



## CONNECTNEWS

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SENIOR PASTOR

### Giving Our Thanks Sunday

October 26 is *Giving Our Thanks* Sunday. We invite you to bring food for Friendship House to distribute to clients for Thanksgiving. Please bring your food items to the drop-off areas in the McDonald Activity Center and Suter Building. Below are the items we are collecting.



- Canned green beans
- Instant mashed potato flakes
- Cranberry sauce
- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Chicken broth
- Stuffing mix
- Turkeys or money to purchase turkeys
- Jiffy cornbread mix

For questions, please contact Teresa Brown at 972-276-7194, x288, or [teresab@fbcgarland.org](mailto:teresab@fbcgarland.org)

### Friendship House Fall Sale

Thursday, October 23, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Friday, October 24, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Saturday, October 25, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

**This year's sale is at Friendship House (620 W Ave. B)**

Jewelry, Purses, Collectibles, Gifts, Clothing, Toys, and Home & Holiday Décor  
Cash, checks, and PayPal are accepted for purchases.



**HUGE SALE!  
GREAT PRICES!**



### FBCG Golf Tournament

**Date:** Monday, November 3

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

**Location:** Firewheel Golf Park, Lakes Course  
600 W Campbell Rd., Garland, 75044

**Cost:** \$80

**Details:** Sign up as a team of four or register individually and we will place you on a team.

**Register:** [fbcgarland.org/fall-golf-tournament](http://fbcgarland.org/fall-golf-tournament)

**Contact:** Brandon Wyatt, 972-276-7194, x319, or  
[brandonw@fbcgarland.org](mailto:brandonw@fbcgarland.org)



### Operation Christmas Child

#### Packing Party

**Date:** Saturday, November 22

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Details:** Mark your calendar. Details are coming soon!



## The Prodigal Ministry

**Date:** Sundays  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Room 320  
**Details:** \$20, A ministry to care for and support families of loved ones who are far from the Lord and whose chaos is affecting their families. There is hope and even peace, despite the circumstances.  
**Contact:** Sarah Wyatt, 469-429-2576, or [sarahw@fbcgarland.org](mailto:sarahw@fbcgarland.org)

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## Men's Ministry Breakfast & Workday

**Date:** Saturday, October 11  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Red Parking Lot by Friendship House  
**Details:** We will meet under the shade trees to eat a light breakfast before going out to complete ongoing workday projects.  
**Register:** [fbcgarland.org/mens-ministry](http://fbcgarland.org/mens-ministry)  
**Contact:** Cathy Gharis, 469-429-2371, or [cathyg@fbcgarland.org](mailto:cathyg@fbcgarland.org)

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## Student Ministry Picnic in the Park

For Students in Grades 6–12

**Date:** Tuesday, October 14  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Breckinridge Park, Lot C  
3555 Brand Rd., Richardson, 75082  
**Details:** Bring your lunch, hang out with friends, and let's play some tag football.  
**Contact:** Alyson Davidson, 972-276-7194, x284, or [alysond@fbcgarland.org](mailto:alysond@fbcgarland.org)



## Pacesetters Luncheon

**Date:** Monday, October 20  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. (12:15 p.m. online)  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall  
**Details:** We are pleased to welcome Pastor Eli Gutiérrez and his lovely wife, Mariana. Their humor and talent are sure to be a blessing. Chef Greg will provide lunch, and you are welcome to bring a dessert to share.  
**Contact:** Terri Carter, 469-429-2579, or [terric@fbcgarland.org](mailto:terric@fbcgarland.org)



## Memory Support Group

**Date:** Monday, October 27  
**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 "Handling the Holidays: What's Your Plan?"  
**Register:** [fbcgarland.org/help-care](http://fbcgarland.org/help-care)  
**Contact:** Terri Carter, 469-429-2579, or [terric@fbcgarland.org](mailto:terric@fbcgarland.org)

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## Celebrate 25 Years of Partnership With Weimar Church

**Date:** Sunday, October 12  
**Time:** 12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.  
**Location:** MAC 281  
**Details:** Join us for a reception and meet the visitors from Weimar, Germany, who are here to celebrate our 25-year partnership with them.  
**Contact:** Teresa Brown, 469-429-2388, or [teresab@fbcgarland.org](mailto:teresab@fbcgarland.org)

## Galatians 6:9

AND LET US NOT  
GROW WEARY  
OF DOING GOOD,  
FOR IN DUE SEASON  
WE WILL REAP,  
IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.

## Intercessory Prayer Ministry



Lifting up the needs of our FBCG families is our passion, and we are ready to intercede for you!

Text "Pray4me"  
to 972-210-0058

If you are interested in joining our prayer team, please email: [IPM@fbcgarland.org](mailto:IPM@fbcgarland.org).

## Parents' Night Out

**Date:** Friday, October 10

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Preschool Ministry (first floor of Main Building)

**Cost:** \$5 per child/\$20 family maximum

**Details:** For children ages 3 months–Grade 5. A light snack will be provided. Please feed your child(ren) before the event.

**Register:** [fbcgarland.org/children](http://fbcgarland.org/children) The deadline to register is Sunday, October 5.

**Contact:** Denise Morris, 469-817-6629, or [denisem@fbcgarland.org](mailto:denisem@fbcgarland.org)



## New Members

### New Members

**8/31/25**

#### Baptism

Laurie Fraley

Bella Gharis

Angel Gordon

Alexi Grant

Lucy Martin

Melinda Paschall

Matthew Tatum

#### Letter

Julie Alvizo

### New Members

**9/7/25**

#### Baptism

Alana Eldridge

Addison Owens

Courtney Owens

Zion Owens

#### Statement

Autumn Walker

Sage Walker

### New Members

**9/14/25**

*No new members*

### New Members

**9/21/25**

#### Letter

Cassidy Jaynes

Christian Jaynes

### New Members

**9/28/25**

#### Sunday School

Vanessa Garcia

Michael Zaragoza

#### Statement

Bill Shamel



**Sundays at 2:00 p.m.  
McDonald Activity Center, Room 285**

For more information or to register,  
visit [fbcgarland.org/griefshare](http://fbcgarland.org/griefshare).

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

The family and friends of Irvin Daniel Jr.


Elizabeth and Sam Ngachu in the loss of Sam's brother,  
Titus Ngachu.

Susan Hamlin in the loss of her husband, Tom Hamlin.

Jo Ellen Blair in the loss of her husband, A C Blair.

Dan McCoy in the loss of his wife, Marilyn McCoy.

Sherry and Ron Freeman; and Rebecca Sliger in the loss of  
Ron's mother, Linda Freeman.

 FIRST BAPTIST GARLAND	<b>8/31/25</b> Week 48	<b>9/7/25</b> Week 49	<b>9/14/25</b> Week 50	<b>9/21/25</b> Week 51	<b>9/28/25</b> Week 52
<b>Stewardship</b>					
Annual Goal	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000
Budget Required TD	\$6,232,615	\$6,362,462	\$6,492,308	\$6,622,154	\$6,752,000
Received This Year	\$6,038,965	\$6,191,556	\$6,342,589	\$6,436,522	\$6,631,868

# October Recipes

## Stuffed Pepper Casserole

### Ingredients:

- 2 Tablespoons Olive Oil + more to grease baking dish
- 1 Pound Ground Beef
- 1 Cup Long-grain White Rice, uncooked
- 1 Medium Onion, chopped
- 1 Red Bell Pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 Green Bell Pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 4 Cloves Garlic, chopped finely
- 4 Vine-Ripened Tomatoes, chopped
- 1 Large Zucchini, quartered and sliced
- 2 Tablespoons Tomato Paste
- 1 Tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 Cups Shredded Cheese (Pepper Jack or Cheddar)
- 2 Teaspoons Kosher Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Ground Cumin
- 1 Teaspoon Paprika
- 1/2 Teaspoon Black Pepper
- 2 Cups Chicken Broth
- 1/4 Cup Fresh Parsley, chopped for garnish

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease a 3-quart baking dish with oil.
2. Heat oil on medium in a large skillet. Cook onion and peppers until softened (3–5 minutes).
3. Add the ground beef and cook thoroughly, breaking up.
4. Add the tomato paste, salt, pepper, cumin, paprika, and garlic. Cook until fragrant.
5. Add the chopped tomatoes and zucchini. Cook until soft (3–5 minutes).
6. Add in the chicken broth, uncooked rice, Worcestershire sauce, parsley, and one cup of the shredded cheese.
7. Spoon meat and vegetable mixture into prepared baking dish and cover with aluminum foil.
8. Bake until the rice is tender and the liquid has been absorbed (55 minutes or more). Remove the foil, stir, and sprinkle with remaining cup of shredded cheese.
9. Set oven to broil and cook for about 2 minutes until cheese is brown and bubbly.

## No-Bake Caramel Apple Delight

### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups Graham Cracker Crumbs
- 6 Tablespoons Unsalted Butter, melted
- 8 oz. Cream Cheese block, softened
- 1/2–1 Cup Powdered Sugar
- 1 1/2 Cups + 2 Tablespoons Milk, divided
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 8-ounce Container of Whipped Topping (Thawed)
- Butterscotch or Caramel Instant Pudding
- Apple Pie Filling (Chopped into bite-size pieces)
- Caramel Topping to drizzle over the top

### Directions:

1. Combine graham cracker crumbs and melted butter.
2. Press the graham cracker mixture into the bottom of a 9 x 13 inch baking dish.
3. Refrigerate pan to set up crust.
4. Mix the cream cheese with a mixer until fluffy, then add in milk, vanilla, and powdered sugar. Mix well.
5. Spread cream cheese mixture over the crust.
6. In a bowl, combine butterscotch instant pudding with 1 1/2 cups cold milk and whisk for 2 minutes.
7. Combine the pudding with the apple pie filling.
8. Spread the pudding/apple mixture over the cream cheese layer.
9. Top with the Whipped Topping.
10. Add a sprinkle of extra graham cracker crumbs and caramel sauce on top of dessert.

**Refrigerate for about 4 hours before serving.**

### Other Topping Ideas

- Toasted Pecans or Peanuts
- Caramel Morsels

