

Pastor's Notes

As I write this article in late July, things have really started to heat up both physically and figuratively here at FBCGJ. We have had several things transpire over the last month. On **July 17th**, a group went to Decatur, Alabama to work at Love Packages on a day mission trip. We were able to accomplish quite a bit during our time there.

On **July 13th** and **July 20th**, we took up a special love offering for the flood victims in Texas. We were able to send a check of almost \$5,000 to help with the relief efforts there.

On **July 23rd**, during our monthly business meeting we approved a new Church Pianist. We welcome Lee Anne Dickerson to our staff. We are grateful to the Lord for sending Lee Anne and her husband Doug (who has been helping with the sound system) to us. This was certainly an answer to prayer.

We have also acquired the old blue Saliba's building behind the church. This building will be torn down and removed and will provide further space for future endeavors.

Our Nominating Committee is in the midst of securing teachers and officers for the new church year. I want to encourage you to pray about how you can serve this upcoming church year.

Finally, we have gotten the report from the insurance company and now our Maintenance Committee is meeting and discussing what they will recommend to the church as it relates to the damage done by this past April's tornado.

Let me finish with a couple of quick notes about the month of August. Christmas in August is a mission project put on by our WMU. This year they will be collecting supplies for the Moriah House in Memphis.

August 10th - there will be a meeting for all who might be interested in a new mission venture that the church will launch in September. It is called a "*Drive Thru Prayer*" Ministry to be held in our church parking lot.

August 17th - Doug Howell with the Gideon Ministry will be our speaker in the morning service. We will receive a love offering for this ministry.

August 24th - We will observe the Lord's Supper during our evening service.

August 31st - There will be no evening service due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Stay cool,

Bro. Troy

Report for July 2025

Average Attendance in Sunday School:	31
Average Offering:	\$ 5,587.50

Dear Church Family,

There is an old song, often changed to fit the circumstance; and it fits here, "10,000 boxes to unpack in the garage, 10,000 boxes to unpack ... unpack one, and now there are 9,999 boxes in the garage." We are on about box 5,000.

As we think back over our time in Grand Junction, we remember how extraordinarily impressed we were with First Baptist Church during our very first visit. The people were warm and welcoming. The membership was vibrant, and the Church's doctrines were rock solid. We knew this was going to be the place to begin as a young couple and raise a family. We were not wrong. Time and time again through the years we have marveled at our blessings, things that often come with a face attached, a word here, a bit of help there, wisdom, fellowship, shared goals, laughter and even the chance to share heartache. We can't imagine our lives without First Baptist in it. The perfect ending came with that sendoff you gave us; it is the fitting end to a long list of this Church's blessings on us. We can almost see that young couple from 46 years ago, looking our way, smiling and nodding, "Told you so." We miss you daily and wish you all were here unpacking boxes. We love y'all!

Becky and Allan Houston