



who's your **1**ONE?

We must do whatever it takes to reach the lost, and it starts with *one*. We are asking every church member to identify one person in their lives for whom they will pray and share the gospel.

Prayer guides available in foyer



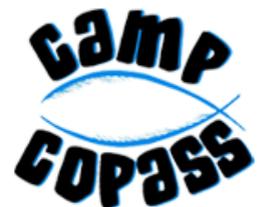
Church Business Meeting
This Sunday, Sep 25, 5:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall

Senior Adult Day at Camp Copass
Tuesday, Oct 4, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- Speaker, Bobby Cates
- Special Songs and Hymns
- Comedian, Rik Roberts

FREE! Lunch included.

Registration required. Sign up via Connection Card this Sunday.





John gave us a strong challenge to pray with awareness and hope this past Sunday. In our first two weeks of the "Marks of a Disciple" series, we have focused on the initial step of becoming a disciple and learning to talk with God through prayer. Next week we will look at the commission to tell others about what Jesus has done for us. I will never forget a friend and mentor telling me to "talk to God about your friends before you talk to your friends about God." That simple truth is why we placed the message on prayer before the message on evangelism. I hope you take the challenge to take 30 days to talk to God about your friends. John gave us some other action steps. Pick one and work on making it part of your daily life.

This past weekend was Sanger's Homecoming. For those of us who grew up in Sanger, or have kids in school here, it was a busy weekend. Of course, winning the football game Friday night makes the entire weekend much more enjoyable. But seeing the parade Saturday morning reminds me of how special living, really living, in a small town is. Having lived in a city with multiple high schools, I recognize the joy of being a one-high-school town. That makes it easier to invest energy and time into the community. As a Christian, I believe we should pray for and work for the benefit of our city. What are you doing to make Sanger a better place to live?

Before I get to a subject we need to discuss, I want to tell you a story. A number of years ago the church I was pastoring experienced a major loss of income due to a variety of factors. One factor was the church dealing with a problem that had festered for nearly 30 years. Another factor was a church that used our building and paid for that use purchased their own facility and moved out. All told, we saw our expected income decrease by over \$50,000 on a roughly \$300,000 annual budget. As the Stewardship Committee prepared the budget for the next year, these factors weighed heavily on them. As they began discussions, the wife of a retired pastor who was on the committee spoke up. She said that she had sat in too many meetings like the one we were about to have. And in every one of those meetings, the first item that was put on the chopping block was missions giving. She went on to say that she watched those churches continue to struggle financially. She firmly but lovingly said she was not going to vote for a budget that decreased missions giving. Instead, she called for an increase in the missions giving. I, and probably every member of the committee, thought she was crazy. But she convinced us to present an "unrealistic" budget to the church that kept expenses at the same amount and raised the missions giving. In a church that had struggled to pay bills for far longer than I had been the pastor, we ended that next year over \$50,000 in the black.

So why do I tell you that story? Because FBC Sanger finds itself in a very similar position. We didn't lose a large portion of our income to people leaving, but we have experienced a decrease in our giving over the last year. This comes just after we added a full time pastor to Families and Children to our budget. Given the demographics of Sanger, this addition is just like adding to our missions budget. We have seen the fruit of that investment this year. New young families have become part of our church. We have greatly increased our baptisms of children this year, with a couple more waiting to be baptized. But we have not seen our giving increase. The rise in everyday costs for living is most likely the biggest reason for our decrease in giving. Our General Fund Reserve balance has decreased about \$40,000 this year.

So what will we do? The Stewardship Committee is working on the 2023 budget. We have looked at radical cuts to our budget, but the committee does not feel that is where God wants us to go. They will spend the next two weeks asking God to give them a budget number He wants this church to spend. Then they will figure out a way to bring our budget in line with that number. This will likely mean that they will present a budget for 2023 that looks "unrealistic" from a worldly perspective. We took a risk in adding another full-time staff member, a risk that the church felt confident God was calling us to take. With the increased number of children and young families, it was a risk that God has blessed.

I am asking for you to step out in faith in your giving. The Stewardship Committee has presented to each Connect Bible Study group more information. I want to ask you to begin praying for God to bless our church with the income necessary to fund our ministries for growth in 2023. We are in the business of making disciples. That business costs money that God provides through the giving of His people. We are the reservoir from which God draws to fund the work He is calling to accomplish. Will you join me in praying for God fulfill the financial requirements for us to accomplish that mission in 2023?

Pastor Grant Bowles - Senior Pastor



Welcome New Members

Jim, Stacy, Elaine, Rachel & Luke Pomeroy
*Family by statement
Luke for baptism*



For the Record

Sep 18, 2022 Receipts.....	\$16,521
YTD Budget Receipts.....	\$611,509
YTD Budget.....	\$720,259

Paper Products Needed

The Grief Team is seeking donations of plates, napkins and plasticware products for family meals.
Drop off in foyer.



Mary Hill Davis
Texas Missions

OUR GOAL: \$ 6000.00
RECEIVED: \$ 53.00

BUILD

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Sundays at
6:00 PM

40 Days of Prayer. Leader: Linda Muir
Room: CR

40 Days in the Word. Leader: Chris Jones
Room: NMR

Daring Faith. Leader: John Guerra
Room: John's office

I Am a Church Member.
Leader: Grant Bowles. Room: FH

Fall Festival

ANNUAL Fall Festival &
TRUNK or Treat
Sunday, Oct 30, 5-6:30PM
Volunteer via Connection Card this
Sunday to serve



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SANGER STUDENT MINISTRIES

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings: CBS, 9:15 AM
Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 PM
Doors open at 4:00 PM

September

Sept 11, 6:00 PM: BUILD classes
Sept 28: See You at the Pole

October

Oct 14-15: High School Retreat

Mothers of Preschoolers

Mothers of Preschoolers is a ministry for moms in the thick of it. We provide yummy brunch, fun crafts and encouraging lessons. We offer quality time and childcare, giving moms a couple hours to rest and refresh.

We would love your help providing food for the MOPS moms and snacks for their children. To help, contact Susan Kimmel at fbcSangermops@gmail.com



First Kids BUILD
Sundays 6PM - Grades 1st-5th

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE



A fun children series about wisdom from
Psalms and Proverbs
Taught by Frank Wardlow

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Sep 23, 9:00 AM: MOPS (FH)
Saturday, Sep 24, 11:30 AM: Andrea Jones Class Fellowship (FH)
Sunday, Sep 25, 5:00 PM: Regular Business Meeting (FH)
Saturday, Oct 1, 10:30 AM: Mobile Food Pantry (S. Parking Lot)
Sunday, Oct 2, 5:00 PM: Deacons Meeting (FH)
Tuesday, Oct 4, 9:00 AM: Peacemakers Quilt Ministry
Tuesday, Oct 4, 10:00 AM: Senior Adult Day (Camp Copass)
Friday, Oct 7, 9:00 AM: MOPS (FH)
Saturday, Oct 8, 9:00 AM: Women's Coffee Chat (Just a Cup)
Thursday, Oct 13, 6:30 PM: Women on Mission (Nelson's home)
Friday, Oct 14, 9:00 AM: MOPS (FH)



[Volunteers in Preschool, Sunday, Sep 25, 2022](#)

Rebekah Lewis, Amber Marlett, Michelle Strup



Upcoming Mission Trips



Matamoros, Mexico

October 7-10, 2022

Medical services and outreach to all ages.
Some possible light construction.

Trip Needs: Reading glasses, hygiene products and money to purchase vitamins and anti-parasite medicines.



Ecuador

October 20-27, 2022

Encourage and support the churches involved in pastor training program.

Contact Pastor John for more information.
We also need prayer partners for these mission trips.

Weekly Fall Schedule

Sunday Mornings

9:15 AM: Connection Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Sunday Evenings

6:00 PM: BUILD Discipleship

Wednesday Mornings

6:30 AM: Men's Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 PM

SSM [6th-12th] (Doors open at 4:00 PM)

Mission Friends [Preschool - 5th grade]

Where Moms Connect

Adult Bible Study

7:00 PM: Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:00 AM: Bible Study

1:00 PM: Game Time