

**Last Sunday's Record - October 3, 2021**

Offering: \$24,132.86

Sunday School: 212

**January 1, 2021**

Requirements: \$1,059,230.80

Receipts: \$1,110,453.60

**Deacon of the Week**

10/10 - Brad Sykes

10/17 - Mike Jones      10/24 - Larry Roberts

10/31 - David McCubbin

**Deacon's Breakfast - October 24**

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**Sermon for Sunday, October 10**

"Gifted Education" 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**FBC FALL FESTIVAL**

**Wednesday, October 13**



*In lieu of our regular Family Night*

*Supper, please join us for "Fall Festival" fare of*

*Hot Dogs...Soft Pretzels...Funnel Cakes,*

*Nachos and MORE!*

**NO COST!!!!**

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - October 10**

<b><u>Preschool Ext. Session</u></b> Timothy and Candice Maloney	<b><u>Launch</u></b> Elliot and Betsy Brewer
<b><u>Worship Welcomers</u></b> Tommy and Marcia Brewer Joey and Melissa Mabry	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> Jena Sims Lydia Sanders Carolyn Hodgins
<b><u>Security - Team 4</u></b> Van Goodman, Landry Adkins, Davis Miller, Michael Thompson, Greg Monsour	<b><u>Counting Committee</u></b> Louise Williamson, Chairman Charles Garrett, John Anderson, Lee Rogers

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, October 10**

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

*No Evening Activities at FBC*

**MONDAY, October 11**

12:00 Missions Luncheon

**TUESDAY, October 12**

7:00 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Jack's

9:30 - Elijah/C. Laird

**WEDNESDAY, October 13**

5:30 to 7:00 - FBC FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

*FBC Parking Lot*

7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAY, October 14**

6:45 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Piggly Wiggly-Collinsville

5:30 - CWJC (Fellowship Hall)

**USHERS FOR OCTOBER**

Tommy Allen, Bo Bailey, Will Carpenter, Adam Foreman, Brad Garrett, Benny Harrison, Michael Jones, Dave Little, Timothy Maloney, John Morgan Mims, Brian Sellers, Ronnie Smith, Allan Tolleson, Cary Vaughn and Leslie Williams

*Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor*

*Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music*

*Zach DePriest, Minister of Youth    Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries*

*Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus*

*Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus*

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**THE MESSENGER**

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**FBC CHURCH FAMILY!!**



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**5:30 TO 7:00 P.M.**

**FBC PARKING LOT**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED  
TO A FUN NIGHT AT FBC!**

**GREAT FOOD..**

**JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FAMILY FUN FOR**

**ALL AGES**

**WITH SLIDES, ROCK CLIMBING WALLS,  
PUMPKIN PAINTING, DUNKING  
BOOTH AND CAKE WALK.**

**(NO OTHER WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE  
PLACE DURING THIS TIME**

**WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SANCTUARY CHOIR  
REHEARSAL WHICH WILL MEET AT 7:15 P.M.)**

## Church Family,

This morning I shared a post to my social media (which had been shared by another pastor) capturing the long-term impact of small habits. It said: "Reading twenty pages a day is 30 books per year. Saving \$10 per day is \$3,650 per year. Running 1 mile per day is 365 miles per year. Becoming 1% better per day is 37x better per year." We live in such an explosive age of rapid change that we convince ourselves (sometimes, at least) that anything worthwhile must be big, exciting, or all-at-once. But the thrill of buying a home usually comes with a 15-, 20-, or 30-year mortgage. Our children change drastically from birth to graduation, and while there are growth spurts along the way, most of the change is subtle and incremental.

The other day, I was working out in our garage, and Judah was impressed by how much I could lift. I told him what I lifted when I was in shape, and he was in disbelief. Then I asked him if I lost my former level of fitness overnight, and at nine years old he knew the answer: nope—it was little by little, a day at a time (for the record, that's the only way I'll get it back). So many Christians I know (myself included sometimes) get disappointed when we can't see God doing "big things" around us, tempted to wonder whether He is working at all. But His word also calls us not to despise the "day of small things" (check out Zechariah 4:7-10). Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed, which grows from something minute into something monumental (Matthew 13:31-32). Most of the Christians I know who are boldest in prayer and in sharing their faith got there one conversation at a time. In the same post I shared, a pastor (Thomas Fletcher) noted: "Praying 10 minutes a day is 60 hours per year. Three-ish chapters a day is the whole Bible per year. Asking one different person a week is inviting 52 people to church per year. Having an intentional conversation with someone about how you can help them grow spiritually once a month is discipling 12 times per year."

I believe that the devil's toolkit is all too predictable: division, distraction, discouragement. These words are all too common in our hearts and minds these days, but "greater is He that is in you than He who is in the world!" (1 John 4:4). I believe that God is better than we believe Him to be. I believe His Word promises to us in Christ will stand the test of time. I believe He is at work in our church and in your life. Keep showing up. Keep taking that "next step" in your faith, however small. Keep getting into His Word. Keep seeking the Spirit's power in living for God's glory. Maybe He's up to something big, even if it feels oh so small in this moment.

*Blessings,  
Nathan VanHorn*



**Wednesday, October 27**

Contact any R.A. or leader to pledge a flat donation or amount per yard! All proceeds of this event go to "Christmas in Trinidad".

**IT'S TIME...to pick up your shoebox for  
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**



and send the Gospel to the ends of the earth without leaving home! Boxes are available **NOW** in the Welcome Center and may be returned to the church office anytime before **SHOE BOX DEDICATION** on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7.**

## Memorials...

### World Hunger

In memory of: Lamar Reid

### Lottie Moon

In honor of: Pat McCubbin

**The Disciple's Study Calendar**  
**Week 42 (October 11-15) Philemon**  
*Sunday School Lesson for October 17*

**First Budget Discussion**  
**Wednesday, October 20**  
**6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall**  
**Church Conference**  
**Wednesday, October 27**  
**6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

**WMU Missions Luncheon**  
**Monday, October 11 12:00 noon**  
*Guest Speaker: Ginger Richardson,  
Christian Women's Job Corp*

**Turkey bucks**  Please help us provide turkeys for L.O.V.E.'s Kitchen for the holidays. Donations can be given directly to Julie Holloway or dropped off in the church office. We'll need to gather **TURKEY BUCK\$** by **November 7th.**



**CENTRI-KID**  
**INTEREST MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Private Dining Room**  
*Parents of 3 - 6 graders! ...come with your questions!*