

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

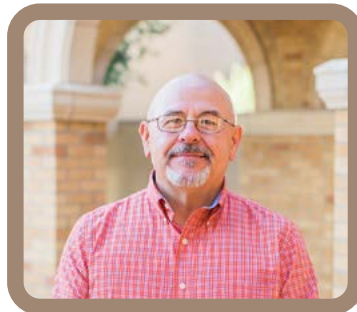
Many thanks to everyone who served to make Good Friday and Easter Sunday wonderful times of worship. I want to especially thank our choir. During the Passion weekend events, most of our choir members sang at least four times! I am so very grateful for musicians dedicated to lead worship both authentically and powerfully.

Easter Sunday we had over 3,500 worshipers combined in our three services. And, the fellowship at The Loft was a wonderful time to catch up with old friends and make new acquaintances. Our custodial and kitchen staffs worked triple time to ensure a seamless event.

Most importantly, it was wonderful to see people respond to the gospel through our Passion weekend services. The gospel is a powerful story that changes eternity.

See you Sunday.

Dr. Howard Batson, Pastor



HAPPY RETIREMENT, BRUCE!

First Baptist Church is grateful to Bruce Fite for over three decades of service (32 years). Bruce has served faithfully as our Director of Facilities and knows every nook and cranny of our campus which consists of seven blocks in downtown Amarillo.

Bruce used his wisdom and experience to make good decisions on behalf of FBC. During his tenure, we completed both Master Plan and, most recently, The Loft. Bruce has been a leader in his field, serving as the secretary and treasurer of The National Association of Church Facility Managers for nine years. Bruce will continue to play an advisory role for our church facility needs.



COLORFUL CLOSETS

First Baptist Church is honored to join Colorful Closets once again to provide new clothing for boys and girls with a need in our community. Blue bags (complete with tags listing the clothing to purchase) will

be provided on hallway tables on the 2nd and 3rd floors on Sundays, April 27 and May 4. Simply pick up a bag, purchase the needed items, place them in the bag, and return the blue bag to our church by May 11.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Each year hundreds of adult volunteers help with Vacation Bible School. We need adults who can help with crafts, teach Bible stories, serve snacks, walk children to and from class, serve as crossing guards, and

much more! If you are available the week of VBS, June 9-13, please register on our webpage, www.firstamarillo.org/vbs. For more information, contact Cliff Cary, Hannah Bandy, Elaine Clark, or the church office (806-373-2891). Thank you for making a difference!

NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

NEW MEMBERS



Nola Anderson

For Baptism

(pictured with parents, McKay and Sean,
and brother, Isaiah)



Kason Bohn

For Baptism

(pictured with parents, Lee and Kaci)



Shelbi Harris

By Statement

(pictured with husband, JD)

DEACON OF THE DAY

April 27	Bob Grace
April 28	David Joza
April 29	Brent Bean
April 30	Bruce Cotgreave
May 1	Randy Croslin
May 2	Christopher McWhorter
May 3	Tommy Needham

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Trevor Brown will bring a message entitled "Something New" from 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

Beginning May 6,

The Loft hours will be

Tuesday-Friday

4:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday

1:00-9:00 p.m.

(for students, grades 7-12)



Ella Lunday

For Baptism

(pictured with parents, David and Paige)



Taylor Zangara

For Baptism

(pictured with husband, Ty Wood)

Not Pictured:

Bill and Stacy Ball

By Letter

Chad and Amber McGarry

By Statement

Ainsley McGarry

For Baptism

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Corky Holland continues our study entitled "Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life" on Tuesdays through May 6. Bible study is from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, and a light lunch is available beginning at 11:45 a.m. (nominal fee). First Singers meet in the Music Suite following Tuesday Bible Study.

PARKING UPDATE

Parking is now available on the first and second levels of The Loft parking garage! When you enter The Loft from the upper level of the parking garage, you can use the elevator or stairs to navigate to the first floor to cross Harrison Street. To use the skybridge, take the elevator or stairs to the third floor. Our First Ride carts will continue to pick up and deliver to the north and northeast (bus barn) lots, and valet parking is available at the Preschool and Fellowship Hall entrances. If you have a particular parking need, please contact our church office for assistance.

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

SPRING PICKLEBALL CONTINUES

Pickleball for all ages continues through the second week of May! Join us in the family Life Center for lots of fun and exercise:

Recreational Pickleball meets on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Competitive Pickleball meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact James Booth at the FLC.



Sunday, April 27

Student Orchestra

3:30 p.m. – Sanctuary

Youth Choir

4:30-6:00 p.m. – Music Suite

Wednesday, April 30

6:00-6:45 p.m.

Acteens (girls) – The Loft 102

Servants (guys) – The Loft 303



6:45-8:00 p.m.

PrimeTime – The
Landing @ The Loft
(The Loft will be open
until 9:00 p.m. on
Wednesday nights)

Loft Launch

Starting May 6

Tuesday-Friday

4:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday

1:00-9:00 p.m.

(for students, grades 7-12)



BREAKAWAY CAMP 2025

May 25-30

Camp Table Rock

Shell Knob, Missouri

Cost: \$570

Two family members: \$950 total

Three family members: \$1100 total

For more information

or to register online,

scan the QR code

or go to: [www.](http://www.firstamarillo.org)

[firstamarillo.org](http://www.firstamarillo.org)



Merge 2025

Kids Camp

July 14-17

Big Country Baptist Assembly
Lueders, Texas

For completed 4th-6th graders

Early registration cost: \$285

(ends April 30; on May 1, cost
increases to \$310).

Register today at [www.](http://www.firstamarillo.org/merge)
[firstamarillo.org/merge](http://www.firstamarillo.org/merge)

VBS 2025 is Coming!

We need you! Mark your
calendars for June 9-13, and sign
up to volunteer at [firstamarillo.](http://firstamarillo.org/vbs)
[org/vbs](http://firstamarillo.org/vbs).



(for those who are college age)

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:45 a.m. – The Loft 102

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 p.m. – College Study Night

The Loft College Department

For more details, contact Corey.



Vacation Bible School

June 9-13

Directors' Dinner

Monday, May 5

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

VBS Kick Off

Monday, May 19

6:30 p.m. – The Loft

*Sign up online to volunteer for
VBS!*

NEW KIDS ON THE PEW



Carson Brown



Barrett Cremers



Daryl Koskei

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.



EASTER EVERYDAY, EASTER EVERYWHERE

If you missed our Easter devotional book last week, it's not too late! You are invited to find one in the church office or on bulletin tables this week. Digital versions can also be viewed or shared from firstamarillo.org/easter. Join us as we grow in resurrection hope!



FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT, INTENTIONAL

April 20, 2025

Weekly budget requirement	\$ 174,266.98
Weekly budget receipts	\$ 224,365.99
Year-to-date budget requirement	\$ 2,788,271.68
Year-to-date budget receipts	\$ 4,994,139.97

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- Brent Clark in the death of his mother, Patsy Clark.
- Cheray Wolken in the death of her mother, Pat Porter, Pampa, TX; grandmother of Michaela Wolken.
- Sharon Dalrymple in the death of her cousin, Billy Triplett, Canyon, TX.

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, April 27	2 Chronicles 26-28
Monday, April 28	2 Chronicles 29-30
Tuesday, April 29	2 Chronicles 31-32
Wednesday, April 30	2 Chronicles 33-36
Thursday, May 1	Ezra 1-3
Friday, May 2	Ezra 4-6
Saturday, May 3	Ezra 7-8

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	74
For Baptism to Date	32
Baptized to Date	29
Watchcare	3

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, April 30

Potato Bar with all the fixings
(catered by Potato Factory)
OR

Delicious Dozen Salad Bar

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

FOR THE LATEST NEWS
AND EVENTS VISIT
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