

2022 IN REVIEW

NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

A year can fly by fast. We can often overlook all that has transpired over a year and what God has done for us individually, as a family, and as a church. Our church has been blessed with a great year of faithful men and women who have been committed to our church mission, which is to “Love God, love others, and make fully devoted followers of Christ.” It all starts with the Greatest Commandment. We must love God first and foremost, which then enables us to truly love others as image bearers. Only then can we live out the Great Commission of making disciples and being fully devoted like the Acts 2 Church. I’ve sensed the Great Commandment being lived out this year, where there is genuine love for God and for others. Our church has also had a Great Commission mindset with an outward focus on church and ministries, rather than on ourselves. We’ve continued to strive to emulate the Acts 2 Church by being fully devoted to God’s word, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. This faithfulness has produced fruitfulness in the life of our church. Like the Acts 2 Church, we have experienced and witnessed miracles, unity, generosity, hospitality, self-less service, community, authentic worship, salvations, and multiplication. It’s all because of the work of God through His faithful servants. We have been blessed to see what God has done through our church, but I’m looking forward to the days ahead for what God has for us. My hope is in the years to come, we continue to be a Great Commandment, Great Commission, and an Acts 2 Church.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



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A mission doesn't change, but visions do. A mission is our purpose, but a vision aims toward the future. At the beginning of the year, our leadership gave a vision with 6 targets for our church to reach. The Moving Forward name was birthed out of the sermon series in Joshua in the fall of 2021. The Israelites had to move forward to receive the promises of God. It was through their faithfulness to move forward that the Lord delivered them into the promised land. My hope is that we continue to move forward as a church and be able to experience what God has for us today and in the years to come. Here are the six targets we aimed for this year.

ADJUSTING THE SCOPE OF MEMBERSHIP



We want the church to adjust how they view membership. To zoom in on the biblical understanding of membership and zoom out to see the beautiful, big picture of God's plan for his church. Church isn't a country club, but a living organism on a mission. We are in a covenantal relationship as the bride of Christ, who is the head of the church. Here are some ways we have tried to have elevate membership in a deeper way.

- Church Covenant Modification
- 6 Week Moving Forward Sermon Series on our Church Vision
- 4 Week Church Membership Sermon Series
- New Membership Booklet
- New Membership Class
- "Roots" (Jeremiah 29) Video
- Mission Statement Emphasis
- Lord's Supper Once a Month
- "Quarterly Business Meeting" name changed to "Covenant Gathering Meeting."





CULTIVATE THE NEXT GENERATION

We are farmers cultivating the ground for the next generation. This year is evidence we have sought to reach the next generation and raise up new leaders.

Noteworthy Items

2 New Children Sunday School Classes
4 Child Dedication Sundays (15 children)
Upward Volleyball
Home Pointe Center for family resources
Community Events
Kids Day Out program
First ever PreTeen DNOW
Parents Night Out
College Ministry Relaunched
More Children Tables and Chairs
Wednesday Night Preschool & Children Growth

New Leaders

5 New Deacons
Church Associates: Baylie Colston, Sam Hawthorne, Caden Perkins
Preschool Coordinator: Ashton Reeves
Interim Student Minister: Colton Berryhill





EVERYONE PADDLES

Our goal was for 75% of Sunday Morning Attendance to serve inside and/or outside the church. We are getting closer and closer to that mark. We are encouraged to see the church active and serving one another. We recognize that church is not a cruise ship. It's a battlefield with all hands on deck. Everyone paddling and rowing towards the course Christ has for us. We are all members of the body who are called to serve Christ and others.

Approx.

60%

Of Sunday Morning Worship Attendance Is Serving



Church Work Day
Nursery & Preschool Workers
Children Workers & Teachers
Youth SS Teachers
Sunday Morning Set-Up Crew
New Sound Volunteers
Praise Team
VBS & Fall Fest Volunteers
All VBS Supplies provided by church



FISHERS OF MEN

We want the church to live on mission and be equipped to share the gospel and one's testimony. Our church has been on mission in the community and beyond this year.



1

**Church Plant
Support**

5

**Ministry Support
For Individuals**

3

**Church Mission
Trips**

2

**Natural Disaster
Reliefs**

3

**Evangelism Training
(Adults, Youth, & Children)**

3

**Christ's Closet
Clothing Drives**

11

**Kingdom Builder
Projects**

2

**Pregnancy Resource
Center Services**

64

**Angel Tree
Gifts**

321

**Operation Christmas Child
Boxes (Most Ever)**

\$1,416

**Natural Disaster
Donations**

\$20,345

**Global Missions
Giving**

13%

**Church Budget
Toward Missions**

\$11,395

**Hallsville Outreach
Center**

\$5,172

**CAP Offering
(Benevolence)**



Other Highlights

Who's Your One Campaign in Early Spring
Sponsored & Supported Ukrainian Refugee Family
Village East & Big Oaks Outreach Events
Prayer Walks
Sponsored Many Community & School Events
Upward Volleyball
Hallsville ISD Support



Affiliates & Partnerships

Soda Lake Association
Baptist General Convention of Texas
Southern Baptist Convention



HUDDLE UP

Our target is to have 75% of Sunday morning attendance in a small group and establish Paul, Barnabas, & Timothy relationships. We have almost hit that mark in small group participation just for Sundays, but if you include Home Groups we have surpassed that goal. Huddling up to do community is essential to discipleship and growth. Disciples aren't made in crowds; they're made in community. We have Home Groups that meet in homes the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month and Sunday school classes that meet on Sunday mornings on-campus.

74%

Of Sunday Morning Worship Attendance Attends Sunday School

75% +

Of Sunday Morning Worship Attendance Attends a Small Group (HG/SS)

8

Home Groups

2

New Home Groups

16

Adult & Student Sunday School Classes

1

New Sunday School Adult Class

3

Other Weekday Classes

5

Children Sunday School Classes

2

New Children Sunday School Classes



WELCOMING CHURCH

Our aim is to create a welcoming culture and environment with our first impressions through our church members and facilities. Our church members and facilities should not be a repellent, but a place for people to feel at home and welcome.

New Hire

Building Superintendent Hire: Casey DeLay

Noteworthy Facility Improvements

New Wifi Thermostats Throughout Facilities
College Room Renovation
New Foyer Slide in Children Ministry Center
New Roof
WiFi Boost in Family Life Center
Youth Wall Tear Down
New Outdoor Directional Signage
Conference Room Update



Front Line Ministry

Our greeters ministry helps create a welcoming culture by being the first impressions of Jesus.

Church Members

Many of our church members have sought to create a welcoming environment by seeking out visitors, inviting friends, and ministering to many outside the church.

Facility Hosts/Good Neighbors

We want 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 be good neighbors by allowing the community to utilize our facilities. Here are few events our church has hosted and opened our doors at no cost in order to be good neighbors.

Junior High Basketball Open Gym
High School Debate Tournaments
Birthday Parties
Hosted special needs field trip for East Elementary
Little Dribblers Basketball Team Practices





Veterans & First Responders Dinner
Animal services on our front property
State of the City Banquet
Lions Club Western Days Breakfast
Republican Meetings
Lions Club Meetings
Marshall Elementary Field Trip
Retirement Celebrations
2 Blood Drives
Weddings and Funerals
Honor Society Banquet

Long Range Planning

Vision Bridge Building Firm Approved
3D Rendering Video of Phase 1 of Master Plan Approved
Paradigm Contractor Approved

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

81

New Church Members

15

Baptisms

47

First Time Givers

20%

Budget Increase

21%

Giving Increase
From Previous
Budget Fiscal Year

303

People Gave To
The Church

2022 NEW MEMBERS QUOTES

"God is the leader of his church. I believe Pastor Mark leads FBC as a servant of God. Pastor Mark continually works serving and teaching by his actions. He encourages us to join in and serve others. This shows genuine love to our community as the Lord commands us to love one another. FBC fellowship is a doorway to reaching the unsaved and hurting people in this area. I am thankful I am able serve the 2-3 yr olds and their parents at FBC." -Linda Allen

"When we visited FBC Hallsville for the first time, we had a pretty large checklist of specific items we were looking for in a church home. While we know that no church is perfect, we did have a few key things that were nonnegotiable. First, we wanted a church home where when you walked into the door you felt like you were welcome. FBC Hallsville went above and beyond to make us feel welcome and comfortable. Second, we wanted a church that prioritized the children and youth ministry. Without an emphasis and budget designed to help grow those departments, we knew the Church

could not grow. Lastly, we were looking for a pastor with a vision and plan to help him lead his people in the direction God was calling him. We also wanted a pastor that wasn't timid in the pulpit and spoke the Biblical truth no matter how politically correct it was. FBC Hallsville met all of those criteria with flying colors and more. We have enjoyed becoming a part of the FBC Hallsville Church Family." -Casey & Bri DeLay

"Our decision to visit FBCH started out, because we just wanted more for our children... My kids started attending on Wed nights & LOVED it! They wanted church night to be everyday of the week. After visiting on a Sunday, we automatically knew. It just felt so right in so many ways & areas. The Lord really showed out. Every desire I had prayed for them, has been offered to them. God has been so good & he definitely heard my heart's desire & answered my prayers. It has been such a huge Blessing to be a part of FBCH. We absolutely love the heart & vision of this church & the people in it. We are so appreciative of everyone the Lord has put in their paths to pour into them." -RJ & Kristen Jimerson

"When I look for a church, first a place with sound doctrine, how the pastor represents the word (does he teach all of who God is or just the feel good parts), how God's people interact with one another, and programs for me to be a part. I believe with all my heart FBC is where God brought me because it is a bible believing bible teaching church." -Charlene Lane

"We decided to become members of FBC Hallsville because of the church's commitment to the dynamic worship of God, gospel centered expository preaching, authentic biblical community, and being sent out on Spirit filled mission. It is a blessing to be a part of a church family who joyfully praises the Lord, genuinely cares for one another, and faithfully makes disciples who make disciples." -Taylor & Jenny Mobley

"We were looking for a church to bring us in and make us feel like part of a family, and FBC Hallsville felt like home. The children's program here is growing and has loved our babies endlessly. Pastor Mark isn't afraid to preach on hard topics to convey God's word and that is so important. We love our church home! We have always wanted a home church, but have never felt at home or welcome. Our first service with FBC Hallsville, we were drawn in and greeted by everyone. So many welcoming and amazing people that push you to be better and follow Christ! Love my church." -Jacob & Courtney Pruitt

"We recently moved to Hallsville and did not feel like we knew many people here. We came to FBC Hallsville and instantly found the community and friendships we were longing for. The Lord has provided beyond more than we could have asked, and put us right where we needed to be. The Lord is moving and working here, and we are blessed to be a part of it!" -Brad & Ashton Reeves

"I joined the church because of how brightly the holy spirit was shining through this place, within the people, and throughout the sermons being preached each week. This is the first time ever I have had a church community truly come along side me and my family showering us with genuine love, care, and respect; becoming our truest and most sincere friends. Which is why I claim this church as mine and my children's place of worship." -Nicole Wright