



# *The Journey*

*Marble Falls First Baptist Church*

**AUGUST 9, 2010**

## Pastor Search Committee Recommendation

Your pastor search committee recommends **Ross Chandler** as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Marble Falls. He will be preaching at 9:00am and 10:20am August 15 in view of your call.

When you entrusted the important role of searching for our new pastor, our committee - along with Bro. Max and Pastor Jackson - diligently sought God's will for the leader for our church. We spent hundreds of hours in prayer, research, meetings, and discussions to find God's person for our church.

We are unanimously recommending Ross Chandler. The choice is clear to every person on our committee - without a doubt - that God has perfectly prepared Ross Chandler to lead our church. His personal mission is aligned with our church's purpose of loving God, loving others, and telling the world about Jesus. We feel he is a perfect fit for First Baptist Marble Falls.

Pastor Ross is 34 years old. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and the Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University. He is married to Meaghen and they have two daughters - Hannah (5) and Tess (2).

Ross has been Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church of Hondo, Texas for 6 1/2 years. Prior to Hondo, he was a youth and college minister at Central Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Texas.

When Ross was called to First Baptist Hondo, their average attendance was 104, and the church had a multi-million dollar lawsuit against it. The church was in turmoil when he arrived. Through God's guidance and Ross' leadership, First Baptist Hondo has recovered and prospered. Today, they average over 270 in worship on Sunday, and they recently completed a \$2.2M building program.

Your search committee loves Ross, Meaghen, Hanna and Tess. In the short time we have gotten to know them, we have felt God's presence in every sermon, meeting and conversation.

He is truly a gifted man of God. This Sunday, we are excited and honored to present Pastor Ross Chandler and his family to our congregation in view of a pastoral call.

- Pastor Search Committee  
Marble Falls First Baptist Church

## It's On My Heart

There is enthusiasm abounding all throughout our First Baptist Family. Our dedicated Pastor Search Committee has been led of God to recommend to us Pastor Ross Chandler as the Holy Spirit's anointed one to be our new Senior Pastor. In this edition of *The Journey* you will find details outlining the events of the coming weekend when we will host Pastor Ross and his family. Certainly the high point will be when he preaches for us in the morning worship services. At the end of each service we will express our confidence in our committee and our excitement about Ross Chandler's leadership as we extend to him our call to be shepherd of our faith family.

I look forward to joining all of you in the worship services and in Bible Study as we rejoice in our Lord and His wonderful grace to us.

Let me encourage you to spend time in prayer this week. Pray for Pastor Ross. Pray for our people. Pray for God's power and leadership in all of these activities. Be in your place. Invite friends and family members to share in the services. Come ready to be blessed and to be a blessing as we worship through the music, the messages from God's word, our witness, and our giving. It will be a God honoring, Christ exalting, Holy Spirit empowered day.

### Pastor Jackson

I would like to thank Frank Preston, Aubrey Poe, Pat Bryant, Bill Ryan, David Andrews, Bob Helton & Steve Galton for trimming the trees in my yard & for cutting one down. I appreciate all their hard work as they braved this hot weather to make these improvements that were needed.

Sincerely,  
Wilma Jackson

### Write Way Ministry

Don't forget to pick up Write Way in the church office every Sunday.

### Bible Study Stats

Sunday AM Bible Study	421
Life Groups not in Sunday totals	23

## Deacons of the Day

Randy Jones and Butch Kemper	8-15-10
Wade Whiteside and Mark Few	8-22-10
David Andrews and Marcos Marichilar	8-29-10
Phil McCurdy and Jim Tolles	9-5-10

## Remember in Prayer

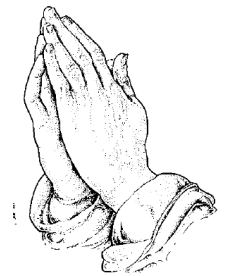
**..our adopted missionaries:** Jonathan and Erin Wright-East Asia; Don and Dale Getty-South Asia; Jeff and Trish Ward-South East Asia; Karla Turner-Venezuela & Ecuador.

**...for health issues:** Joellyn Hart; Chuck Belrose; Nancy Smith; Sarah Josselet; Lynda Hamby; Anne Robertson; Jim Stuard; Phil Chesher; Clara Hill; Tommy Allison; Pam Morris; John Rudd; Carl Wolfington; Bill Smythe; Anita Pullen; Karen Cottrell; Shirley Beaussire; Benny Locklear

**...our deepest sympathy to:** family of Nita Peebles; family of US Army Captain Jason E. Holbrook

### ...our Pastor Search Committee:

David Cottrell (Chairman)  
John Berkman  
Thelma Rudd  
Ginger Chuter  
Jan Morris  
Jim Taylor  
Leslie Coleman  
Bro. Max Copeland (Honorary)  
Pastor Richard Jackson (Advisory)



### ...our Summer Missionaries:

James & Ganelle Hampton - Virginia

### 8-8-10

<b>Budget Receipts</b>	\$28,807.91
Budget Requirements	\$28,243.71

### Designated Receipts

Benevolence Special	250.00
Faith Journey	250.00
Food Pantry	40.00
International Missions	35.00
HOPE Class Party	60.00
North American Missions	5.00
Pictorial Directory	38.00
The Butterfly Project	167.36
Upward Sports	130.00
Wycliffe Ministries	10.00
Youth Fund	225.00

## *Jill's Jots*

Count Your Blessings! That old hymn will pep you up whether you are low or not. Name them one by one, the first one is Jesus and the second is my husband, Phil! Then there are our children, grandchildren, church, family, friends and the list goes on and on.

Matt Smith is a particular blessing in the Children's Ministry. He works tirelessly and endlessly. Thank you, Children's Church Leaders and Sunday School Teachers. Thank you Betty Maugham and your team of Nursery workers. Thank you, Wednesday night leaders and Upwards Leaders. Thank you Child Care Committee for all of your hard work.

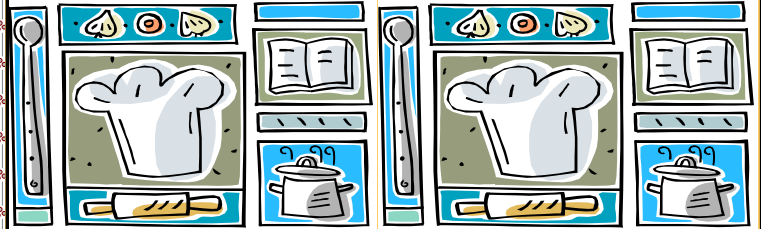
We will celebrate what God has done in the past and what He is going to do this next year at an Appreciation Luncheon, Sunday, August 22nd. Please RSVP so we can be sure to prepare enough food.

We still need more children's teachers on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday nights. If you teach on Sunday mornings then you can attend Bible Study on Wednesday nights or if you work on Wednesday nights then you can attend Bible Study on Sunday mornings. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this vital ministry of our church. Consider giving God a year and you will be blessed.

Blessings,

*Jill McCurdy*

## Kitchen Training Meal Tuesday, August 17 MFFBC Kitchen & Fellowship Hall



Who needs to attend?...anyone who plans on using the church kitchen (Wednesday night meal helpers, Meals on Wheels cooks & kitchen helpers, Funeral meal coordinators & helpers, etc.)

You will learn:

- Proper use of equipment
- Cleaning & Sanitizing of surfaces and equipment
- Food Safety
- Proper storage of kitchen tools
- And much more

Please RSVP to Sharon Stone @ 512/608-8054 or [mom@threestitchers.com](mailto:mom@threestitchers.com).

## Abundant Life Fellowship

Thursday, August 12  
11am-1pm

**Program: Brian Anderson**  
**Exe. Director of Camp Peniel.**  
**Music: Dale Gunlock, Alyssa Anderson**  
**and Paige Adams**

## Dates to Remember

August 22: Children's Worker Appreciation Luncheon  
August 22: Promotion Sunday  
August 23: School Starts for FBCS and MFISD  
September 5: Baby Dedication



## Saturday, October 23

Mark your calendars for TeamKaren 2, a 5K and Kid's K Walk/Run, to honor our friend and teacher, Karen Cottrell. Please join the Encouragers Bible Study Class in the fight against inflammatory breast cancer (IBC). Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 6pm until the event day. We are seeking sponsors, donations and volunteers to help make TeamKaren 2 even more successful than the first. For more information, please visit [www.teamkaren.com](http://www.teamkaren.com) or contact Donna Wilcox at [dwilcox52@gmail.com](mailto:dwilcox52@gmail.com).

**Please be in attendance Sunday morning at 9:00am and 10:20am to hear Pastor Ross Chandler preach in view of call.** Vote will be taken after each service with the tally revealed at a Church Family Conference @ 11:30am.

Abundant Life Trip  
Llano Opry  
Llano, TX

Saturday, August 14

**Cancelled due to Pastoral Search activities.**

**Deadline for entries in *The Journey* is Thursday afternoon by 5pm**

# Staff

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## Sunday Schedule

Bible Study All Ages & Worship 9am  
Bible Study Adults & Worship 10:20am  
Evening Service 6pm

## This Week at MFFBC

Wednesday August 11	Thursday August 12	Friday August 13	Saturday August 14	Sunday August 15	Monday August 16	Tuesday August 17
<p>6:30pm Prayer Meeting Youth Activities</p>	<p>11am-1pm Abundant Life Fellowship</p> <p>2-4 pm Food Pantry</p>  <p>6:30-9pm Celebrate Recovery</p> 		<p><b>Abundant Life Trip to Llano Opry Has been Cancelled</b></p>	<p>9am Bible Study for Children, Youth, And Adults, Worship</p> <p>10:20am Bible Study for Adults, Praise Service Children's Church</p> <p>6pm Worship</p>		<p>10am Creative Hearts</p> <p>2-4 pm Food Pantry</p> 