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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

Dr. Hal Brady tells a story he heard from Washington State preacher, Dr. Joe Harding ("The Real Christian Scandal," Dallas, Texas, February 9, 1997). Harding "tells" of eating in a restaurant with another couple. There were some high school students in a corner booth. The students got tickled about something and started laughing. Their laughter got louder and louder. Soon they became aware that some people were listening to their laughter, and they tried to stop. However, the more they tried to stop laughing, the more the giggles and laughter convulsed their entire bodies.

Dr. Harding said that the entire booth was shaking with laughter and joy. Then something began to happen. The laughter moved out from that one booth to another. People started to smile, and then they, too, began to laugh.

Then Dr. Harding said, "I saw it coming toward us! Soon we found ourselves caught up in

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ARE YOU READY FOR TIME **CHANGE?**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour this Saturday evening before going to sleep!



FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY

This Sunday, November 3, is a great day to invite your friends and family members to join you for Bible Study and worship! Classes are calling and encouraging members and guests this week, and we will look forward to seeing you! This is

an important day because it helps set the tone and the pace for our winter Bible Study attendance.



FATHER-SON MISSION TRIP

Guatemala - February 13-17, 2025 We're taking a father-son team to lead a weekend retreat in Guatemala, including worship. Bible studies, work projects, and mission outreach over the President's

Day weekend. You're invited to learn more at 5:00 p.m. in room 309 this Sunday, November 3.



TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Noon Bible Study continues each week. Corky Holland will begin a new study. Feasting With the Savior, this coming Tuesday! Bible study is from 12:15-12:45 p.m., and a light lunch is available at 11:45 a.m. (nominal fee). First Singers meet in the Music Suite following Tuesday Noon Bible Study.



WOMEN'S HOLIDAY DINNER

Ladies, mark your calendar for our Women's Holiday Dinner on Thursday, December 5. Watch the *Reporter* for upcoming details on tickets, time, childcare, etc.



visit us online at www.firstamarillo.org

NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

NEW MEMBERS

Not Pictured:

Dale and Cindy Harper By Statement

Bella Logston For Baptism



READY, SET. THRIVE.

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19 10:00-11:15 a.m. – room 110

This free, nationally-approved program is taught by Lori McAfee. It focuses on nutrition, exercise, stress management, and much more! Please call the church office (806-373-2891) if you plan to join us!

MIDPOINT

Our Midpoint class meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in room 312. It is for single adults in their late 40s to late 60s. Atlee Runyan is the teacher, and the class would love for you to join them! If you have not yet found your place in Bible Study, be sure to check them out!

DEACON OF THE DAY

November 3 Gary Jensen
November 4 Brad Bentley
November 5 Kirk Richards
November 6 Caleb Fairly
November 7 Ed Morris
November 8 Jon Armstrong
November 9 Nathan Pike

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the whole atmosphere of laughter and joy. We didn't even know what we were laughing about. But our conversation was interrupted as we smiled at each other and then broke out in laughter. It was an amazing moment." Then he added, "Christian joy is far deeper and far more contagious."

Dr. Harding is right. Do you know this joy? (www.homileticsonline. com)

Jain Batro

Dr. Howard Batson, Pastor

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Headed for Holiness" from John 5:1-18. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

CHRISTMAS PLATES

Thank you for your generosity in bringing items for our homebound and nursing home members. The items we still need:

- Lotion (medium size)
- Hand sanitizer
- Liquid hand soap
- •Gripper socks
- •Small lap robes (flannel, knitted, crocheted, 36" square or 30"x40")
- Gloves
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Large gift bags

Our deadline to receive items is Wednesday, November 6, as our Acteens will pack gifts on November 13. If needed, another workday will be scheduled for mid-November.

Plate assembly and delivery will be on Friday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We need *homemade cookies and candy* brought to the kitchen before that time. Please label your food items "Christmas Plates." We hope you can join us to assemble the plates and deliver them.

Please bring items to the church office (food items to the church kitchen) if you wish to contribute.

TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Benton Mac Brister and Molly Grae Villyard

REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR COMPANY AT THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR MARRIAGE

SATUR DAY, THE SIXTEENTH OF NOVEMBER TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AMARILLO, TEXAS

CAKE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



Saturday, November 2

7th and 8th grade department Pizza and Games Party 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Family Life Center

Sunday, November 3

Youth Choir 4:30-6:00 p.m. – Music Suite

Wednesday, November 6

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 413



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



(for those who are college age)

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45 a.m. – room 413

Tuesday, November 5

Challenge Bible Study 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Stewart home For additional details, contact Corey.

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 (806-373-2891).



Friends and Family Sunday

November 3 Remember to set your clocks back and bring a friend to Friends and Family Sunday!

Kids Midweek

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 p.m. Sign up at <u>www.</u> firstamarillo. org/midweek or by scanning the QR code.



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

FAMILY DEDICATION



Naomi Sorina Anderson Parents: Christian and Rebecca Big sister: Mariana



TILESCHOOL

Friends and Family Sunday November 3

Preschoolers will receive a snack breakfast during Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m. See you Sunday!

BABY OF THE WEEK



Jeremiah Derek Dossey son of Jordan and Monique Dossey

GRANDPARENT GALLERY



Brynlee Nicole Isham
daughter of
Ben and Lori Isham
granddaughter of
Clint and Brenda Stoddard
great-granddaughter of
Marge Hudson

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 Penny Lawlis.
- •The family of Leslie Broadhurst.
- •The family of Louis McKnight.
- •Marilyn Beam in the death of her sister, Susie Axe, Lubbock, Texas; aunt of Brent Beam.
- •John Sparkman in the death of his sister, Mary Beth Kennedy, Edmond, OK.
- •Darold Baldwin in the death of his sister, Mary Morriss, Marshall, TX.



FINANCIAL REPORT

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October 27, 2024
Weekly budget requirement
\$ 165,228.17
Weekly budget receipts
\$ 151,657.44
Year-to-date budget requirement
\$ 7,104,811.31
Year-to-date budget receipts
\$ 9,988,275.13



AUTO, BIKE, AND COMPUTER MINISTRY

If you have an interest in donating or receiving a bicycle, computer, or auto, please contact the church office (806-373-2891).

FOR THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS VISIT FIRSTAMARILLO.ORG

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, November 3
Acts 8-9
Monday, November 4
Acts 10-12
Tuesday, November 5
Acts 13-15
Wednesday, November 6
Acts 16-17
Thursday, November 7
Acts 18-19
Friday, November 8
Acts 20
Saturday, November 9
Acts 21-23

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date 6
For Baptism to Date 2
Baptized to Date 4

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, November 6
BBQ • Coleslaw • Beans
(catered by Chef Bud)
OR
Delicious Dozen Salad Bar
Make reservations online or call
the church office by Monday noon.

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