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FIRST THINGS FIRST

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At First Baptist Church of Dallas, connecting people to God and to one another is at the heart of everything we do. This summer has been filled with opportunities to worship, serve, and build relationships as a church family and with our community.

From opening our campus during the City of Dallas fireworks celebration, to honoring our nation's heritage through our Patriotic Concert, to watching our children and students grow in their faith during summer camps, we have seen God at work in so many meaningful ways. We have also been blessed by the faithful service of our Women's Ministry, who have continued preparing meals

for our Homebound Meal Ministry while also serving during CAYA Week. Their willingness to care for others is a beautiful example of Christ's love in action.

As we reflect on this summer, we are thankful for every volunteer, leader, and church member who has given their time and talents to serve. Whether welcoming guests, preparing meals, investing in the next generation, or serving behind the scenes, your faithfulness makes a lasting impact. Thank you for being part of what God is doing at FBC Dallas as we continue connecting people to God and to one another.

First Things Spotlight

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JULY 2026



DURING CAYA LUNCH WEEK, FBC DALLAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY BY PREPARING AND DELIVERING LUNCHES TO LOCAL FAMILIES. THIS OUTREACH ALLOWED OUR CHURCH TO MEET PRACTICAL NEEDS WHILE SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH SIMPLE ACTS OF KINDNESS. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND HELPED MAKE THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS WE KEPT FIRST THINGS FIRST AT FBC DALLAS IN JUNE!



CONNECTING



The Patriotic Concert brought together church members and guests for an afternoon of worship, fellowship, and patriotic music. Through this special event, we celebrated our nation's heritage while connecting with one another and our community.



GROWING

Pastor Jonah and several of our students attended New Creation Camp, where they spent the week growing in their faith through worship, biblical teaching, and fellowship. We pray the lessons they learned and the relationships they built will continue to encourage them in their walk with Christ.



CARING



FirstKids connected with others through our annual Golf "Fore" the Kids Tournament. Thank you to everyone who played, sponsored, and served to help make this year's event a success.



SHARING

Pastor Adam and a group of our children attended Kids Camp, where they grew in their faith through worship, Bible study, and fellowship. We are thankful for the opportunity to invest in the spiritual lives of the next generation.



Pastor's Corner

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DANNY ANDERSON



Church Family,

The backpacks are out, the school supply lists are checked twice, and our neighborhoods are about to get busy again. There's something about August that resets the pace of life. Alarms start ringing earlier. Calendars fill back up. We trade the loose rhythm of summer for the structure of a new year.

It would be easy to think of that shift as just logistics. But rhythm has always mattered to God's people.

In Acts, we've watched the first believers wait together, pray together, and then step into a mission bigger than any of them expected. Before the church ever moved outward, it gathered inward. Acts 2:42 says:

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." — Acts 2:42 (ESV)

Devotion, in the Bible, is rarely a single decision. It's a rhythm practiced together, over and over, until it shapes a people.

That's what August can be for us too. Not just a return to school schedules, but a return to spiritual ones. Worship on Sunday. A few minutes in the Word each day. A group that knows your name. These aren't extra tasks piled onto a busy fall. They're the rhythm that keeps everything else steady.

Here's a question worth sitting with this week: what rhythm with God got away from us this summer, and what would it look like to pick it back up?

As we've walked through Acts together, one thing keeps surfacing. The early church didn't grow because of a few gifted leaders. It grew because ordinary people kept showing up and kept inviting others in. Jesus told them:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." — Acts 1:8 (ESV)

That promise wasn't just for the apostles. It's for us too.

August has a way of putting new people in front of us again. Neighbors at the bus stop. Coworkers back from vacation. A parent you'll meet at back to school night. So here's the one thing I'd ask you to consider this month: is there someone you could simply invite to join us? Not a sales pitch, just an honest invitation to come find what you've found here, a place to connect to God, to community, and to purpose.

We're glad you're part of this family. Let's step into this new season together.

Pastor Danny



FIRST STUDENTS

1 FIRST STUDENTS EXISTS TO
AWAKEN THIS GENERATION TO
THEIR PURPOSE IN CHRIST BY
BUILDING COMMUNITY
PURSUING HOLINESS
& MOBILIZING THEM FOR
SERVICE IN THE KINGDOM.

Grades 6-12:

Sunday Bible Study
9:30 AM

1st Students Sundays
5:30-7:00 PM

Contact Pastor Jonah for details!

As another school year begins, life settles back into familiar rhythms. Alarm clocks are set a little earlier, calendars fill up a little faster, and before long, practices, homework, and activities compete for our attention. In seasons like this, it's easy for our schedules to become full while our souls quietly run on empty.

My prayer for our students this year is simple: that they would learn to put Christ first before everything else demands their attention. Success in the classroom, on the field, or on the stage is a good gift, but none of those things can satisfy the deepest needs of the heart. Only Jesus can do that.

As a ministry, we want 1st Students to awaken this generation of students to their purpose in Christ by building community, pursuing holiness, and mobilizing them for service in the Kingdom. We want them to build lasting friendships, grow in their understanding of God's Word, and discover that following Jesus isn't just something they do on Sundays—it's the foundation for every part of life.

This summer gave us a glimpse of what God is already doing. From an awesome day together at Six Flags to a meaningful week at Camp on Campus, we watched students deepen friendships, serve one another, and grow in their faith. We are grateful for every volunteer, parent, and church member who made those moments possible, and we're praying that the seeds planted this summer will continue to bear fruit throughout the school year.

Parents, thank you for entrusting us with your students. Your prayers, encouragement, and partnership make an eternal difference. As this new school year unfolds, join us in praying that God would strengthen the faith of our students, draw those who don't yet know Him to salvation, and use this ministry to raise up a generation that loves Christ and boldly makes Him known.



Greetings from Pastor Adam ...

As we look back on an exciting summer in First KIDS, we are thankful for the many volunteers whose faithful service made every ministry opportunity possible. From Sunday School, Wee Worship, and TeamKID to Vacation Bible School, Kids Camp, the Golf "Fore" the Kids Tournament, and Joni & Friends Family Retreat, God has used the dedication and generosity of our church family to impact children and families with the love of Christ. We are especially grateful for everyone who gave their time, talents, and resources to make these ministries a success.

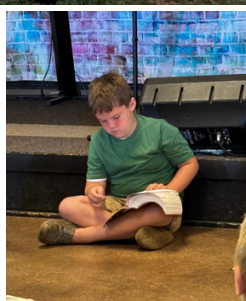
Vacation Bible School was a tremendous highlight, with 201 children attending to learn that God made them, knows them, loves them, protects them, and offers eternal life through Jesus Christ. We praise God that one child made a profession of faith and that many others asked important questions about following Christ. As we look ahead to the fall, please continue praying for the children and families we have connected with, and for additional volunteers to serve in our elementary Sunday School and growing Buddy Ministry. Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to help the next generation know, love, and follow Jesus.



Looking Back

One of our greatest priorities at First KIDS is connecting children with God and one another, and Kids Camp was a wonderful example of

that in action. We had an incredible three days and nights at Woodland Christian Camp filled with fun, games, new friendships, and meaningful opportunities to grow in faith. Through the camp theme, "Ready, Set, Move – Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere," our kids were challenged to follow Jesus wherever He leads. It was exciting to watch them build lasting relationships with each other while taking important steps in their walk with Christ.



Ministry Needs:

We are in need of volunteers in a couple of different places. If you think you may be gifted to serve in one of these areas, please reach out to me at children@fbcdallas.com

Wednesday Night Volunteers

These adults serve in various capacities from teaching to leading games.

Sunday School Teacher

We are in need of someone to co-teach an elementary Sunday School class.

Nursery Workers

Adults and high school students serve 1-2 times per quarter during Sunday mornings.

Buddies

These people work 1-1 with kids who have disabilities to assist them in participating in our children's ministry programs. Scan the QR code to learn more!

Buddy Program





In Psalm 5, David, as some believe, was still dealing with the aftermath of Absalom's rebellion as he longed to spend time with God. He begins by crying out, "Give ear to my words," in other words, "Please listen." He concludes Psalm 5 with a wonderful truth: "Let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy."

As we prepare to launch another Fall Worship Schedule, I hope you will find a place in our Music Ministry and help our church "sing for joy." Listed below is our rehearsal schedule. From young to old, we have a place for you!

We Have a Place For You This Fall!!

FBC Kids Choir - Wednesday, August 5th at 5:30 PM

Worship Orchestra - Wednesday, August 5th at 6 PM

Worship Choir - Wednesday, August 5th at 7 PM

FBC Handbells - Monday, August 10th at 6:30 PM

Reach out to Pastor Eddie for more details!



**Contact Pastor Eddie for more
info! Music@FBCDallas.com
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KEY EVENTS IN AUGUST

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FALL CHOIR
REHEARSALS START

6

BLOOD DRIVE

10

FALL HANDBELL
REHEARSAL

12

HOMEBOUND MEAL
DELIVERY

30

DEACON
NOMINATIONS DUE

Volunteer Spotlight



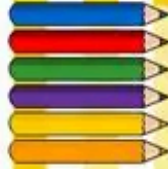
Lynn
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This month, we're excited to shine our Volunteer Spotlight on Lynn Lane! Lynn faithfully serves in the choir, on the worship team, and on the counting team, on the Executive Council and she dedicated countless hours before, during, and after VBS on both the décor and registration teams. We are incredibly thankful for her servant's heart, faithful commitment, and the many ways she blesses our church family.

Back to School

Word Search Puzzle



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1.SCHOOL

2.BACKPACK

3.GLUE

4.PAPER

5.SCISSORS

6.CHILDREN

7.COMPUTER

8.LUNCHBOX

9.SLIDE

10.SWINGS

11.TEACHER

12.TEST

13.BOOK

14.RULER

15.GLOBE

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Online Giving





August



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Alyssa Edwards Megan Long	Alan Ragsdale	10 AM - Journey Group 6PM- Shepherds Rest FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL	5 PM - Dinner 530 PM - Kids Choir 6 PM - Bible Study 7 PM - Choir Edwina Cochrane	1PM- Blood Drive		Janeen Wigley Wanda Cole
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
930 AM - Sunday School 1030 AM - Worship 4 PM - Student Choir 5PM- 1st Student Gathering	630 PM - Handbell Rehearsal	10 AM - Journey Group 6PM- Shepherds Rest	10 AM - Homebound Meal Delivery 1 PM - Sew Blessed 5 PM - Dinner 530 PM - Kids Choir 6 PM - Bible Study 7 PM - Choir Cyndi Carter			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Caleb Chapman Gayle Blalock	David Morgan	10 AM - Journey Group 6PM- Shepherds Rest	5 PM - Dinner 530 PM - Children's Choir 6 PM - Bible Study 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal	Peggy Holmes		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Beau Lawrence Hannah Blalock	Jessica Salyers Marilyn Ragsdale	10 AM - Journey Group 6PM- Shepherds Rest	Presley Wright	Elam Lawrence Remmie Miller	Jeb Gordon	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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30	31					
Jason Ragsdale	630 PM - Handbell Rehearsal	Gregg Havlin	Hilere Pasley	Natalie Higgins	Susie Gurley	
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Ray Moss	Steven Wright					