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Insanity Encounter: Learning From the Persecuted Church

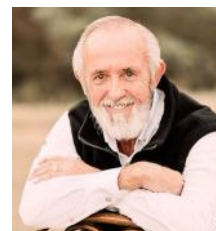
Featuring Nik Ripken

Date: Friday, September 18–Sunday, September 20

Location: Fellowship Hall

Details: The weekend of September 18-20 will be a special time at FBCG as we emphasize the Persecuted Church. Dr. Nik Ripken, author of *The Insanity of God*, is our special guest for the weekend. We will have special training and prayer events led by Dr. Ripken and his team on Friday, September 18, and Saturday, September 19. Then, Dr. Ripken will preach in all three English-speaking worship services on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Mark this special weekend on your calendar. Visit fbcgarland.org/nikriipken for more information about the event.

Contact: Jim Witt, 972-276-7194, x233, or jimw@fbcgarland.org



DivorceCare Classes

Date: Sundays, Beginning September 13

Time: 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Location: Room 360

Cost: \$20 for materials

Details: Healing from divorce is not easy. In DivorceCare groups, people going through separation and divorce find tools, teaching, and support to help them deal with their pain and give them hope for the future.

Register: fbcgarland.org/fall-2026-adult-discipleship-classes

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



Precept Study of The Covenant

Date: Beginning, Tuesday, September 8 or Wednesday, September 9

Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Location: MAC 281

Cost: \$25

Details: This coed Precept class is *The Covenant*, a study of God's covenants with His people, led by Gay Ritchie. It will last 11 sessions. To register and pay for your book visit fbcgarland.org/fall-2026-adult-discipleship-classes

Contact: Cathy Gharis, 496-429-2371, or cathyg@fbcgarland.org





Men's Ministry Breakfast & Workday

Date: Saturday, September 12
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: Red Parking Lot
Details: We will meet under the shade trees to eat a light breakfast, then go out on workday projects for widowed church members.
Register: fbcgarland.org/mens-ministry
Contact: Cathy Gharis, 469-429-2371, or cathyg@fbcgarland.org



GriefShare

Date: Beginning Sunday, September 13
Time: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Location: MAC 285
Details: If you have lost a loved one, we are here to walk with you through this difficult time. Join us weekly for our in-person or Zoom study.
Register: fbcgarland.org/griefshare
Contact: Cathy Gharis, 469-429-2371, or cathyg@fbcgarland.org



Praise Singers Senior Adult Choir

Date: Monday, September 14
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: MAC 283
Details: Come "Taste and See The Lord is Good" through singing in the Praise Singers choir. It's going to be a wonder-filled year. Join us!
Contact: Freida Bennett, 972-276-7194, x242, or freidab@fbcgarland.org



Rooted Young Adults

Kayak Crossing Outpost

Date: Saturday, September 26
Time: 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
Location: 6917 Miller Rd., Rowlett, 75088
Details: \$10, Join us for kayaking followed by lunch at Chick-Fil-A.
Register: fbcgarland.org/young-adults
Contact: Dane Hernandez, 469-429-2586, or daneh@fbcgarland.org



Youth Choirs Begin

Date: Sunday, September 13
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Room 330, Impact Middle School Choir Choir Room, Legacy High School Choir
Details: For information and to register, please visit fbcgarland.org/impact-middle-school-choir or fbcgarland.org/legacy-high-school-choir
Contact: Tamara Palmer, 972-276-7194, x241, or tamarap@fbcgarland.org



Preschool and Children's Choir Kickoff

Date: Wednesday, September 16
Time: 6:15 p.m.
Location: MAC Gym
Details: Preschool and Children's Choirs kick off their year with games, bounce houses, and a fun treat! For more information and to register, please visit fbcgarland.org/childrens-choirs
Contact: Tamara Palmer, 972-276-7194, x241, or tamarap@fbcgarland.org

NEW MEMBERS

New Members

8/2/26

Sunday School

Ellie Rush
Gina Rush
Haddie Rush
Jarrett Rush
Liam Rush

Letter

Cliff York
Ford York
Kara York

New Members

8/9/26

No new members

New Members

8/16/26

Letter

Joahanna Olivas
Beverly Riggs
Paul Riggs

Statement

Ellie Rush
Gina Rush

New Members

8/16/23

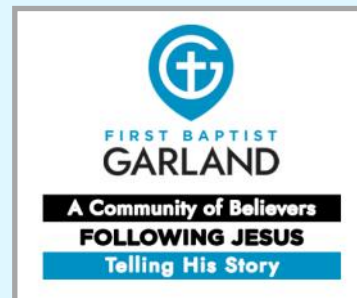
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Haddie Rush
Jarrett Rush
Liam Rush

New Members

8/23/26

No new members



"See You at the Pole"

For Students in Grades 6-12

Date: Wednesday, September 23

Time: Check with your campus for a specific time.

Location: Around flagpole at your school or home

Details: SYATP is a prayer rally run by students where students meet up at their school flag pole before school to pray for one another, their school, community, country, and the world.

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



Work Willingly at Whatever
You Do, as Though You
Were Working for the Lord
Rather Than for People.

COLOSSIANS 3:23

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

The family and friends of Fred Hedgecoke.

The family and friends of Sandra McKay.

George Yeary in the loss of his wife,
Nova Yeary.

Melissa and James Jennings in the loss of
James' father, Bill Jennings.

Congratulations to:

Denise and Stacy Morris;
Gayla and Joel Dobson
on the birth of their
grandson,
Lucas Lee Dobson.
Great-grandparents are
Ken and Linda Bingham.

FIRST BAPTIST GARLAND	8/2/26 Week 44	8/9/26 Week 45	8/16/26 Week 46	8/23/26 Week 47
Stewardship				
Annual Goal	\$6,859,000	\$6,859,000	\$6,859,000	\$6,859,000
Budget Required TD	\$5,803,769	\$5,935,673	\$6,067,577	\$6,199,481
Received This Year	\$5,747,597	\$5,863,575	\$6,031,498	\$6,107,681