



# Fall Festival

**SUNDAY, OCT 30, 5-6:30 PM**

**This is our free annual church and  
community outreach event!**

**Trunk or Treat - Games - Food - Live Music  
Bounce Houses - and more**

**Invite your friends and neighbors!**

**The following donations are needed:**

- Candy for trunk or treat and games
- Hot dogs and buns

**Drop off candy in box located in foyer.  
Take hot dogs and buns to the FLC kitchen.  
Please label them for Fall Festival.**

**We still need "Trunk volunteers" for Trunk or Treat!  
Please sign up Sunday via Connection Card  
or call the church office.**





Saturday afternoon I started running a fever along with body aches. I appreciate John being able to preach for me at the last minute. I suspect my illness was a combination of getting whatever Denise had been fighting last week and simple exhaustion from the events of the weekend. On Friday, I dealt with an extended family situation brought on by a loved one not handling grief appropriately. Grief can halt our living and keep us imprisoned if we are not able to find appropriate ways to deal with the loss that caused our grief. Many in our congregation have experienced grief and learned to work through the process. I would guess that some who have experienced loss have not found ways to work through that grief. Please allow me to give this warning: if you don't appropriately deal with grief, it will lock you in a prison of your own making. You don't have to allow that to happen. Please sit down and talk with me if you are struggling with the loss of a loved one. Our Father in Heaven wants to help you walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

I have caught up on my Who's Your One? prayer time. It has helped me be more focused on trying to direct conversations toward matters of faith. I have not had the opportunity to share Jesus with my One yet, but conversations are moving from superficial topics to ones that are drawing closer to Jesus. Don't give up; keep praying.

Sitting on my couch watching our Sunday morning worship service reminded me of two important truths. One, I am really glad we have the streaming service. Since I did not want to expose anyone to whatever I had, I stayed home. But I still got to experience worship with my church. Second, I was reminded just how important being present in person for worship is. Being in the room, hearing fellow followers of Jesus sing, and listening to God's Word preached together is something that no livestream can ever completely reproduce. If you are choosing to stay home and watch online when you are physically able to attend, stop doing that. You are truly missing out on the best God has for you.

*Pastor Grant Bowles - Senior Pastor*

## Stay!

She pulled into a crowded parking lot and rolled down the car windows to make sure her Labrador Retriever had fresh air. He was stretched out on the back seat, and she wanted to impress upon her dog that he must remain there. She walked to the curb backward, pointing her finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay!" The driver of a nearby car gave a startled look. "I don't know about you, lady," he said incredulously. "But I usually just put my car in park."

"You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Isaiah 26:3

I remember when my son was a junior in high school. He was getting ready for school to start, and for him, that meant that football was about to start. He said he was not going to cut his hair until they lost a game. His team won the first game, then the second, the third, the fourth ... People at church began to ask me about his long hair. "Was this a sign of rebellion?" No, he made a vow that he would not cut his hair until he lost a game. At first I was thinking, "please lose!" But after not losing a game and we were into the second half of the season, I started wanting the long shaggy hair style to last the rest of the season. We went into playoffs and did not lose a game, 15 games! The only undefeated team in the state at any level. I had grown proud of that long, shaggy, hair! It looked like a small dog was sitting on his head, but it stood for his commitment to long hair and winning! Even some of the old men at church were so happy that we won a state championship, they were proud of the long hair. However, they did ask the Sunday following the win, "Is he going to cut it now?" I would say, "He still hasn't lost, so maybe next season!" He cut it that week!

My son was committed to that Samson look! He stayed with it even though there were people asking him about it (which he hated) and people telling him it didn't look good, or he looked like a criminal. He stayed with it, (mostly because his girlfriend liked it - just my opinion). People could see, if not understand that commitment. Can people see our commitment? Too often they cannot because it just isn't there. Maybe it is a commitment on our terms. We will do so much, until we decide it is too much, too hard, too time consuming, too expensive! Sometimes people cannot see our commitment to the Lord because it just isn't there! What we forget or fail to realize is that the missing commitment doesn't hurt the Lord; it hurts us!

The mind who stays on God, whose confidence rests on the Lord, is kept firmly and established in peace. If we will trust in God, lean on God, let our mind stay on Him and commit to Him, He will keep us in perfect peace. The word peace is a beautiful word. It means so much more than the absence of conflict. It means that everything is in the proper place. Every stitch has been sewn. Every nail and piece of wood is in place. Everything is secure! So, if we lean on God - not on our abilities, or our money, or our intelligence, but on God. He will keep us firmly established in peace of mind. This all depends on where our confidence rests. Literally, this means to hang onto God, or to be thoroughly devoted to Him. So the man that hangs onto God is secured with both stability and peace. What are you leaning on, trusting in? Is your mind staying on the Lord?

*Pastor John Guerra - Executive Pastor*

## For the Record

### October

Oct 9, 2022 Receipts.....	\$18,032
YTD Budget Receipts .....	\$661,461
YTD Budget .....	\$777,122

### September

Budget Offerings .....	\$69,766
Budget Expenses.....	\$69,859

## Streets of Bethlehem

Friday - Sunday, Dec 2-4



Volunteers needed for setup and take down, Bethlehem residents, security, registration and more.

Sign up via Connection Card this Sunday or contact

[chris@fbcsanger.com](mailto:chris@fbcsanger.com)



# Mary Hill Davis

**Our Goal:** \$6,000  
**Received To Date:** \$2,263



SANGER STUDENT MINISTRIES

## Women on Mission Monthly Meeting

Thursday, Oct 13, 6:30 PM



Location: Norma Nelson's home.  
 Contact: [rncattle1@embarqmail.com](mailto:rncattle1@embarqmail.com)

## Fields of Faith

Wednesday, Oct 19,

5:30-9:00 PM

Lake Dallas

Football Field

FBC students will be attending this FCA event for all of Denton County. Church Bus & Carpool leaves at 5:30 PM, returning at 9:00 PM.

See Trey for required signed permission form.



## Thank You!



We want to extend our sincerest thanks to the church for all that you have done for us surrounding the birth of our boy Judah Frank! Thank you

for your generosity through the baby shower and also through providing meals for us after his birth. Thank you for your prayers and warm wishes! We are so blessed by you all and truly thank you for everything!!

Love, The Wardlows - Frank, Melyssa, Jerry, Jonah, and Judah



**HS RETREAT  
@ FALLS CREEK  
OCTOBER 14-15  
COST: \$60**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings: CBS, 9:15 AM  
 Sunday Evenings: BUILD, 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 PM  
 Doors open at 4:00 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday, Oct 13, 6:30 PM: Women on Mission (Nelson's home)

Friday, Oct 14, 9:00 AM: MOPS (FH)

Friday, Oct 14 - Saturday, Oct 15: High School Retreat

Wednesday, Oct 19, 6:00 PM: Fields of Faith Student Event (Lake Dallas)

Thursday, Oct 20 - Thursday, Oct 27: Ecuador Mission Trip

Friday, Oct 28, 9:00 AM: MOPS (FH)

Sunday, Oct 30, 5:00 - 6:30 PM: Fall Festival

Tuesday, Nov 1, 9:00 AM: Peacemakers Quilt Ministry (FH)

Saturday, Nov 5, 10:30 AM: Mobile Food Pantry (S Parking Lot)

Sunday, Nov 6, 5:00 PM: Deacons Meeting (FH)

Friday, Nov 11, 9:00 AM: MOPS (FH)

Saturday, Nov 12, 9:00 AM: Women Coffee Chat (*Jus a Cup*)



### Volunteers in Preschool, Sunday, Oct 16, 2022

*John Feucht, Mary Anne Feucht, Heather Temple, Tracy J. Tutt*



### Ecuador Mission Trip - October 20-27, 2022

Encourage and support the churches involved in pastor training program.  
Please pray for the team and those they will be ministering to.

### **FBC Sanger App**

Our "First Baptist Sanger" app provides convenient access to up-to-date church information, videos and resources. We encourage you to take time to download the app and browse through its features.

To download the app, search your device's app store for "FBC Sanger, TX" or scan the QR code to the right.

Once downloaded, click on the three bars on the top right of your screen and create a profile to login. You can use the app without logging in, but doing so will allow you to save notes and any online payment information you add.

