

# Fellowship Facts

## *Holiday Calendar*

### November

**17th-** WAC Holiday Banquet

**20th-** Thanksgiving service. (No Meal)

**25th-** Doug Simpson- Concert

**27th-** Graham Prayer Rally (Aldersgate)

### December

**1st-** Graham Student Workers Hilton

Decorate Church for Christmas

**2nd-** Hanging of the Green

Christmas Parade 2PM

**8th-** Bro. Levan's S.S. Class party.

**15th-** Sr. Adult Christmas Luncheon- at Pastor's Home 1:00 PM

Teen S.S. Class Party PM

College Class Christmas Party. (Marcus Brewer's Home.)

**23rd-** Christmas Service

### January

**9th.-** Annual Business Meeting

## Student & Children's Ministry

### To Begin Wednesdays

Student & Children's ministry will began at Fellowship on Wednesday Evening November 7 at 6:30 PM.

This is the outgrowth of a meeting after the potluck on September 23. This meeting was scheduled to discuss the children's ministry of the church and to make a plan for the future.

The prevailing thought during the meeting was to begin having competitive activities with a goal of taking a group of competitors to the National Convention in Memphis, TN in July of 2002.

Another meeting was scheduled for October 12

at Marcus Brewer's house where the competitive activities were described and possibilities for the Wednesday evening ministry was discussed.

By the time the meeting was over, a plan was in place and there were volunteers to lead each age group.

The preschool will be manned by volunteers on rotation. The First through third grade will be directed by Jennifer Snook assisted by Tina MacArthur. The 4-6 grade will be directed by Robin Rodriguez assisted by Margaret Dunaway. The 7-9th grade will be directed by

Marcus Brewer assisted by Beverly Langille and the 10-12 grade will be directed by Levan & Vicki Hubbard. Bro. Alvin Halbrook will be in charge of the adult prayer and study time.

The first two months will be a time of evaluating to see how much our kids know. After that, a plan will be in place to help develop the talents of our kids. Even though competitive activities will be emphasized there will be lessons, singing, games and a project to present at youth night on a monthly basis.

## Doug Simpson Gospel Guitarist Nov. 25

Doug Simpson of Bartlesville, Oklahoma will be with us in service on Sunday November 25. He will do a short performance as part of the Sunday Morning Service and will do a concert that evening.

Doug will be sharing his testimony, playing his guitar and singing. He has won many awards as a guitarist and is endorsed by SAMICK guitars.

Please use this as an opportunity to invite some-

one new to this occasion.

# Recruiting Prayer Warriors by Kathy Halbrook

*“My house will be called a house of prayer . . .” Mark 11:17*

## **Why Should We Pray?**

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God invites and commands us to bring our needs to Him in prayer. Jesus told His disciples to pray in Luke 18:1. In Colossians 4:2 Paul said that Christians *should* pray. Prayer is not an optional extra. God enlists us, His people, in the holy work of prayer. Our prayers matter eternally.

## **What Can We Expect When We Pray?**

When the children of God pray, we can expect that God will hear and answer us. God loves us and loves to answer prayer. In the past couple of months, we have had things happen in our church that only God could have done.

## **How Should We Pray?**

Paul’s letters in the New Testament were not just filled with instructions but they record the prayers he prayed for the different churches. We can use his prayers as a basis of prayer for our church. In Ephesians 3:14-21, Paul asked for the following things:

- That they would be strengthened by the Spirit
- That Christ would dwell in their hearts
- That they would understand what is the breadth, length, depth and height of the love of Christ
- That they would be filled with the fullness of God

These are some great things to ask God to provide for our church family. If we look at verses 20-21 we see that he is able to answer us above all that we can even ask or think!

## **Fellowship Prayer Ministry**

The mission of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church (to Expose, Evangelize, Educate and Enlist individuals for the Kingdom of God) requires a unity of spirit and cooperation that only God can give us. Every activity that our church is involved in is worth praying about.

Inside, you probably have a desire to pray for our church. And that’s all you need. We are looking for Prayer Warriors who will make a commitment to pray for the needs of our church family.

We already have our people praying in the following ways:

- Prayer partners are meeting in the Prayer Room one morning a week
- A couple have agreed to pray daily for our church using a Prayer Calendar that they will make listing our people and needs
- Two men have committed to meet weekly by phone to pray

We need people willing to pray before or during our services:

- o Sunday School
- o Sunday Morning Worship
- o Sunday night
- o Wednesday night

If you sense God calling you to become involved in our Prayer Ministry, join hands and hearts with others who want to advance prayer at Fellowship. United prayer has exceptional power.

*“As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord  
by ceasing to pray for you.” (1 Samuel 12:23)*

**What an exciting and awesome opportunity we have in prayer!**

**Prayer Warrior Sign-up Cards are available in the Foyer**

Plans have been announced for the Brazos Valley to host the "Festival 2002" with Franklin Graham. Franklin is the son of evangelist Billy Graham and is brought to the area by area churches and business leaders.

There are several events scheduled in preparation for the event Scheduled for May 2-5, 2002 at Reed Arena on the A&M campus. Franklin Graham will be preaching each night of the Festival along with special guest musicians. There will be a Children's service on the 4th with the "BibleMan." That evening will be Student night with emphasis on students of all ages and a musical guest that the students will identify.

The process leading up to this occasion is as important as the days of the Festival. It is also valuable to the local church. Everything held in preparation can be implemented in the local church to help cause it to prosper.

Here are some Key components of the training and preparation that is available to help this church and help ensure the success of the Festival.

**Prayer** is the greatest need and greatest opportunity. It is essential in evangelism. It is also the highest priority.

There will be monthly prayer guides to help pray for this event. There will also be



prayer rallies. The first of which will be Nov. 27 at 7:00 PM at the Aldersgate UMC.

Remember to pray during Sunday School, Bible Studies, Worship Services and Personal Devotions.

**Operation Andrew** is an opportunity to list, pray for and invite those that you would like to see saved. Messages will be given and brochures that will help you with your list and commitment will be available.

**Christian Life and Witness Course** everyone ages 13 & up are encouraged to attend these classes. They will meet in various locations once a week for five weeks Beginning Feb. 11-March 9 and the week after Spring Break March 18-23.

Through the years the Christian Life and Witness course has been used by the Lord to focus Christians on how to revitalize their faith and share it. Topics to be taught include: *The Effective Christian Life, The Victorious Christian Life, The Christian Witness, Follow-up and the Care of New Christians, How to Lead small Group Bible Studies and Serving as a counselor at the Festival.* There will also be special

course locations for youth and the young at heart. The weekly class instruction is 90 minutes in length. Those attending will have an **opportunity to become counselors** for those who come forward for salvation during the Festival.

Those who are saved at the festival whom we bring or give our church as a preference will be referred to our church for follow-up.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Assn. has a very **aggressive follow-up program** that involves the local church. This should be valuable to us to equip us to follow-up on a more consistent, and effective basis.

There are plenty of things that need to be done and you can help. Your **financial aid** is needed. Volunteer opportunities include singing in the choir, serving as an **usher** and **volunteering time in the Festival office.**

Begin praying and preparing now that this occasion would encourage and benefit this church, this community and ultimately the Kingdom of God.

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 10 Pastor's Breakfast**  
(Speaker Dr. D.L. Lowrie)

**November 27 Prayer Rally**  
Aldersgate UMC 7:00 PM  
(Speaker Dr. C.B. Akins)

**December 1 Student Worker's Breakfast** 9:30 Am @ The Hilton



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## Things to Remember:

### **Poinsettias for Christmas**

Once again this year the church will be decorated with poinsettias for Christmas. A \$10 donation is suggested to help with this expense. November 25 is the deadline for donations.

### **Adopt a Project**

There might be a special job waiting just for YOU! Check the bulletin board for a current list of projects that need to be done in and around the church. Please sign by your project and get it done as soon as possible.

**Benjamin Randall**

### **Offering**

Sunday November 18 is the Benjamin Randall Offering. This offering benefits the Home Mission's Department general fund. This is one of five offerings during the year encouraged by the National Convention.

### **Your Help is Needed**

There are several roles in which you can serve. We need people who will rotate in cooking the Wednesday night meals, the rotation can be weekly or monthly. We also need clean-up crews to help after the meals.

There is also a need for pre-school children's church workers for a monthly rotation.

If you are interested in driving the van on Wednesdays or Sundays or working in a van ministry recruiting riders please respond.

### **Budget Being Prepared**

The 2002 budget is in the process of being prepared. If you have suggestions for items to be included or changes that you want to recommend, see one of the trustees or the pastor.