



## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

Future Self. Hal Herschfield, a psychologist at UCLA, has studied the impact of having a "future self" concept on present decision-making. What he's found is that it's good to see your future self as a different person than who you are today. When you see your future self as a different person, with different perspectives and preferences, then you can make present decisions based on what your future self would want. These decisions may go counter to what you actually would prefer in a given moment. For example, your current self may want to eat a bag of doughnuts, but if you consider what your future self would prefer, you may come up with a different decision. (Benjamin Hardy, "The science-backed 'Future Self' strategy can pave the way to greater success," *Fast Company*, 6/23/2020, [www.fastcompany.com](http://www.fastcompany.com))

My future self wants to be an obedient disciple hearing, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." That, above all else, should shape the present.

See you Sunday.

**THE LOFT** OPENING CELEBRATION  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY - APRIL 6  
[COMESEETHELOFT.COM](http://COMESEETHELOFT.COM)

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – Worship

9:45 – Sunday School

10:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Self-guided tours, food trucks, and much more!



### SPRING PICKLEBALL

Pickleball for all ages will run through the second week of May! Join us in the Family Life Center gym for lots of fun and exercise.

**Recreational Pickleball** meets on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Competitive Pickleball** meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For additional information, contact James Booth at the Family Life Center.



### PARKING UPDATE

Beginning Palm Sunday, April 13, parking spaces on the first and second levels of the Loft parking garage will be available! We will not utilize our shuttle buses from the Sharpened Iron Studio parking lot on Tyler, but parking there will continue to be available. Our First Ride Carts will continue to pick up and deliver to the North and Northeast (bus barn) lots, and valet parking is available at the Preschool and Fellowship Hall entrances. If you have a particular parking need, please contact our church office (806-373-2891) for assistance. We hope to see you soon!

# NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

## NEW MEMBERS



Lara Gadry  
By Letter

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

It's not too late to plug in to the Grief Support Group

Sunday afternoons  
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. All adults welcome!

## DEACON OF THE DAY

March 30	Jim Allen
March 31	Bill Dotson
April 1	David Nance
April 2	Bob Dempsey
April 3	Derwin Comer
April 4	Randy Contreras
April 5	David Bergmann

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Decisions" from Deuteronomy 30:11-20. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.



## THANK YOU, WIDOW'S MITE VOLUNTEERS

What a difference you make in the lives of our members whom you so selflessly and faithfully serve. I am so grateful for each of you and thank God for your willingness to bless those in need.

– Caron Babcock

## WIDOW'S MITE

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).

## MIDWAY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

6:00 p.m. – Room 302

Midway is a midweek gathering for young adults. This is a time designed to be relaxed, relational, and relevant to your life. Worship, Bible study, and small group discussion are all major components of Midway. Come grab a cup of coffee and re-charge with us soon!



The Easter Offering for Missions 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: \$22,031.75



## COUNTRY AEROBICS CONTINUES

(aka Line Dancing)

Mondays

1:00-2:30 p.m. – FLC Gym

Wanda Johnson and Winnie Williams lead a fun and energetic exercise program to music. This activity also helps with memorization.

## LUNCH AND LEARN

Wednesday, April 9

12:00 noon – room 110

Terrie Campbell of Amarillo Agency on Aging will speak about advance care planning. She will also discuss advance directives and answer our questions. Lunch cost is \$5; RSVP deadline is Monday, April 7.



**Sunday, March 30**

**Youth Choir**

4:30 p.m. - Choir Suite  
Youth Choir will sing in evening service at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 2**

**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



**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, click

the QR code

or go to [www.](http://www.firstamarillo.org)

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



**Kids Midweek**

Scan the QR code or go to [firstamarillo.org/midweek](http://firstamarillo.org/midweek) to register for new elective classes!



**Preteen Swim Party**

For all 6th graders  
Saturday, March 29  
1:30-4:30 pm.

Meet at the parking lot of the Hollywood 16 Theater on Canyon Drive at 1:30 p.m.



**Merge Kickoff**

For all 4th - 6th graders

Sunday, March 30

At the beginning of the Sunday School hour in The Link.



(for those who are college age)

**Tuesday, April 1**

Family Dinner

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



**Mark Your Calendars!**

*Spring Egg Hunt*

Saturday, April 19

**Vacation Bible School 2025**

June 9-13

Ages 4-completed 6th grade

*Preschool Needs:*

Teachers and Directors

Empty water bottles (12-oz)

Paper towel rolls

**BABY OF THE WEEK**



Windsor Joy Tatum

daughter of

Delton and Jordan Tatum

granddaughter of

Howie and Lisa Batson

great-granddaughter of

Vaughn and Kathy Tatum

**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.

# 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 23, 2025

Weekly budget requirement \$ 174,266.98  
 Weekly budget receipts \$ 188,363.49  
 Year-to-date budget requirement \$ 2,091,203.76  
 Year-to-date budget receipts \$ 2,257,144.80

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- The family of Bill Anderson.
- Gerry Lewis in the death of his mother, Geralene Harris, Maybank, TX; grandmother of Zeke Lewis.
- Bonnie Bragg in the death of her son, Bill Bragg.
- Regina Sheffield in the death of her daughter-in-law, Debbie Sheffield; sister-in-law of Cris Sheffield.

## WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, March 30  
 2 Samuel 19-20  
 Monday, March 31  
 2 Samuel 21-24  
 Tuesday, April 1  
 1 Kings 1-4  
 Wednesday, April 2  
 1 Kings 5-8  
 Thursday, April 3  
 1 Kings 9-11  
 Friday, April 4  
 1 Kings 12-16  
 Saturday, April 5  
 1 Kings 17-19

## NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	60
For Baptism to Date	24
Baptized to Date	29
Watchcare	3

## WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, April 2  
 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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