



FIRST BAPTIST
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Giving Our Thanks 2026

On Saturday, October 31, and Sunday, November 1, 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

- Instant Mashed Potato Flakes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Chicken Broth
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Stuffing Mix
- Jiffy Cornbread Mix
- Money to Purchase Turkeys



For questions, please contact Teresa Brown, 972-276-7194, x288, or teresab@fbcgarland.org or Heather Albuquerque, 972-276-1010, or heathera@fbcgarland.org

Men's Ministry Burgers on the Blacktop

Date: Friday, October 9

Time: 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Location: Red parking lot by Friendship House

Cost: \$5 per person

Details: We will grill burgers together under the shade trees and enjoy time together. Please bring a lawn chair.

Register: fbcgarland.org/mens-ministry

Contact: Cathy Gharis, 469-429-2371, or cathyg@fbcgarland.org



Friendship House Fall Sale

Date: Thursday, October 22, Friday, October 23, and Saturday, October 24

Time: 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday

8:00 a.m.–Noon on Saturday

Location: Friendship House, 620 W. Avenue B, Garland, 75040

Details: Come shop for home and holiday décor, toys, collectibles, jewelry and more. Proceeds go to Friendship House to help our community. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

Contact: Heather Albuquerque, 972-276-1010, or heathera@fbcgarland.org





Volunteers Needed

Kid's Activity Club

Date: Tuesday, October 13–Thursday, October 15

Details: Join us as we bring all the fun and faith of VBS to several area apartments during fall break. We need your help to spread the gospel through stories, music, and crafts, as well as volunteers to deliver lunches around 11 a.m. each day. Please pray for our evangelism ministry efforts as we go beyond the walls to these apartment communities.

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

DiscipleNow Weekend

For Students in Grades 6-12



Date: January 15-17, 2027

Time: 6:00 p.m. on Friday–12:30 p.m. on Sunday

Cost: Earlybird: \$65 (\$85 after November 1)

Register: fbcgarland.org/students

(Registration begins October 4)

Details: Join us for a special weekend filled with worship, Bible study, guest Bible study leaders, host families/homes, service projects, and time to hang out with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Contact: Alyson Davidson, 972-276-7194, x284, or alysond@fbcgarland.org

Pacesetters Luncheon

Date: Monday, October 19

Time: 11:30 a.m. (12:15 p.m. online)

Location: Fellowship Hall

Details: Chef Greg will provide the meal, and you are welcome to bring a dessert to share. We hope you join us in person; if not, watch online at fbcgarland.org/watch-live

Contact: Kelly Johnson, 972-276-7194, x238, or kellyj@fbcgarland.org

Volunteer for Bible Club at Freeman

We're happy to share that we now have Bible Club on Mondays after school at Freeman Elementary. If you would like to volunteer to help at the club or help provide snacks each week, please let us know. We also welcome your prayers for our volunteers and students.

To volunteer, please contact Jim Witt, 972-276-7194, x233, or jimw@fbcgarland.org.

Pray for Rio Grande Valley Mission Trip

A mission team is heading to the Rio Grande Valley to work on a house for the Paez family and Buckner International during the week of October 11. Please pray for their safety and strength as they minister to the Paez family.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Mark your calendar! The Annual Packing Party is on Saturday, November 21, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. More information is coming in November.



A relief ministry serving Garland, Rowlett & Sachse

620 W Ave. B, Garland, 75040

For more information or to volunteer,
please call 972-272-1010

or visit fbcgarland.org/friendship-house

NEW MEMBERS

New Members 8/30/26

Baptism

Abby Carpenter
Paul Gilmore
Aubrey McLeish
Aaron McLeish
Hailey Meinhart
Paola Osorio
Janelle Torres

Letter

Brian Gardner
Jim Holt
Sylvia Holt

Statement

Bill Crouse
Susan Crouse

New Members 9/6/26

Sunday School

Kenzie Arledge
Ebony Beckton
Adam Bishop
Alana Caraway
Azucena Interiano
Isai Interiano

New Members 9/13/26

No new members

New Members 9/20/23

Baptism

Randy Chambers

Letter

Amy Litton
Don Litton
Eli Litton
Sue Piwetz

Statement

Raquel Agostini
Lewis Alvares
Martha Chambers
Lois Hunter
Karen Whittall

New Members 9/27/26

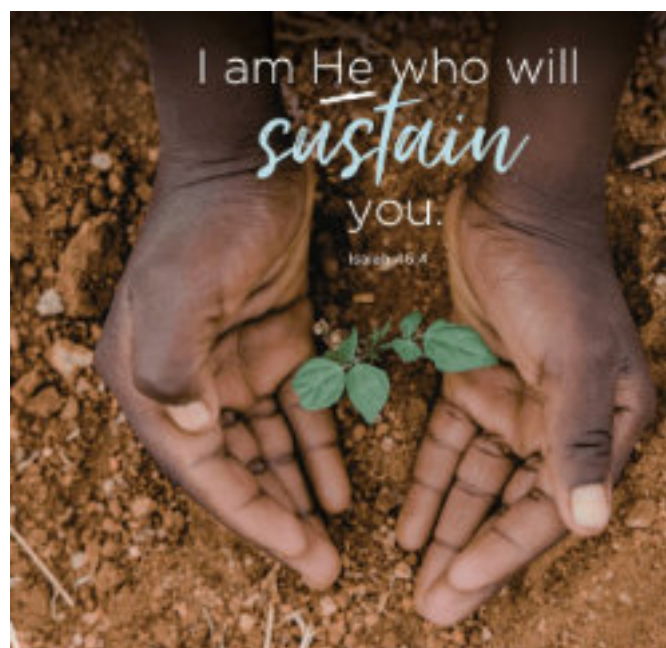
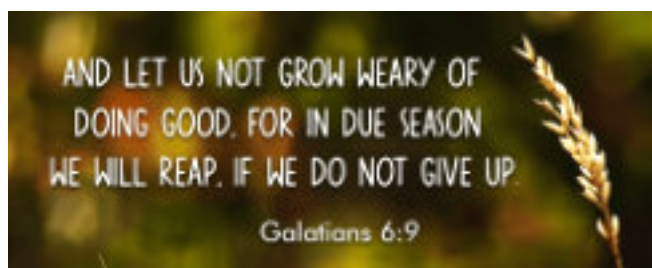
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Shawn Tobin
Susan Tobin



A free, faith-based medical clinic

800 S Sixth St., Suite 100, Garland, 75040
For more information or to make an appointment,
please call 469-800-2500
or visit hopeclinic-garland.org



Brother Greg, Lisa, Camden, & FBCG express sympathy to:

The family and friends of Weldon Lee Darwin.

The family and friends of Billie Carter.

Deborah Johnson; Karen and Tony Fite, in the loss of Deborah and Karen's mother, Bonnie Wisley.

Pattie Bethune in the loss of her mother, Ann Murphy.

Congratulations to:

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

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Stewardship					
Annual Goal	\$6,859,000	\$6,859,000	\$6,859,000	\$6,859,000	\$6,859,000
Budget Required TD	\$6,331,385	\$6,463,288	\$6,595,192	\$6,727,096	\$6,859,000
Received This Year	\$6,197,281	\$6,358,870	\$6,724,768	\$6,986,498	\$7,089,075