



## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

M. Scott Peck tells the story of the Sufi master strolling through the streets with his students. When they came to the city square, a vicious battle was being fought between government troops and rebel forces. Horrified by the bloodshed, the students implored, "Quick Master, which side should we help?" "Both," the master replied. The students were confused. "Both?" they demanded. "Why should we help both?" The master replied, "We need to help the authorities learn to listen to the people, and we need to help the rebels learn not to always reject authority." (M. Scott Peck, *The Different Drum*, 71)

We live in a polarized society. The reality, most often, is that truth is found somewhere in the middle. Extremists in either direction most often fall into dangerous ditches. Whatever your position, whatever the issue, look to the middle to see another point of view. Absolute truth will always be absolute – uncompromised. But within these boundaries, there is room to understand your brother.



## THE LOFT OPENING CELEBRATION!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 6!  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Walking tours, self-guided tours, food trucks, and much more!  
Watch for more information!



## TUESDAY NOON: "THE FIRST FOUR CENTURIES"

Beginning March 18

Join us for a four-week study of the story of the early church with Dr. Trevor Brown. In just a few centuries, the apostles witness

became a persecuted minority and then a powerful movement. Each week, we'll connect the Bible and history to see highlights from the beginning of the Christian story.



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sunday afternoon beginning March 23  
4:30 p.m. – room 102

Your grief is important, even when others don't know what to say or do. If you are grieving for a loved-one, or have other difficult circumstances, please join us. We support and share with each other while learning more about the process of grief and coping with its hardships. Group members report feeling less lonely in their grief and have been able to share and think about what they previously couldn't. Call the church office to register or attend the first meeting. All adults welcome!

## NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

### NEW MEMBERS

**Not pictured:**  
Kathy Adams  
*By Statement*



### MARCH SUNDAY EVENING SERIES: "JESUS TEMPTED"

Our Sunday evening sermon series, "Jesus Tempted," continues throughout the month of March. Focusing on Matthew 4, we learn from the testing of Jesus in the wilderness. Each week, "Jesus Tempted" will explore the triumph of Jesus in the face of the tempter, providing lessons for our obedience and faith in life.

### SINGLE MOMS MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, March 22  
10:00-11:30 a.m.  
FLC room 202

### DEACON OF THE DAY

March 16	Howard Smith
March 17	Cecil Carpenter
March 18	David Mills
March 19	Jeff Brain
March 20	Bob Damon
March 21	Gerry Chapman
March 22	Brock Thompson

### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Scars" from John 20:25. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

### DISCOVER FIRST

Beginning Sunday, March 23  
9:45 a.m. – Original Building  
This is a great learning and fellowship opportunity for new members and guests who want to know more about First Baptist Church. Topics include a brief history of the church, service opportunities, Baptist beliefs, a tour of the facilities, a question and answer time with our pastor, and much more! Reserve your spot by calling the church office (806-373-2891).



### LYSA TERKEURST'S "TRUSTWORTHY"

It's not too late to join this study!  
Monday evenings  
6:00 p.m. – room 110  
When hard times come and it seems God is deviating from the plan we assume our life should follow, we're much more likely to want to tame God, not trust Him! None of us can carry the weight of being our own god, but so many of us try! Join our six-week study from 1 and 2 Kings as we explore how to truly trust God! Please contact the church office or Vicki Bailey for questions and to reserve your workbook (\$20 each).

### WOMEN ON MISSION

**SKY SCOTT**, Wednesday, March 19, 9:30 a.m., FLC Grande Room.



As we enter this Easter season, join us in giving generously to the **Easter Offering for Missions** which goes toward North American missions.

Gifts may be made to the *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*, supporting the North American Mission Board (NAMB) missionaries and church plants, and to *FBC Partnership Missions*, which empowers our stateside missions efforts and direct partners.

FBC Goal: \$40,020.25  
Given to Date: \$11,405.25



### HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, March 20  
5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall  
Our theme this month is "Welcome Spring!" We are fortunate to have Half-Price Band present our program. Cost is \$8 for the meal, and the RSVP deadline is Tuesday, March 18.

### BOOMER TEXT GROUP

FBC sends out a monthly Boomer Text to keep Baby Boomers informed of upcoming events, activities, and needs. To join the text group, simply text "JOIN boomers" to 1.888.343.6351.



### Friday, March 14

High School Mission Trip Returns  
10:00 p.m.

Check on Facebook for updates on travel time. Please be in prayer for safe travels.

### Sunday, March 16

*Youth Choir*

4:30 p.m. - Choir Suite

*High School Mission Trip Reflection*

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

### Wednesday, March 19

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

6:00-6:45 p.m. – room 410

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

Missions Night Out: meet in the rotunda

6:00-6:45 p.m.



*PrimeTime*

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

### BREAKAWAY CAMP 2025

May 25-30

Camp Table Rock

Shell Knob, Missouri

Early Bird Cost: \$550 (ends April 21)

Two family members: \$950 total

Three family members: \$1100 total

For more information or to register online, go to: [www.firstamarillo.org](http://www.firstamarillo.org)

**REMEMBER  
TO PRAY  
ONE MINUTE A DAY  
AT ONE O'CLOCK  
FOR OUR PASTOR**



### Kids Midweek

Midweek begins this Wednesday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. Scan the QR code or go to [firstamarillo.org/midweek](http://firstamarillo.org/midweek) to register for new elective classes!



### New Christian Class

This is a two-week class for 1st-6th graders who have accepted Christ over the past year. In this class, kids will talk more about the history of the church, learn about the Lord's Supper, work on writing their testimony, and more! Scan the QR code to sign up.

*Session 2*

March 23  
and March 30



(for those who are college age)

### Sunday, March 16

6:30 p.m. –College Mission Trip returns

### Tuesday, March 18

Challenge Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – at the Stewart home  
For additional details, contact Corey.



### Wednesday, March 18

Preschool Choirs and Mission Friends resume

### Mark Your Calendars!

*Spring Egg Hunt*

Saturday, April 19

*Vacation Bible School 2025*

June 9-13

Ages 4-completed 6th grade

### NEW KID ON THE PEW



Simon Anglo



### WIDOW'S MIGHT

We continue to provide

basic home maintenance and repair assistance to First Baptist Church widows, widowers, and other adults in our congregation who might have specific requests on an "as needed" basis. If you would like help at your home, or would like to serve in this ministry, contact Caron Babcock or call the church office (806-373-2891).

# 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.



## 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 3 months, please contact the church office or Tommy Needham.



## SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT, INTENTIONAL

March 9, 2025

Weekly budget requirement \$ 174,266.98  
 Weekly budget receipts \$ 214,501.06  
 Year-to-date budget requirement \$ 1,742,669.80  
 Year-to-date budget receipts \$ 1,904,236.27

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- Natalie Salazar in the death of her father, Bob Hernandez, Borger, TX.
- Rhonda Covington in the death of her sister, Donna Sanders.
- Chelsea Herrington in the death of her grandmother, Christine "Chris" DuVall.

## WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, March 16  
 1 Samuel 4-8  
 Monday, March 17  
 1 Samuel 9-12  
 Tuesday, March 18  
 1 Samuel 13-15  
 Wednesday, March 19  
 1 Samuel 16-19  
 Thursday, March 20  
 1 Samuel 20-23  
 Friday, March 21  
 1 Samuel 24-25  
 Saturday, March 22  
 1 Samuel 26

## NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	55
For Baptism to Date	24
Baptized to Date	29
Watchcare	3

## WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, March 19  
 BBQ chicken and sausage sliders • Sides  
 (catered by Chef Bud)  
 OR  
 Delicious Dozen Salad Bar  
**Make reservations online or call the church office by Monday noon.**

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