



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

"The room was quiet save for the whisper of waves along the shore of the retreat center on Long Island Sound. Henri Nouwen had just returned from Holland, where he had shared with his beloved mother her last painful weeks with cancer. Emotionally and physically spent, Henri hunched intently over a sheet of blank white paper, pen in hand. He was beginning the story of his mother's final struggle, later published under the title *In Memoriam*. Knowing that with his mother's death he had lost his emotional sea anchor – the stabilizing force in his energetic, far-flung life – I asked him why he was writing this manuscript. 'Because,' he responded, 'I always try to turn my personal struggles into something helpful for others.'" (John S. Mogabgab, *Weavings*, Sept-Oct 1998, 2)

How about you? Have your scars become a road map for someone else's journey?

See you Sunday.



items, place them in the bag, and return the Blue Bag to the church by Sunday, May 11.

COLORFUL CLOSETS

Colorful Closet Blue Bags (complete with tags listing the clothing to purchase) will be provided on 2nd and 3rd floor hallway tables again this coming Sunday, May 4. Simply pick up a bag, purchase the needed



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!

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



LOFT LAUNCH

(for students, grades 7-12)

Beginning Tuesday, The Loft hours will be:

Tuesday-Friday

4:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday

1:00-9:00 p.m.



SUMMER CAMPS

Parents, be sure to find information regarding Breakaway (7th-12 grades) and Merge (4th-6th grades) camps inside this edition of the Reporter. Deadlines are quickly approaching. Please contact our Student Ministry and Children's Ministry offices for additional information. Thank you!



visit us online at www.firstamarillo.org

NEWS AT FIRST BAPTIST

NEW MEMBERS



Richard Pantoja & Harmony Curry
By Letter and By Statement
(pictured with Violet and Sebastian)



John and LaRae Garretson
By Statement



Brynn Martin
For Baptism
(pictured with parents, Brandt and Layton,
and sister, Brecken)



R.W. and Lisa Hampton
Danner and Ethan
By Letter

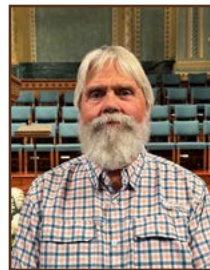
PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Running on Empty" from Ruth 1. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

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



Anna Bailey
For Baptism



Roger Lewis
By Statement



Darby Kaplan
For Baptism
(pictured with parents, Zach and Allyson)



Cody Weaver
For Baptism
(pictured with Bobby Tyler)

Not Pictured:
Steve Smith
By Letter

WORSHIP IS A SACRED TIME

Worship services are sacred times for our First Baptist Church family. To avoid distracting others, parents please remind your children to use restroom facilities prior to worship. Thanks for your help in limiting movement during worship.



LUNCH AND LEARN

Wednesday, May 7
12:00 noon – room 110
Linda Montgomery, hospital chaplain and counselor/certified life coach, will aid us in understanding the fears and emotions that accompany aging and losing control of our lives, as well as sharing ways to increase the longevity of our brains, emotions, and health. If you want to join us for lunch, the cost is \$5, and your RSVP is due by Monday, May 5.

AUTO, BIKE, AND COMPUTER MINISTRY

If you have an interest in donating or receiving a bicycle, computer, or auto, please contact the church office (806-373-2891).

DEACON OF THE DAY

May 4	James Chaddick
May 5	Chris Pirtle
May 6	Tom Boyd
May 7	Richard Hanna
May 8	Jay Barrett
May 9	Shane Nance
May 10	Kevin Hare



Sunday, May 4

Youth Choir

4:30-6:00 p.m. – Music Suite

Wednesday, May 7

Acteens (all girls 7th-12th grade)

6:00-6:45 p.m. – The Loft 102

Servants (all guys 7th-12th grade)

6:00-6:45 p.m. – The Loft 303



PrimeTime

6:45-8:00 p.m.

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



Preteen Party

Sunday, May 4

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

6th graders, join us after Sunday School as we head over to The Loft for hotdogs, games, and fellowship on the lawn!



Merge 2025

Kids Camp

July 14-17

Big Country Baptist Assembly
Lueders, Texas

For completed 4th-6th graders

Cost: \$310 (scholarships available)

Register today at www.firstamarillo.org/merge

VBS 2025

June 9-13

Register to volunteer at

www.firstamarillo.org/vbs



(for those who are college age)

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:45 a.m. – The Loft 102



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 (firstamarillo.org/vbs)!

FAMILY DEDICATION



Emersyn Lynn Martin,

Raegan Tess Martin,

Laken Lovena Martin

Parents: Justin and Holly

GRANDPARENT GALLERY



Beck Ryan Stump

son of

Taylor and Emily Stump

grandson of

Gary and Jennifer Chapman

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 Doris Christian.
- The family of Valerie Kiper.
- The family of Jim Peggram.
- The family of June Bearden.
- The family of Earlene Fite.
- Gae Strange in the death of her mother, Doris Remy.
- LaWanna Graf in the death of her sister-in-law, Carol Cowen.
- Rikki Tucker in the death of her grandmother, Wanda Paulhamus.
- Shanna Brister and Shelly Schmidt in the death of their aunt, Joyce Hodges; sister-in-law of Mary Simmers and Deborah Beckham.



FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIFIC, SIGNIFICANT, INTENTIONAL

April 27, 2025

Weekly budget requirement	\$ 174,266.98
Weekly budget receipts	\$ 144,953.10
Year-to-date budget requirement	\$ 2,962,538.66
Year-to-date budget receipts	\$ 5,139,093.07

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

Sunday, May 4	Ezra 9-10
Monday, May 5	Nehemiah 1-2
Tuesday, May 6	Nehemiah 3-4
Wednesday, May 7	Nehemiah 5-6
Thursday, May 8	Nehemiah 7-8:1
Friday, May 9	Nehemiah 8:2-10:39
Saturday, May 10	Nehemiah 11-13

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	84
For Baptism to Date	36
Baptized to Date	30
Watchcare	3

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday, May 7
 Enchiladas • Beans • Rice • Chips
 and salsa
 (catered by The Plaza)
 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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