



2020 Vision

2 YEAR REVIEW | 2020-2021

NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

We challenged the church with the 2020 Vision in January of 2020.

This vision encompassed the years 2020 & 2021. We set 4 goals for our church, which included: elevating membership, missional living, reaching the next generation, and becoming a welcoming church. We have taken huge strides to accomplish these goals. I want to thank the church for their commitment and faithfulness over these last 2 years in helping us strive to reach these goals. I know the past 2 years have been filled with many adjustments and changes in the midst of a global pandemic. Not

everything has gone according to plan, but the Lord has been good to us.

Thank you for your grace, encouragement, and support. Your faithfulness and character has truly shined. We have had so many leaders and servants step up and model what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Christ. I've been the greatest beneficiary in this church with so many great leaders and servants who have built up the body of Christ and furthered God's kingdom. I am humbled and grateful to serve alongside you all and to be your pastor, friend, and brother in Christ.



In Christ,
Pastor Mark

GOAL #1 | **ELEVATING MEMBERSHIP**

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.

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.



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New Membership Classes.

We approved modifying our mission statement for our church to “love God, love others, and make fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ” and make every effort to emphasis this mission to our church.

GOAL #2

LIVING MISSIONALLY

We have served the community throughout the past 2 years with multiple service projects and acts of kindness to display the love of Jesus. We also partnered with ministries and organizations to minister to our community and nation. We were intentional about loving on HISD, First Responders, community workers, and people in our community.



100+

Community, State, National, & International Ministry & Service Acts.

\$5,722

Natural Disaster Donations

\$59,842

Given to Global Missions

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

14%

Church Budget Toward Missions

5

Church Plants & Missionary Partnerships

3

Natural Disaster Relief Responses

4

Mission Trips (Just 2021)

We challenged the church to missional living by being active in church invites, gospel conversations, and unchurched home invites. These were represented by the ping pong balls that are dropped in the display box in the activity center and sanctuary foyer.

718

Church Invites

361

Gospel Conversations

151

Unchurched Home Invites

GOAL # 3 | REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION



We have been blessed to have both of our Sunday services growing and reaching people from different walks of life. We have reached a lot of young families in the last 2 years. This is a testament to the sacrifices and selfless attitude the older generation has made to make reaching the next generation a priority for our church.

We have poured many of our resources into the Children's Ministry and Children Ministry Center to help facilitate growth and excitement for that ministry. We are just overwhelmed by the growth that has taken place and how God has used Lexie and our volunteers to minister to our kids. Our youth ministry continues to thrive and produce disciples. They have been a shining light to our church through their missional living, discipleship, and bold faith. We hope to continue to build momentum in these ministries.

Here are a few highlights of our church reaching this goal just this year:

- Indoor Playground Completed & Indoor Slide In Progress
- Shine 56 Preteen Ministry Launched
- New Tables & Chairs
- NEW Youth Ministry Discipleship Groups Launched
- Home Pointe Center
- Lexie Hood became full-time on staff in May
- Kids Day Out Program started this past summer
 - We are beyond blessed to have Kristen Phillips as our Kids Day Out Director. She has done a great job hiring outstanding KDO Teachers and leading this ministry. We have over 30 kids and over half are unchurched.
- Worship Arts Camp Started
- 2 Youth Sundays
- **\$67,678** | Indoor Playground Giving (Since November 2020)



GOAL # 4 | WELCOMING CHURCH




- We have implemented many church facility improvements and updates to make sure we have a welcoming environment and communicate excellence in our facilities. God's word states whatever you do, do it for the glory of His name. We want our facilities to be a resource to further God's kingdom, make disciples, and bring glory to God.
- We opened our facilities to be used as a ministry resource to the community. These facilities and buildings do not belong to us, but to the Lord and we will continue to use them as a resource for our community to utilize.
- Our Greeter ministry has continued to adapt and grow. We transitioned the ministry to the name "Front Line Team" which includes greeters, security, and set-up crew.
- New Monument Church Sign on HWY 80 & church welcome signs throughout Hallsville
- Legacy Hall Renovation & Children's Ministry Center Improvements
- Building Supervisor Approved
- Architectural Building Firm assessment & possible partnership to help us in long range planning for our facilities for the next 5, 10, or 20 years.
- Our church has made strides to create a welcoming culture through our first impressions, but also through our members who have been inviting and welcoming to new visitors. We have also had members who have gone the extra mile and ministered to so many in the community and those new to the church body.



107

new church members
in the last 2 years

2020 VISION | 2 YEAR COMMITMENT

- Our church commits to the mission 
- Our church commits to becoming covenant members 
- Our church commits to missional living 

1079

Intentional gospel
conversations or church invites
(Goal 2,000)



151

Unchurched Personal Invites
To Your Home
(Goal 200)



12

Baptisms
(Goal 20 Baptisms)



4


Trainings
(2 Trainings)



10+

Community Events
(Goal 2 Community Events)



- Our church commits to giving \$20 per household above their tithe for the next 2 years 

\$61,216

2020 Vision Fund Giving for 2020-2021
\$20 above tithe per week pledged for 2 years
Total pledged was \$68,360

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Listen to Pastor Mark's 2022 State of the Church Address that is online at fbchallsville.org/messages to hear more details and specifics on what the Lord has done over the last 2 years.



MOVING FORWARD

MOVING FORWARD VISION

- Check out our church's new vision by grabbing a brochure or by visiting fbchallsville.org/movingforward.
- Pastor Mark will be preaching through a sermon series called "Moving Forward" for 6 weeks to discuss each target of this vision for our church.

2021 NEW MEMBERS QUOTES

"I am so thankful for Porter Brewer taking an interest and engaging my son, Caleb Bryant. It is through this relationship how we visited and came to know FBC. We were immediately engaged and loved when we entered the door. I am so thankful the Lord brought us to this authentic and loving family! We love it!" -Craig & Darcy Bryant Family

"My wife and I were first drawn to FBC by the theological depth and approachability of the worship and sermons, and we knew FBC would be our church home when we saw it was a place with room for us to serve."
-Stephen & Stephanie Camp

"I felt lead to visit the First Baptist Church at the start of summer and quickly knew I was where I was supposed to be. I feel very blessed to be part of a loving church family worshipping the Lord together." -Mark & Jenna Davis

"Despite masks and distancing, the welcoming nature of the church shined through. We also saw a church with a vision to reach Hallsville, and that was a purpose we wanted to join. Since coming we have been immeasurably blessed to be a part of the fellowship." -David & Catharine Griffin

"Soon after Lin and I moved to Hallsville we were approached by Steve Sides who invited us to church. We found many other very friendly and outgoing people who are committed Christ followers. We've made many friends especially in our Bible study group with James Hay. Looking forward to growing in Christ with the church family in the coming year."
-Greg & Lin Howland

“We came to Hallsville from our home town of Arlington, Texas to be near our daughter and family. During the pandemic time we enjoyed online church but really missed worshiping with others in person. We are thankful for First Baptist Hallsville and the new friends and opportunities we have found here.”
-Kenny & Penny Kilpatrick

“What brought our family to FBC was God’s prompting as we observed this church was actively reaching outward and loving on our community. What kept us coming back was the challenging biblical teaching as well as the warm and loving environment from the church body. First Baptist Church breathes life!” -Zack & Kristen Phillips

“We were lead to join First Baptist Hallsville because of the bible believing courageous pastor, and other church leaders that recognize the staff, church members and youth leaders. Another decision maker for us was the worship services and small groups both are inviting, accepting, and welcoming. We are happy to be a part of such a Christ driven church.” -Tim & Donna Ralston

“Our son was drawn to the Youth group because they not only had fun but the focus is on God and learning from His word. We started visiting and found God’s truth consistently preached, an atmosphere of acceptance and love, and a cohesiveness among the staff and congregation. We’ve been gently welcomed by FBC Hallsville and are happy to call this our home church!”
-Paul & Rachel Richards

“We felt lead to visit FBC Hallsville because we wanted to be at a church in our hometown. As we continued to visit, it just felt like it should be our church home and God had placed us exactly where we were supposed to be. The fellowship amongst the church is amazing and the children’s program is wonderful! We are so excited to grow with the church and church family!”
-Stephanie & Michael Salmon

“We sensed authenticity as soon as we walked in the door. The worship was focused on Jesus, and the preaching was clearly rooted in God’s Word.”
-John & Laurie Shelton

“We initially visited out of convenience. We stayed because of the welcoming atmosphere and a multitude of active programs in a visibly growing church.”
-Seth & Barbara Tyler

“If it weren’t for FBC, my family would not be able to attend church. The members rose up to the challenge to provide exceptional and consistent care for my severely autistic son. We thought attending church in person was no longer possible, and we were sinking in discouragement and isolation. FBC saw us, loved us and met our deepest family need. There are no words to fully convey our gratitude.” -Jon & Laney Wooten