



THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

(A much-shared column in the *New York Times* contrasts "the Well-Planned Life" with "the Summoned Life." The Well-Planned Life is the conventional view of those who celebrate ambition and individual achievement. It finds expression in many a New Year's resolution. The Summoned Life is very different.)

"The person leading the Summoned Life starts with a very concrete situation: I'm living in a specific year in a specific place facing specific problems and needs. At this moment in my life, I am confronted with specific job opportunities and specific options. The important questions are: 'What are these circumstances summoning me to do? What is needed in this place? What is the most useful social role before me?'

These are questions answered primarily by sensitive observation and situational awareness, not calculation and long-range planning.

In America, we have been taught
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JOIN US AS WE STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2025!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We offer Sunday Morning Bible Study classes for adults: co-ed classes, women's and men's classes, classes for single adults, classes by age, and classes for

all ages! Classes focus on great Bible teaching, life application, building relationships and fellowship with others, caring for others, and much more. For more information, stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or contact Robby Barrett in the church office (806-373-2891).

TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Noon Bible Study will resume on January 7, 2025, with Dr. Steve Austin leading a study on spiritual gifts. Bible study is from 12:15-12:45 p.m., and a light lunch is available (nominal cost) at 11:45 a.m. First Singers meet in the Music Suite following Tuesday Noon Bible Study.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – COLOSSIANS

led by Bruce Cotgreave

Beginning Thursday, January 9 – 10:00 a.m. – room 104
(no early sign up required)

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS

Betty Reeves and Cheryl Brewer will lead an eight-week book study of *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty beginning Sunday, January 12, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in room 102. Books will be available in the church office or can be purchased online and downloaded to your device.



FAMILY NIGHT @ FIRST RESUMES JANUARY 8

5:00 p.m. – Family Meal in the FLC Gym
Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$25. Please make meal reservations by Monday noon by going

online (www.firstamarillo.org) or calling the church office (806-373-2891).

6:00 p.m. – Music and Missions activities for preschoolers and children

6:00 p.m. – Prayer Meeting in the sanctuary, Midway for Young Adults, Acteens and Servants for Youth

6:45 p.m. – PrimeTime for Youth

7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

NEW MEMBERS



Simon McAlexander
For Baptism

DEACON OF THE DAY

January 5	Hal Skaggs
January 6	Jay Sawyer
January 7	Jeff Stephenson
January 8	Barry Lowrance
January 9	Terry Harris
January 10	Bruce Cotgreave
January 11	Steve Kersh

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE (BWA)

23rd Baptist World Congress
Brisbane, Australia
July 7-20, 2025

First Baptist Church of Amarillo has supported Baptist World Alliance for many years. Members of our church have an opportunity to join a group of approximately 30 led by Dr. Todd Still, Dean of Baylor's Truett Seminary, for this largest global gathering of Baptists. BWA brings together 51 million Baptists from 128 countries to share the gospel and address the needs of Baptists and other Christians around the world. For more information, contact Bill Brian (806-372-5569, work, or 806-374-1401, home).

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to admire the lone free agent who creates new worlds. But for the person leading the Summoned Life, the individual is small and the context is large. Life comes to a point not when the individual project is complete but when the self dissolves into a larger purpose and cause." (David Brooks, "The summoned self," *The New York Times*, 8/2/2010)

See you Sunday.

Dr. Howard Batson, Pastor

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Everyone's Baptism Ought to Splash on Someone" from John 12:11. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.



SENIOR ADULT LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, January 8
10:30 a.m. – room 110

If you currently serve on our leadership team or would like to serve on the team, we will meet to evaluate our 2024 events, activities, and trips, as well as brainstorm activities for 2025.

THE CHOSEN – Season 4

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30
1:30 p.m. – room 102

We will watch two episodes of Season 4 each week. Even if you have already seen Season 4, you will notice more details when you see it again!

WOMEN ON MISSION

SHAROL SHUTTS, Wednesday,
January 8, 9:30 a.m., room 107.

MAKING JESUS KNOWN GLOBALLY

Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions

Our Church Goal: \$100,020.24
Given to Date: \$ 108,969.48

WOMEN'S TUESDAY

AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Beth Moore's *A Woman's Heart*
January 7 through April 1

2:15 p.m. – room 101

Workbooks available in the church office (\$15). For more information, please contact Laura Schelin or call the church office (806-373-2891).

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Free at Last: The Journey Continues

(a Study in Exodus)

Thursdays, January 9-April 17
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

GET FIT AT FIRST

The Family Life Center has everything you need to begin your journey into a life of regular exercise, including an updated cardio room, an indoor track, and an expansive weight room to meet all of your strength training needs. The FLC also has a full gymnasium and a large game room.

Family Life Center memberships may be purchased at any time and renew each January.

Individual: \$40 per year

Family (4 or more): \$125 per year

Senior (55+): \$30 per year



Happy New Year!
from the Student and
College Staff

Sunday, January 5

Youth Choir
4:30 p.m. – Music Suite

Wednesday, January 8

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



DNow 2025

February 7-9
Register online at: <https://www.firstamarillo.org/youth>

Cost: \$90
2 family members - \$155
3 family members - \$210

Upcoming 2025 Dates

High School Spring Break
Mission Trip
March 8-14

Breakaway
May 25-30

Youth Choir Mission Trip
(for students who are active in choir)

June 18-27
(Registration and deposit for this trip is due now.) More information on trip is online at <https://www.firstamarillo.org/youth>.



Kids Midweek

Starts THIS Wednesday
January 8
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Scan the QR code to sign up for your new elective class!



Make an Impact!

Do you feel led to teach or make an impact in kids' lives? Come talk with Cliff and Hannah about how you can get involved in the Kids Ministry this year!

**REMEMBER TO PRAY
FOR OUR PASTOR
ONE MINUTE EACH DAY
AT 1:00 P.M.**



(for those who are college age)

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:45 a.m. – room 413

College Spring Break Mission Trip

March 11-16
Cost: \$300
Sign up by using the QR code



Preschool Choir and Mission Friends

Resume Wednesday, January 8!

NEW KID ON THE PEW



Griffin Wheat

GRANDPARENT GALLERY



Rebecca Jane Hasekamp
and
Samuel Joseph Hasekamp
daughter and son of
Joe and Stephanie Hasekamp
grandchildren of
Jo Elyn and Gary Helton

FIRST RIDE DRIVERS

We are especially grateful for our First Ride drivers who assist us every Sunday morning in getting to and from our parking areas! We need several additional adult drivers, so if you have an interest in helping once every three months, please contact Tommy Needham or the church office.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! AUTO, BIKE, AND COMPUTER MINISTRY

Presently, the Bicycle Ministry has approximately 100 bicycles needing repair. A work day is scheduled for *Saturday, January 4, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the 11th & Polk Ministry Center.* If you can maneuver a screwdriver and pliers, we need your help! For information, please call Don Judd or the church office (806-373-2891).



FOR THE LATEST NEWS
AND EVENTS VISIT
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FINANCIAL REPORT

ALL HIS

December 22 & 29, 2024

Weekly budget requirement
\$ 165,228.17

Weekly budget receipts
\$ 811,062.53

Year-to-date budget requirement
\$ 8,591,865.00

Year-to-date budget receipts
\$ 13,078,715.93

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- The family of Fabian Palitza.
- Glenna Cowan in the death of her grandson, Dustan Robinson.
- Melissa Banks in the death of her sister, Christina Burroughs.
- Staunton Whiteaker in the death of her brother, Keith Heiskell, Dalhart, TX.
- Haley Bell and Jenna McGuire in the death of their grandmother, Betty Clark, Wolfforth, TX.
- Heath Herrington in the death of his grandfather, Harold Lawrence, Austin, TX.

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, January 5	Genesis 12-14
Monday, January 6	Genesis 15-17
Tuesday, January 7	Genesis 18-19
Wednesday, January 8	Genesis 20
Thursday, January 9	Genesis 21-24
Friday, January 10	Genesis 25-26
Saturday, January 11	Genesis 27-31

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	31
For Baptism to Date	20
Baptized to Date	24
Watchcare	3

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, January 8

Chicken sandwich or nuggets
(catered by Chick-Fil-A)

OR

Delicious Dozen Salad Bar

***Make reservations online or call
the church office by Monday noon.***

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