

Welcome!

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Please help us get to know you by providing the requested information and placing this tear off tab in the offering plate during the Worship Service.

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I would like to receive the church mailings

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____

Birthday _____

What brought you to us today?

- New to town
- HPU student
- Looking for a new church home
- Website
- Yellow Pages
- Invited by a friend: _____

Are you a member of a church? Yes No

Church name _____

City _____ State _____

Did you attend a class today? Yes No

Which class _____

Best time to contact you:

Day _____ Time _____

Names and birthdates of children living at home:

Our Pastor would love to meet you today. He will be at the center door as you exit the Worship Service. Please introduce yourself to him before you leave.

Today's Worship Music

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise • Hymn #6

Hosanna

Our God

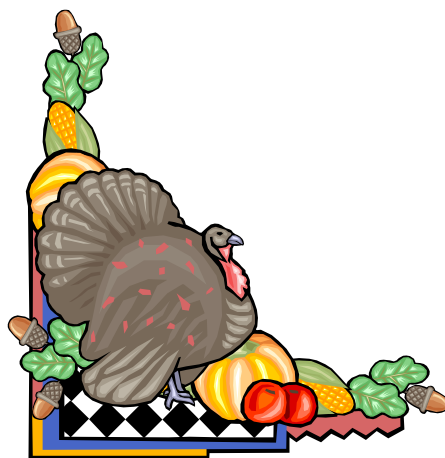
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross • Hymn #144

Immortal Love, Forever Full•

Grace Greater Than Our Sin • Hymn #329

Doxology

Today's Scripture Reading: Mark 10:35-45



Save the Date!

**FBC Thanksgiving Dinner
and
Lord's Supper
Sunday, November 18
5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

How to unite with the First Family

At First Baptist Church, Brownwood, we welcome you to become a part of our family of faith. We invite you to visit one of our Sunday School classes & Bible Study groups, as well as the worship choir, student & children's groups.

Membership in the church is offered to anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Savior and follows Him in believer's baptism. One of the ministers will be glad to visit with you during the invitation or make an appointment to discuss this or any other questions you may have about FBC at your convenience.

If you have a decision to make or wish to talk or pray with someone, we invite you to come to the front of the Sanctuary during the invitation hymn, immediately following the sermon, and speak with one of the ministers.

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I don't understand the attraction of fantasy football or baseball. I picked a baseball team years ago at the urging of a friend. Several months into the season the fantasy commissioner called to tell me I should take a look at my team. I was not surprised to see my team in last place. I was a bit shocked to discover all but four of my players were on the injured reserve.

My former Music Minister plays fantasy NASCAR. And he is not even from Tennessee. How do you even pick a team for that? What would cheerleaders do at a NASCAR race? "We turn left! Yes we do! We turn left! How 'bout you?" I grew up in Houston and saw more skilled driving on the Gulf Freeway. What next? Fantasy golf? Bowling for fantasy dollars?

Fantasy elections might be fun. In my fantasy election debates the candidates actually take turns, answer the questions that are asked, treat each other with respect, and always tell the truth. The fantasy moderators follow the rules without prejudice. The fantasy media.....well, never mind!

What would a fantasy church league look like? Folks could pick and choose the doctrines that please them and ignore the others. They could choose what Bible verses to believe. They could accept the gospel but never share it. They could demand the faithfulness of God while neglecting their own responsibilities. They could profess the importance of worship but refuse to sing the songs they don't like. They could draft some neighbors to love and neglect everyone else. Fantasy church members could have a faith home but no real faith friends. They could be lone rangers with no faith community.

It's OK to enjoy fantasy sports. I just prefer a team. A real team! And I prefer a real church where we try to accept everything Jesus told us and we seek to love everyone He loves. And most of all, we do it together. We don't have a perfect record. We are seldom in first place. But we are in the game. Together! Want to join us?

I'm always grateful for the privilege of being

Your pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney W. McGlothlin".

