

November 2025

First Southern Baptist Church

Newsletter

Message from Pastor Brandon

This month, as we approach Thanksgiving, I am reminded of the psalmist's words in Psalm 92:1: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High."

The psalmist then lists what he is thankful for: God's lovingkindness, steadfast, enduring love, and faithfulness. This is a list I believe we can all appreciate. Knowing that God is trustworthy, reliable, and dependable in every circumstance should move us to praise and worship, just as it did the psalmist.

During this Thanksgiving season, I encourage you to reflect on what you are thankful for and share those thanks with God.

God bless,

Pastor Brandon



CHURCH SERVICES

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY

Sunday School (all Ages)

Morning Worship

Evening Worship

Children Worship

Youth Group

Prayer Meeting

Men's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

Sunday

Sunday

Sunday

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Sunday

Sunday

Wednesday

Wednesday

9:30 A.M

10:45 A.M

6:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

6:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

Grateful
to God



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VBS and Children's Leader:

Kathy Butler

Worship Leader:

Allan Lasater

Pianist:

Arlene Watters

Carla Mills

Kim Stricker

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November 2, 2025 - OCC packing party at 6:00 pm. Pizza will be provided; please bring a dessert.

November 11, 2025 - Veterans Day

November 19, 2025 - Todd Becker Foundation at La Junta High School at 6:30 pm. Check with Pastor Brandon about volunteering.

Nov 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving

December 2025

December 7, 2025 - FSBC Christmas Meal. Watch for more details. A food sign up sheet will be released soon.

December 21, 2025 - Evening Candlelight Service. Watch for more details.

December 24, 25, 2025 - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

December 31, 2025 - New Year's Eve

January 2026

January 1, 2026 - New Year's Day

NOTES

Incredible! We're celebrating the first anniversary of the FSBC Newsletter! Can you believe our journey began back in October 2024? Reminder- Newsletter break for the months of December and January. See you February 2026.

Contact Forms - Picture this – a massive snowstorm strikes on Sunday, January 4th, 2026... Are the roads navigable? Maybe the church had to close? For answers to these questions and more, sign up for the contact list. See Pastor Brandon, Simply provide him with your contact details: name, address, email, and phone numbers. Stay informed, effortlessly!

OCC -We need help receiving the local OCC boxes. If you're available to assist during drop-off at FSBC, please reach out to Wilma. Plenty of dates to choose from: Nov 17, 18, 19, 21, 22 from 3pm to 5pm; Nov 20 between 4:30pm and 6:30pm; Nov 23 from noon to 4pm; and Nov 24 from 9am to noon.

VBS - Mark your calendars for our 2026 Vacation Bible School from June 1st to June 5th. Trade those dates for a dose of joy by volunteering. After all, VBS could also stand for Volunteers Being Sent! We need YOUR help to make it extraordinary...

Children's church - Heads up, parents! Kids will be memorizing a new verse come November.





It's COOK-OUT Time

The FSBC Annual Chuck Wagon Supper was held the evening of September 20, 2025. The Collins Family, esteemed veterans of chuck wagon supper competitions in multiple states, graced the event with their seasoned expertise.

The cook on the chuck wagon is known affectionately as "Cookie." Our chuck wagon Cookie is Tyler Collins, along with Tammy Collins, initially intended to set their chuck wagon in the FSBC side parking lot. However, like on the rugged trails, the strong winds necessitated a change in plans.

During a wagon train journey, high winds significantly threatened the covered wagons from time to time.

Stability Hazards

Strong winds could cause wagons to sway precariously or even tip on uneven terrain, posing a danger to both the wagon and its passengers.

Dust and Debris

Winds whipped up dust and debris, leading to poor visibility and discomfort, potentially causing respiratory issues and navigational hurdles.

Cover Damage

Wagon canvas covers risk tearing under windy assault, jeopardizing weather protection and cargo integrity.

Journey Delays

Travel could slow as groups sought shelter or awaited calmer conditions, prolonging their voyages.

Responding to the weather this evening, the event moved indoors to the church, where attendees enjoyed a hearty chuck wagon meal of savory ham and beans with sweet corn bread. Staying true to cowboy hospitality, church members added an array of side dishes and desserts to the spread, enhancing this church community gathering.

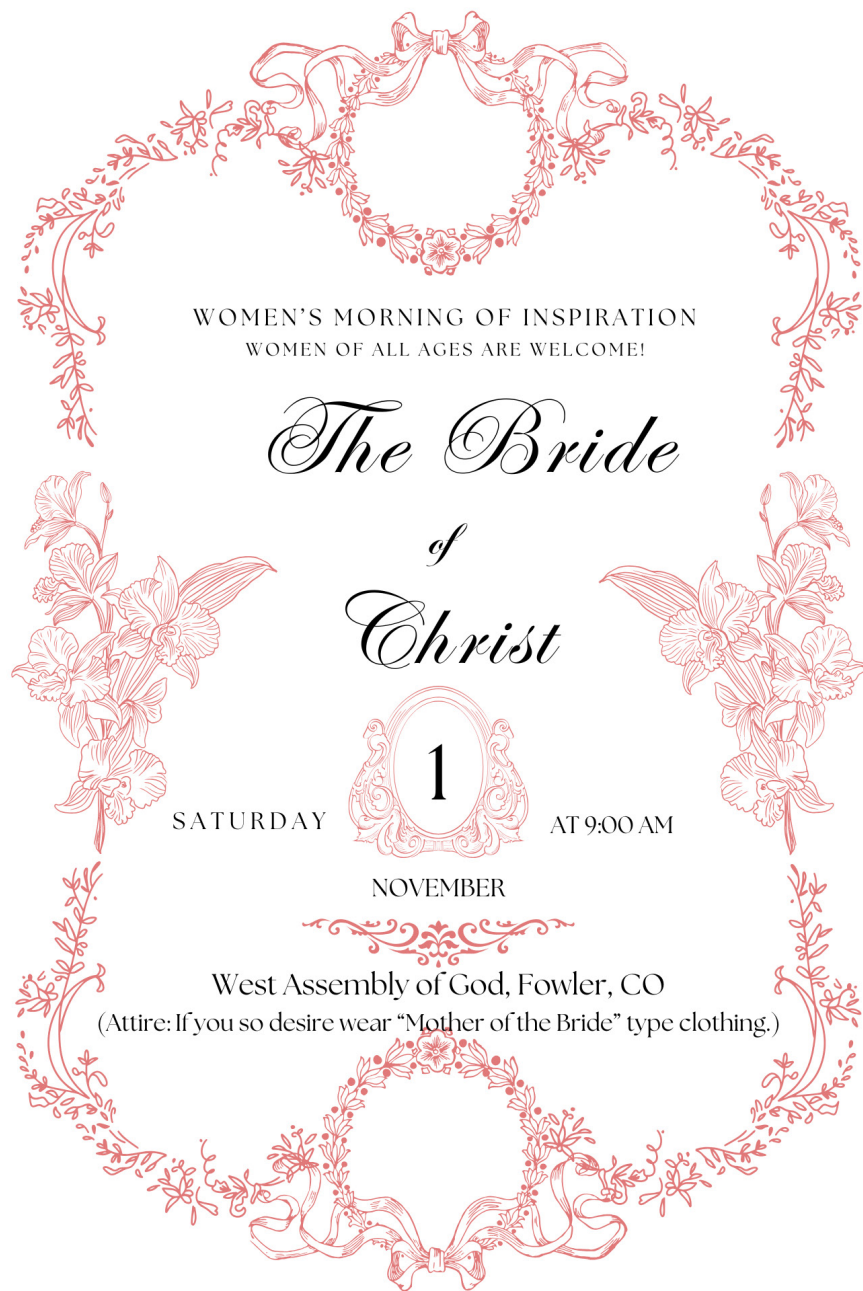
After the feast, "Cookie" would perform a traditional gesture by aligning the wagon's tongue north, east, west or South—a revered sign to guide cattle the next day. Similarly, it reminds us to align our lives each night, preparing for our journey with our Savior, the Lord, the next day.

Psalm 139:1-4 ESV /

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

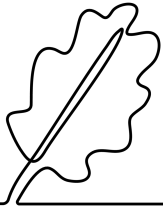
A warm thanks to the Collins Family for sharing their beloved tradition, allowing us to delight in an old-fashioned cowboy celebration. It was an evening filled with memories for all.





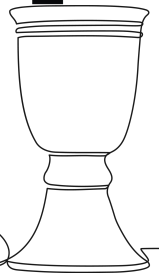
OCC shoebox
assembly event at
FSBC immediately
following the church
service on October
26, 2025. Your
participation truly
makes a remarkable
impact!

enter his gates with
THANKSGIVING
and his courts with praise
PSALMS 100:4



Give thanks to him and praise his name

Thanksgiving holiday



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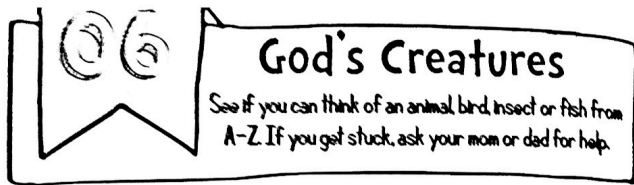
Merry Christmas Peace on Earth



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Kids Korner



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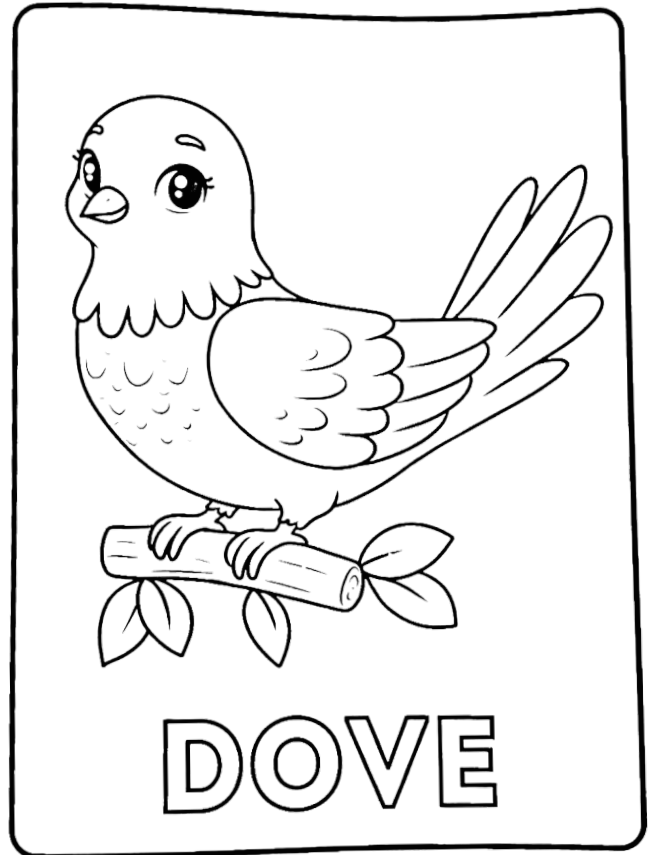
What's the most musical book of the Bible?

Psalms, because it has a lot of "notes"!



Why did the Bible get an award?

Because it was outstanding in its "field"!



God Made the Animals



God said, "I command the earth to give life to all kinds of tame animals, wild animals, and reptiles."

Genesis 1:24

Match the animal with its shadow.

