



## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

Barbara Brown Taylor shares:

"One January, I spent a couple of days at a Benedictine monastery in California. It was a gorgeous place, with a courtyard garden full of fragrant orange trees and a retreat house full of antiques.

"Four times a day, a bell rang in the courtyard. As soon as it did, the brothers stopped to pray. The rest of us were welcome to join them, but it was not required. If we did not show up, then they would pray for us, as they prayed for everyone else in the world – for those who were present along with those who were absent, for those who were inclined toward God along with those who were not, for those who were in great need of prayer along with those who were not aware they needed anything at all.

"Prayer was their job, and they took it seriously. They prayed like men who were shoveling coal into the basement furnace of some great edifice. They did not seem to care whether

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

**New Start Date: January 27**

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.



### DISCIPLE MAKING COHORT

Beginning Saturday, February 1  
11:00 a.m.

11th & Polk Ministry Center

Leaders: Barry Bedwell and Sheri Price

The six-week training includes discovering your identity as a disciple-maker, identifying your missional space, activating prayer and prayer walking, engaging culture, and leading a Discovery Bible Study.



### 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.

# NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

## NEW MEMBERS

### Not Pictured

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*By Letter*

Bob and Vickie Ward

*By Statement*



## 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

## DEACON OF THE DAY

January 26	Derek Turman
January 27	Fred Beck
January 28	John Slaton
January 29	Sam Wands
January 30	David Rieff
January 31	Brent Weatherly
February 1	Bob Gerald

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upstairs knew who they were or what they were doing. Their job was to keep the fire going so that people stayed warm, and they poured all their energy into doing just that."

Pray with all you've got!

See you Sunday.

Dr. Howard Batson, Pastor

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Abiding" from John 15:1-11. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

## LADIES' MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

*Ruth: Loss, Love, and Legacy*

by Kelly Minter

Beginning Monday, January 27 (through March 17)

9:30-11:30 a.m. – room 104

Books will be available in the church office for \$22. Contact Marilyn Standefer or the church office for more information.

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

## PARENTS OF MISSIONARIES

First Baptist Church WMU will host the International Mission Board Parent Fellowship on February 8, 2025, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center Grande Room. Lunch will be provided. Anyone who has a child on the mission field is encouraged to attend.



## "THE CHOSEN" – SEASON 4

Thursday, January 30

1:30 p.m. – room 302

We are eager to continue watching *The Chosen*; we will view episodes 5 and 6.

## 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.

## 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.





## Sunday, January 26

11th Grade Lunch after Sunday School

at Firehouse Subs on Georgia  
Youth Choir

4:30 p.m. – Music Suite

**Sunday is the deadline to sign up for the Youth Choir Mission Trip!**

## Wednesday, January 29

**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

## Upcoming 2025 Dates

High School Spring Break

Mission Trip

March 8-14

Breakaway

May 25-30



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## 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 28

Challenge Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – at the Stewart home  
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](mailto:elaine@firstamarillo.org)) if you can help.

## Mark Your Calendars!

Vacation Bible School 2025  
June 9-13

## FAMILY DEDICATION



Parker Grace Rufenacht  
Parents: Jordan and Tyler

## 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!

## 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.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- The family of Geneva Kirkpatrick.
- Donna Savage in the death of her mother, Linda Parrott.
- Sally Miller in the death of her mother, Ellen LaVerne Miller, Panhandle, TX.
- Randy Hopper in the death of his step-father, Dave Eastlake; grandfather of Addie Hopper.
- Malorie Zimmer in the death of her grandfather, Jack Broom.
- Zach Kaplan in the death of his grandfather, Donald Thompson, Borger, TX.
- Trevor Brown in the death of his grandmother, Audrey Mildred Long, Fannett, TX.



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## SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT, INTENTIONAL

January 19, 2025

Weekly budget requirement	\$ 174,266.98
Weekly budget receipts	\$ 158,921.65
Year-to-date budget requirement	\$ 522,800.94
Year-to-date budget receipts	\$ 455,287.69

## WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, January 26	Exodus 21-24
Monday, January 27	Exodus 25-27
Tuesday, January 28	Exodus 28-29
Wednesday, January 29	Exodus 30-31
Thursday, January 30	Exodus 32-34
Friday, January 31	Exodus 35-40
Saturday, February 1	Leviticus 1-3

## NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	40
For Baptism to Date	20
Baptized to Date	26
Watchcare	3

## WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, January 29

Pot roast • Veggies • Salad • Roll  
(catered by Chef Bud)

OR

Delicious Dozen Salad Bar

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

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