



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Amarillo

REPORTER

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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,
The story that each of us has to tell is the story of a sacred journey in the sense that if I believe anything in this world, I believe there is no place where God speaks more eloquently to us than through what happens to us, and therefore our stories are sacred stories. And I think our stories are sacred also because they are, in a way, the biblical story, which is a story that can be simply stated: God creates the world, the world gets lost, and for the rest of the time, God tries to restore the lost world to himself. That is the story of Israel, and it is also the story of you and me. (Frederick Buechner, "The Story," *Voices of Many Waters*)

I don't know where you are in your journey, or how your story is currently unfolding. But I do know that God loves and guides and cares. He always calls us back to himself.

See you Sunday.

Howard Batson

Dr. Howard Batson, Pastor



TEXANS ON MISSION: CRISIS AND DISASTER TRAINING

Saturday, October 25

8:15 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Cost: \$30. Lunch is provided.

Scholarships available.

This training session includes an orientation (required) and basic training in chainsaw, fire and flood recovery, food handling, and shower/laundry. Scan the QR code for additional information on these trainings and to register.



BOOMER TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Our Boomers are planning a trip to Washington, D.C. in April 2026! Join us for an interest/informational meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary (following prayer meeting).



FIRST FEST

Friday, October 31

5:30-7:30 p.m. – The Loft Parking Lot
Trunk or Treat!

Inflatables. Free Candy. Food.

Candy (individually wrapped pieces) may

be dropped off in any of the donation tubs around the church.

We need volunteers to provide cars for the "trunk or treat" and to help run the inflatables. Please contact James or Connie at the FLC if you can help!



UPWARD BASKETBALL

Registration is now open for our 2025-2026 season. Players and volunteers can sign up online at www.firstamarillo.org

Early registration (before 11/7): \$85; Later registration (after 11/7): \$105

Practices begin December 8; First game is January 10;

Season ends February 14.



visit us online at www.firstamarillo.org

NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

NEW MEMBERS



Jacob Threlkeld
For Baptism



Clayton Henry
For Baptism



Darren and Kayla Parker
By Statement
(also pictured are Payton and Hazely)

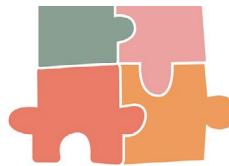
Not pictured: Marcos Shalala,
Rania Nomeli, Kokomark Shalala
By Statement

DEACON OF THE DAY

Oct. 12	Bill Brian
Oct. 13	Bill Dotson
Oct. 14	David Joza
Oct. 15	Bruce Cotgreave
Oct. 16	Randy Croslin
Oct. 17	Christopher McWhorter
Oct. 18	Tommy Needham

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "By Many or By Few" from 1 Samuel 14. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Parker Bowen will begin our next study, *Together: How the Bible Tells the Story of God with Us*, on October 14. Join us for a light meal (optional at 11:45 a.m.) and Bible Study each Tuesday from 12:15-12:45 p.m. First Singers meet following Bible study.

CHRISTMAS PLATES

Thank you for your generosity in bringing items for our homebound and nursing home members. The items we still need include:

- Hand sanitizer
- Liquid hand soap
- Gripper socks
- Gloves
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Our deadline to receive items is Friday, October 31, as our Acteens will pack gifts on November 12. If needed, another workday will be scheduled for mid-November.

Plate assembly and delivery will be Friday, December 5, 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).

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING FOR TEXAS MISSIONS

Church Goal: \$40,020.25
Given to Date: \$27,847.35



FOSTERING HOPE
a ministry of
FBC Amarillo

The Fostering Hope Care Box Ministry once again needs your support to restock items for deliveries to aged-out foster students attending college or trade school in the Amarillo area. A collection box is available in the church office. Please provide only items from the list below:

- Breakfast and/or Energy bars
 - Regular-size peanut butter and jelly jars
 - Mac and cheese cups
 - Pkgs. of cheese crackers or peanut butter crackers
 - Ramen noodle packets (no cups)
 - Pkgs. of instant oatmeal
 - Pkgs. of microwave popcorn
 - Individual pkgs. of ANY individually wrapped snack food
 - Individual pkgs. of chips (regular or hot flavors)
 - Vienna sausages
 - Individual tuna pouches with crackers
 - Individually wrapped or pkgs. of
Trail mix • Peanuts
Cheez-its • Gum
Oreos or Chips Ahoy
Belvita biscotti cookies
Candy (no chocolate)
 - Non-gender specific deodorant
 - Non-gender specific regular size shampoo and conditioner set
 - Travel or regular-size Kleenex boxes
 - Non-gender specific bath soap or body wash
 - Full-size tube toothpaste
 - Single toothbrush in package
 - Chapstick
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Disposable razors
 - Laundry pods
 - School supplies (mechanical pencils, Post-it Notes, highlighters)
 - Men's and Women's ankle socks
- Bring items to the church office. Contact Sydney Rieff with questions by calling 806-373-2891. We appreciate your help!*



Middle School Retreat

Friday, October 10

12:30 p.m. – Meet on The Lawn
(north of The Loft)

Sunday, October 12

7:00 p.m. – Return (check Facebook
for updates on travel time).

*Please pray for the safety of our
students and sponsors!*

Sunday, October 12

NO Youth Choir

Wednesday, October 15

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

The Loft Hours

Sunday-Monday

Closed

Tuesday-Friday

4:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday

1:00-9:00 p.m.



(for those who are college age)

Study Night

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 p.m. – The Loft

College Fall Retreat

October 24-26

For information, contact Corey



Kids Worship Night

1st-6th grade

Wednesday, October 15

Join us for a night of worship
together!

No Bible Drill

This Sunday, October 12

See you next week!

Midweek Sign Ups

New elective classes start
Wednesday, October 22. Sign
up for your new class at [www.
firstamarillo.org/midweek](http://www.firstamarillo.org/midweek).



ETC

Monday, October 13

10:30 a.m. - room 107

Heal the City is our focus this
month. Join us as Trey and Ally
Bowen share about their work at
HTC and opportunities to help.

HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, October 16

5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Program: Grass Daddies

Theme: Harvest Hoedown

Cost: \$8 for meal. RSVP deadline
is Tuesday, October 14.



Thank You

A big "Thank You" to our
Preschool Sunday School
teachers who are here every
week to teach our preschoolers.
You are so loved!



SINGLE MOMS MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, October 18

10:00-11:30 a.m.

FLC room 202

BOOMERS!

Mark your calendars for our
Boomer Stack and Game Night!

Monday, November 3

6:00 p.m. – The Loft, 3rd floor

We will enjoy a light stack-up
dinner and play games; feel free
to bring your favorite game. If
coming, please RSVP to the
church (806-373-2891).

ADDITIONAL SEATING IN THE LOFT

Beginning Sunday, October 19,
additional seating for our 8:30
a.m. worship service will be
available in The Loft. Watch for
more details!

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.

WOMEN'S HOLIDAY DINNER

Thursday, November 6

Tickets are \$20 each and will be available at hallway tables beginning Sunday, October 19. Our guest speaker is Raechel Myers, founder of *She Reads Truth*.

ARISE AND SALT LADIES' GROUPS

Tuesday, October 14

6:00 p.m. – 14 St. Andrews Dr.

Join together for an evening with Sky Scott, missionary to South Africa. Meal provided. Text 806-898-5050 for info.



FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT,
INTENTIONAL

October 5, 2025

Weekly budget requirement
\$ 174,266.98

Weekly budget receipts
\$ 261,082.91

Year-to-date budget requirement
\$ 6,970,679.20

Year-to-date budget receipts
\$ 9,623,846.37

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- The family of Deborah Hodges Beckham.
- Kristin Woolsey in the death of her mother, Pam Funderburg, Pampa, TX.
- Fern Stout in the death of her brother, Donald Storm.
- Taylor Whitehead in the death of his uncle, Russell Whitehead, Alamogordo, NM.
- JW Nelson in the death of his aunt, Glenda Beth Lee.

FOR THE LATEST NEWS
AND EVENTS VISIT
FIRSTAMARILLO.ORG

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, October 12

Mark 8-10

Monday, October 13

Mark 11-13

Tuesday, October 14

Mark 14-15

Wednesday, October 15

Mark 16

Thursday, October 16

Luke 1-2

Friday, October 17

Luke 3-6

Saturday, October 18

Luke 7-9

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	5
For Baptism to Date	2
Baptized to Date	1

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, October 15

Chicken Sandwiches or Nuggets
(catered by Chick-Fil-A)

OR

Salad Bar

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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