FIRST BAPTIST Dallas

Book of Reports

2026 – 3rd QUARTER

First Baptist Church of Dallas

Membership Report for July - September 2026

FBCD Members as of June 31, 2026	319

Additions:

- Betty Gillis, Church Letter
- Leslie Gillis, Church Letter

Deletions:

- One transferred by letter

FBCD Members as of September 30, 2026	320

Sunday School Report for July - September 2026

Enrollment as of September 30, 2026	312
Average Attendance	86

Attendance Report for 2026

Average Weekly Sunday School Attendance	68
Average Weekly Worship Attendance	121

Backpack Program
Kim Ward

The Backpack Program started up the 2026/2027 school year with 32 children at Northside Elementary and 21 children at Hutchens Elementary. The food cost for both schools is currently at $400 per week.

Building & Grounds
Mike Laird - Chairman

The Building and Grounds Committee completed the following building maintenance and repairs in July, August and September:

For the month of July, all vendors under agreement performed scheduled services.

For the month of August, all vendors under agreement performed the August services.
In addition, these repairs were performed:

Cleaning of Ice Maker fellowship hall $290.00 dollars
Service call to HVAC unit downstairs Education Building $540.95 dollars
Service call repair to Refrigerator Fellowship Hall $962.15 dollars
Phoenix Elevator service agreement semiannual payment $1077.58 dollars

For the month of September, all vendors under agreement performed services.

Includes Kitchen Vent Hood inspection $167.80 dollars.
Bold Air Diagnostic Service call HVAC rooftop unit Fellowship Hall $230.00 dollars.

Children's Ministry
Adam Morris – Associate Pastor of Children and Families

As we wrap up the third quarter of 2026, I am grateful for our shared partnership in the gospel as we minister to children and their families in our church and community. As always, I want to thank the many volunteers who faithfully serve throughout our ministry. Whether we are considering the many people who rotate each week to serve in the nursery and Wee Worship programs or the weekly volunteers who make Sunday School and TeamKID Club possible, I cannot thank you all enough for making our ministry possible. Our children and families are blessed because of your faithful service. As am I.

Our Sunday School ministry continues our study through the storyline of Scripture using Lifeway's Gospel Project curriculum. The current focus has been an in-depth look at the life and ministry of Christ. It has been a blessing getting to share the stories that many of us have known for many years to children who are learning them for the first time. What a joy it is to introduce those in our care to the Good Shepherd who cares for all of us. I want to share that we were blessed with answered prayer as Ms. Kay joined our team to fill an important teacher role for one of our elementary classes. Please continue praying that God would use His Word to grow our children in their knowledge of and love for Christ.

In August, we relaunched TeamKID Club with the start of the new school year. This year's emphasis is God's Amazing Story. We began with creation and are making our way through the story of the Children of Israel. Like Sunday School, we are blessed to share these stories with children who are hearing them for the first time. Along with our Bible study, we have a major emphasis on Missions Education, teaching the kids what missionaries are and where they are working around the world. Please pray for our leaders and kids as they learn about God's Word and how we are called to carry it to the ends of the earth.



This time of year, is a busy one for many of our families, which makes planning special events challenging. Even so, Ms. Diane and a team of ladies worked hard to put together a very special event for our girls. They had a "Tea with Queen Esther", where the girls were invited to dress as their favorite princess and come to have a time of pampering and lunch while meeting Queen Esther and learning her story. Thank you to the ladies who brought this amazing event to life!






We are continuing to build our Buddy Ministry for children with disabilities. Buddies provide additional support so that every child can fully participate in our children's programs and experience the love of Christ alongside their peers. No special experience is required, and we will provide the training and support needed before anyone begins serving. If you would like to learn more about serving in either of these areas, I would be grateful for the opportunity to talk with you.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and partnership in the ministry of First KIDS. It is a joy and privilege to serve alongside you as we seek to help the next generation know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.

Journey Group
Pam Word

The Morning Journey Group has started delving into Revelation and making a full spiritual meal of each session. We are enjoying learning the differences between what the world sees and what we know to be true through spiritual discernment.

The snack bag ministry to Dallas Elementary is ongoing, preparing at least 30 bags each month. We truly are blessed to be able to continue this ministry to assist the children in staying focused and ready to learn.

Come join us every Tuesday at 10:00am. You will be welcomed.

Music Ministry
Eddie Lowery – Associate Pastor of Music

On Thursday Night, October 8th, FBC Dallas was blessed to host the "Jubal Brass", a group of Georgia Baptist Ministers of Music, from all across Georgia to lead in a Day of Worship. At 2:00pm, we were given the opportunity to present 2 programs at Paulding County High School, with the Band. The Jubal Brass had the opportunity to play and interact with the students in a Question-and-Answer time, and also play some music for them. But also, the Leader was able to share a brief intro of each song, which was centered on the Gospel. One of the highlights was when a group of percussion players, from Paulding County High's band, joined the Brass in playing for the first time, "For All The Saints". Also, their Band Director, Mr. Aaron Toft, join the Brass on all the songs. The group had the opportunity to share how you can use your gifts all life long, revealing that one of the members was 85 years old.

That evening the "Jubal Brass" lead in "A Night Of Worship" here at FBC Dallas. A special thanks to our AV Team who were with us all afternoon. Randy Lane, Al Vineyard, and Bob Issac. Our Volunteers who served as greeters and ushers: Allison Rhyas, Alex and Remmie Miller, Rebecca McHenry, Jodi Lowery, Don and Ann Bailey, Phillip Vineyard, Greg Musgrove, Greg Myers, and Robert Murray. All the volunteers who help prepare and serve dinner: Gail Coombs, Susan Linn, Lynn Lane, Janet Vineyard, Rebecca McHenry. Lastly, we thank Sean Ward and Kim Ward for helping with set up. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!







Music Ministry Mission Project "Food for Students"

In August, the Music Ministry at FBCD for the 4th year in a row has adopted East Paulding Middle School to help provide "Food For The Students" who are in need. Working closely with the school, we have provided, up to this point, over $350.00 to help meet this need. Our prayer and mission is if we can help meet a physical need, then God will open the door to help meet a spiritual need.

Upcoming Events planned for 4th Quarter 2026



This year our Choir and Instrumental Team will be part of Pre Parade activities, Singing on the steps of FBC Dallas. Come out and join us 10:30 AM



The First Baptist Dallas Handbell Team will be playing at 3:00pm on Saturday, December 12th at The Paulding County Christkindl Market taking place at the Watson Government Building.



On Sunday, December 13th. 6:00 pm, the Music Ministry, Kids, Adults, Instrumental Team, and Handbell Team will lead us in a "Christmas Night Of Worship". I hope you will make plans to join us.

Personnel Committee

Kevin Long – Committee Chairman

June 2026	Preschool Director Stephanie Harber - End of Year Contract Retired
June 2026	Preschool Assistant Director Rhonda Cole - End of Year Contract Retired
August 2026	Preschool Director April Burr - Start of Year Contract Hired
August 2026	Preschool Assistant Director - Shannon Nichols Start of year Contract Hired
July 16, 2026	Micaela Graves - Resigned as Office Manager
August 3, 2026	Michelle Johnson - Hired as Office Manager
August 2, 2026	Judy Swain - Retired as Church Pianist
August 26, 2026	Dr. Leslie Gillis - Hired as Church Pianist

Student Ministry

Jonah Salyers – Associate Pastor of Students & Families

This quarter, 1st Students focused primarily on living *By Faith*, working through Hebrews 11 and examining what it means to trust God and live in obedience to Him. In Sunday School, we completed an overview of the Old Testament and have now begun studying the life of Christ. We also launched a new Bible study through the

book of James, continuing to build a foundation for students to grow in their understanding of Scripture and their walk with Christ.

We have also seen some exciting developments in our ministry environment and leadership. The student room has been renovated and looks awesome, providing a refreshed space for students to gather, build relationships, and grow together. Most significantly, we became fully staffed for the first time, welcoming Kevin Long, JD Rainwater, and McKenna Davis to our leadership team alongside existing leader Amy Adair. We now have five adult leaders serving in the ministry, strengthening our ability to invest in students and build meaningful relationships with them.

Our average weekly youth group attendance was eight students this quarter, while our Youth and Young Adult Bible study includes 12 members. We have also welcomed first-time guests, providing opportunities to connect with new students and introduce them to the community of 1st Students.

This quarter also included several special events, including Six Grade Night and Camp on Campus. These events provided opportunities to build community, welcome students, and create meaningful experiences beyond our regular weekly gatherings.

As we look ahead, we are encouraged by the progress made in strengthening our ministry's foundation. With a fully staffed leadership team, a renovated student space, and continued opportunities for biblical study, we are better positioned to pursue our mission of **awakening students to their purpose in Christ by building community, pursuing holiness, and mobilizing them for service in the Kingdom.** We look forward to building on this momentum in the coming quarter.







Women's Ministry
Gayle Coombs - Coordinator

<u>July</u>

- July 7th prepping for homebound meals for delivery on the 8th.
- July 15th as a church we prepared lunch bags for our CAYA lunches for the next week.
- July 20th – 24th each day we prepared sandwiches to go with the lunch bags. A total of 2750 sandwiches made and 3162 lunch bags (chips, sweets and drink).
- No monthly meeting due to CAYA week.
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August

- August 11th & 12th were our homebound days. We prepare around 50 meals each month. We are thankful for the drivers who serve with us each month.
- August 18th was our regular monthly meeting.

September

- September 9th WM also prepared a meal for the church who come for supper.
- No monthly meeting due to Cooking Show.
- September 17th hosted a Cooking Show with guest speaker Joy Earle. We had 70 guests who attended this event. It was announced we would be holding a Sourdough Beginner Class on October 25th led by Katie Anderson.

Women's Ministry meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month. All ladies are welcome to join us helping with our ministries of serving ladies, our church and our community. If you have any questions, please let us know.
