

# THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family, Authentic praise of God acknowledges what is true about God; it responds to qualities that are "there" and not simply "there for me...." In other words, God is to be praised because God is God, because of what God is and does, guite apart from what God is and does for me. Anyone can, and should, praise God when the Lord blesses one and keeps one.

Gratitude is indeed often expressed as praise, and rightly But that does not make S0. praise and gratitude identical. Or does God cease to be praiseworthy when gratitude has fled because the Lord seems to withhold blessing, when the divine face appears to be set against us and when agony drives out peace? (Leander E. Keck in *The Christian Century*, December 16, 1992).

See you Sunday.

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Dr. Howard Batson, Pastor



# 4AMARILLO CHURCHES Worship Service

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Sunday, November 10 6:00 p.m. – First Baptist Church Sanctuary Guest: Brad Jones, Pastor of Passion City Church 515 Campus in Atlanta, Georgia.

(Special thanks to the Joe S. and Lettie S. Morris Family Distinguished Preaching Series at First Presbyterian Church, Amarillo)



#### COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tuesday, November 26 6:30 a.m. – Amarillo Civic Center Guest Speaker: Brian Miller, Research Coordinator and Senior Fellow for the

Center for Science and Culture at the Discovery Institute.

Join us to hear a powerful message, and, more importantly, to pray and acknowledge our community's dependence upon God. Our church has a handful of complimentary tickets available on a first requested basis, so contact Chaundra in the church office (806-373-2891) if you are interested in attending.



#### WOMEN'S HOLIDAY DINNER: GIFTS

Thursday, December 5 Fellowship Hall Speaker: Melody Grace

Tickets will be available for purchase (\$20 each) on Sunday, November 17. Childcare is available by reservation.



#### FATHER-SON MISSION TRIP

Guatemala – February 13-17, 2025 We're taking a father-son team to lead a weekend retreat in Guatemala, including worship, Bible studies, work projects, and mission outreach over the President's Day weekend. For more information, contact Trevor in the church office (806-373-2891).

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# NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

#### **NEW MEMBERS**



Maggie and Miles Smith For Baptism



Cambria Chaney By Statement (pictured with parents, Cory and Lexi, and sisters, Avery and Emmersyn)

> Not Pictured: Sam and Ann Covin By Letter

#### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Specific, Significant, Intentional" from 1 Corinthians 16:2. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.



## FELLOWSHIP THROUGH READING

Monday, November 11 10:30 a.m. – room 107

You may know your Texas and United States history, but do you know the unique history of Amarillo? Join us as Dr. Paul Matney, retired president of Amarillo College, shares the history of Amarillo!

#### **DEACON OF THE DAY**

Nov. 10	Christopher McWhorter
Nov. 11	David Joza
Nov. 12	Richard Hanna
Nov. 13	Bruce Cotgreave
Nov. 14	Randy Croslin
Nov. 15	Cecil Carpenter
Nov. 16	Tommy Needham
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TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

**Benton Mac Brister** 

and

Molly Grae Villyard

REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR COMPANY AT THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR MARRIAGE

SATUR DAY, THE SIXTEENTH OF NOVEMBER TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AMARILLO, TEXAS

CAKE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

**WOMEN ON MISSION SHAROL SHUTTS,** Wednesday, November 13, 9:30 a.m., room 107.

# **CHRISTMAS PLATES**

Homemade cookies and candy are needed for the Christmas Plates for our homebound and nursing home residents. Please bring the items to Fellowship Hall by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 6. Items brought earlier in the week need to be labeled "Christmas Plates."

Volunteers are needed that morning to assemble plates and deliver plates and gifts. You can sign up to deliver plates in your Sunday School department or by contacting Lola Hornstra (806-352-9454) or Sue Cagle (806-355-6196). This is a special time of giving and ministry during the holiday season, and we hope you can join us!

# SINGLE MOMS MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, November 16 10:00 a.m. – FLC Room 202 (note new meeting place)

#### **ARISE WOMEN'S GROUP**

Tuesday, November 12 6:00 p.m. – room 110

### TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Corky Holland continues our study, *Feasting with the Savior*, this coming Tuesday! Bible study is from 12:15-12:45 p.m., and a light lunch is available at 11:45 a.m. (nominal fee). First Singers meet in the Music Suite following Tuesday Noon Bible Study.



#### Sunday, November 10 NO Youth Choir

#### Wednesday, November 13 Mission Night Out

6:00-6:45 p.m. Acteens: Meet at the bird cage Servants: Meet in the rotunda



**PrimeTime** 6:45-8:00 p.m. room 407



(for those who are college age)

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45 a.m. – room 413

**Tuesday, November 12** Challenge Bible Study 7:00 p.m. For additional details, contact Corey.



## AUTO, BIKE, AND COMPUTER MINISTRY

If you have an interest in donating or receiving a bicycle, computer, or auto, please contact the church office (806-373-2891).



# BIBLE DRILL Church Drill

Sunday, November 10 4:30 p.m. – room 310 Come support the 4th-6th grade drillers who have worked so hard to memorize God's word!

# **BABIES OF THE WEEK**



Parker Grace Rufenacht daughter of Tyler and Jordan Rufenacht granddaughter of Jimmy and Margie Ramirez



Laken Lovena Martin daughter of Justin and Holly Martin granddaughter of Tammy Martin great-granddaughter of Dianna Wood



#### **Thank You!**

A huge "thank you" to all directors and teachers in the Preschool ministry. You made "Friends and Family" Sunday such a great day. You are loved and appreciated!

# FAMILY DEDICATION



Mary Helen "Mae" Hudson Parents: Brian and Sarah

# FUN AT FIRST FEST!











# SERVICE TIMES AT FIRST

Sunday Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 a.m
Bible Study for all ages	9:45 a.m
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Evening Prayer &	Praise 6:00 p.m

### **ATTENTION SEAMSTRESSES**

Hemmed in Prayer is looking for willing women (and men) to sew garments for children in orphanages all over the world. The sewing is done at home, and the group meets four tims a year to gather the garments to send on mission trips and meet other needs. If interested in helping, please call the church office (806-373-2891) and we will get you in contact with Joyce Hobbs.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT ALL HIS

November 3, 2024 Weekly budget requirement \$ 165,228.17 Weekly budget receipts \$ 268,348.62 Year-to-date budget requirement \$ 7,270,039.48 Year-to-date budget receipts \$ 10,256,623.75

# **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

•The family of Rosa Hutcheson. •Laura Bergmann and Rose Ingerson in the death of their mother, Mary Dunlap.

•Norman Rushing in the death of his brother, Kelly Rushing, Temple, TX.

•Melissa Banks in the death of her grandmother, Aletta Irwin.

# WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, November 10 Acts 24-26 Monday, November 11 Acts 27-28 Tuesday, November 12 Romans 1-3 Wednesday, November 13 Romans 4-5 Thursday, November 14 Romans 6-7 Friday, November 15 Romans 8 Saturday, November 16 Romans 9-11

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

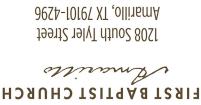
By Letter or Statement to Date	
For Baptism to Date	
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# WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, November 13 Enchiladas • Rice • Beans •Chips (catered by The Plaza) OR Delicious Dozen Salad Bar Make reservations online or call the church office by Monday noon.

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