



Around coastal areas in places where live crabs are for sale, the crabs are usually kept in a very shallow container. In fact, if they just helped each other a little bit, every crab in the container would have no trouble escaping. What happens, though, is that every time one crab gets a little higher than the others, the others pull him down trying to get up there themselves. So, none of the crabs ever escape because they're all busy pulling each other down. Sometimes in the church we can develop the "crab-in-the-barrel syndrome": we lose sight of the Lord and get caught up in trying to lift ourselves up by pulling each other down. It even happened to the disciples, in Mark 9—"Lord, we stopped him from casting out demons because he's not part of our group!" Jesus replied, "Do not forbid him... For he who is not against us is on our side." You never pull yourself up by pulling someone else down. Our reward comes not from climbing over other people, but from serving them. The Lord calls us to serve Him by encouraging, serving, and building up each other, so beware the temptation to be a crab!

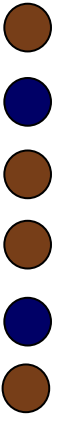
This Sunday morning we're going to stay in Luke 2: 41 – 52 and continue to consider the lessons of the trip to the Temple with twelve-year-old Jesus. In the evening service, we'll look at Jesus' parable in Matthew 22: 1 – 14. To confront people with the urgency and importance of eternal life, Jesus tells a parable about a wedding feast. Don't turn down this invitation—be here Sunday!

Bro. Dean



REMINDERS FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 11TH

- Deacon of the Week — Darren Jessup
- Offering: B. Davenport Ushers: D. Goins, D. Jessup
- 3T Nursery — A. McCrary, C. Schwartz, K. Rogers
- Children's Message — Katie McGee
- Security — E. Bostedt, P. Purvis, B. Davenport
- Scripture Readers — Matt and Bethany Cowan



CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

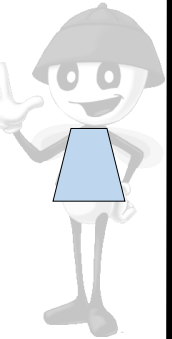
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
5:30 Awana
5:30 Adult Discipleship
6:30 Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:00 Children's Missions
6:00 Youth Group
6:00 Prayer Meeting
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

AWANA

Can't Wait to Hug
Your Neck



Reading Thru Bible in 2025

Each will receive a copy of the CSB Harmony of the Gospels.

Jamie Anderson

Erik Bostedt

Sandra Burt

Lesia Davis

Dorothy Elrod

Bruce Haley

Ann Haley

Thresia Horn

Sherian Huddleston

Phil Huddleston

Danny Jones

Bethany Manning

Barbara Parker

Jan Purvis

Bill Purvis

Bill Sharp

Cheryl Sharp

Trevor Sledge

Ann Stinson

Jeannette Todd

Beth Todd

Bob Wies

Lowell Womack

Lydia Womack

*We challenge you
to set your goal to
read the whole Bible
in 2026!*

*God's word never
returns void.*

THE POWER OF PRAYING MEDITATING AND CLAIMING GOD'S WORD

John 3:16 : “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him shall have everlasting life.”

Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Colossians 1:10 “so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”

**SIGN UP for MISSIONLAB
2026 is NOW OPEN!**

**New Orleans, July 5-10
\$266.00**

*To join the group, give your name and a \$50 deposit
to the church office or Brother Dean.*



CHILLI COOK OFF

and TRIVIA

Saturday, January 31
More Details to Come



PLAN AHEAD

MISSIONS RUMMAGE SALE

SAT. APRIL 11TH

Sale Drop Off Dates will be
Monday, April 6th—Thursday, April 9th

We do not have the capacity to take things sooner!

SAVE YOUR TREASURES

FBC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Tuna, Chicken, Spam,
Vienna Sausage, etc., Canned Pinto Beans

Your blessings help many.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40



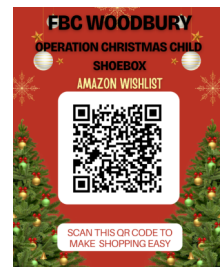
BLESS A CHILD IN 2026

HELP US COLLECT FOR THE SHOE BOXES ALL YEAR
AND REACH THE CHILDREN WITH THE GOSPEL



NEEDS FOR JANUARY

TOOTHBRUSHES / WASHCLOTHS
HAIRBRUSHES / CHAPSTICK

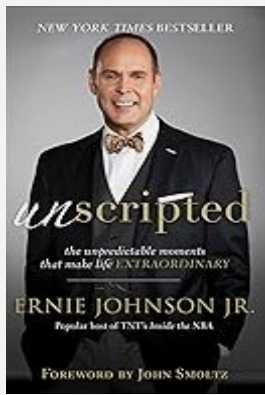


If you have an American Flag that needs a respectful disposal, please place it in the box in the back lobby by the rear door & it will be taken care of for you by the Warrior 180 Foundation.

<https://warrior180.org/>



For Information
Contact
Morgan Bostedt



Church Library Resource of the Week

Unscripted by Ernie Johnson

Ernie has taken the important lessons he learned from his father and passed them on to his own children. This is the untold story, the one Ernie has lived after the lights are turned off and the cameras stop rolling. Sports fans, cancer survivors, fathers and sons, adoptive parents, those whose lives have been touched by a person with special needs, anyone who loves stories about handling life's surprises with grace--*Unscripted* is for all of these.

Reading Through The Bible

JANUARY 2026

9. OT - Gen. 23,24; NT - Matt. 7
10. OT - Gen. 25, 26; NT - Matt. 8:1-17
11. OT - Gen. 27, 28 - NT - Matt. 8:18-34
12. OT - Gen. 29, 30; NT - Matt. 9:1-17
13. OT - Gen. 31, 32; NT - Matt. 9:18-38
14. OT - Gen 33, 34, 35; NT - Matt. 10:1-20
15. OT - Gen. 36, 37, 38; NT - Matt. 10:21-42

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

SUNDAY EVENINGS

at 5:30 pm



HE'S OUR STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & FM 107.1; morning and evening worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).



SOUP FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

WAY TO GO AWANA CLUBBERS



Prayer Guide

Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

Church Family

Melissa Burnett	Ashlyn Hare
Patrick, Karie Cecil	Randall Holt
Bobby Davenport	Richie Hunter
Lesa Davis	Andy McCrary
Dot Elrod	David Odom
Darrell & Lou Goins	Benton Parker
Cecil Gregory	MaryWells Smith
	Bobby Zumbro

Friends and Family—submitted by the person listed

Ethan Allen (Danny Jones)	Bob Jones (Douglas Jennings)
Jeff Anderson (Tony Burnett)	Brian Jones (Douglas Jennings)
Sharon Armstrong (Glenda Hunter)	Anna Kaiser (Tammy Wies)
Wade, Cindy Blackwell (Cindy Anderson)	Emily Kidd (Cindy Anderson)
Gary Blanton (Lydia Womack)	Polly Klecan (Katie McGee)
Marcella Byers (Randall Byers)	Brenda Liford (Marilyn Ault)
Nick Caudle (Melissa Froome)	Susie Morris (Lydia Womack)
Family of Jim Chui (Mike Parks)	Mike Nichols (Douglas Jennings)
Adam Cothron (Jason McGee)	Andy, Judy Norman (Amy Matthews)
Bruce Daniel (Brandie Maynard)	Amanda Parks (Cynthia Brewer)
Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)	Terry Patterson (Jason McGee)
Tammy Douglas (Lela Woodin)	Brad Schwartz (Carolyn Schwartz)
Nick Dutton (Judy Holt)	Josh Simmons (Michael Odom)
Chris Ellis (Darren Jessup)	Andy Smith (Douglas Jennings)
Bree Evans (Andy McCrary)	Colleen Taylor (Bro. Dean)
Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)	Bro. W.D. Thomason (Dean Anderson)
Leon Foster (Michael Odom)	Becky Tilford (Melissa Froome)
Family of Jim Gage (Jeff Woodin)	David, Pat Tomlinson (Carlene Thomlinson)
Randy Galloway (Brandie Maynard)	Angela Welch (Morgan Bostedt)
Analynn Garrett (Jeannette Todd)	Quinton Whitlock (Darren Jessup)
Shannon Grabowski (Jamie Anderson)	Steven Yates (Michael Parks)
Anna Haley (MaryWells Smith)	
Ryan, Jessica Hellman (Morgan Bostedt)	
Ibrahim Jilani (Any Matthews)	
Edward Holcomb (Lela Woodin)	

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Mamie Powers, Barbara Melton, Mamie Vance, Don Stevenson, Drunell Higgins

Homebound:

Martha Burke, Eleanor Bell, Dean Francis, Jinx Wilkinson, Betty Wilder, Carlene Tomlinson

Missionaries:

Buck/Annie Barton, Phil/Laura Metcalf, Al/Margaret Patterson, Angela Dawson, Gavin/Laura Pinkston, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Casey/Amy Jones, Olivia Schultz

Church Staff:

Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Randal & Ellie Byers, Eric Bostedt, Tammy Wies

Military:

Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris, Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Taylor Woodworth, Dakota Beasley, Kevin Walkup, Robert Bucher, Jessica Manning

College Students:

Cathan Cecil, Addison Todd, Jacob Sledge, Emma Crabtree, Sarah Bostedt, Etta Gaines, Thomas McGee, Alana Stansbury, Parker Matthews

Active Deacons:

Matt Cowan, Jeff Todd (Beth), Danny Jones, Darren Jessup, Tony Burnett, Michael Odom, Jeff Woodin, Eric Bostedt, Bob Wies

Church Matters:

Lottie Moon Offering, Nunez Church in Buenos Aires; WMU; Student Ministry; the lost; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; Nation & Leaders; Israel; Gideons

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**