
FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Student Room

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and Ice Cream

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is in the Air

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Service -
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Recognition



Think back to the first time you walked into this church. Maybe someone waved you down in the parking lot, or held the door and said your name before you had even introduced yourself. Or maybe no one noticed you at all - and you remember exactly how that felt, too.

That memory is still being made every week, for someone. It starts the moment somebody cares enough to invite them, and it's finished the moment we make them feel wanted, not just noticed.

An invitation gets someone to the parking lot. A friendly face, once they are here, is what brings them back. We need both, from all of us - not just a few. So this month, invite someone who needs a reason to walk through our doors, and welcome someone like you have been waiting for them all week. Because, in a very real way, you have.

“
**I WAS A STRANGER
AND YOU
WELCOMED ME.**

MATTHEW 25:35
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First Things Spotlight

KEEPING FIRST
THINGS FIRST

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AUGUST 2026



FIRST CONTACT TEAM

TRAINING

Complete!

EQUIPPED TO WELCOME. EMPOWERED TO CONNECT.

A key part of this ministry is recognizing first-time guests with small gestures that sends a big message: You matter, and we're glad you're here. Through simple acts of kindness and intentional engagement, the First Contact Team helps foster a culture of hospitality and belonging.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SHOWS UP TO MAKE OUR CHURCH A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE BELONG.

 *What We Covered:*

 **RECOGNIZE** first-time guests and their needs

 **WELCOME** with warmth, kindness, and genuine care

 **CONNECT** people to the right next step and each other

 **REFLECT** the love of Jesus in every interaction we have

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



CONNECTING



Our dedicated team continues to minister and love on our homebound members with meals every month. Through this simple act of service, we have the joy of sharing God's love, offering encouragement, and reminding others that they are not forgotten.



GROWING





Promotion Sunday was August 9th. An exciting time in our church as the children/teenagers move up and continue growing and maturing in their walk with Jesus.



CARING



Pastor Danny and Pastor Eddie, along with several volunteer church members attended Spark Conference on Aug 23rd to learn and equip themselves to assist in reaching others for Christ as well as encouraging us to grow deeper in love with Jesus.



SHARING



Families from our church gathered on Saturday, Aug 1st to prayer walk around several schools in our community. It was a wonderful way to start the school year, asking blessings upon the teachers, school staff and students.

Pastor's Corner

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DANNY ANDERSON



Church Family,

Can you feel it? Backpacks are back on shoulders, the school routines have found their rhythm again, and, if we're lucky, a few cooler mornings are starting to sneak in behind the Georgia heat. There's something about fall that just feels like a reset. The pace of summer slows, calendars settle, and we get a natural on-ramp back into the things that matter most.

That's what this season is for us as a church family, too. A chance to re-connect: to God, to each other, and to the purpose He's placed in front of us.

Connect to God

As routines settle back in, it's a good moment to ask: where does God fit in my new normal? Maybe it's re-establishing a quiet time before the house wakes up, picking back up a daily reading plan, or simply carving out five honest minutes with Him before the day takes over. Small, consistent steps matter more than perfect ones. First things first starts here.

Connect to Community

Whether you've been part of FBC Dallas for twenty years or twenty days, whether you're bringing kids or grandkids to church or being brought by them, this is your family. Fall is one of the best times of the year to plug back into a small group, reconnect with your Sunday morning people, or introduce yourself to someone new in the lobby. Community isn't a program here; it's the point.

Connect to Purpose

We're right in the middle of our study through Acts: The Church in Motion, and it couldn't be more fitting for this season. The early church didn't wait for perfect conditions to live out their purpose, they simply moved, in ordinary homes, ordinary streets, ordinary days. As you settle back into your fall rhythm, ask God where He's inviting you to move too. It might be a next step in serving, a conversation you've been putting off, or simply showing up more faithfully where you already are. Purpose isn't found in the extraordinary moments alone; it's built in the ordinary ones we say yes to.

As the mornings cool and the routines settle, my prayer for you this September is simple: that you'd connect, to God, to community, and to the purpose He has for you. Let's keep first things first, together.

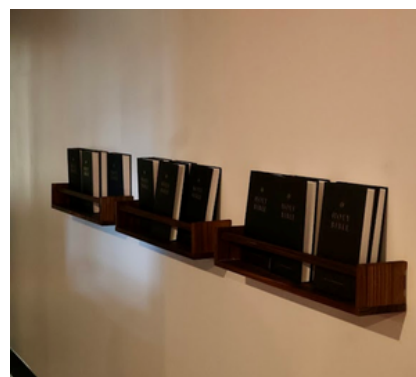
Grateful to walk this road with you,

Pastor Danny

The summer is officially over, and school is in full swing. 1st Students is rising to that challenge by pursuing God and all He has for us this year! While the summer is always a great time of change and excitement, often the school year offers a sense of routine and normalcy which can be very beneficial to students. Our Sunday nights have been truly encouraging. We have seen spiritual growth and renewed dedication to the things of God. Students are dusting off their Bibles, praying out loud for the first time, singing loud, and giving God credit for daily wins. What an exciting time!



I spent a couple of weeks during the summer giving the student room a much needed facelift. The space feels more inviting and more functional than ever, and it is so fun watching students really start to feel like that space is their own.



As well as having a new room, we also have had the chance to welcome several new sixth graders after promotion Sunday! These guys and gals are already core members of our group, and it feels like they've always been there. We love our sixth graders!

As Wednesday night programming has changed, I've felt like it was time to kill a couple of birds with one stone. I have therefore announced the upcoming launch (Aug. 26th) of a brand new Bible study for all youth and young adults. This will be the most robustly biblical offering for our youth. It will be the perfect opportunity for students to engage with the Bible in a deeper way than ever before. The study will be tackling the Epistle of James, and we will go verse by verse through this amazing work.

Please be praying for our group as often as you think of us. Praise God for answering our prayers and bringing us several new adult leaders! This growing team is perfectly poised to handle the growth that we expect to see at 1st Students. After all, 1st Students exists to awaken students to their purpose in Christ by building community, pursuing holiness, and mobilizing them for service in the Kingdom.

Thank you for your prayers and support!



Grades 6-12:

Sunday Bible Study
9:30 AM

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

Contact Pastor Jonah for details!



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR ADAM ...

What a great start to the school year it has been for FirstKIDS! Our Wednesday evening programming has resumed in full force, and if you are a kid who isn't involved, we want to invite you to come be a part of the excitement! We offer a fellowship meal for the whole family at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall. At 5:30 PM, elementary choir rehearses in the Choir Suite. Next up is TeamKID Club in the children's building at 6:00 PM! We kicked things off with a big ice cream party a few weeks back and we cannot wait to see all that this year has in store as we learn, play and grow together!

As we look ahead into the fall, don't miss out on all the special events we have coming up. Our elementary choir will be helping lead worship during our church service in a couple of weeks. Our annual church picnic is coming up on October 4th and of course, our biggest event of the season is approaching on October 31st (see below). We hope you will make plans to join us for these events and other exciting things that are in the works!



Nursery Workers

We are always looking to expand our pool of nursery workers! Adults and high school students serve 1-2 times per quarter during Sunday mornings on a rotating basis.

Buddies

We are looking for people who feel called to serve our disabled neighbors who come into our children's ministry. We call these people Buddies. Buddies will be trained to 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



We will host our annual Halloween outreach in conjunction with the City of Dallas' downtown festivities on Saturday, October 31st. We would love to have at least 30 decorated car trunks this year. If you are interested in participating in that part of the event, contact Adam at children@fbcdallas.com. We will start collecting candy for this event soon, so be on the lookout for our trusty M&M guy in the Welcome Center!



Christmas Choir 2026 Rehearsals:
Worship Orchestra - 6pm to 7pm
Worship Choir - 7pm to 8pm

**Orchestra is open to anyone from High
School and above**

Choir is open to adults and students



“NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO JOIN.”

Have you been thinking of joining our Worship leadership team?

We meet on Wednesday nights to prepare our hearts and minds to lead in our time of worship for Sunday and would to have you come and be a part of our music family. Here is our Wednesday Schedule for our Adults. Students are invited to join us also.

We will begin to work on Christmas 2026 “Christmas Night Of Worship”.

Wednesday Night Music for Kids

Every Wednesday night, we have Kids music 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM in the Choir room. We are working on some great songs and this year we are introducing “Hand Bells” for kids. We would love to have your kids join us this week, as we are working on a song called “Abide” that we will sing in worship on Sunday, September 13th

Fall Music Ministry Schedule

Monday nights:

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Handbell Team

Wednesday nights:

5:30 PM Kids Music

6:00 PM Worship Orchestra

7:00 PM Worship Choir



**Contact Pastor Eddie for
more info!**

**Music@FBCDallas.com
770-445-8897, ext. 207**

Thursday, October 8th, 2026 7 PM

The Jubal Brass will lead us in an evening of worship through instrumental and singing songs of Praise. The Jubal Brass regularly accompanies the Sons of Jubal Men’s Choir. This ensemble is made up of men who serve in ministry positions in Georgia Baptist churches all across the state. Please make plans to join us!



KEY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

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LABOR DAY

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HOMEBOUND MEAL
DELIVERY

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY
MEETING

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY
COOKING SHOW

22

FIRST DAY OF
AUTUMN

Behind The Service - Volunteer Recognition Caleb Chapman



This month, we're excited to recognize Caleb Chapman. Caleb is a deacon, serves in the children's ministry and is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever there is a need. Caleb is such an encourager for anyone who gets to spend time with him. We are blessed to have him here at First Baptist Dallas.

AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

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TREES	THANKSGIVING	SWEATER	SQUASH	SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL	PUMPKIN	PINE CONE	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
LEAVES	JACKET	HARVEST	HALLOWEEN	FOOTBALL
FESTIVAL	FALL	EQUINOX	CRISP	CORN
CIDER	BRISK	BONFIRE	AUTUMN	ACORN

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Online Giving



September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 930 AM - Sunday School 1030 AM - Worship 4 PM - Student Choir 5PM- 1st Student Gathering	7 Labor Day- Office Closed 630 PM - Handbell Rehearsal HAPPY LABOR DAY	1 10 AM - Journey Group 6PM- Shepherds Rest 8 Trevor Williamson	2 5 PM - Dinner 530 PM - Kids Choir 6 PM - Bible Study 7 PM - Choir 9 Bonnie Hayes Kevin Long Becky Rakestraw	3	4 Allison Reyes Fred Bandy Susan Cook	5 Holly Williamson Will Brooks
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20 Jimmy Henderson	21 Carolyn Upchurch	22 Mary Anna Cochran	23 Iedger Wade	24 Carol Storey Judy Barnette Tim Paul	25 Ken Langford Theodore Lawrence	26
27 Candy Bishop	28 630 PM - Handbell Rehearsal	29 10 AM - Journey Group 6PM- Shepherds Rest	30 5 PM - Dinner 530 PM - Children's Choir 6 PM - Bible Study 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal Charles Black	Faye Griggs Lauren Henderson	Lisa Miller Sarah Allen Susan Jenkins	
Sharon Smith	Anderson Mills					