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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

Brian Muldoon tells of a friend named John who told him how he developed a lifelong friendship with the school bully. In high school, John's locker was next to this fellow's locker, and every day the kid would slam John's locker shut and taunt him with invective. John always smiled and said, "Good Morning!" in the most cheerful voice he could muster. Finally, after several weeks of this, the bully was exasperated. "Why are you always so nice to me? Don't you know that I hate your guts?" the bully said.

John smiled. "I treat you this way because I realized the first time I saw you that we were going to be best friends. I've just been waiting for you to find that out yourself." Forty years later, they are still best friends.

There is a still point, even in the midst of the most violent hurricane. To find it requires patience, self-control, and the ability to hold the center while great winds blow on all sides. (Brian Muldoon, The Heart of *Conflict;* homileticsonline.com)

See you Sunday.



OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, October 26 6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary



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!



FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY **NOVEMBER 2**

Join your church family for worship, Bible Study, fellowship, prayer, and much more on Time Change Sunday, November 2. Bring a friend or family member with you!



WOMEN'S HOLIDAY DINNER

Thursday, November 6

Tickets are \$20 each and will be available at hallway tables on Sunday morning or in the office during the week. Our guest speaker is Raechel Myers, founder of She Reads Truth.



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).



visit us online at www.firstamarillo.org

NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

NEW MEMBERS



Graham and Kay Conner

By Statement

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Our Young Professionals group is growing! We are now offering TWO Young Professionals classes starting on November 2. Young Professionals 1 will be tailored toward single young adults in their 20s and will meet in room 331. Young Professionals 2 will continue meeting in room 333 and will be aimed toward single young adults 30 and up. If you or someone you know may be interested in attending either of these classes, be sure to share this exciting news with them!

ELECTRONIC REPORTER

If you would like to receive a weekly link to the Reporter by text message each week, please text *Join Reporter* to 888-343-6351.

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October 26	Ernie Boyd
October 27	Joe Morris
October 28	Tom Hanson
October 29	Steve Austin
October 30	Clay Wallace
October 31	Josh Dixon
November 1	Carey Owen

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Matters of the Heart" from 1 Samuel 16. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

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).



ADDITIONAL SEATING IN THE LOFT

Additional seating for our 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship service is available in The Loft.



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!



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

Sunday, October 26

10th Grade Department Out to Lunch Together following Sunday School

Youth Choir 4:30 p.m. – Music Suite

Wednesday, October 29

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.

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



Kids Worship Night

Last week was so special! We focused on Jesus being our true source of Light and how we are called to shine His light to those around us. It was such a meaningful night of worship and learning together!

Kids Midweek

We hope you will join us for Kids Midweek each Wednesday night from 6:00-7:30 p.m.!



UPWARD BASKETBALL

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

Registration before 11/7: – \$85
Registration after 11/7 – \$105
Practices begin December 8;
First game is January 10;
Season ends February 14.



(for those who are college age)

Challenge Bible Study

Tuesday, October 28 7:00 p.m. – The Loft 406



Upcoming Events FirstFest

Friday, October 31 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Loft Parking Lot

Friends and Family Sunday

Sunday, November 2 Watch for more information in the next few weeks!

NEW KID ON THE PEW



Gunner Bray

AUTOS, BICYCLES, COMPUTERS

(to donate or receive)

We will accept autos/trucks running or not. Pickup is available for bicycles (adult and kids) and tricycles. Computers and related hardware may be brought to the church office. Please call the church office (806-373-2891) for more information.

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 Rufus Priddy.
- •The family of Jay Messer.
- •Jennifer Friday in the death of her father, Fred Hinrichs, Henderson, NV.
- •Larraine Reeves Day in the death of her husband, Larry Day, Georgetown, TX.

DOES FAITH MAKE SENSE?

The November 4 session is postponed until December 2. Join us then as we explore the uniqueness of Jesus and the Christian faith.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT, INTENTIONAL October 19. 2025

Weekly budget requirement
\$ 174,266.98
Weekly budget receipts
\$ 223,585.52
Year-to-date budget requirement
\$ 7,319,213.16
Year-to-date budget receipts
\$ 10,062,159.61

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Robby Barrett will begin our next study, *Moses: Heart of a Leader,* on November 4. 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.

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, October 26 John 3-5 Monday, October 27 John 6-7 Tuesday, October 28 John 8-10 Wednesday, October 29 John 11-12 Thursday, October 30 John 13-17 Friday, October 31 John 18-21 Saturday, November 1 Acts 1-4

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	10
For Baptism to Date	3
Baptized to Date	4

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, October 29
Chicken alfredo • Spaghetti with meat sauce • Salad • Bread sticks (catered by Pescaraz)
OR
Salad Bar

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

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