First Baptist Church

Kountze, Texas

Kountze First; Teaching Followers to Deliver Help & Hope

Third Quarter, 2026

Table of Contents

Pastor's Pen……....pg 1

Prayer……..pg 2

Praise & Worship.....pg 4

Nursing Home…….pg 5

Battle Brothers……pg 6

VBS……..……...pg 7

Armor Academy…..pg 10

OCC……..….pg 11

Reflections……pg 12

Baby Dedication.....pg 13

Deacon Report…….pg 13

Ice Cream Social….pg 14

Tomfoolery……....pg 15

Upcoming Events....pg 16

Information……..pg 17

P
R
A
Y

F
I
S
H

S
E
R
V
E

L
E
A
R
N

The Pastor's Pen

By Br. Daniel White

As we continue our *Prayer Journey*, we completed our monthly prayer focus based on Strategic Renewal's 4/4 pattern by spending July praying our *Response* to God, August our *Requests* to God, and finally in September, our *Readiness* for spiritual battle. Additionally, we prayed through 21 days of prayer during each of those months. We were blessed to have Dennis Henderson, the 6:4 Fellowship's North America director, finish out this four month season of prayer by leading us through a Transforming Prayer Weekend.

In October, we will begin *Strategic Prayer* for Kountze, introduce planned fasting, and do a deep dive into "How to Prepare for Spiritual Battles"… preparing strategically for spiritual battles requires planning and focus. It requires us to stop doing some things and to start doing other things. Specifically, we will pray through what it means to

(1) Cast Off
(2) Wash
(3) Put On
(4) Armor Up

Our Wednesday night prayer is transforming into an amazing time of worship based, scripture fed, Spirit led communion with the Father. It is truly becoming the "Sweet Hour of Prayer" that I have sung about all my life, but I'm just now beginning to experience. If you have not attended Wednesday night prayer lately, I want to personally invite you to come and experience prayer with other believers in a new way.



I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
Romans 12:1-2

TRANSFORMING PRAYER

By Betty Teel

I attended the Transforming Prayer Seminar presented by Dennis Henderson, on September 25-26, not really prepared... What a true blessing and experience I received! I will give a brief summary:

Session 1--- Reimagining Prayer

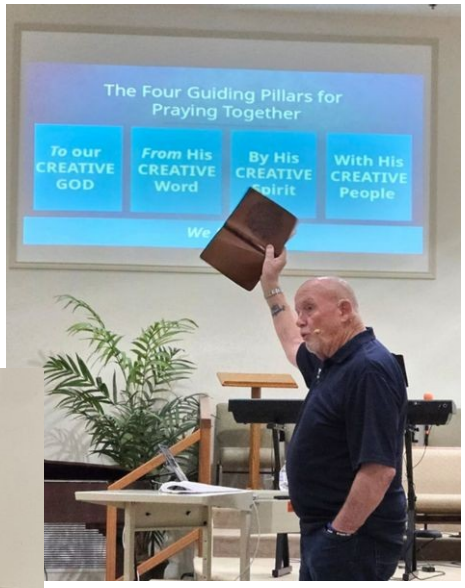
- What is Prayer?
- Encountering His Face
- What worship-based prayer is not
- Barriers to breakthrough
- The prayers of Jesus and Paul
- Our Prayers and how do they compare?

Session 2--- Prayer Perils and Possibilities

- Ideas for moving beyond "individualism"
- What happens when we pray?
- Pray like Jesus… pray His way

There were many more slides we went over, as well as discussions, questions, and answers. One question to ask: "Are we a Praying Church, or just a church that prays (there is a difference)?" When visitors leave our church, do they respond with "First Baptist Church of Kountze IS a Praying Church?"

I am so looking forward to attending the Resilience Conference that is coming up on October 13-15.



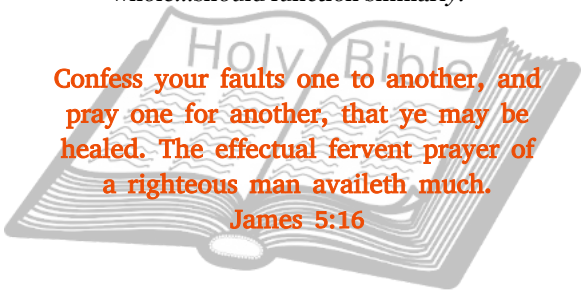
Dennis Henderson



Dennis' wife, Billie



Br. Dennis using broccoli as an illustration that each group (i.e. Sunday School, Men & Women's ministry,etc) should have the same affinity as the whole...should function similarly.



Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
James 5:16

Transforming Prayer

By Cristi Beehn

Being asked to write an article recounting my experience in attending this seminar… Oh my goodness, a task for one such as me! I'm not trained in theology, but when a righteous man speaks, anyone with a heart can hear him.

It's not so much what he said as how genuine he was. The way he breaks down the information he wants to share creates an open window in the mind's eye that gives a true glimpse as to the condition of the church today. Yes, even a lay person needs to be interested in the condition of their church--- their family. Br. Dennis Henderson knows how to reach you where you are, no matter where you are in your walk with Christ. Fellowship and Discipleship are part of our walk. Knowing the condition of the church in America today is disappointing. As we can see in our own church, attendance is down.

Bro Dennis reminds us we were made for fellowship, with God and with each other. God wants a relationship with us, not just to take our requests, but for us to really strive to know him more. We were reminded that everything that happens in church needs to be covered by prayer. Not only in church, but home as well.

I certainly wish we had prayed extensively over a new flooring project we began at home. It has become a never ending story…

By Ben House

I am so glad that I was able to attend the Transforming Prayer Weekend; it was a soul blessing experience. Brother Dennis and Sister Billie were very knowledgeable and passionate about their ministry on the transforming power of prayer. Br. Dennis's testimony was very inspiring, from being saved out of a single parent alcoholic family at age 12, to his working through pain and paralysis at the age of 80... one can see that God can continue to use us if we are willing. Brother Daniel has been doing a wonderful job teaching me this method of prayer, and this weekend just helped put all the pieces together. I would encourage every member to come on Wednesday nights and be a part of our regular prayer service; it is truly transforming.

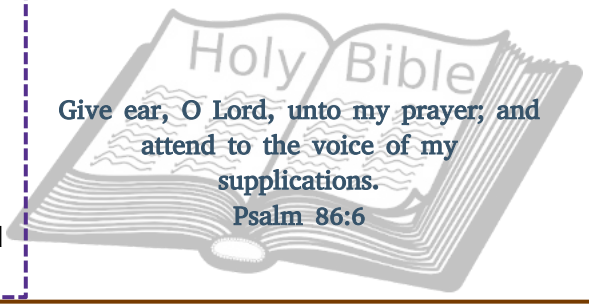
By Mark Chadwick

I attended the Transforming Prayer weekend, and there was a lot of good and valuable information given at the conference. Some of it I already knew because our pastor had taught it at our Wednesday night prayer meetings (if you have not been, come give it a try). One thing I found very interesting was, "Barriers to Breakthrough." Some of the barriers are:

- spiritual warfare
- fear of intimacy
- misguided focus
- counterproductive tradition
- boredom
- lack of positive models

Too many believers pray simply out of crisis or from a "grocery list" of needs. Yet the Lord has called us to experience transformation in His presence. To often, these "barriers" are blocking the blessing of spiritual breakthrough. How do you get to know God or someone? By talking and LISTENING. Listening is the part that most of us have a problem with. I could go on, but I won't….





Praise & Worship

By Steven Hays

Psalm 100

1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Church, I'd like to challenge you to worship, not just on Sunday, but every day. Hear the challenge from this Psalm to serve the Lord with gladness, and to come before his presence with singing. God has made us, and we belong to him. He is our Great Shepherd. He loves us and the psalmist encourages us to enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. When we gather for worship, may the Lord see into our hearts and know that this is true of us. May we come together for worship in God's house with hearts full of gratitude. May we also worship God at home and have hearts full of praise to him every day as well. We know that God is good. We know that His mercy lasts forever. We also know that God's truth endures forever. Will you join me every day and worship our great and mighty God? Will you also join me on a Sunday soon and "come before His presence with singing?"

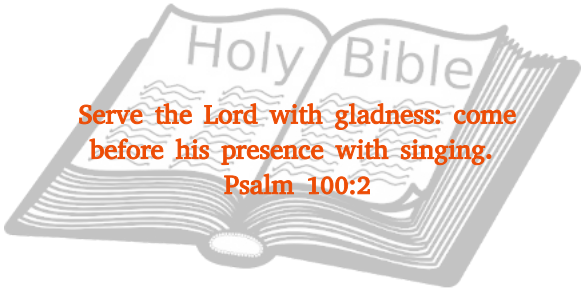


Br. Steven Hays and his son, Andrew. Andrew is playing the cajon (box).



Br. Steven playing the guitar during Wednesday night prayer.

FBC Kountze welcomes Br. Steven Hays, who is our new worship leader!



Nursing Home Ministry

By Michelle Chadwick

A New Focus

Last month we began to focus on prayer. While I have offered helpful advice on reading their Bible, I have never addressed prayer in the same way.

My heart's desire is for my friends here at Paradigm to understand what prayer is and how vital it is in our relationship with God, to experience through prayer an effectiveness as a child of God, and to learn to enter into His presence throughout the day in prayer.

Now, for anyone who wonders, our focus on salvation is still present in our study as I have some in our group that need to surrender themselves to Jesus. I am very grateful they continue to come.

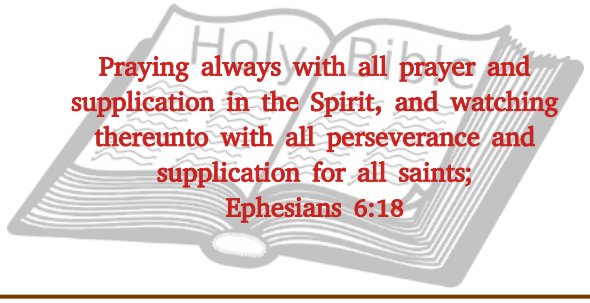
Sunday, we were reminded that no movement of God occurs without prayer. We most certainly need a movement of God here at Paradigm. We need a spiritual awakening of hearts, a revival of hearts for God, and a drawing of the lost to Him.

Prayer needs

- Salvation for those in our Bible study who have not yet given their lives to Jesus.
- Salvation for those who don't know Jesus here at Paradigm.
- Increased and enriched prayer life.
- A new, quieter area to meet.

God bless each of you who pray for us.





Battle Brothers

By Ben House

Greetings Church, I hope this newsletter finds you all reaping God's blessings. Even if you are experiencing hard times, you don't have to look very hard to see God's blessings around you. Remember, "TACObout your blessings, NACHO problems," LOL. "*Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things*." Philippians 4:8.

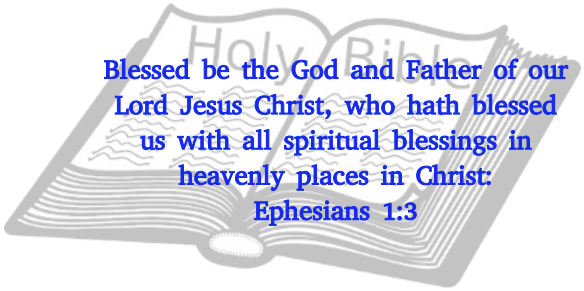
We have plans for some fun meetings coming up; the cooler weather makes it much more enjoyable to be outside. Some of the plans are to revisit the fire making session that we did a few years ago and a .22lr marksmanship contest (rifle and handgun). I would also like to continue some of the how/to meetings and, of course, lots of cooking, eating, and fellowship.

Another idea we are wanting to try is to involve our younger boys and teenage boys in our meetings. We are also exploring the idea of having meetings/events just for the boys in our church and our community. There is definitely a need for Godly mentors and activities for the boys in our area. The idea is to have regular meetings, activities, skill development, and conflict resolution development, etc. We will discuss further at our next meeting.

On a final note, I would like to encourage the men of the church to join the Battle Brothers page on Whats App. It is a good resource where we can share a prayer requests, communicate a need, or just share an article or encouraging word.







VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By Beverly McKee

Emerald Crossing ----A VBS to Remember!!!

We, at First Baptist Church, decided this year to have VBS at night... a first for us, yet a great success. We were blessed with a consistent attendance--- 35 children each evening. Thanks to the volunteer workers and teachers who graciously gave of their time and talents, we had an Awesome VBS... one to Remember!!!

This year was an Irish theme, The Emerald Crossing. For a few exciting evenings, Ireland became the destination of our learning experience. While Ireland may bring to mind green hills, shamrocks, and leprechauns, the children had the opportunity to learn important facts about Ireland and how God is using missionaries to share the gospel. Each evening we had a video from our Ireland missionary, Andrew Day, telling of the mission work they were doing in Ireland. The children learned they could help make a difference by praying and giving. The VBS offering was designated for Ireland missions.

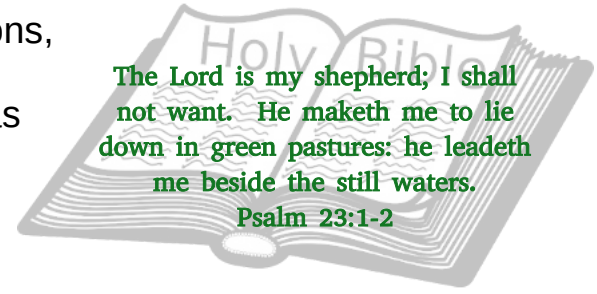
The children enjoyed Suzanne Odom's corny jokes, music, games, crafts, Bible lessons, and guessing games. During one of their favorite music classes, Brother Ethan shared his talent of playing the recorder with his nose. A nasal melody, it was a real hoot, and the children loved it. The greatest blessing was watching the children having a great time learning about Jesus.



Ethan Barnett playing the recorder (in the flute family of instruments)--- AKA the "Booger Flute"---with his nose.

When the week ended we had not crossed the Atlantic, but we had crossed into a wonderful time of learning about the love of Jesus and that children can sing, give, and pray and be a part of what God is doing around the world. The shamrocks may be packed away, the instruments resting, but the lessons learned and the seeds planted in young hearts will hopefully continue to grow.

What a wonderful week of faith, fun, music, missions, and great memories. If you ask the children how Emerald Crossing went, they would tell you, "It was Grand!" A VBS to Remember...



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 13-17, 2026





Br. Daniel White

Amelia Barnett



4th-6th grade class--- Aaron Barnett & Ben House co-taught



Nolan Burke & Xavier Vasquez





Zach & Riley Bentley



Suzanne Odom

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Psalm 23:3-4

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2nd & 3rd grade class—Mark & Michelle Chadwick taught



Kinder-1st grade class---Joanna White taught



Ethan Barnett & Cheryl House





Nursery class for the worker's children---Sharon, Jerry, & Jerri Young taught





Ethan & Eleazar Barnett

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Psalm 23:35-6

Armor Christian Academy

By Klorice Voorhes

Starting off FUN!

Armor Christian Academy so far this year:

1. Welcomed our students with a spirit week
2. Grandparents' breakfast
3. We have an official logo!

Upcoming

1. Field trip to the pumpkin patch at Cornerstone
2. Opening up a computer lab
3. Yard sale fundraiser--- Nov. 13th and 14th

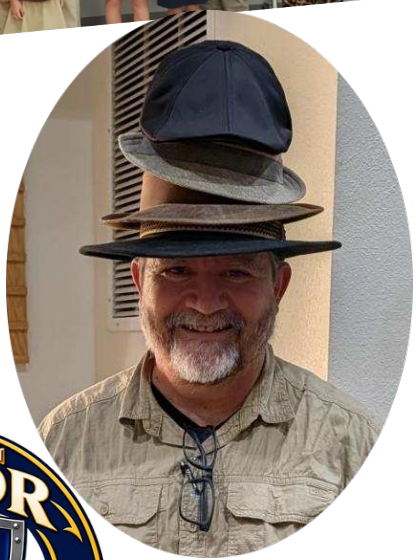


Crazy Hair Day during Spirit week

Grandparents' Breakfast



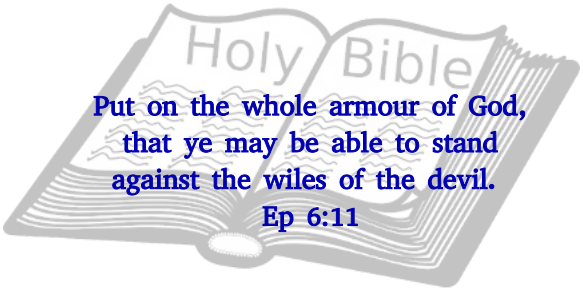






Students met the Disaster Relief team.

Br. Daniel taught about the many "hats" people can wear in life and how people recognize us by our hats, but no matter where we go, we should always represent Christ.



Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ep 6:11

Operation Christmas Child

By Beverly Williford

Our FBC family is entering the busiest time of the year as we prepare for the OCC shoebox ministry. These next days and weeks we will be collecting and organizing shoebox items, packing them into Shoeboxes, and packing those shoeboxes into cartons to begin their journey to children around the World.

Our church-wide OCC packing party will be Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall/gym. More activities to get ready for this event and others will be listed in church bulletins and announcements. Be on the lookout for that information.

FBC Kountze has served as a drop-off location for shoeboxes during the National Collection Week for the past 12 years and collected many shoeboxes from area churches during that week. The 2026 National Collection Week is November 16-23.

Daily hours of operation at FBC Kountze during NCW are as follows:

- Monday, November 16 — 9 am to 11 am
- Tuesday, November 17 — 1 pm to 3 pm
- Wednesday, November 18 — 12 pm to 2 pm
- Thursday, November 19 — 3 pm to 5 pm
- Friday, November 20 — 8 am to 10 am
- Saturday, November 21 — 8 am to 10 am
- Sunday, November 22 — 1 pm to 3 pm
- Monday, November 23 — 8 am to 10 am

"The most important item you can put in your shoebox gift is prayer."
--- Franklin Graham

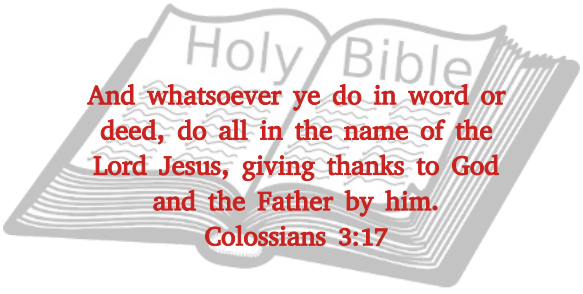
There will be a volunteer sign up sheet in the Welcome Center for those interested in helping during this week There are many time slots available so choose the right day and time for you.

We will continue to collect small toys, fun pads, playing cards, hair accessories, small purses, small tools, gloves, hats, flip flops, socks, t-shirts and any other appropriate items you may find. Monetary donations can be made to the Operation Christmas Child Designated Fund to purchase items and help pay for the shipping costs of the shoeboxes.

"Every box counts because every box is an opportunity for a child to hear that Jesus Christ came to earth for them. Keep packing these boxes and continue to pray for children. We couldn't do this without you."
---Franklin Graham



September 19---Betty Teel, Beverly McKee, Beverly Williford, and Denise Spencer attended the OCC Workshop at Freedom Fellowship Church



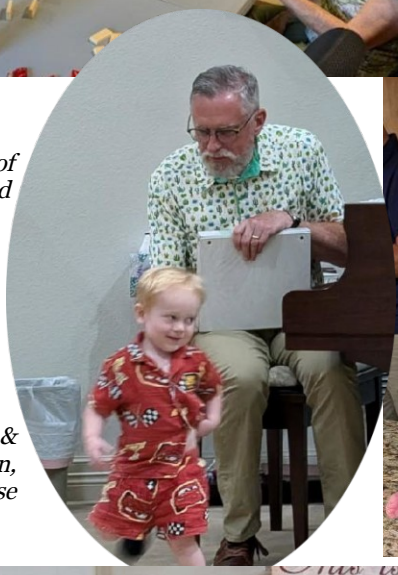
REFLECTIONS



Beverly McKee & Betty Teel playing dominoes with one of our shut-ins, Donald Jones.

The church hosted a Disaster Relief team following Tropical Storm Edouard in September.





Steve Clark & grandson, Jesse





Joey & Patty Romero, missionaries to Ghana, gave a report on September 20.



Daniel White laying hands on Ethan Barnett to "send him out" as he goes to Dallas to college.



Cristi Beehn & Roseanna Hamm

Riley Bentley graduated in May and is now attending Lamar University



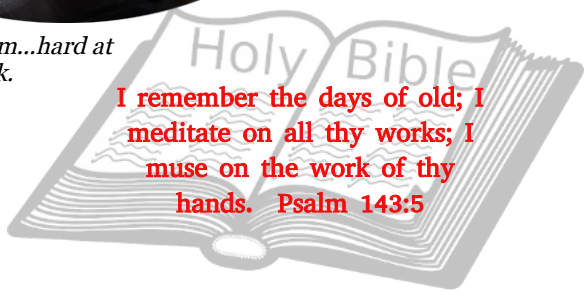
Shelby & Jonas Burke



Suzanne Odom...hard at work.



"Red Day"



Baby Dedication



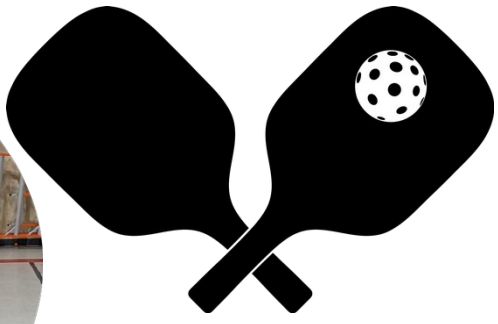
Susanna & Shon Hamm dedicated their daughter, Kathryn Roseanna on August 30, 2026.

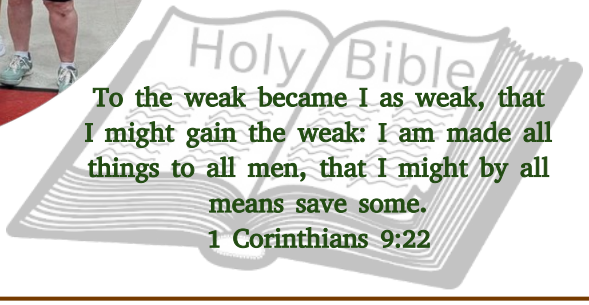
Deacons' Report

By Gary Freeman

Here, at FBC Kountze, we continue to seek ways we can serve the community as the Lord is leading us. We now have Pickleball in our gym with two courts available. Pickleball play is open to the community when church members are available to be there. At this time, we are playing Fridays from 9am-12pm and Sundays from 2-4pm. Pickleball players use the phone app "Groupme." Our group is "FBC Kountze." We post on this group when the gym is open.







ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On August 2, the church had an ice cream social that doubled as a going-away party for Ethan Barnett. He is attending college in Dallas, studying to be a Bible translator.

Ethan holding sign that Cheryl House made for him





Ethan's mom & grandparents





Suzanne Odom, Ethan , & Beverly McKee





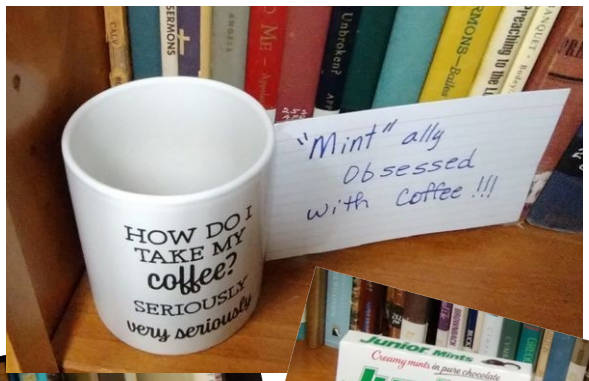
Zach Bentley & Ethan

Holy Bible

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.
2 Corinthians 13:11

TOMFOOLERY

Beverly McKee, the Mischief Mastermind, has struck again. She "minted" Br. Daniel's office.











AND….

Suzanne Odom, (Beverly's apprentice in mischief), apparently got bored one day, and decided to play around with AI photo manipulation.



All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.
Proverbs 15:15

Upcoming Events

October

Oct. 11--- Lord's Supper
Oct. 13-15--- Resilience Conference
Oct. 18--- SNBA annual meeting
Oct. 20--- Daniel praying at Jasper House of Prayer (JHOP)
Oct. 21--- Business Meeting
Oct. 24--- Battle Brothers event 11 am
Oct. 25--- OCC Packing Party
Minister Appreciation
Oct. 26-27--- SBTC annual meeting

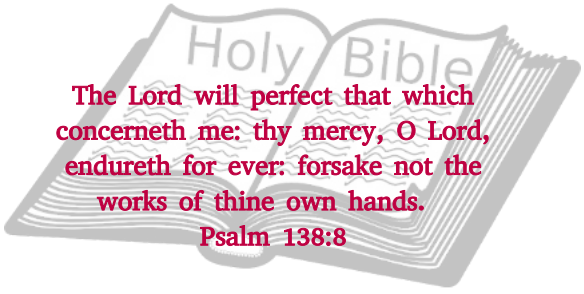
November

Nov. 7--- Unknown Tour
Nov. 11--- Church Council Meeting
Nov. 16-23--- OCC National Collection Week
Nov. 17--- Hope Gala
Nov. 18--- Business Meeting
Nov. 22--- Churchwide Thanksgiving meal

December

Dec. 1-3--- Cheer Camp
Dec. 4--- Christmas Parade
Dec. 20--- Lord's Supper
Churchwide Meal
Dec. 24--- Candlelight Service





The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.
Psalm 138:8

Information

WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

https://www.fbckountze.com/
https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistKountze
***Both services on Sunday are Live-streamed on Facebook
info@fbckountze.com (Email for general information)
pray@fbckountze.com (Email prayer requests)

Officers

Pastor
Daniel White

Worship Leader
Steven Hays

Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Odom

Treasurer
Steve Clark

Trustees
Betty Teel
Rhonda Barner
Mark Finkenbiner

Committee Chairmen

Property Management
Randy Beehn

Budget & Finance
Steve Clark

Missions
Suzanne Odom

Personnel
Tom Settle

Member Care
Daniel White

Nominating
Beverly Mckee

**Logo designed by Ethan Barnett*

Article Submissions Due: December 31, 2026

Email me any pictures or articles you would like to see in our next quarterly newsletter!

~DAnn

What Does the Logo Represent?

- **The Crown** — represents Jesus Christ: our King and the rightful King of the whole world. – John 18:37 / Revelation 19:16
- **The Thorns —** represent His suffering to purchase us through His death on the cross. – Isaiah 53:5 / Ephesians 5:25 / Mark 15:17
- **The Candle —** represents our church: we are in Christ and connected to Jesus. – Revelation 1:20 / Romans 12:5 / John 15:5
- **The Flame —** represents the Light of the world: Jesus, while He was here, and us, in this present age. – John 8:12 / John 9:5 / Matthew 5:14-16
- **The Letters —** represent the name of Jesus: His first initial is I in Latin and Greek, and ' in Hebrew. So, our church is built up in Him. – John 19:19-20 / Colossians 2:6-7

Deacons



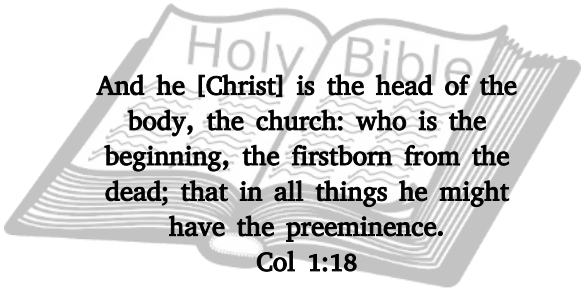
If anyone has a need or knows of someone with a need, please leave a message in the church office for them.

Service Times:

Sunday
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Service.....11:00 am
Bible Study.....6:00 pm

Wednesday
Discipleship Class.....10:00 am
Ladies' Discipleship.....4:30 pm
Prayer Service.....6:30 pm
Children's Class.....6:30 pm

First Baptist Church
100 West Monroe Street
Kountze, Texas 77625
409-246-3850



And he [Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
Col 1:18