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ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

LIVING FOR CHRIST IN THE REAL WORLD

A Study in the Book of James

Monday, July 28—Thursday, July 31

9 a.m.—12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Taught by Minister to Senior Adults Jack Schmid & Guests



Rev. Jack Schmid



Dr. Hanna Massad



Camden Ammons

Kick-off Event: Sunday, July 27

6:00 p.m. in Worship Center

Dr. Greg Ammons presenting an overview of James
Scot Cameron leading worship

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer live-stream broadcast for this event.

Friendship House Is Collecting School Supplies

Friendship House is preparing to distribute school supplies for the 2025–2026 GISD school year, and we need your help. Supplies may be dropped off at Friendship House during business hours or placed into the 24-hour donation bins. *Thank you for helping us meet the needs of local families.*

School Supplies (*Marked items are needed most):

- Backpacks*
- 12-count Colored Pencils*
- Composition Books*
- Wide-ruled Notebook Paper*
- 24-count Crayons
- 4 oz. Glue
- Rulers
- Glue Sticks
- Highlighters



Upcoming Events: fbcgarland.org/events

Memory Support Group

Date: Monday, July 21

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: MAC 283

Details: Join us for a special support and education group to assist those who care for individuals affected by memory loss.

This month, we will discuss "Let Freedom Ring! Letting Go of the Guilt and Finding Peace With Where You Are in Your Journey."

Register: fbcgarland.org/help-care

Contact: Terri Carter, 972-276-7194, x239, or terric@fbcgarland.org

Volunteers Needed for Kid's Activity Club

Date: Tuesday, October 14–Thursday, October 16

Details: Join us by volunteering as we bring all the fun and faith of VBS to several local apartments during fall break. We need your help to share the gospel through stories, music, and crafts. Please pray our evangelism ministry efforts go beyond the walls to these apartment communities. If you would like to help or hear more, please let us know.

Contact: The Missions Office, 972-276-7194, x233 (Jim Witt), x288 (Teresa Brown) or jimw@fbcgarland.org, or teresab@fbcgarland.org

ESL & GED Volunteers Needed (Fall)

We have openings for ESL teachers and substitutes on Sunday and Tuesday nights.

On Wednesday evenings you can serve in GED by teaching or substituting. Teaching opportunities are available in Language Arts (urgent need), Science, Social Studies, and Math.

No teaching experience is necessary and training is available.

For more information, please contact the Missions Office, 972-276-7194, x233 (Jim Witt), x288 (Teresa Brown) or jimw@fbcgarland.org or teresab@fbcgarland.org

Upward Basketball

For Boys and Girls Grades 1–8

Dates: Evaluations begin August 5

Practices begin September 9

The season runs September 27–November 15

Location: MAC Gym

Register: fbcgarland.org/about-upward-sports

Volunteer: We need volunteers to coach teams and referee.

Contact: Amber Bryant, 972-276-7194, x282, or amberb@fbcgarland.org



Pacesetters

Adult VBS will take the place of our normal Pacesetters meeting day. Please see the Adult VBS article for details.



Happy Independence Day

one
Nation
under God
indivisible
with liberty
and justice
for All

Friendship House

Tom Thumb *Good Neighbor* Program

To link your Tom Thumb rewards to Friendship House, please speak to customer service and give them our ID number of 7184. A percentage of each purchase made goes to Friendship House. *Thanks!*

HAVE YOU JOINED OUR *FIRST FOCUS* ONLINE COMMUNITY?

Find out more:

fbcg Garland.org/online-community

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New Members

Congratulations to:

New Members

6/1/25

Statement

Viola Valdez

New Members

6/8/25

Letter

John Branch

Pamela Patterson

Statement

David Sperry

New Members

6/15/25

Sunday School

Carolyn Duerksen

New Members

6/22/25

Baptism

Sarah Schutter

Shelley and Larry Allen; and Donna and Jim Baldwin on the birth of their grandson, Jude Allen Baldwin.

Rose and David Ackerman on the addition of their granddaughter, Love Esther Smith, to their family.



The Church Office, MAC & The Willow are closed on Friday, July 4. Friendship House is closed June 30-July 4.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
2 Corinthians 5:17

Brother Greg, Lisa, Camden, and First Baptist Church express sympathy to:

The family and friends of Mary Williams.


John Flowers in the loss of his wife, Patricia Flowers.

Martha Willis and Robert Willis in the loss of Martha's husband, Ronald Willis.

Stan Rowden in the loss of his wife, Donna Rowden.

Martha Griffin; and Len and Raleigh Sanford in the loss of Martha's husband, Elree Griffin.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me."
- Psalm 28:7

 FIRST BAPTIST GARLAND	6/1/25 Week 35	6/8/25 Week 36	6/15/25 Week 37	6/22/25 Week 38
Stewardship				
Annual Goal	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000
Budget Req. TD	\$4,544,615	\$4,674,462	\$4,804,308	\$4,934,154
Given This Year	\$4,379,528	\$4,515,128	\$4,599,949	\$4,728,260