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#### **Special Report from the Finance Committee**

Dear Church Family,

As you may have noticed from the monthly financial updates in *FBC Life*, our year-to-date giving has not met the expectations set when we adopted the 2025 budget. At the same time, we are deeply grateful for the diligent efforts of our church staff, who have worked hard to keep expenses significantly below budget. Because of their stewardship, we've been able to meet our obligations despite lower-than-anticipated giving.

Typically, monthly giving not only covers our operational costs but also allows us to save for vital ministry initiatives such as mission trips, camps, and facility improvements. However, during the first half of 2025, giving has fallen short of that pattern. As a result, the Finance Committee has begun redirecting funds from our monthly savings plan to cover current expenses.

Should this trend continue, we may soon need to draw from our existing reserves to meet basic operational needs. While this would allow us time to reassess and prioritize our spending, it would also signal the need for more significant budget adjustments. Our staff has already implemented several cost-saving measures to minimize the impact on our worship and ministry experience. However, without an increase in giving, deeper and more noticeable reductions may be necessary before year's end.

We share this update with a sense of urgency, not alarm. We do not want anyone to look back and say, "If I had known the situation was that serious, I would have done more." This is your opportunity—as part of the First Baptist Church San Angelo family—to make a meaningful difference through faithful and generous giving.

It may be that God is leading us into a season of redefinition or refinement, and we will receive that direction with gratitude and faith. Or perhaps this season of challenge is meant to prepare us for greater ministry impact than we ever imagined. Whatever the case, we ask that you prayerfully consider how the Lord might lead you to respond.

Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to the mission of our church.

In Christ's service.

#### The Finance Committee

Cindy Eoff, Jan Jeffries, Kevin McSpadden, Brian Meeks, Mike Nikolauk, Maggie Pepper, Donna Riddle, Craig Terrell, Greer Willis



### FBC YOUTH

#### **Youth Ministry Summer Recap**

It's been a great summer for our youth! Each Wednesday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, we've gathered for all kinds of fun activities, followed by our meal and ministry time at the lake cabin. It's been a highlight of the week!

In June, several of our students joined the Peru mission team, serving in sports camps, medical triage, and assisting wherever needed. They represented our church well and made a real impact.

We've also seen steady growth in our Sunday morning group, averaging around 20 students each week, thanks in large part to our faithful adult volunteers. Thank you!

Last week, we wrapped up youth camp in Brownwood, and it was an incredible experience. The group really bonded and came home energized and unified. We are excited about the momentum heading into the fall.

Mark your calendar: we will be hosting a Student and Parent Meeting on Sunday, August 17 right after church in the CLC. Pizza lunch will be provided. We'll unveil the fall calendar and talk through all the exciting plans ahead.

#### **Youth Pastor Search Update**

We continue to receive resumes for the open position of Youth Pastor. The committee reviews candidates who meet our baseline qualifications and will recommend any potential fit to the Personnel Committee. We are ultimately praying for God's leading in all of this. Please join us in that prayer.



### FBC KIDS





# HONORING 5TH GRADERS (MOVING UP TO YOUTH GROUP)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH \\ 5:00 - 7:00PM
DINNER PROVIDED!

HOSTED BY: GRIFF & PAITILE GRIFFIN, 6500 SAINT GEORGE CIRCLE

### FBC LIFE

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

August 1 Levi Fox Amy Hale Rachel Haralson Gerald McFarland Pam O'Donnell

**August 2**No FBC Birthdays

August 3

Maximo Haralson Harley Stewart

**August 4** 

John Conrad Dallas Mitchell Serenity Samaniego-Guevara

Jan Sims

August 5

Kim Jones Loretta Koonce Bailey White

August 6

No FBC Birthdays

August 7

Oliver Fields Lucas Giddens Cheyenne Pierce

**August 8**Trina Ponder

August 9

Louise Jones Brayden Penland Manuel Pinon

**August 10** 

Andrea Bakurza Teresa Juarez Benjamin Kiser Brian Paul

August 11

Debbie Lopez

August 12 Olivia Bethune Chris Lovett Susie Michel

August 13 Harry Elam

Harry Elam Wendy Moon

August 14

Ashley Barnett Roy Eisenbach

August 15

Andy McCleer Charlie Millspaugh Judy Smith

August 16

Scarlett Darby Brylee Dusckas Holly Gibbs Lisa Harness Albert Molina

August 17

James Corbett Craig Knappe Nancy McClanahan Cody Pierce Megan Samaniego

August 18

Keith Durham Jan Lancaster Kyle Landau

August 19

Mike O'Donnell Brad Quigley

August 20

Lanett Henneke Marcus Wilson

August 21

Hannah Martinez Loyce Newman Kirby Powell Brittany Selph Kay Smith Ron Westbrook

August 22

Bo Bond Sid Frymire Gayla Smith August 23

Caleb Campbell Brian Meeks Daniel Penland

August 24

Brett Brooksmith Antonio Torres

August 25

Clia Bosquez Sandra Schkade

August 26

Susan Ball Ivan Medina

August 27

Belinda Gatlin Michael Joyce Kathy Selph

August 28

No FBC Birthdays

August 29

Janet Henson Harper Landau Justin Orr

August 30

Douglas Eakman

August 31

Sean Mullin

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

July 06

FBC Sunday School Attendance

July 13

**FBC Sunday School** 

Attendance 172

179

**July 20** 

FBC Sunday School

Attendance 183

**July 27** 

FBC Sunday School

Attendance 186

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of July 30, 2025

 July Budget Needs
 \$128,642.77

 July Budget Gifts
 \$95,659.15

 YTD Budget Needs
 \$964,820.77

 YTD Tithes & Offerings
 \$688,492.72

 2025 Budget
 \$1,672,356.00

#### A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

There is a clerical error in the Charitable Contribution statements that went out this past week. Some of your 2025 contributions were labeled "2021 General Fund". Please be assured that all donations listed on the statement were made in 2025. If, for income tax purposes, you would like this error corrected, please contact the church Finance Office. Please accept my apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

Thanks Mac

#### **FBC WELCOMES**

Alice Wallenberg who joined by letter from FBC, Copperas Cove, TX on Sunday, July 07, 2025.

### **WITH SYMPATHY**

Buck & Mary Smith & Family on the loss of Mike & Pam Smith (son & daughter-in-law), Brian Carpenter (granddaughters husband), and Blake Carpenter(great granddaughter) who passed away during the recent Guadalupe Floods.

David Martinez & Family on the loss of his mom who passed away on July 24, 2025.





### 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month 1:00-7:00pm (come and go) First Place

Sewing, Quilting, Knitting, Crocheting, Scrapbooking, Cardmaking, and other types of Crafting

If you would like to learn any of these crafts, you are welcome to come and someone will teach you.



### August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 FBC Ladies Movie Event 2:00pm, CLC \ FBC Gym
3 First Steps @ First 9:00am, HR Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, Choir Room FBC Women's Silent Auction & Coffee Bar, Atrium	4	5 FBC Staff @ Neighbors	6 Joanna Staff Anniversary (22 years)	7	8	9
10Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, Choir Room FBC Women's Silent Auction, Atrium 5th grade pool party, 5:00 pm, Griffin's House	11 Missions & Evangelism Committee, 5:30pm, C-208	12 Properties Committee, 5:00pm, C-208	13  Del Rio Mission Trip Training	14 Threads of Blessing Craft Day, 1:00pm-7:00pm, FP	15 Greg Staff Anniversary (4 years)	16
17 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, Choir Roóm FBC Women's Silent Auction & Coffee Bar, Atrium FBC Youth Parent Meeting, 11:45am, CLC	18	19 FBC Staff @ Neighbors FBC Men's Dinner, 6:00pm, Casa Ocampo	20 Prayer Meeting, 5:00pm, CLC Wednesday's @ FBC, 6:00pm	FBC Women's Dinner,	22	23 Del Rio Mission Trip(Day)
24 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, Choir Room FBC Women's Silent Auction, Atrium	25 Personnel Committee, 5:15pm, C-208	26 Finance Committee, 5:15pm, C-208	27 Homebound Meeting 10:00am, CLC Deacon Council Meeting, 5:15pm, Adult 2 Room Prayer Meeting, 5:00pm, HR Wednesday's @ FBC, 6:00pm	Threads of Blessing Craft Day, 1:00pm-7:00pm, FP	29	30
31 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, Choir Room FBC Women's Silent Auction, Coffee Bar & Bake Sale, Atrium						

### **Building/Room Abbreviations**

**BRC** - Baptist Retirement CLC - Christian Life Center FH - Fellowship Hall FP - First Place

HR - Hospitality Room Htg - Heritage Room

Sanc - Sanctuary LC - Lake Cabin

Our goal is to communicate with you regularly. Please keep an eye on our various communication resources. If you have not yet subscribed to at least one of these, the information follows:

- Website and Email: sign up: www.firstsanangelo.org. Scroll to the bottom "Stay in Touch" to sign up for our emails.
- Text: Send the message @fbcsa to 81010.
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistSanAngelo
- Instagram:www.instagram.com/fbcsanangelo
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/FirstBaptistSanAngelo

We will use these resources to communicate schedule changes, specific needs and other information as applicable.

### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS**



I recently read an article based on the stated premise that "the Bible should be read for one's enjoyment." With that objective, it was no surprise that the rest of article consisted of convincing the readers to disregard and ignore any parts of the Bible that would make them feel uncomfortable.

Knowing the background of this author, I knew he wanted his readers to conform to his directives, regardless of how difficult it might be to alter their traditional views of the Bible. This is a classic example of how someone expects other people to conform to their words. Sometimes there are those who seek their own ideas and thoughts to be heard and understood while at the same

time seeking to devalue God's thoughts. The Bible was not given for just our enjoyment. God spoke through the prophets and apostles so that we might carefully understand God and in humility obey his voice. He does not desire us to read and pick and choose what we prefer. Instead, God has promised in Isaiah 66:2 - "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word".



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING



LOCATION: HOSPITALITY ROOM



AUGUST 20







This past week I had a chance to view the show David live on stage at the Sight & Sound theatre in Branson, Missouri. What a fun and impactful show! If you've ever been to one of the Sight & Sound productions, you know just how grand the scale of such a show can be. The immersive lighting, larger than life sets, and wall-to-wall stage setup really serve to bring you right into the story.

Through the show, there are a few notable points in David's life that stick in your mind. It might be the young shepherd watching a flock, or the boy with a sling taking down a giant. We might think of a newly crowned king dancing with abandon as the Ark of the Covenant is brought into the city. We might think of

the skilled harpist, or the acclaimed warrior. Throughout each of these points in David's life, we are reminded in the Biblical narrative that David was a man after God's own heart.

I believe we can see this reflected in the Psalms that he wrote. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10 "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24 "O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love." Psalm 59:16-17

If we want to be people after God's own heart, we need to align our hearts and our desires with those of our heavenly Lord. Remember the Lord, regardless of what circumstances and trials come our way. "Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god." Psalm 24:3-4

Lord, give us clean hands and a pure heart. Let us be a people that seeks after You, Oh God of David.

### FBC EVENTS



# FIRST EPS First

September 7 | 9:00 - 10:00 am | Hospitality Room

- Do you want to know more about First Baptist Church?
- Are you new to FBC and want to get plugged in?

Join us for our First steps @ first class!



FBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Silent Auction Fundraiser



### SUNDAYS IN AUGUST | ATRIUM



August 3, 17, 31 \\ Atrium \\ 8:30am



Women's Fellowship Dinner

King Buffet (3508 Knickerbocker Rd)

Thursday, August 21 \\ 6:00 PM

RSVP to Valerie Matthews:vymrdh@me.com
or text 325-245-6472
RSVP is not required but helpful!



© God's mission.

### Tuesday, August 5 \\ 10:00 am

Baptist Memorial Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Lunch to follow program)

Guest Speaker: Martha Featherston will be sharing about her 2025 Mission Trip to Peru.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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#### **OUR MINISTRY TEAM**

Greg Breedlove, Pastor Josh Powell, Minister of Music Jim Benson, Associate Pastor of Senior Adults

Melodie Penland, Children's Ministry Director

Linda Bratcher Organist AJ Deardorff Director of Broadcast Media **Brian Thomas** Media Sound Tech

Elizabeth McElrov Office Manager/Ministry Assistant Mac McCarson

Financial

Wendy Moon Pastor's MA/Communications Joanna Sturgill Music Ministry Assistant

**Roland Williams Building Manager** 

#### FBC MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Live at 10:30 am on KCLL 100.1 FM: Rebroadcast at 8 am on FOX West Texas (Cable Channel 10/110) and at 10 am on My San Angelo, Cable Channel 141

# FIRST BAPTIST San Angelo, Texas

### **Ways to Give**

WEBSITE: WWW.FBCSANANGELOTX.ORG/ONLINE-**GIVING** 

> MAIL TO: **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** PO BOX 2138 SAN ANGELO, TX 76902

### **BANK DRAFT:**

**CONTACT YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO SET UP AN AUTOMATIC PAYMENT.** 

#### IN PERSON:

**OFFERINGS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH DURING OFFICE HOURS:** MON., TUES., & THURS., 9:00 AM - 5:00PM WED. 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM **CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00PM. DAILY** 

PLEASE CONTACT MAC MCCARSON AT MAFINANCE@FBCSANANGELOTX.ORG OR **655-4101 FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING** YOUR FINANCIAL GIVING.

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#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Study for all ages

10:15 am **Prayer Meeting** 10:30 am Morning Worship

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm

Wednesday

5:30 pm **Prayer Meeting** ma 00:6 Wednesday's @ FBC (kicks back off August 20)

> See page 5 for the calendar of meetings and other events.

