

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

Norman Stone is a veteran (25 years) British television director. He's the one who directed the BBC's *Shadowlands* and many other specials. In his speech before the Center for Applied Christian Ethics at Wheaton College, he said that the issue is "Obedience, not success. Please, America! I went to the National Religious Broadcasters Association one time and I sat down on a seat. I jumped up rather smartish because I sat on a little pack. The pack was called 'Ten Ways to Guarantee Success in Your Ministry.' It had a razor, toothpaste, and lots of stuff telling me how to guarantee that the Holy Spirit would bless my ministry. This is weird, this is wrong, this is not biblical - and it was certainly uncomfortable to sit on. What are we talking about when we worship success? Success with dollar signs, head counts? This is not right. Obedience and faithfulness are the true measures of success." ("The Medium and the Message," *Discernment*, 5 (Spring 1998))

See you Sunday.



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.



YOUNG ADULT PIZZA AND PUNCHLINES

Friday, October 24
6:30 pm. – The Loft

Enjoy a laid-back, fun night of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" style improv sketches featuring some of our very own First Baptist *famous* young adults. We'll have pizza and salad from 575, and the event includes free childcare and pizza for ages birth through 6th grade. You won't want to miss it. Register online at www.firstamarillo.org.



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 beginning Sunday, October 19. Our guest speaker is Raechel Myers, founder of *She Reads Truth*.

NEW MEMBERS



Corbin and McKenzi McGill
By Letter
(also pictured is Reece)



Kathleen Bowen
By Statement



Amo Jok
For Baptism
(pictured with mother, Anglena Boull)

DEACON OF THE DAY

Oct. 19	James Chaddick
Oct. 20	Chris Pirtle
Oct. 21	Tom Boyd
Oct. 22	Richard Hanna
Oct. 23	Jay Barrett
Oct. 24	Shane Nance
Oct. 25	Kevin Hare

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "No Other Way" from 1 Samuel 14. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Parker Bowen is leading our study, *Together: How the Bible Tells the Story of God with Us*. 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).

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.



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!*



Sunday, October 19

Youth Choir Christmas Kick-Off
4:30 p.m. – Music Suite

Wednesday, October 22

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)

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:45 a.m. – The Loft 102

Challenge Bible Study

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 p.m. – The Loft 406

College Fall Retreat

October 24-26

Please pray for our college students as they go to the Wichita Mountains outside of Lawton, Oklahoma.



Midweek Sign Ups

New elective classes start Wednesday, October 22. Sign up for your new class at www.firstamarillo.org/midweek.



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.



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).



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!

FAMILY DEDICATION



Parker Leigh Huckabay
Parents: Ethan and Kallie



FIELD TRIP TO HEAR BEN CARSON

Monday, October 27

5:45 p.m. – leave from FLC parking lot

We will provide transportation to the WTAMU campus for the Ben Carson program at 6:30 p.m. You are responsible for buying your ticket. The RSVP deadline for transportation is Thursday, October 23.

2026 BUDGET

MISSIONS

Baptist General Convention TX	280,000
FBC Partnership Missions	114,000
International Mission Board	50,000
Total Cooperative Program	444,000
Amarillo Area Baptist Assoc	67,000
Amarillo Missions Projects	48,000
Benevolence	12,000
Boys About Missions	1,500
Buchanan Street Baptist Chapel	33,000
Christian Job Corps	9,000
*Community Partnerships	39,500
Counseling Support Ministry	6,000
**Direct Church Missions	68,000
11th and Polk Ministry Center	16,000
English as a Second Language	18,000
Fostering Hope Ministry	4,000
Furloughing Missionaries	9,000
International Ministries Center	35,000
Internet and Website	10,000
Jail and Prison Ministry	8,500
Local Intls (Intl Adult Dept)	1,500
Local Intls (Laotian Cong.)	12,000
Local Intls (Vietnamese Cong.)	7,000
Local Intls (Misc Expenses)	2,000
Men's Ministry	2,500
Mission Outreach	179,000
Missions Media	15,000
Perkins Community Center	42,000
Radio and Television	54,000
Right Now Media	5,000
Snack Pack 4 Kids	15,000
WMU	23,600
TOTAL MISSIONS	1,187,100

EDUCATION

Payroll/Allowances	
Salaries	861,494
Reimbursement Allowance	7,900
Housing Allowance	174,660
Staff Travel	8,000
Total Payroll/Allowances	1,052,054
Benefits	
FICA	79,266
Retirement	56,357
Group Insurance	86,862
Total Benefits	222,485
Child Guidance	68,000
First Steps	47,000
Leadership Training	6,000
Library	750
Literature	58,000
Loft	275,000
REACH	6,000
Vacation Bible School	50,000
Visual Education & Television	25,000
Total Education Programs	535,750

Promotion	
Preschool Division	37,500
Children's Division	85,000
Student Division	140,000
College Division	10,550
Young Adult Division	33,000
Adult Division	44,850
Senior Adult Division	21,500
General Promotion	30,000
TOTAL EDUCATION	2,212,689



MUSIC

Payroll/Allowances	
Salaries	338,378
Housing Allowance	42,300
Staff Travel	4,000
Total Payroll/Allowances	384,678
Benefits	
FICA	29,122
Retirement	18,531
Group Insurance	33,989
Total Benefits	81,642
Music Education Program	85,000
Production/Special Events	50,000
Youth Choir	35,000
TOTAL MUSIC	636,320

ADMINISTRATION

Payroll/Allowances	
Salaries	440,798
Housing Allowance	24,000
Staff Travel	5,500
Total Payroll/Allowances	470,298
Benefits	
FICA	35,557
Retirement	23,393
Group Insurance	38,530
Total Benefits	97,480
Decorations	3,950
Electronic Transaction Fees	85,000
Family Life Center Operations	50,000
Family Life Center Programs	14,000
Floral Expenses	15,000
Food Service	116,000
Janitor Supplies	35,000
Laundry	10,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	10,000
Offering Envelopes	13,000
Office Equipment Leasing/Repair	9,000
Office Supplies	18,000
Parking Assistance	39,000
Piano and Organ Maintenance	6,500
Postage	73,000
Printing	75,000
Publicity	60,000
Security Service	65,000
Special Events	1,500
Stewardship Campaign	7,000
Telephone	14,500
Utilities	300,500
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	1,588,728

**Community Partnerships: Mission Amarillo, Faith City Mission, High Plains Food Bank, Hope Choice, High Plains Retreat Center, Gideons, Hope Welcome Center*

***Direct Church Missions: Missionary support: Shutts, Bouchers, Ogburns, Tylers, Mexico church; Baptist World Alliance, Baptist University of the Americas, Truett Seminary, Uganda Baptist Seminary*

**"Give to God the things that are God's."
1 Corinthians 16:2**

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

Payroll/Allowances	
Salaries	685,991
Reimbursement Allowance	525
Staff Travel	750
Total Payroll/Allowances	687,266
Benefits	
FICA	52,478
Retirement	40,598
Group Insurance	127,967
Total Benefits	221,043
Church Lodge	72,500
Computer Equip / Software Maint	68,000
Equipment	140,000
Insurance	409,500
Maintenance and Repairs	105,000
Reserve / Audio Video	30,000
Reserve / Music	11,500
Reserve / Property Maintenance	50,000
Reserve / Vehicle Maint & Repl.	20,000
TOTAL PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE	1,814,809

PREACHING AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Payroll/Allowances	
Salaries	464,503
Reimbursement Allowance	2,400
Housing Allowance	152,744
Staff Travel	9,000
Total Payroll/Allowances	628,647
Benefits	
FICA	39,831
Retirement	37,035
Group Insurance	41,855
Total Benefits	118,721
Deacon Ministry Fund	5,000
TOTAL PREACHING AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES	752,368

WINFRED & ELIZABETH MOORE RETIRED MINISTERS FUND

1,000

BUILDING FUND AND DEBT RETIREMENT

950,000

PERSONNEL SALARY/BENEFIT POOL

485,120

TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES

9,628,134

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Wednesday, October 22

6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

VOTE ON BUDGET

(without discussion)

Sunday, October 26

Both morning services

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

It is time to fill approximately 100 committee positions by reason of the expiration of three-year terms for the standing committees. If you are interested in serving on a church committee, please indicate your interest below. To be eligible to serve on a church committee, you must:

1. Be an adult member of First Baptist Church. Those who are members of Bible study only are not eligible.
2. Be in regular attendance in worship services.
3. Be committed to the programs of FBC under the leadership of the pastor.
4. Have demonstrated a financial commitment to FBC by faithful and consistent giving to the church budget. (Required for spending committees. Desired for all committees.)
5. Not already serving on a committee in 2026 with the exception of the Committee on Committees and First Baptist Church Trustees.
6. Be willing to be a faithful participant in the activities of the committee.

Please indicate your interest in three or more of the following committees for terms which will begin in January 2026

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| ☐ Baptism | ☐ Music |
| ☐ Benevolence | ☐ Parking (First Ride) |
| ☐ Church Weekday Educ. | ☐ Personnel |
| ☐ Decorations | ☐ Planned Giving |
| ☐ Denominational Relations | ☐ Preschool |
| ☐ Finance | ☐ Properties |
| ☐ FLC/Recreation | ☐ Seminary Scholarship |
| ☐ Insurance | ☐ Special Events |
| ☐ Licensing/Ordination | ☐ Stewardship |
| ☐ Lord's Supper | ☐ Transportation |
| ☐ Missionary Furlough | ☐ Welcoming |
| ☐ Missions | ☐ Women's Ministries |
| ☐ Missions Amarillo | ☐ Retired Ministers Fund |
| | ☐ Trustees, FBC |

Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form to the pastor's office or place
in the offering plate by October 31.



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.

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

Online Giving

- Visit the Church Website (www.firstamarillo.org), click "Giving" and then click, "Donate Online Now."
- Online gifts can be made as one-time gifts, or can be set up as recurring gifts on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. Recurring gifts can be edited or terminated at any time.

Bank Draft

- You can set up automatic bank drafts from your checking or savings account. Contact the church office to set up this option.

Text Giving

General Budget gifts can be made by texting the amount of the gift to 806-391-7205.

- First-time text giving donors will be prompted to visit a secure URL. Click the registration link and enter your credit or debit card information.
- At this point, the gift will process, and you will receive a confirmation text showing the gift and registration were successful.
- Future text giving transactions can be made on the original debit or credit card by simply texting the amount of the gift to 806-391-7205.
- To change card information, text "reset" to 806-391-7205, and you will be prompted to change the card information for future gifts.

For questions or assistance, contact Brenda Burrows, Financial Secretary, at 806-373-2891.

CAN YOU HELP?

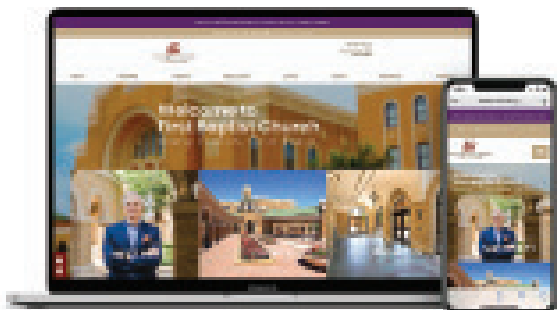
Do you have a sewing machine you are no longer using that you could donate to a refugee family? If you could help with this need, please contact the church office (806-373-2891) or Sue Kelly. Thank you.

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 Jayne Riker.
- The family of Dottie Austin.
- The family of Phone Jit Hartman.
- The family of Dee Copeland.
- The family of David Brown.
- Cindy Anderson in the death of her mother, Kay Ivey, Winnsboro, TX.
- Edith Weatherford in the death of her mother, Amelia Sifuentes, Dalhart, TX.
- Delbert Serratt in the death of his brother, Johnny "Mel" Serratt, Hico, TX.
- Don and Troveta Drake in the death of their brother-in-law, W.D. O'Donnell, Alvarado, TX.



FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT, INTENTIONAL

October 12, 2025

Weekly budget requirement

\$ 174,266.98

Weekly budget receipts

\$ 214,727.72

Year-to-date budget requirement

\$7,144,946.18

Year-to-date budget receipts

\$9,838,574.09



SINGLE MOMS MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, October 18

10:00-11:30 a.m.

FLC room 202

FOR THE LATEST NEWS
AND EVENTS VISIT
FIRSTAMARILLO.ORG

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, October 19

Luke 10-12

Monday, October 20

Luke 13-15

Tuesday, October 21

Luke 16-17

Wednesday, October 22

Luke 18

Thursday, October 23

Luke 19-21

Friday, October 24

Luke 22-24

Saturday, October 25

John 1-2

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	8
For Baptism to Date	3
Baptized to Date	2

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, October 22

Nacho bar with all the fixings
(catered by Youngbloods)

OR

Salad Bar

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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