

November 8, 2026
10:40 a.m.
Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

Prelude		
Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer		Deacon Debra Hudson
Hymns	*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*	#021(v.1,2,3,5)
	"Jesus Is All the World to Me"	#512
	"'Til the Storm Passes By"	#543
Offering		
Doxology		#815
Morning Prayer		
Special Music	*"Come and See"*	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Text		Luke 15:1-7
Message	*"On His Shoulders"*	Pastor Nathan
Closing Hymn	*"Our Great Savior"*	#017 (v.1,2,5)
Benediction		
Postlude		

Prayer Request Cards

If you have a request for which you would like prayer during worship, please fill out a Prayer Request Card and give it to one of the Deacons, or Pastor Nathan. They can also be placed in the offering plate. Cards are in the pew backs and on the table in the Narthex.

This Week @ FBC

Today	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
November 8	10:40 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Love Feast
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 9		
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Cottage Prayer Group
November 10		
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
November 11	10:30 a.m.	Community Fellowship
	12:30 p.m.	Sewing Group
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting
November 12		
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
November 15	10:40 a.m.	Morning Worship

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Birthdays this Week

November 9 – Randy Flanagin and Wesley Terrell
November 12 – Mylee Manuel

Anniversaries this Week

November 11 – Kevin & Kala Flinn

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Baby Shower Saturday, November 14

Please join us for a baby shower in honor of Kylee and Jarod Deckard next Saturday at 10:30 am in the FBC CLC. Please RSVP to Jennifer Moody. Kylee and Jarod are registered at my.babylist.com/babydeckard.

White Christmas Donations Appreciated

Envelopes are located in the backs of the pews if you would like to donate to the White Christmas Baskets. Distribution is Dec. 12 from 9-11am. Thank you!

Love Feast this Afternoon

The Love Feast will be held in the CLC this afternoon at 6 pm. The Social Committee will provide turkey, ham, ham balls, rolls, drinks, and table service. Our church family is asked to bring a well-filled basket to share. Please bring a serving utensil for your dish. Your invited guests are not expected to bring food. If you have not already, please sign up in the Narthex with the number attending and the food items you plan to bring.

World Mission Offering & Silent Auction

The World Mission offering will be received throughout the month of November, with envelopes available in the pews. Please pray for the offering and how God would have you participate.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

National Collection Week will be Nov. 16-23 for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The table in the Narthex has information, collection location, and drop-off times. John Bailey has offered to transport to the collection location any boxes left at the church. Please leave your box(s) on the library counter. For questions, contact Cheri Graf.

Calling All Youth for a Special Music Opportunity!

The Youth are preparing a shadow play for special music on Dec. 20 & 24. Please let Kimberly Porter or Tasha Hudson know if you would like to participate. Future practice dates include: Sun. Nov. 15th, 22nd, and Sun. Dec. 6 @ 2pm, in the Sanctuary.

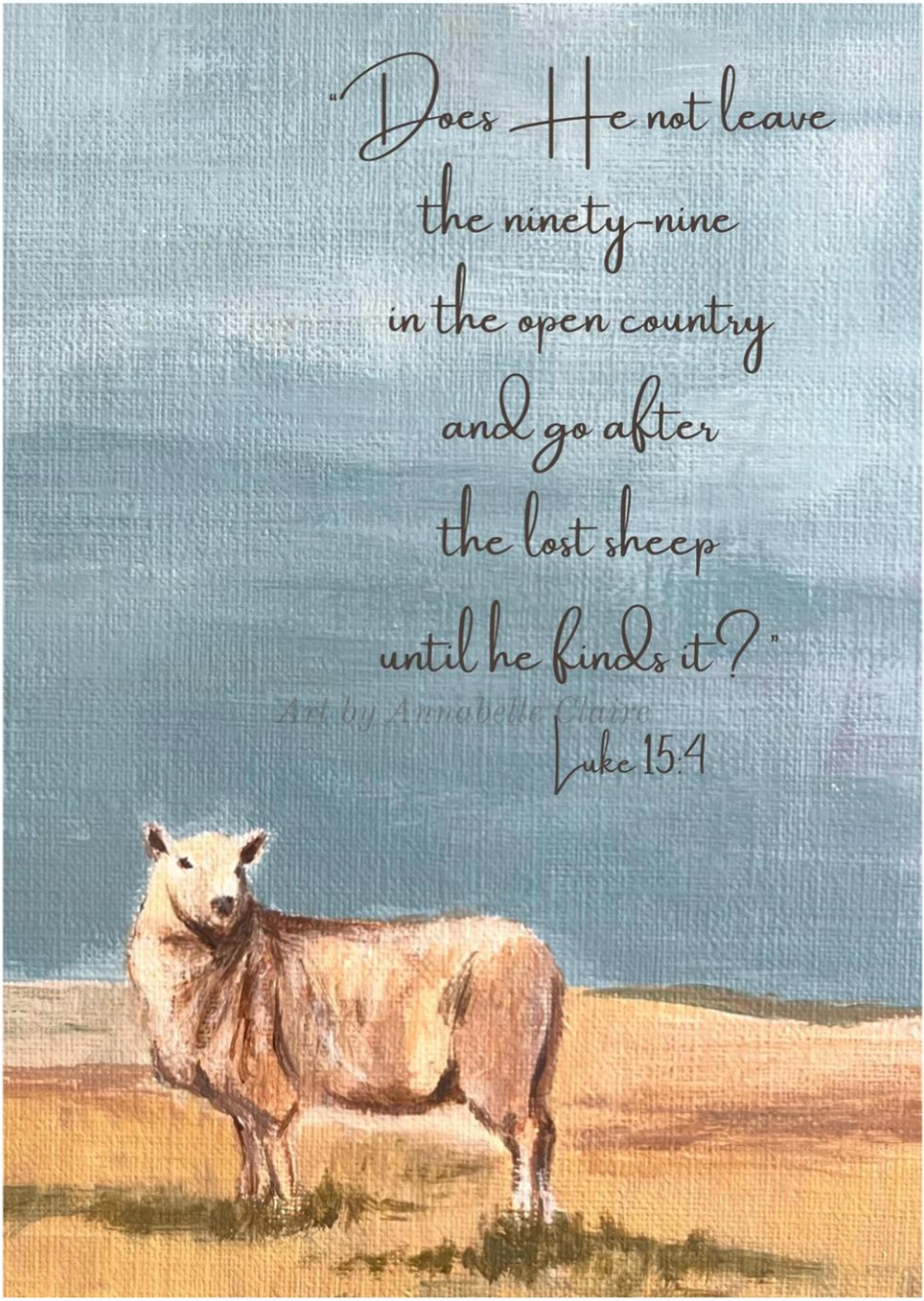
A Look at Giving for Last Week

(On-line giving is available here: Tithe.ly or at www.fbcbloom.org)

<u>Last Week's Giving</u>

General Fund	$5,413.00
Food Pantry	$2,340.00
Blessing Box	$20.00
White Christmas	$50.00
Donation IMO Walter Pischel	$75.00

Online giving can be found here:



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2026 Annual Congregational Meeting Thursday, Nov. 12

Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm on Thursday, Nov. 12th in the FBC sanctuary. There are several issues to vote on (see agenda below). To vote on any issue requires a quorum of at least 20 members to be present. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member of FBC and at least 16 years of age.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Vote to approve minutes of the November 13, 2025, congregational meeting and the minutes from the March 8 and August 30, 2026 special congregational meetings
2. Committee reports (no vote required)
3. Vote to approve the slate of FBC officers and deacons for 2027 (closed ballot)
4. Vote to approve the proposed amount designated non-taxable for the FBC parsonage
5. Approval of the 2027 FBC Budget (closed ballot)

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies, who wants to join me in a Bible study on the book of Ecclesiastes? The study is called Ecclesiastes: Wisdom for Living Well by Courtney Joseph. We plan to meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday evenings in January and February beginning January 5. Please let Liz Brooks know by December 13 if you'd like a book ordered for you (please plan to reimburse the church $15). You can also find the study on Amazon if you'd like to order yourself. Either way, please let Liz know if you plan to attend so that I can have a general idea of how many to anticipate. This is a study more focused on personal study and discussion although there are some short videos from the author that accompany it. I'm looking forward for the chance to fellowship and study with women from our church family!

Bright Beginnings Preschool Fundraiser

The Preschool will again be selling Dillman Farms jams, jellies, and salsas to be used personally, or as great gifts for others. The sale will run until December 6. Delivery will be on December 13. Order forms are available on the library counter. Order forms and payment can be given to Bob Templeton or Adrienne Hughes. Checks can be made out to FBC with "Preschool Fundraiser" in the memo line. Thank you!

Please pray for
First Baptist Church in 2026.
May the Light of Christ...

Shine through Us
Mt. 5:14-16

Inspire Wonder and Gratitude in Us
Isa. 9:2
2 Cor. 4:6

Define Our Way of Life
1 Jn. 1:5-10
Eph. 5:8-10

Guide and Empower Us
Ps. 18:28
Ps. 119:105

Shine in Our Love for One Another
Jn. 13:34-35
Gal. 6:9-10

Be Our Confidence
Ps. 27:1-3

Produce Peace Among Us
Ps. 122:6-9
Eph. 4:1-7
1 Cor. 1:10

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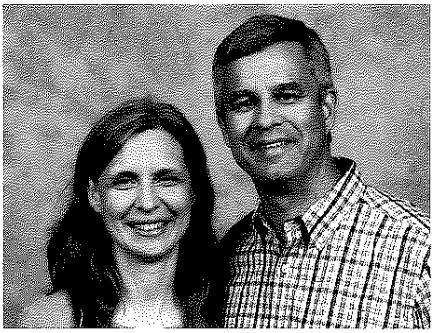


Anita & Rick Gutierrez

SOUTH AFRICA

LANGUAGES

English
Zulu

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

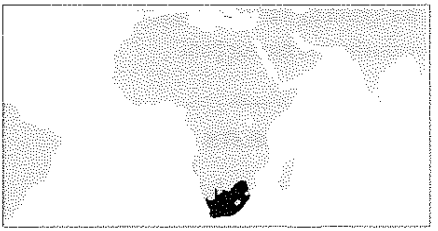
Health and Wellness, Training and Capacity Building

BIRTHDAYS

Anita 6/24
Rick 3/19

LOCATION

South Africa



ABOUT

Family doctors and global servants, ANITA and RICK train and equip "health builders" to combat lifestyle-related diseases such as HIV/AIDS, high blood pressure, heart and artery disease, diabetes, and malaria in homes, schools, places of worship, and marketplaces. Health builders also receive training in fruit tree propagation, gardening, and poultry skills to help them promote good nutrition and generate income. To meet spiritual needs, they lead Bible study groups in their communities. Pray with Anita and Rick for a disciple-making movement in South Africa.

SCAN ME

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Health builders learning to grow Grey Oyster mushrooms.

MINISTRY STORY

We train health builders in screening for common chronic health conditions and promoting healthy lifestyles. We also equip our health builders with food production skills to generate income and increase the availability of healthy food in their communities.

After attending a week-long conference at Cedara Agricultural College, we have developed the capacity to train our leaders in Grey Oyster mushroom production. This mushroom contains unique compounds. It is linked to lowering cancer, dementia, diabetes, high blood pressure, and other benefits. The mushrooms grow out of buckets containing coconut husk, vermiculate, and gypsum inoculated with mushroom spawn made with wild birdseed. Twenty-one mushroom buckets fit into a covered geodesic dome, which is made from PVC pipe we adapted for this use.

Three months after successfully growing and enjoying these tasty mushrooms at home, our health builders in Zululand were excited to harvest their first crop of Grey Oyster mushrooms. Just two weeks after the buckets are inoculated with the spawn, mushrooms can be harvested daily. Harvesting continues until the buckets lose productivity, usually after about four or five flushes over two to three months. While fruiting, the mushrooms need to be misted once a day. We created an animated video on the benefits of the Oyster mushrooms, which will be available in Zulu. Additionally, we now have a three-year grant to train and equip our partners in mushroom production!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for students to have success in growing their 21-bucket mushroom farms.

Pray that people appreciate the nutritional advantages of Grey Oyster mushrooms in their diet.

Pray for the gospel to be shared through this new ministry.

SCRIPTURE

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

I Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)