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Mission Statement:

Sunday School is FBC's primary Great Commission strategy for reaching, teaching and ministering to the people of Winnsboro.

Go, therefore, and **make disciples** of^l all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe** everything I have commanded you. **Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB)**

Consumer Christianity vs Battleship Christianity

During my devotional time this past week, I came across a short video that I shared on my various social media pages that made me stop and think.

As professing Christians, we all fall into some complacency in our walk with the Lord and we also lose some perspective why we come to church. I would like to share some of the dialog of this video I encountered during my devotions.

“The hard truth is the church isn’t here primarily to meet your needs. I know that is a mind-blowing moment in this western world where everything is catered to us and the customer is always right. The Church is not here to primarily meet your needs.

The minute you become a Christian is the minute all church activity stopped being about you. Now it is for you and you are expected to grow, engage with the church body, but it is not PRIMARILY about you. This is all summed up in the mental image that the church is not a cruise ship. The church is a battleship.

Cruise ship Christians just want to be fed and catered to. Battleship Christians roll up their sleeves and serve others.

Cruise ship Christians get upset when someone sits in their seats. Battleship Christians freely give up their seats to make room for one more.

Cruise ship Christians complain when their favorite program gets changed. Battleship Christians celebrate when God begins to do a new thing.

Cruise ship Christians wait around for someone to be friendly to them. Battleship Christians go look for someone who needs to be encouraged and to be friendly towards.

Cruise ship Christians get skeptical when somebody with a sketchy past gives their life to God. Battleship Christians get emotional with celebration remembering that without the grace of God, none of us stand a chance.

Cruise ship Christians stand stoically during worship forgetting of why Jesus died and set them free from. Battleship Christians worship with passion, hands lifted high—not as a show but as a showing of the work God has done, and they never want to forget it.

Finally Cruise ship Christians go to church to be fed but Battleship Christians go to church to find people to disciple.”

These statements certainly convicted me in my own complacency and the question I want to ask the church body (that I already asked myself) is what category do you fall into?

Blessing to you all and Happy New Year!

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PRAYER

Our Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) would like to encourage the church to remain in a season of prayer as we, as a church, seek the man God has for us as our new pastor. This prayer and scriptures are being sent out by Remind messages daily at the request of the Pastor Search Committee. This week's prayer and scripture is below. Take time each day to pray the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the call You give us to go out into the world and spread the awesome gospel of Jesus. Thank you Lord, for members of this body, past and present, that do that daily. Help all of us in this church know and take on the call You give us to spread the life saving message of Jesus, and be with those that are actively serving right now. Keep them safe and open hearts and minds to the truth of You. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Scripture Reference : Psalm 96:2-5

Weekly Church Announcements

Let's Pray!

Let's Pray! Join us for a time of corporate prayer for our church body. Sunday mornings, 8:00 am, in the GMRC.



Quarterly Ministry Conference & Committee Orientation

Sunday, January 18, 2026—5:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Classes are asked to bring:

Swanner, SENers, Mizpah, & Draper

2 Crockpots of stew or chili per class

4 pans of cornbread per class

2 boxes of crackers per class

Baskin, Fry, Cowboy & Huffman Ladies

Youth teachers (4)

2 Crockpots of stew or chili per class

4 blocks sliced cheddar cheese per class

1 jar of pickle spears per class

Smith, Caston Men, 1829, McCraw

2 doz. cookies & 2 doz. brownies per class

Children's & Preschool teachers

Kid-friendly Sandwiches

(for example: PBJ, Ham & Cheese, Grilled Cheese)



A weekly **REACH, TEACH, & MINISTER** schedule

9:00—9:10
Fellowship &
Announcements

9:10—9:20
"REACH"
Spotlight

9:20-10:00
"TEACH" People
God's Word

10:00—10:15
"MINISTER" in Care
Groups/Prayer Time