

# THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

Nadia Bolz-Weber says, "I think there's a way in which there's this sort of 'yes' from God that we reject all the time. We'd rather have the ball in our own court. So God says: 'The game's over. You don't have to compete anymore.'

"I'm like, 'Yeah, but I feel like if I compete, then I'm in control.' Grace actually feels like I'm totally powerless. I have no power. I have no agency. And that feels terrible to us, and we reject it over and over and instead go: 'You know, I'm working on my own redemption project over here. I'm going to see how that pans out.'"

(Jesse James DeConto, "Why hipster pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber thinks the church is for losers," *The Washington Post,* 9/29/2015; washingtonpost. com)

I would sum it up this way: Let go and let grace flow. God wants to be in charge.



## **DISCIPLE-MAKING COHORT**

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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.



#### WINTER WEATHER

Check our church website (www. firstamarillo.org) for schedule updates due to weather. As a rule during difficult weather, those who can will gather for worship on Sunday morning at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in

our sanctuary. Contrary to what you may see in the news or on television, we will not cancel worship on Sunday mornings! Please use your own judgment and stay as safe as possible. On these bad weather Sundays, be sure to check the website for cancellations of afternoon activities or evening worship. Our church office and facilities are usually closed on days that AISD schools are closed because of weather. Our website will contain the latest updates, and you can also call the church office. Thanks for your understanding during our winter weather!



**DNOW 2025** February 7-9 Register online at: https://www.firstamarillo.org/vouth

Cost: \$90 2 family members - \$155 3 family members - \$210 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THIS SUNDAY. FEBRUARY 2!** 

#### **DNOW Host Homes Still Needed**

Church Family, we are still in need of Host Homes for DNOW Weekend. If you are interested and would like to help, please contact a member of the Student Ministry Staff (Bradley, Molly, or Angela).

# NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

#### **NEW MEMBERS**



David and Jennifer Ingle By Letter



David and Paige Lunday By Statement Ella Lunday For Baptism

> Not Pictured Logan Wood By Letter

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

## **DEACON OF THE DAY**

February 2	Rick Zimmer
February 3	Mike Manchee
February 4	Boutsady Muongkhot
February 5	Chase Fairly
February 6	John Gates
February 7	Brad Clark
February 8	Ben Snell

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

This Sunday, Brad Holmes will bring a message entitled "Walking on Water" from Matthew 14:22-33. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

# HAVE A FEW MINUTES ON SATURDAY?

Stop by the Family Life Center to watch a game or two of Upward Basketball! Teams play each Saturday until February 22, and games are from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each week!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

*Thursday, February 20* **Duo Piano Recital** Dr. Sunghwan Kim and Dr. Choong Ha Nam, WTAMU piano professor 6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary

Sunday, February 23 "Sounds for the Soul" Hosted by Amarillo Opera Featuring sister trio, Moipei 6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

Sunday, March 2 Saviour: The Story of God's Passion for His People Special guests: Scot Cameron and Eric Barry 8:30 and 11:00 a.m services

## UNDIE SUNDAY INGATHERING DAY

Our Acteens are gathering new underwear of all sizes to provide for those in our community with a need. Thank you for placing new underwear in our hallway laundry baskets by **February 23**!

## 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.



## **CONVERSATION HEARTS**

Tuesday, February 4 10:30 a.m. – room 110

February is the month our Heritage ministry encourages and blesses those who work at Wills Elementary School. Join us to prepare treat bags and write notes to the Wills faculty and staff, while enjoying a cup of coffee and conversation.

## "THE CHOSEN" – SEASON 4

Thursday, February 6 1:30 p.m. – room 107 We will finish Season 4 by watching episodes 7 and 8.

## LADIES' MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Ruth: Loss, Love, and Legacy by Kelly Minter It's not too late to join this study! Mondays (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.



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## Sunday, February 2

NO Youth Choir

Acteens Valentines Delivery Meet at the bird cage after Sunday School. Parent pick up at 2:30 p.m. in the northeast (bus barn) parking lot between 11th and 12th streets.

#### Wednesday, February 5

**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

## DISCIPLE NOW

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#### Help with DNOW 2025

To volunteer to help with DNOW visit <u>https://www.firstamarillo.org/youth</u> and click on the DNOW Volunteer Sign-Up link to complete the form.



#### Kids Midweek

Join us on Wednesday nights! 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Go to <u>firstamarillo.</u> 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! VBS – June 9-13 Merge Camp – July 14-17

#### **Text Group**

Join our text group to receive reminders, updates, and info on events in the FBC Kids Ministry! Text "Join Kids" to 888-343-6351.



(for those who are college age)

**Tuesday, February 4** Challenge Bible Study 7:00 p.m. – at the Stewart home For more info, 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) if you can help.

#### **Mark Your Calendars!**

Vacation Bible School 2025 June 9-13

## **NEW KID ON THE PEW**



Corbyn Washer



## SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS FOR FIRST RIDE

Each month we need several substitute drivers for our Sunday morning shuttle cart service, First Ride. If you can help on a substitute basis, or would perhaps consider helping on a regular basis (once every 2-3 months), please contact Tommy Needham or the church office (806-373-2891).



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 & Pl	raise 6:00 p.m.

#### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!** LET'S ROLL: PRACTICAL DISCIPLESHIP FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES

You still have time to sense the Power of Christ to steer you in the right direction in a world full of sharp turns and potholes! If your question is, "What do I do next in my walk with Christ?", this class is for vou! 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.

#### SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT, **INTENTIONAL**

January 26, 2025 Weekly budget requirement \$174.266.98 Weekly budget receipts \$ 167,561.03 Year-to-date budget requirement \$697,067.92 Year-to-date budget receipts \$622,848.72

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

•The family of Autrey Burke.

- •The family of L. Louise Box.
- •The family of Deborah Tardy.
- •The family of Leuane VongKhamphra.
- •The family of Marvin Bones.
- •Tim Murrav in the death of his mother, Betty Murray, Midland, TX; grandmother of Ally Bowen and Bryson Murray.
- •Dennis and Greg Smith in the death of their uncle, Ray Love.

## WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE **DAILY READINGS**

Sunday, February 2 Leviticus 4-7 Monday, February 3 Leviticus 8-10 Tuesday, February 4 Leviticus 11-15 Wednesday, February 5 Leviticus 16-17 Thursday, February 6 Leviticus 18-20 Friday, February 7 Leviticus 21-22 Saturday, February 8 Leviticus 23

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

By Letter or Statement to Date	
For Baptism to Date	
Baptized to Date	
Watchcare	

## WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, February 5 Spaghetti or Alfredo pasta • Salad (catered by Pescaraz) 0R Delicious Dozen Salad Bar Make reservations online or call



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the church office by Monday noon.

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