



## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

And the winner is....Sister Ina Canabarro.

This soccer-loving Teresian nun from Brazil is now declared the oldest living person as of last week when the previous record holder (a woman in Japan) died.

Sister Ina Canabarro was born on June 8, 1908. Oddly enough, she was so skinny growing up that many folks thought she would never survive childhood, much less hang around for 116 years.

The nun was asked her secret to longevity. Her reply: "I'm young, pretty, and friendly – all very good, positive qualities."

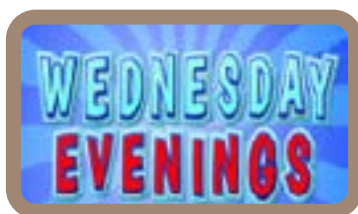
I'm sure that her positive outlook has contributed to her longevity. Canabarro has not only lived a long life, she has also lived a meaningful and happy one.

Pondering her remarkable 116-year lifespan, I was reminded that despite her record-setting age, all of our days are numbered. More importantly, whether we live to be 116 or 60, what really matters is have we lived for HIM?



## 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!



## 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



## 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* including 5 treadmills, 2 elliptical machines, 4 stationary bikes, 2 recumbent bikes, 2 rowing machines, and 1 SkiErg machine. An *indoor track* is available to help you reach your steps goal when winter weather prevents you from walking outside. An expansive *weight room*, including both pin-select machines and free weights, will meet all of your strength training needs. The FLC also has a *full gymnasium* and a *large game room*, complete with pool tables, ping-pong tables, air hockey, and foosball tables. 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 started on your pathway to getting Fit at First!

## NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

### NEW MEMBERS



Fred and Heather Napp  
*By Letter*



### FELLOWSHIP THROUGH READING

Monday, January 13

10:30 a.m. – room 107

Gay Mills will introduce *The Bible Recap*, which takes you through the Bible chronologically, with daily "recaps" to promote better understanding of the passage.

### MATTER OF BALANCE

Mondays, January 13-February 24

10:00-11:00 a.m. – room 101

Offered through the Area Agency on Aging, this class promotes safety and fall prevention. The class is free, but please let us know if you plan to participate.

### HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, January 16

12:00 noon – Fellowship Hall

Program: Gerry Lewis

Cost: \$8

RSVP Deadline is Tuesday, January 14.

### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "What Not to Wear" from John 13:1-17; 31b-35. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

### DEACON OF THE DAY

January 12	Brooke Furrh
January 13	Nate McMichael
January 14	Steven Becker
January 15	Bill Brian
January 16	Gary Brown
January 17	Rex Vermillion
January 18	Dale Scobey

### WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

It's not too late to join one of our spring semester Sunday afternoon or weekday Bible studies!

#### WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Kelly Minter's *Ruth: Loss, Love, and Legacy*

January 27-March 17

9:30-11:30 a.m. – room 104

Leader: Marilyn Standefer. Books available in the church office (\$22)

#### TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Steve Austin is leading a study on spiritual gifts. Bible study is from 12:15-12:45 p.m., 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.

#### WOMEN'S TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Beth Moore's *A Woman's Heart*

January 7 through April 1

2:15 p.m. – room 101

Leader: Laura Schelin. Workbooks available in the church office (\$15).

#### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

*Free at Last: The Journey Continues* (a Study in Exodus)

Thursdays, January 9-April 17

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

Leader: Susan Burt

#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – COLOSSIANS

led by Bruce Cotgreave

Beginning Thursday, January 9 – 10:00 a.m. – room 104

#### THE FORGOTTEN JESUS – SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Betty Reeves and Cheryl Brewer will lead an eight-week book study of *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty beginning Sunday, January 12, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in room 102. Books will be available in the church office or can be purchased online and downloaded to your device.

### WOMEN ON MISSION

**SKY SCOTT**, Wednesday, January 15, 9:30 a.m., FLC Grande Room.

### 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).





## Sunday, January 12

Youth Choir

4:30 p.m. – Music Suite

## Wednesday, January 15

**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



## 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.

## 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!



## Mark Your Calendar!

*Vacation Bible School*

June 9-13

*Merge Camp*

July 14-17



(for those who are college age)

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:45 a.m. – room 413

## Family Dinner

Tuesday, January 14

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



## Mark Your Calendars!

Vacation Bible School 2025  
June 9-13

## NEW KIDS ON THE PEW



Crosby Reneau



Jayce Dossey



## 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.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- The family of Stanley Green.
- Dennis Stowers in the death of his mother, Betty Stowers.
- Kay Sherwood and Janie Eddins in the death of their sister, Janice McLain.
- Curtis Reneau in the death of his grandfather, Russell Reneau.
- Meredith Creighton in the death of her brother-in-law, Dave Prentice, Pawley's Island, SC.
- Pastor Fredinand Ntandikiye in the death of his nephew, Jared Mpaweingabire, and his wife and children.



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## SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT, INTENTIONAL

January 5, 2025

Weekly budget requirement  
 \$ 174,266.98

Weekly budget receipts  
 \$ 178,770.79

Year-to-date budget requirement  
 \$ 174,266.98

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 \$ 178,770.79

## CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have a sofa in good condition you are no longer using that you could donate to a refugee family? If so, please contact Sue Kelly or call the church office (806-373-2891). Thank you.

## WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, January 12  
 Genesis 32-36  
 Monday, January 13  
 Genesis 37-40  
 Tuesday, January 14  
 Genesis 41-42  
 Wednesday, January 15  
 Genesis 43-44  
 Thursday, January 16  
 Genesis 45-47  
 Friday, January 17  
 Genesis 48-50  
 Saturday, January 18  
 Exodus 1-2

## NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	33
For Baptism to Date	20
Baptized to Date	26
Watchcare	3

## WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, January 15  
 Potato Bar (with barbecue and all the fixings)  
 (catered by Potato Factory)  
 OR  
 Delicious Dozen Salad Bar  
**Make reservations online or call the church office by Monday noon.**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

(806) 373-2891  
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