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# First Baptist Church

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January 2023



**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. – noon  
Church email – [fbccollinsville@verizon.net](mailto:fbccollinsville@verizon.net)

## Ways to donate / tithe:

1. ONLINE at [www.fbccollinsville.com/giving](http://www.fbccollinsville.com/giving)
2. MAIL to P.O. Box 50, Collinsville, Texas 76233
3. Drop-Off at the church
4. Scan this QR code with your smartphone →



Soups, canned vegetable, dried beans, rice, pasta, crackers, cornbread, canned meats, hamburger / tuna helper, flour, sugar, cake mixes, brownie mixes, dry cereal, oatmeal, pop-tarts, breakfast bars, pancake/ bisquick mix, kleenex, paper towels, dish washing soap, hand soap.

**Backpack Buddy Needs:** Individual fruit cups, pudding cups, jell-O cups, peanut butter / cheese crackers, juice boxes, granola bars, ravioli, spaghetti Os, chili, soups, span, Vienna sausage, tuna, individual cereals, oatmeal, peanut butter / jelly packages, ramen noodles, chips.

**Other school needs:** Clorex wipes, hand sanitizer.

Please drop off donations off at the church office door. Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon. Please always check the dates on the items. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Head.

Thank you for your continued support and your prayers.

**Ladies Support Group will meet on January 21st  
11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.  
Finger foods**

## **FUN-Timers Meeting**

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Games begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by lunch provided by the committee. Menu – soup & desserts.

## **New Address:**

David & Heidi Renfro  
124 Crabapple Lane, Carriere, MS 39426

## **A word from Trent Hodgkinson (Youth/Family Pastor)**

The selection of a pastor is a critical event in our church. In a Baptist Church like ours, the pastor is chosen through a process that can be lengthy (Be flexible and patient). Finding a man of God who is acceptable to the majority of the congregation requires a strong commitment from the church body and lots of prayer. Considering the fact that pastors are called to be shepherds of the local church, the choice is one of utmost importance, requiring prayer and Biblical leading.

Here are the steps we will be making:

1. **Fill pulpit with interim pastor** to assist areas that would help our church grow and prepare for the next pastor. To provide the church with some consistency and stability as we search for our next lead pastor.
2. **Appoint a pastor search committee.** The church body will nominate and approve a committee in a general business meeting. Many churches try to have a representative attend from the major departments like Sunday school, missions, and education. These people interact with most church members through these groups and are best able to represent their views.
3. **Screen applicants.** The pastor search committee -- commonly referred to as the pulpit search committee -- acquires resumes from its local associational office or the state convention. The committee looks at these resumes, looking for specific features that it knows the church desires.
4. **Listen to preachers' sermons.** After the committee has chosen several prospective pastors, it can begin to listen to them speak. Often, the committee members must visit other churches to hear the candidate speak. Some prospective pastors can come and fill the pulpit which allows members to hear him preach while they get to know him better.
5. **Meet with selected candidates** after the church hears them preach. The committee should ask questions pertaining to doctrinal belief as well as Biblical teachings. This is also the appropriate time to ask about the pastor's expectations and his needs including salary, housing, and other benefits.

6. **Recommend a candidate** to the church and ask for a vote. The committee will select one from the group and give official endorsement for this candidate at a business meeting.

7. **Accept the pastor** formally if he is elected by majority vote. Have a special service to welcome the new pastor to the community. If the pastor is newly licensed, but not ordained, our church or a church of his choosing will hold an ordination service to officially begin his ministry career.

If I can answer any questions you might have, please reach out to me. I'm here if you have any spiritual or prayer needs. Join me in praying for God's will to be done here at FBC Collinsville.

Trent Hodgkinson

### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings**

\$5,546.75 was contributed for International Missions.

Thank you for your contributions.

## **Women's Ministry News**

***2023 Winter Bible Study – 'Experiencing God' by Henry Blackaby, 12-session study will begin January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Morning and evening classes available. First six-week session: Monday evening classes will be facilitated by Terri Cravens. Tuesday morning classes will be facilitated by Connie Deweese. Second six-week session: Monday evening classes will be facilitated by Tricia Folsom. Tuesday morning classes will be facilitated by Nancy Armstrong. Books are available in the church office for \$20. Please sign up at the office window for your class selection.***

***January 17<sup>th</sup> – Ladies' NIGHT Out***  
Jalapeño Tree – the bus will depart at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up at the office window if you are interested in attending.

## **Special Notes:**

The "Beaming with Joy" Chemo Care Bag Ministry began in August 2022. The ladies of our church have wholeheartedly supported this ministry. And because of your time, prayers, and generosity we have delivered 27 bags over the last four months. A BIG thank you!

Dear Collinsville First Baptist Church Members,  
We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your selfless contributions to the FCCLA Toy Drive! Your monetary donations, gift cards, grocery items, and aid to local families support the continuity of our commitment to serving our community. We were able to provide holiday gifts to over 130 children this season within 63 families. This would not have been possible without your act of generosity!  
Braxton Nugent – FCCLA VP of Finance

To our church family,  
Thank you for the prayers, food, flowers, and love that you all showed to our family. We are all very thankful for each one of you. Love you all. The Lawson & Bennett families

Dear Collinsville FBC family,  
Thank you so much for the food and prayers. Dot was very special to our family; and your generosity and thoughtfulness meant so much to us. You are a blessing.  
In His Love, The Lawson Family

Thank you to John and Donna Graves for allowing us to use their beautiful nativity scene this season.

Christmas Card Exchange Project  
Thank you to all who participated in this project.  
1190 cards were processed

### **Youth – Save the dates:**

DNow Weekend – February 24 – 26, 2023  
Easter Retreat – April 6-8, 2023  
Church Mission Trip – June 24-30, 2023