

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

How do we respond to the assassination of Charlie Kirk? The world clearly seems different after the Utah tragedy; everyone seems to agree on this point. The news media offers nonstop coverage, and social media is a battleground.

Amid this unexpected chaos, each of us is trying to interpret the event to re-establish order – if possible – into our world and into the world of those around us. As the battle rages, I offer the following suggestions:

1. Always speak the truth and speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).
2. Love your enemy. Jesus tells us the uniqueness of His followers is that they love even their enemies, as anyone can love their friends (Matthew 5:43).
3. Limit social media time. Unfortunately, some folks are now spending all their time in dark rabbit holes that are created to confuse and enrage. Catch up on the news, then re-establish the order of your day. Doing acts of kindness for others is

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BRIDGES 2.0: CONNECTING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY TO WORK ON MONDAY

Beginning Sunday afternoon, September 21, at 4:30 p.m., in The Loft, room 305.

Each meeting during the six-week class features guest speakers sharing how they connect worship and work in their vocation. Speakers include Dr. Walter Wendler, Dr. Crystal Stewart, Judge Jim Campbell, Dr. Stan Cobb, Phyllis Allison, and Toana Smith. **Contact the church office to reserve your spot!**



SUNDAY EVENINGS

Join us on Sunday evenings as we explore Paul's letters to the church in Thessalonica. These two ancient letters date back to the middle of the first century A.D. As a result of their commitment to Jesus, the believers in Thessalonica were experiencing ostracism and isolation. What does Paul have to say?



WOMEN'S VERITY CONFERENCE October 3-4 in The Loft

We are honored to be hosting a satellite simulcast of Verity Conference this year, and we would love for you to join us! Verity is a theologically rich, Scripture-centered teaching conference designed to equip Christian women to know what they believe, why it matters, and how to communicate it graciously. Times are Friday, 5:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cost for the event is \$20 and includes meals, snacks, and childcare if needed. Register by scanning the QR code, visiting the FBC webpage (www.firstamarillo.org), or calling the church office (806-373-2891).



TEXANS ON MISSION: CRISIS AND DISASTER TRAINING

Saturday, October 25
First Baptist Church Cost: \$30.
Scholarships available. Scan the QR code to register.



NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

NEW MEMBERS



Mitchell and Sarah Wagner
By Statement and By Letter
(also pictured are Wells and Witten)



Hayden Brillhart
By Statement

TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Join us for Bible Study each Tuesday from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Ginger LaGrone Tucker continues a study entitled *Fruitful: More Like Jesus, Less Like Me*. A light meal is provided (optional, \$5) at 11:45 a.m. First Singers meet following Bible Study!

DEACON OF THE DAY

Sept. 21	Tom Rose
Sept. 22	Gary Purser
Sept. 23	Chris Jensen
Sept. 24	Bobby Sidman
Sept. 25	Jeff Donaway
Sept. 26	Roger Hansen
Sept. 27	Brian White

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far more productive than lowering yourself to arguing with fools – fools that you don't even know. Just because you can say it doesn't mean you should say it. We should especially limit children's exposure to the dangerous influence of social media.

4. Realize that chaos always results when creation (humanity) ignores the boundaries of the Creator: boundaries that respect life ("Thou shalt not kill"), boundaries that respect gender ("Male and female, He created them"), human sexual boundaries ("A man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife"), or emotional boundaries ("He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding").

As God's people, we need to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. May the dark world see our light; may the world of hatred see our love; and may those who act and speak rashly observe our godly restraint.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Another Man, Another Heart" from 1 Samuel 9-10. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.



LUNCH AND LEARN

Wednesday, September 24
12:00 noon – room 110

Join us as Linda Montgomery, who has vast experience teaching grief support classes, helps us understand the grieving steps and how to help and comfort our loved ones and friends. Lunch cost is \$5; please RSVP for the meal by Monday, September 22.

WOMEN ON MISSION



**Week of Prayer for Texas
Missions Program and Lunch**
Saturday, September 20, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
(Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.)

Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited!

Our special speaker will be
Dr. Jason Burden, Pastor,
First Baptist Church of Lubbock.

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING FOR TEXAS MISSIONS

Church Goal: \$40,020.25
Given to Date: \$20,255.35

The Mary Hill Davis Offering was established in 1910 to empower state missions efforts for Texas. The number one need for missionaries is prayer support – focused, continuous prayers not only for themselves but for the people to whom they bring the love of Christ. Together we can share hope for a broken world.

The MHD Offering for Texas Missions funds advanced leadership training for clergy and laity, serves often overlooked areas such as special needs adults and single parents, and special events to train Texas Baptists to be witnesses. It also provides funding for Bibles, discipleship materials, training to develop new leaders, and a leadership retreat for state missionaries. One hundred percent of the money you give goes directly to Texas Missions.

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 3-4

Verity Women's Conference

November 6

Women's Holiday Dinner



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D-Groups are meeting. Group leaders are sharing information about time and place with those participating!

Sunday, September 21

Youth Choir

4:30-5:45 p.m. – Music Suite

Wednesday, September 24

Acteens (all girls 7th-12th grade)

6:00-6:45 p.m. – room 306 (main building)

Servants (all guys 7th-12th grade)

6:00-6:45 p.m. – L303 (The Loft)

PrimeTime (all 7th-12th grade students)

6:45-8:00 p.m.

The Landing @ The Loft

Middle School Retreat

6th-8th grade

October 10-12

Great Wolf Lodge, Grapevine, Texas

Cost: \$225

Scan the QR code or register online at <https://www.firstamarillo.org/youth>



Registration Deadline: September 28

The Loft Hours

Sunday-Monday

Closed

Tuesday-Friday

4:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday

1:00-9:00 p.m.



1st Grade Bible Presentation

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:45 a.m. at The Loft Landing

All 1st graders and their parents

Parents, please drop your child off in their Sunday School class first, then join us at The Landing.

Bible Drill

For all 1st-6th graders.

Join us each Sunday from 4:30-5:45 p.m. We memorize scripture, play fun games and grow together in our knowledge of God's Word.

**REMEMBER
TO PRAY
ONE MINUTE A DAY
AT ONE O'CLOCK
FOR OUR PASTOR**



(for those who are college age)

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:45 a.m. – The Loft 102

Challenge Bible Study

Tuesday, September 23

The Loft – room L406

Contact Corey for more info!



MOMS (Mothers on Mission)

welcomed 64 moms, 10 mentor moms, and 98 preschoolers to our Wednesday meetings!

NEW KID ON THE PEW



Anaya
Wood

IT'S TIME TO COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS PLATES

As fall arrives, we need to start thinking about Christmas Plates for our homebound and nursing home members. We need:

- Lotion (medium size)
- Hand sanitizer
- Shower gels (medium size)
- Liquid hand soap
- Men's and Women's socks
- Gripper socks
- Small lap robes (flannel, knitted, crocheted, 36" square or 30"x40")
- Gloves
- Chapstick
- Hand cream
- Prayer shawls
- Kleenex (small boxes or purse-size)
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Large gift bags

Please bring items to the church office if you wish to contribute.

****Workday is Tuesday, Oct.7**

9:00-11:00 a.m. – room 110**

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 Ginger Jones Gatlin.
- Gerry Chapman in the death of his mother, Ethel Chapman, Dumas, TX.
- David Strange in the death of his sister, Debra Prowell, Corsicana, TX.

DOES FAITH MAKE SENSE?

Danny Brown leads this class exploring how it is reasonable and logical to have faith. Session 2 will meet Tuesday, October 7, 6:00 p.m., at The Loft! Contact the church office to reserve your space.



FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT, INTENTIONAL

September 14, 2025

Weekly budget requirement	\$ 174,266.98
Weekly budget receipts	\$ 207,771.18
Year-to-date budget requirement	\$ 6,447,878.26
Year-to-date budget receipts	\$ 8,909,274.22

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.

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, September 21	Haggai 1
Monday, September 22	Haggai 2
Tuesday, September 23	Zechariah 1-2
Wednesday, September 24	Zechariah 3-4
Thursday, September 25	Zechariah 5-6
Friday, September 26	Zechariah 7-8
Saturday, September 27	Zechariah 9-11

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	124
For Baptism to Date	66
Baptized to Date	59
Watchcare	4

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, September 24
Burgers • Chips • Cookies
(catered by Shark Bite Burgers)
OR
Salad Bar
Make reservations online or call the church office by Monday noon.

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AND EVENTS VISIT
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