



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: HONORING OUR CHURCH'S HERITAGE WHILE LOOKING FORWARD

In just under six years, **our church will celebrate 150 years** of life-changing presence in Corpus Christi. The rich heritage of our church is known well, not only in Corpus Christi but across our state.

A thoughtful stroll through the foyer of our chapel tells a story of this heritage as well, beginning from the early days when J.M. Carroll was one of our first pastors. He came from a strong family of Baptist leaders in our state. His brother, B.H. Carroll was instrumental in the early years of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and, in fact, has a seminary named in his honor today here in Texas. The impact of our church has been immeasurable throughout our long history.

Through the years of our wonderful past, our church family has been influential in our city and state, being a beacon of faith to all who would look for guidance in living the life Jesus created them to live. **We truly have a meaningful heritage.** We must never forget the long-standing ministry our church has had and all those who sacrificed to make it so. **We stand on their shoulders today.**

While we realize this heritage and the impact our church has had all these years, we cannot

live in the past. **God calls us ever forward to be His church for the world in which we live.** We must continue to be the beacon in our community and world that shares Jesus and gives guidance and direction for those who would seek to grow in relationship with Him.

I firmly believe that **God's dream for our church is to be the place in our community that people know they can come and be part of a thriving family of believers** - a family that loves Jesus and is growing in faith together.



There are so many wonderful churches in our area, but **God has called us to be a multi-generational family where people know they can find a home** where they will grow deeper in faith and relationship with Jesus and each other.

May we live into this dream.  
May we start today!

Dr. Brian Hill

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- 10/10-13 Upward Basketball Player Evals
- 10/14-15 Carillon Performances
- 10/19 Shoebox Packing Party (Monthly Missions Night)
- 10/31 Noah's Ark Party
- 11/5 Christmas Craft Fair

### Welcome Home to Our New Members

- Dan, Heather, Luke & Andrew Feimster
- Jacob Garcia
- Courtney Hackler
- Kyle and Melissa Hogan
- Gordon, Jen & Aidan Johns
- Kari Pack
- Pat Roe





### September Baptisms

We were delighted to welcome five new members via baptism this month, including a father and his two sons. Celebrate with us in their profession of faith, and welcome them to our church family as you see them around campus.

- Dan, Luke & Andrew Feimster
- Jacob Garcia
- Courtney Hackler ●

### KOINONIA CLEAN UP NIGHT

This month, our monthly missions night activity included yard and clean up work for our property neighbors, the Koinonia Apartments. Dozens of members of all ages came out in service. Thank you to all who participated!



Our next Monthly Missions night will be Oct. 19 - we will be packing Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. You won't want to miss it! ●



### MISSIONS HERE & NOW

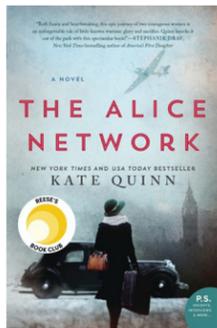
Missions Here & Now hosted its first luncheon speaker of the year - and we nearly ran out of chairs! **Bea Hanson of the Coastal Bend Food Bank** shared the organization's mission and vision for supporting those in need in our community.

This month, **we will be going to support the Coastal Bend Food Bank on Tuesday, October 11.** We will meet at the church and travel to the food bank together to volunteer. Interested in joining us? Contact the church office to sign up. ●

### October Book Club

**The Alice Network by Kate Quinn**

The book club has chosen to read Kate Quinn's *The Alice Network*, a historical novel based on the true story of Louise de Bettignies, a World War I French spy. Working with two timelines, the author transitions the story between WWI and the aftermath of WWII, and interweaves the story of an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947 and a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I. ●



Next book club meeting to discuss *The Alice Network* will be Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Media Library (second floor, room 231)

### Worship Center Flowers

To give flowers in love, memory or appreciation of someone, contact the church office, 361-888-8228.

**Oct 2:** Given in honor of Jamie Ritter's 77<sup>th</sup> birthday Love, Annette, Ryan, Olivia, and Chloe.

**Oct 16:** Given by Steve and Veronica Medina in celebration of their 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Oct 9:** Given by Zack Gilmore in memory of Albert Cary and Velma Gilmore.

**Oct 23:** Given by Catherine Nickerson in loving memory of her mom, Asta Smith.

**Oct 30:** Given by Laura Tosto.

## Public Performances During 29<sup>th</sup> Texas Regional Carillon Conference by Professional Carilloners



First Baptist will be hosting the 29<sup>th</sup> Texas Regional Carillon Conference on October 14 and 15. Carilloners will be performing on our Glasscock Memorial Carillon during the conference.

Recitals to be performed:

#### Friday, October 14

- **4:30pm** by Jesse Ratcliffe of Abilene, Tex
- **5:15pm** by Dr. Andrea McCrady of Ottawa, Canada

#### Saturday, October 15

- **11am** by Wylie Crawford of Chicago, Ill
- **1pm** is the Members' Recital

The church family is invited to hear these recitalists play on our 51-bell carillon near Ocean Drive. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the beautiful bell music with a bay view.

This is the first time in many years for First Baptist to host a Texas Regional Carillon Conference. Spread the word and invite your friends to support these talented musicians who have taken time out of their busy schedules to perform here.

#### ABOUT THE GLASSCOCK MEMORIAL CARILLON

The 51 bells were cast in the Netherlands by the Royal Eijsbouts Bell Foundry and shipped by barge to the Port of Corpus Christi in 1976. The tower was also built by Eijsbouts and assembled on the grounds in front of the church by three technicians

# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive



The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Every year, October kicks off our Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive. Families are encouraged to fill shoeboxes for children of different ages with a variety of toiletries, gifts, school supplies, and toys. This year, we will come together to fellowship and pack the boxes on October 19 as a way of blessing the children and families who will receive the boxes.

### Ways to Participate

This year, our committee has worked to ensure that everyone can participate in this important ministry. There are three ways to participate.

1. **Take, Fill, and Return a Shoebox** – do it all on your own and at your own pace! Once your shoebox is complete, add your \$10 donation and drop it off at the church before Monday, October 31.
2. **Attend our Shoebox Packing Party** – Join our church family on **Wednesday, Oct 19** to help fill and pray over our shoeboxes. Donations to help cover the \$10 per box fee are greatly appreciated.
3. **Build-A-Shoebox Online** – Unable to shop and pack a physical box? With just a few clicks, you can pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift online. Simply select toys and other fun items you'd like to include from our collection, and personalize your gift with your own letter and photo. We'll pack the gift for you and send it on its way for a suggested donation of just \$25.



Mexico: More than 12.5 million children in Mexico have received a shoebox gift as a tangible expression of God's love.

### Why do I need to provide \$10 with each box?

A donation of \$10 per shoebox gift is critical for Operation Christmas Child. It provides for:

- **Collection** - After shoebox gifts are dropped off at nearly 5,000 locations around the United States, trucks transport the precious cargo to eight different processing centers.
- **Processing** - Eight processing center warehouses are secured so that thousands of volunteers can inspect the shoebox gifts and prepare them for international shipment.
- **Shipping to Over 100 Countries** - Ships, trucks, and airplanes transport millions of shoeboxes to the countries where they will be distributed. Once there, local churches use many modes of transportation to get them to children in need as a tangible expression of God's love.
- **Gospel Materials** - Your \$10 donation helps us train and equip local churches to use our Ministry Partner Guide. This resource shows churches how to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way. Your donation also provides The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets, which are written in the children's language and distributed along with shoebox gifts. ●



Build-A-Shoebox Online

from Eijsbouts and one technician from Schulmerich in Pennsylvania.

The dedication of the original tower and carillon was played by Lowell Smith, University Carillonneur at The University of California at Riverside, on November 21, 1976. Church member Lucille Glasscock donated the funds for the original tower and bells in memory of her late husband, oilman Charles "Gus" Glasscock.

Loyd Lott, Organist and Carillonneur at First Baptist Church, played the carillon after church services, weddings, and funerals, and hosted a summer recital series until 2002, when one bell fell onto the playing cabin roof. Upon inspection, the frame holding the bells had so much corrosion from the salt

atmosphere that the bells had to be taken down and stored. Eventually, the tower had to be removed completely for safety concerns in November 2015.

The church began a campaign to raise the funds needed to rebuild the tower and refurbish the bells. With the help of the Corpus Christi Bell Tower Foundation, enough funds were raised to have the Verdin Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, build the new stainless-steel tower and reinstall the original bells.

The tower is now singing again after 19 years. The playing cabin has an easy-to-play new clavier, electric adjustable bench, electric remote hatch opener, remote-controlled HVAC system, and a controller for the Westminster quarters and hour strike. ●



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2	3	4	5	6	7
5:15pm Fellowship Meal (Elmore Hall) <b>Menu:</b> Baked Ziti 6:15pm Sunday Night Discipleship (SND) Wk 7 Students (G6-12): Free Coffee Shop Day	8:30-11am Flower Ministry <b>6-7pm Ladies Mug of Hugs (Welcome Center)</b>		9:30-11:30am Preschool Play Day (Rec Center) 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	9:30am Déjà vu Crew (Rec Center) 7pm Street Ministry	9-11am Food Pantry
9	10	11	12	13	14
5:15pm Fellowship Meal (Elmore Hall) <b>Menu:</b> Swedish Meatballs 6:15pm Sunday Night Discipleship (SND) Wk 8 Students (G6-12): Tag / Sardines / Hide-N- Seek Night	8:30-11am Flower Ministry <b>5:30-7pm Upward Bball Evaluations</b>	<b>10:30am Missions Here &amp; Now Volunteer Day (Coastal Bend Food Bank)</b>	9:30-11:30am Preschool Play Day (Rec Center) 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm) <b>5:30-7pm Upward Bball Evaluations</b>	9:30am Déjà vu Crew (Rec Center) 7pm Street Ministry <b>5:30-7pm Upward Bball Evaluations</b>	9-11am Food Pantry <b>4:30-6:30pm Carillon Recital (Sat Oct 15: 11am Carillon Recital)</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21
5:15pm Fellowship Meal (Elmore Hall) <b>Menu:</b> Chicken Tetraxini 6:15pm Sunday Night Discipleship (SND) Wk 9 Students (G6-12): Cupcake Decorating	8:30-11am Flower Ministry		9:30-11:30am Preschool Play Day (Rec Center) <b>5:30-7pm Shoobox Packing Partyt</b> 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	9:30am Déjà vu Crew (Rec Center) 7pm Street Ministry	9-11am Food Pantry <b>6-9:30pm Parents' Night Out</b>
23	24	25	26	27	28
5:15pm Fellowship Meal (Elmore Hall) <b>Menu:</b> Open Faced Turkey Sandwich 6:15pm Sunday Night Discipleship Wk 10 Students (G6-12): God on Trial	8:30-11am Flower Ministry		9:30-11:30am Preschool Play Day (Rec Center) 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	9:30am Déjà vu Crew (Rec Center) 7pm Street Ministry	9-11am Food Pantry
30	31	NOV-1	2	3	4
5:15pm Fellowship Meal (Elmore Hall) <b>Menu:</b> Sloppy Joes 6:15pm Sunday Night Discipleship Wk 11 Students (G6-12): Costume Party	8:30-11am Flower Ministry <b>6-9:30pm Noah's Ark Party</b>		9:30-11:30am Preschool Play Day (Rec Center) 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	9:30am Déjà vu Crew (Rec Center) 7pm Street Ministry	9-11am Food Pantry

### Please be in Prayer...

We bid farewell to David and Dare Lopez as our Modern Worship leaders on Sept 18. We wish them all the best for their future endeavors. Please **pray for our personnel committee and the ongoing search for our next staff member.**

God has the perfect person to lead our Moas well as our university ministry. Pray that God's timing brings that person to us, and that God provides leadership during this interim time. ●

Interested in Parents' Night Out? Sign up in your Sunday morning Bible Study class or contact the church office. ●

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### WEEKLY EVENTS

- **Déjà Vu Crew:** Come join the rowdy group playing Mexican Train at the Rec Center!
- **Preschool Play Day:** Meet new friends on the inflatables in the Rec Center.
- **Street Ministry:** If you'd like to participate, contact Jeff Chilcoat at 361-944-8952.
- **Flower Ministry:** Help to break down the worship center flowers and deliver to our members who are unable to attend services. To participate, contact Glenda Bailey at 361-986-9793.
- **Food Pantry:** We are a distribution site for the Coastal Bend Food Bank. Help us serve our community. To participate, contact Ed Cooke at 361-991-8253.
- **Choir & Music Rehearsal:** We are starting to learn our Christmas music, so this is the perfect time see if music is a fit for you. All are welcome to attend our weekly rehearsals!