



FBCHALLSVILLE

2020 in review

LOVE GOD,
LOVE OTHERS,
AND MAKE
FULLY DEVOTED
FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST

\$34,454

2020 Vision Fund Giving This Year

\$68,360

2020 Vision Pledges For 2020-2021
(\$20 above tithe per week)

Visit fbchallsville.org/2020vision for more info.

2020 Vision

Pastor Mark challenged the church to seek to become an Acts 2 church and be fully devoted followers of Christ. Fully devoted to God's word, fellowship, breaking of bread, and to prayer. When the early church was devoted to these 4 things, God showed up. There were miracles, unity, generosity, joy, daily worship, biblical community, favor, and multiplication. Pastor Mark also set 4 goals for our church for 2020-2021, which include: elevating membership, missional living, reaching the next generation, and becoming a welcoming church. We have taken huge strides to accomplish these goals this past year and will continue to do so for 2021.



ELEVATING MEMBERSHIP

We want our church to look at membership in a different lens and see the church in a deeper way. We want church members not to approach church like a country club or social club, but with a biblical mindset of membership. Our hope one day is to move towards covenant membership and give clear expectations on church membership. In God's word, the church is described as the bride and Christ as the groom. If we want to become anything close to an Acts 2 church, we must elevate our understanding of membership and the expectations of becoming a member of our church. We want church members who are fully devoted followers of Christ and in the past year we have gained members who are all in for Christ and His church.

45 New Members

"We are excited to be back at First Baptist! We love the fact that we have a staff that leads us in a godly way and that the members have welcomed us with open arms. It's great to be a part of a church that's mission minded and helping those in need." -**Bob & Karen Adams**

"When I walked through the front doors of the sanctuary and into my Sunday School class, I felt I had a support system and the strength of God and the people there." -**Linda Andries**

"As our family started attending, there was no question we felt a part of the church family almost instantly and began to become excited about our future with our new church family." -**Matthew & Charity Brisco**

"Church felt like home and was very friendly." -**Jean Clark**

"Just wanted to be united with my family." -**Joel Evans**

"We wanted to be a part of a church family that wants to grow with each other. We felt so loved and prayed for a good church home. We visited one Sunday they introduced Pastor Mark and we fell in love with him and how he preaches the word of God. I love his passion towards the Lord." -**Jeremy & Jodi Gillespie**

"I was looking for a church family to call home as I began the next chapter of my life in East Texas. FBC Hallsville was the family I was looking for." -**Elric Hamm**

"Conservative and biblical church. We felt at home and love the new contemporary service with Meredith and Jacob leading it." -**Rick & Francis Jordan**

"We felt the overwhelming warmth and love on our first visit! Our family values a strong community presence and it was evident that this church had strong roots in the community. The leadership also had their sights set on outreach. It was extremely easy to get plugged into a small group and our family has felt right at home." -**Dana & Jessica King**

"FBC Hallsville is a biblically based preaching church with some very outgoing, friendly people that truly care." -**Dana & Lori Medlin**

"We felt First Baptist was very welcoming and genuine from our first visit. We wanted to be a part of a local church body that preaches all of God's word and has an intentional focus on prayer, fellowship, and being the hands and feet of Christ in our community." -**Jeremy & Katie Mott**

"We were drawn in by the community involvement we saw and after visiting, FBC just immediately felt like family to us. We can see and feel God working through this church and we are excited to be a part of it!" -**Tom & Brittany Sands**

"God led us here. The pastor and all of the wonderful people in the church took us in as if we were family. Most important is that the church is a scriptural church. It follows God as He has commanded." -**Don & Laurel Smith**

"We wanted to be a part of a church that was growing and not just going through the motions. We felt led to be in a place where God would use us to serve Him. After seeing the vision that Mark painted for FBC, we knew it was the place that God was leading us to." -**James & Lydmarie Spruill**

"We wanted to worship and serve with believers of the community we live in. We are excited to grow and make kingdom impact here at FBC Hallsville." -**Cheyenne & Haygan Summers**

"Biblical and reverent preaching. I was immediately struck by Pastor Mark's humility and the welcoming environment of the church staff." -**Yvonne Vaughan**

"We wanted to be a part of church that demonstrated what they believe. While we were visiting we never felt we didn't belong. The church showed a passion for missions and helping those in need." -**Ben & Emma Wilson**

Missional Living



We served the community throughout the year with multiple service projects and acts of kindness. We also partnered with ministries and organizations to minister to our community and nation. We were intentional about loving on HISD, First Responders, and community workers.

40+

Community Service Acts

We financially supported missions

4

Church Plants & Missionary Partnerships

\$28,949

Given to Global Missions

Mary Hill Davis, Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon, World Hunger, etc.

14%

Church Budget Toward Missions

We challenged the church to missional living with these 3 goals. These are represented by the ping pong balls that are dropped in the display box in the activity center and sanctuary foyer.

198

Church Invites

98

Gospel Conversations

49

Unchurched Home Invites

REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

- Launched a Contemporary Service
- Social Media Presence Increased
- Technology Advancements
- Mother's Day Out Team Formed
- **2** EQUIP Trainings
- Indoor Playground Fund Started (\$12,484 raised; \$80,000 Goal)
- **4** new members added to our staff to help us achieve this goal and are game changers for our church



WELCOMING CHURCH

- We did a lot of house cleaning with many church facility improvements and updates to make sure we have a welcoming environment and our facilities communicate excellence
- We opened our facilities to be used as a ministry resource to the community
- Our Greeter ministry continues to have great leadership and is growing
- We hosted 2 different park services on Memorial Day Weekend & Nov. 1st
- We've taken measures to ensure the safety of our church during this pandemic and have been blessed to have no Covid outbreak
- We have improved our Children's Check-In and security procedures in the Children's Building



GOD IS GOOD

4
Baptisms

3
Home Groups Launched

6
New Deacons

We had **65** new church givers who faithfully decided to give to the church this year and help us in making disciples. We have been blessed to have our online giving increase **26.8%**. Despite 2020, we continue to seek to make fully devoted followers of Christ. Our church budget increased **7.75%** to expand our ministry efforts and to try to continue to fulfill this mission. We are thankful for faithful givers who seek to invest their resources in kingdom building and see our church as a strategic place to reach the lost and make fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

2020 SERMONS & VIDEO RECAP

Look back on our past sermons and videos from this past year

MOST LISTENED 2020 SERMONS ONLINE

- 1) 2020 Vision | State of the Church Address | January 5
- 2) Calming the Storm | COVID-19 Response | March 22
- 3) Life Worthy of the Gospel | Philippians Sermon Series | August 30
- 4) Nehemiah's Prayer | Nehemiah Sermon Series | January 12
- 5) I Am Willing | COVID-19 Response | March 15
- 6) Great Commission | "Greater" Sermon Series | May 10th
- 7) Greatest Commandment | "Greater" Sermon Series | April 19th

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2020 SERMON SERIES

- 1) Nehemiah
- 2) COVID-19 Response
- 3) The Road to Jerusalem & Emmaus
- 4) Greater
- 5) God in the Movies
- 6) Letters to the Church
- 7) Philippians

TOP FACEBOOK VIDEOS

- 1) Be Still
- 2) 903 Prayer | Pastor Mark Praying @ Longview Regional
- 3) Kayla Brewer's Testimony
- 4) God in the Movies Promo
- 5) Pastor Porter & Pastor Mark's Jump Competition
- 6) Worship Service 3/15
- 7) Wed. Devo & Prayer Points 4.22