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### THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

Many letters sent to God from around the world end up at the post office in Jerusalem in the undeliverable mail department. Officials there acknowledge that they have hundreds of thousands of such letters.

In one letter, an Israeli man asked God for 5,000 shekels to ease his poverty. The postal workers were so moved that they passed the hat amongst themselves and sent him 4,300 shekels.

After a month, the same man wrote back, "Thank you, God, for the contribution, but next time please do not send it through these postmen. They are thieves." (Source unknown)

Sometimes we find anger where we should find gratitude. Too often, we focus on what we did not receive rather than the bounty we are given. The man could not enjoy his 4,300 shekels because he focused on the 700 he did not receive. I'll give you a formula guaranteed to lead to a miserable life: keep your eye on what you don't have, compare yourself to your neighbor. You'll be miserable, I'll guarantee it.



#### **FIRST FEST**

Thursday, October 31 5:30-7:30 p.m. FLC Parking Lot and Picnic Area Free Candy • Free Food Trunk-Or-Treat • Inflatables • Games

How YOU can help share the love of Christ with our community:

- Bring candy donations (individually wrapped pieces of candy)
- Sign up to provide a car for Trunk-Or-Treat
- Sign up to work a shift at an inflatable or game



#### DISCOVER FIRST BEGINS OCTOBER 27!

9:45 a.m. – Original Building

This is a great learning and fellowship opportunity for new members and guests who want to know more about First Baptist

Church. Topics include a brief history of the church, service opportunities, Baptist beliefs, a tour of the facilities, a question and answer time with our pastor, and much more! Reserve your spot by calling the church office (806-373-2891).



# MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS

Zambia Trip, July 26 - August 6. Join us this Sunday, October 27, at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a 2025 trip interest meeting and visit from our Zambian host,

Pastor Mulenga Chella. This trip includes hosting medical clinics, kids ministry, church support, and other opportunities.

Guatemala Trip, February 13-17. We're taking a father/son team to lead a weekend retreat in Guatemala including worship, Bible study, work projects, and ministry outreach over the President's Day weekend. You're invited to learn more at 5:00 p.m. in room 309 on Sunday, November 3.



#### FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY

Sunday, November 3, is a great day to invite your friends and family members to join you for Bible Study and worship! Classes will be calling and encouraging members and guests the week

before. That Sunday is also Time Change, so set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2!



### NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

#### **NEW MEMBERS**



Ryan and Malorie Zimmer For Baptism and By Statement (pictured with Hattie, Roxie, and Monnie)

#### **Not Pictured:**

Charlie and Jamie Rodgers By Statement and By Letter

#### **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.

### TEXAS BAPTISTS ANNUAL MEETING

November 10-12

Waco. Texas

If you would like to be a messenger to the Baptist General Convention of Texas Annual Meeting, please contact the pastor's office to have your name placed on the list.

#### **DEACON OF THE DAY**

October 27 Mike Burt
October 28 Brandon Wing
October 29 Tommy Hill
October 30 Jim Harbin
October 31 Jim Hampsten
November 1 Mike Wright
November 2 Mark King

#### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Well Women" from John 4:5-30, 39-42. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

### WEEKLY WORSHIP ON WEBPAGE

Miss a sermon or want to hear a special song again? Our weekly worship services are available online at firstamarillo.org. Just click on "FBC Messages."



The Fostering Hope Care Box Ministry once again needs your support to restock items for deliveries to agedout foster students attending college or trade school in the Amarillo area. A collection box will be available in the church office for donations through October 27. Please provide only items listed below, as space is limited in each box.

- Breakfast and/or Energy bars
- Small jars of peanut butter
- Cheese or peanut butter crackers
- Ramen noodle packets (no cups)
- Packages of instant oatmeal
- Packages of microwave popcorn
- Individual packages of ANY individually wrapped snack food except chips.
- Vienna sausages
- 2-4 oz shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Individual Kleenex packages
- Small bottles of dish soap
- Laundry pods

Please contact Kat Luciano with questions or to arrange a pick up by calling the church office (806-373-2891). We greatly appreciate your contribution!

#### **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.



#### COMMITTEE INTEREST FORMS IN SUNDAY BULLETIN

Ever wonder how to be more involved in your church? Committee interest forms are available in the worship bulletin this Sunday. Please take a moment to pray, consider, complete, and return your form to the church office by October 31.



#### Middle School Retreat

We had a great time!



#### Sunday, October 27

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

#### Wednesday, October 30

**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

#### 7th and 8th Grade Party

Saturday, November 2 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Family Life Center



(for those who are college age)

#### **Fall Retreat**

Our college students had a great time on their fall retreat to Colorado City, Texas!





#### Leadership Connection Meetings

For all Kids Sunday School Teachers Sunday, October 27 9:00-9:30 a.m. or 11:00-11:30 a.m. Room 422

#### **Kids Midweek**

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



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



# 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).



#### **Mark Your Calendar**

Thursday, October 31
First Fest
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Family Life Center Parking Lot
Sunday, November 3
High Attendance Day

#### **BABY OF THE WEEK**



Trew Spencer Shelton son of Teagan and Sydney Shelton grandson of Gary and Stacy Allen great-grandson of Phyllis Allison

#### **NEW KID ON THE PEW**



Dodge Frederick

### 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 Millie Adams.
- Betty Hudson in the death of her sister, Brenda Murphree, Midland, TX.
- Jarod Russell in the death of his grandfather, Bob Russell, Chickasha, OK.
- Philip Brian in the death of his cousin, Mary Joan Wood, Tyler, TX.



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AND EVENTS VISIT
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#### FINANCIAL REPORT

**ALL HIS** 

October 20, 2024

Weekly budget requirement \$ 165,228.17

Weekly budget receipts \$ 192.421.51

Year-to-date budget requirement \$ 6,939,583.14

Year-to-date budget receipts \$ 9.836,617.69

# FBC CAR MAGNETS AND WINDOW STICKERS

In addition to our FBC car magnets, we now have FBC window stickers! They are the same size as the magnets, but allow you to put them on the inside of your back car window! Stop by the office and pick up yours soon!

### WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, October 27
John 6-7
Monday, October 28
John 8-10
Tuesday, October 29
John 11-12
Wednesday, October 30
John 13-17
Thursday, October 31
John 18-21
Friday, November 1
Acts 1-4
Saturday, November 2

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Acts 5-7

By Letter or Statement to Date 4
For Baptism to Date 1
Baptized to Date 3

#### **WEDNESDAY MEAL**

Wednesday, October 30
Chicken sandwiches or chicken nuggets
(catered by Chick-Fil-A)
OR
Delicious Dozen Salad Bar

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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