



## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

"As long as I keep running about asking: 'Do you love me? Do you really love me?' I give all power to the voices of the world and put myself in bondage because the world is filled with 'ifs.' The world says: 'Yes, I love you if you are good-looking, intelligent, and wealthy. I love you if you have a good education, a good job, and good connections. I love you if you produce much, sell much, and buy much.'

There are endless 'ifs' hidden in the world's love. These 'ifs' enslave me, since it is impossible to respond adequately to all of them. The world's love is and always will be conditional. As long as I keep looking for my true self in the world of conditional love, I will remain 'hooked' to the world – trying, failing, and trying again. It is a world that fosters addictions because what it offers cannot satisfy the deepest craving of my heart." (Henri J. M. Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*)

See you Sunday.



## LET'S ROLL: PRACTICAL DISCIPLESHIP FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES

This six-week study will help you sense the Power of Christ to steer you in the right direction in a world full of sharp turns and potholes! If you have ever asked the question, "What do I do next in my walk with Christ?", this class is for you! You will come away with a game plan to spend time with God and be better equipped to have conversations with others about God! Join Donny Mason and other adults on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in room 102 beginning January 27.



## DNOW 2025

February 7-9

Register online at:

<https://www.firstamarillo.org/youth>

Cost: \$90

2 family members - \$155

3 family members - \$210

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2!**

## Help with DNOW 2025

If you would like to volunteer to help with DNow, please visit <https://www.firstamarillo.org/youth> and click on the DNOW Volunteer Sign-Up link to complete the form.



## GET FIT AT FIRST

The Family Life Center has everything you need to begin your journey into a life of regular exercise. The FLC has an updated *cardio room*, an *indoor track* to help you reach your steps goal when winter weather prevents you from walking outside, an expansive *weight room*, 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

Get signed up with a membership and get Fit at First!

## NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

### NEW MEMBERS



Wes and Karla Masters  
*By Letter*

#### Not Pictured

Larry Pitt  
*By Letter*  
Betty Tucker  
*By Statement*



### LUNCH AND LEARN

Wednesday, January 22  
12:00 noon – room 110

Travis Moore, formerly at Amarillo Police Department and now at Pantex, will speak about Safety and Situational Awareness, covering topics related to self-defense and safety for your house and vehicles. Your RSVP is needed by Monday, January 20; the meal costs \$5.

### DEACON OF THE DAY

January 19	Frank Sobey
January 20	Rudy Good
January 21	Steve Bedell
January 22	David Rieff
January 23	Jacob Stowe
January 24	Ben Richardson
January 25	John Smithee, Jr.

### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Mission Statement" from John 14:15-27. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

### TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Noon Bible Study meets each week. Dr. Steve Austin is presently leading a study on spiritual gifts entitled *Motivated to Serve: Identifying and Using Our Spiritual Gifts*. Bible study is from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, 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.

### SINGLE MOMS MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, January 18  
10:00-11:30 a.m. – FLC 202

### BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE (BWA)

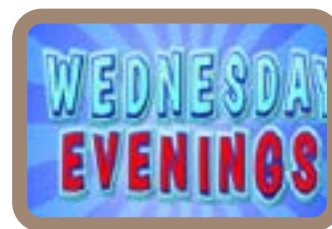
*23rd Baptist World Congress  
Brisbane, Australia  
July 7-20, 2025*

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).

### LADIES LUNCH BREAK MENTORS

**Starting January 15**

Christian Job Corps is starting a ladies' mentoring time on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If your schedule would allow you to spend the Wednesday lunch hour (light meal provided) mentoring women who are working toward next steps in life and employment, contact the church office (806-373-2891) or email [cjcofama@gmail.com](mailto:cjcofama@gmail.com).



### FAMILY NIGHT @ FIRST

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](http://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

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





## Sunday, January 19

Youth Choir

4:30 p.m. – Music Suite

## Wednesday, January 22

**Acteens** (all girls 7th-12th grade)

6:00-6:45 p.m. – room 410

**Servants** (all guys 7th-12th grade)

6:00-6:45 p.m. – room 406



**PrimeTime**

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



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## Upcoming 2025 Dates

*High School Spring Break*

*Mission Trip*

March 8-14

*Breakaway*

May 25-30



## Kids Midweek

Join us on Wednesday nights for Midweek!

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Go to [firstamarillo.org/midweek](http://firstamarillo.org/midweek) or scan the QR code to sign up today!



## Preteen DNOW

Saturday, February 8

6:30-8:45 p.m.

Join us for dinner and worship as we join the Student Ministry for part of their DNOW weekend.

## Mark Your Calendar!

*Vacation Bible School*

June 9-13

*Merge Camp*

July 14-17



*(for those who are college age)*

## Tuesday, January 21

Collective Worship

7:00 p.m. –11th & Polk Building  
For more information, contact Corey.

## 2025 College Spring Break

### Mission Trip

March 11-16

Cost: \$300

Sign up by using the QR code



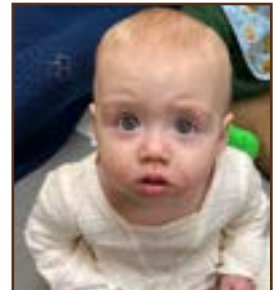
## Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed each week during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour in the new-born baby room. Contact Elaine (elaine@firstamarillo.org) if you can help.

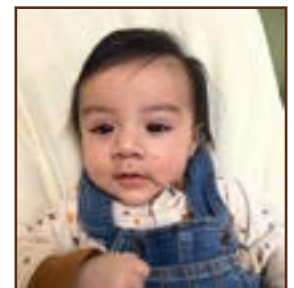
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## GRANDPARENT GALLERY



Lively Noell Smith  
daughter of  
Jake and Kynzee Smith  
granddaughter of  
John and Kelli Smith



Zeal Sol Zuniga  
son of  
Mystic Rincon  
grandson of  
Elaine Rincon and Jerry Rincon  
great-grandson of  
Sheila Escobedo

## 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.



### YOUNG ADULT MIDWAY "JUST ONE MORE THING"

Join us in Midway for our new spring semester series, "Just One MORE Thing," as we hear from several guest speakers in our church and community. We meet in room 302 at 6:00 p.m. and look forward to seeing you then!



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AND EVENTS VISIT  
[FIRSTAMARILLO.ORG](http://FIRSTAMARILLO.ORG)

### SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT, INTENTIONAL

January 12, 2025

Weekly budget requirement	\$ 174,266.98
Weekly budget receipts	\$ 117,595.25
Year-to-date budget requirement	\$ 348,533.96
Year-to-date budget receipts	\$ 296,366.04

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- The family of Marilyn Beam.
- Malisa Litchfield in the death of her husband, Donato Litchfield.
- Brian Fleming and Cherilyn Wiley in the death of their aunt, Joveda Watson-Bush, Cross Plains, TX; sister-in-law of Charlotte Fleming.
- Glenn and Ann Reeves in the death of their brother-in-law, Jack Brogdon.

### WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, January 19	Exodus 3-6
Monday, January 20	Exodus 7-10
Tuesday, January 21	Exodus 11
Wednesday, January 22	Exodus 12
Thursday, January 23	Exodus 13-15
Friday, January 24	Exodus 16-18
Saturday, January 25	Exodus 19-20

### NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	37
For Baptism to Date	20
Baptized to Date	26
Watchcare	3

### WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, January 22  
Burrito Bar (ground beef or chicken and all the toppings)  
(catered by Sharky's)  
OR  
Delicious Dozen Salad Bar  
**Make reservations online or call the church office by Monday noon.**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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