman     | 12 Truett Barron | Nathan Huerta          | 28 Brianna Bowyer      |
| 7 Hayden Martin   | Allison Bowman   | Fay Murdock            | 29 Phil McAnelly       |
| 8 Seth De Leon    | 15 Terrie Barron | Richard Smith          | 30 Lucille Watson      |
| 9 Gay Ann Herring | Emily Davis      | 22 Lyndell Neuman      | 31 Wayne McBryde       |



### FBC Devine Church Center App

Use the QR Codes to get the "Church Center" App. Call or come by the office if you need assistance.



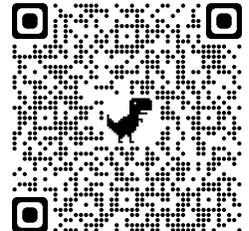
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## *FRBA Annual Gathering*

*Sunday, October 17, 2021*

*at*

*First Baptist Church of Devine*

*308 W. Hondo Ave.; Devine, TX 78016*

*2:00-6:00pm*

*2:00-3:30 p.m. - Gathering and visiting information booths*

*3:30-5:00 p.m. - Business Meeting / Worship Celebration*

*5:00-6:00 p.m. - Fellowship meal and visiting information*

### FREE LIBRARY BOOKS!

Please come check the library shelves and see if there are books you would like to add to your library.

We are looking for new homes for everything in the library.

**Fall Movie**

Friday, October 1st - Toy Story 2  
 Friday, October 8th - Aladdin  
 Friday, October 15th is Date Night!  
 showing "Unbroken: Path to Redemption"

Free popcorn!

**Nights**

## October Meetings

Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer under the pecan tree (Briscoe Lot across from FBC)

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Devine Health & Rehab Center Worship Service

Every Saturday at 7:00 a.m.

Men's Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 3rd

2:00 p.m. Children's Committee Meeting (Parlor)

4:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (F.H. Foyer Side)

Monday, October 4th

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study-Reading through the  
Chronological Bible (F.H.)

Sunday, October 10th

11:45 a.m. Christians in Education Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

4:00 p.m. Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 17th

2:00 p.m. FRBA Annual Gathering at FBC Devine

Monday, October 18th

9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. DISD Food Distribution

Thursday, October 21st

12:00 p.m. Ruth / Esther S. S. Class Luncheon (F.H.)

Sunday, October 24th

12:00 p.m. Discovering First (F.H. Kitchen Side  
Registration Required)

4:00 p.m. Sunday School Council Meeting (F.H. Foyer Side)

Thursday, October 28th

6:30 p.m. Baptist Men's Fellowship (F.H.)

Check out [www.fbcdevine.org](http://www.fbcdevine.org)

There is a link to our FBC

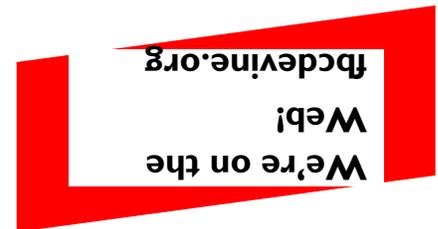
Facebook page where you can watch  
the sermon live!

**We are also now on YouTube.**

Check it out and Subscribe!

## Newsletter Articles for November 2021

Due in the church office by October 20th



We exist for worship,  
evangelism/missions,  
discipleship, & ministry in  
obedience to the commission  
of Christ.

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