

FBC life

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Pastor

I am excited to begin our new sermon series in First Corinthians. After spending much of this year in the book of Daniel, I sensed the Lord leading me to turn our attention back to the New Testament. Paul, who authored most of the New Testament letters, often wrote to churches facing unique challenges. The church in Corinth was no exception.

Corinth was a cultural crossroads in the ancient world, a center of commerce, arts, and philosophy. This diversity also brought many competing worldviews and a host of worldly influences into the life of the church. Paul addressed these issues directly, helping believers understand how to live in a way that honored Christ in the midst of cultural pressures.

Although our circumstances today are not identical to Corinth's, we too face the constant challenge of worldly influences creeping into our churches and into our own lives. On a personal level, each of us has struggles with sin that God continues to refine.

As we walk through this series together, I encourage you not to simply listen with others in mind, thinking how a message might apply to a friend or family member, but instead to ask, "What is God saying to me?" My prayer is that each of us will be open to God's correction, encouragement, and refining work, so that we may grow to be more like Christ.

It is a privilege to serve as your pastor, and I look forward to what God will do in and through us as we study First Corinthians together. I welcome your feedback and invite you to join me with an open heart as we seek Christ's transforming work in our lives.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 \\\ CLC \\\ 9:00 AM

GUEST SPEAKER : PRESTON CONDRA

COME AT 8:00 AM IF YOU WANT TO HELP COOK AND SET UP!



FBC YOUTH



FBC COLLEGE & CAREER

College & Career Sunday School – August

Two months ago, I took a leap of faith and began teaching the College & Career Young Adults Sunday School class. To be honest, I thought I'd be the one doing the teaching—but I've quickly learned they are teaching me just as much.

I don't have a Bible degree or years of ministry training, but I'm reminded of the Samaritan Woman in John 4:1–42. She wasn't a Pharisee, a disciple, or a religious leader. Her past was messy, and she was even considered an outcast in her own community. Yet, after meeting Jesus, she left her water jar behind and ran to tell others, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" Scripture tells us, "Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony" (John 4:39).

Like her, I don't come with titles or degrees—but I do come with faith in Jesus, and that is enough to serve Him in this ministry.

This month has been bittersweet. Several of our young adults have left San Angelo to begin a new semester in other cities. While their absence is temporary, I will deeply miss their insights, conversations, and encouragement. At the same time, I look forward with hope—trusting God will bring new students to join our small but faithful group.

Last Sunday, I participated in First Sunday at Angelo State University and the Baptist Student Ministry. I had no idea what I was doing, but with a little faith (and a lot of gift bags), I set up a table to invite students to church. I prepared 30 bags filled with school supplies, treats, and included a QR code with directions to First Baptist Church. Over 25 students stopped by, eager to learn more about our church family. What a joy it was to connect with them!

As August comes to a close, I am praying for our current Sunday School members and for the many ASU students I met—that they would feel welcomed, find community, and most importantly, grow in their walk with Jesus. My own story is not without its messiness, but just as Christ met the Samaritan Woman where she was, He has met me where I am. That alone is testimony enough, and it's worth sharing.

-Rachel Haralson



FBC KIDS

Trusting God in Every Season: Lessons from Gideon, Ruth, and Samuel

This past month in FBC Kids, we explored stories of ordinary people who trusted God in extraordinary ways. We began with Gideon (Judges 6–7), learning that God helps me grow stronger. The kids were amazed that God used just 300 soldiers to defeat an enormous army. One child asked, "Why would God pick a smaller group instead of a bigger one?" That led to a great conversation about how God doesn't need big numbers or strong people—He wants us to trust Him. It reminded us that God's strength is greater than our own.



Melodie Penland

Children's Ministry Director

Next, we turned to Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1–4), discovering that God brings hope during hard times. The kids noticed how Ruth chose to stay with Naomi even when life was difficult. One little girl said, "It's nice that Ruth didn't leave Naomi." What a sweet reminder that God often uses people to bring us comfort and hope. We also studied the birth of Samuel (1 Samuel 1), where we learned that God answers our prayers. Hannah's deep prayers touched the kids, and one child wondered, "Does God always hear me, even if I don't get what I ask for?" That question started a meaningful discussion about how God always hears us, but He answers in the way that is best for His plan.

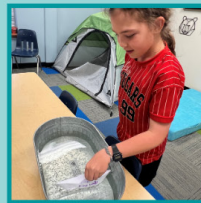
The next lesson was about God calling Samuel in the night (1 Samuel 3), teaching us that God tells us what is true. The children loved the idea that Samuel heard God's actual voice, and they connected it to how we hear God's truth today through His Word, the Bible.

One question that stuck with me during our lesson was, "What if God calls me, but I don't know it's Him? What if I miss it?" This question opened the door for us to talk about how God speaks to us, and we need to be listening and willing servants (1 Samuel 3:10). I love watching the kids and their desire to know how to recognize God's voice and how we should respond to Him.

Each week, I am encouraged by how deeply our kids think about God's Word. They don't just hear the stories, they ask big questions, and want to apply them to their own lives. These kids are learning to see God's faithfulness, to trust Him in every season, and to believe that He can use them, too. Please continue to pray for the children of FBC—that they will grow in strength like Gideon, hold onto hope like Ruth and Naomi, pray like Hannah, and listen like Samuel. Pray also for our faithful leaders who guide and encourage them each week.

It is such a joy to walk alongside this generation as they discover that God is real, powerful, and personal—and that He has a plan for their lives.

FBC
Kids
SAN ANGELO, TX



FBC LIFE

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

September 1 Rose White	September 9 Glenda Bowman	September 16 Alexis Bakurza	September 25 Amber Flores
September 2 Makayla Bejil	Matthew Haralson	Ciara Burleson	Vicki Gray
Linda Bush	September 10 Andru Rivera	Wanda Campos	Benjamin Hunt
Ariana Cortez	Melissa Shott	Mike Terrill	Vonnie Sharp
Graeme Day	Amber Woodard	September 17 Sherman Clark	Glyn Sudduth
Wills Register	September 11 Carol McKinney	Mia Fletcher	Harvey Turnbow
September 3 Aspen Stewart	Patsy Rogers	Mariah Lause	September 26 Dee Fritz
Sue Wallace	Jessa Stewart	J.R. Little	Ann Hirschfelt
September 4 No FBC Birthdays	September 12 Charlie Dollar	September 18 No FBC Birthdays	Elizabeth Neal
September 5 Mary Alice Box	Wyatt Paul	September 19 Tammy Fox	Kathleen Quanz
Nick Eatmon	Brooke Terrill	September 20 Melodie Penland	Donna Sandvall
Doris Williams	September 13 Annette Brown	Brooke Smith	Greer Willis
September 6 Matthew Brodnax	Michael Davis	September 21 Diane Peacock	September 27 Janice Ferrell
Pattie Griffin	Jan Jeffries	September 22 Addison Dupre	September 28 Rebecca Bolander
September 7 Larry Skillenber	Haily Perez	September 23 Kelvin Truelove	Heath Durham
September 8 Bobbie Neiter	Julian Martinez	September 24 Alexis Herrera	September 29 No FBC Birthdays
Loren Pepper	Tyler Reyes	Madison Havercroft	September 30 Sharon Hollis
Donnie Smith	Janel Howard	September 25 Ricky Menchaca	Ava Mills
	September 15 Jamie Fox	September 26 Alajandra Ramirez	
	Tom Moore		

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

August 03 FBC Sunday School	
Attendance	164
August 10 FBC Sunday School	
Attendance	148
August 17 FBC Sunday School	
Attendance	191
August 24 FBC Sunday School	
Attendance	175

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of August 27, 2025

August Budget Needs	\$160,803.46
August Budget Gifts	\$152,032.19
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,125,624.23
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$840,524.91
2025 Budget	\$1,672,356.00

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

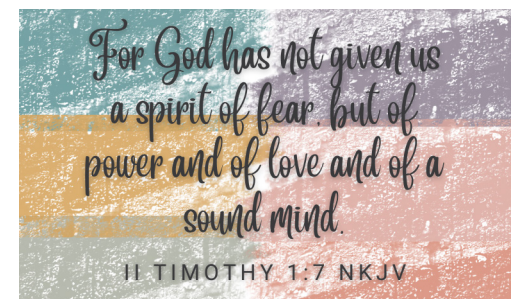
In July & August 2025, the Homebound Ministry Team made 43 visits, 38 phone calls, & sent 4 things in the mail! Way to go team! This ministry team meets at 10:00am the last Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact Jim Benson at 325-655-4101.

WITH SYMPATHY

Lucas & Lizzie Alvarez & Family on the loss of their daughter, Lukavia Alvarez who passed away on Friday, August 1, 2025.

Roy Eisenbach & Family on the loss of Roy's wife Jo Anne Eisenbach who passed away on Sunday, August 3, 2025.

Daniel & Melodie Penland & Family on the loss of Melodie's Grandma who passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025.

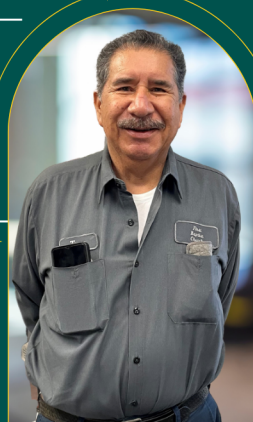


STAFF Anniversary



Linda Bratcher

44 Years



Tony Albidrez

10 Years

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day, Office Closed Linda Staff Anniversary (44 years)	2	3 Prayer Meeting, 5:00pm, HR Wednesday's @ FBC, 6:00pm	4	5	6
7 First Steps @ First 9:00am, HR Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, Choir Room	8 Missions & Evangelism Committee, 5:30pm, C-208	9 Properties Committee, 5:00pm, C-208	10 Prayer Meeting, 5:00pm, HR Wednesday's @ FBC, 6:00pm	11 Threads of Blessing Craft Day, 1:00pm-7:00pm, FP	12	13
14 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, Choir Room	15	16 FBC Staff @ Neighbors FBC Men's Dinner, 6:00pm, Casa Ocampo	17 Prayer Meeting, 5:00pm, HR Wednesday's @ FBC, 6:00pm	18 No FBC Women's Fellowship Dinner in September	19	20 Men's Breakfast, 8:00am, CLC FBC Youth Paintball & Painting
Mary Hill Davis Week Of Prayer, September 14-21						
21 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH Tony Staff Anniversary (10 years) FBC Kids Day, 11:45am, CLC Evangelism Training, TBA	22 Personnel Committee, 5:15pm, C-208	23 Finance Committee, 5:15pm, C-208	24 Prayer Meeting, 5:00pm, HR Wednesday's @ FBC, 6:00pm Deacon Council Meeting, 5:15pm, Adult 2 Room Homebound Meeting 10:00am, CLC	25 Threads of Blessing Craft Day, 1:00pm-7:00pm, FP	26	27 Widows & Widowers Banquet, 11:00am, FH
28 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, Choir Room	29	30				

Building/Room Abbreviations

CH - Choir Room
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



Imagine a life where one might be confined to never being physically or mentally able to leave the house without assistance. Imagine being there and feeling isolated, lonely, and anxious. Imagine having such limited access with other people that one only sees delivery people or clinical professionals. This is the life that some of our members of First Baptist experience daily. The bible is clear that it is the responsibility of believers to care for those in need. For someone homebound, that need is the need to connect, to feel a part of a fellowship and to feel included.

Here at First Baptist, we have a dedicated group of members who respond to those homebound through the Homebound ministry. They have committed to reach out to those members who are unable to leave their homes. But there is more need that this group can manage. We invite you to join this group who give of their time to reach those who need companionship. Phone calls, cards, and visits can brighten someone's day, especially when a person isolated needs a "loving touch". If you are interested in becoming a part of someone's life through the Homebound ministry, contact the church office or Jim Benson at 325-340-0102.

FBC MUSIC



Technological Obsolescence or: Teaching an Old Dog New Tricks.

Around 20 years ago, I bought a piece of software for music notation called Finale. Finale was cutting-edge, it was the standard. It would allow a user to create notes on a page for others to play, to hear their compositions, and to tweak in what seemed like limitless ways. It was robust and functioned very well for music composers, arrangers, students, and hobbyists. The first time I was able to connect a MIDI keyboard to my computer and watch the notes I pecked out become written music on the screen was, frankly, incredible.

Over the years, I have used Finale for coursework, for idle ideas, for arranging pop tunes so a basketball band could play them, and for composing string parts to a new worship song a friend had written. Every computer that I have owned for the last 20 years has Finale installed, including the one currently in my office. On August 26 of 2024, it was announced that Finale would no longer be developed or supported. Users were given one year of support and encouraged to move on to the next big thing. And so, I did. I installed Dorico 5 on my work computer and was immediately frustrated when it didn't work exactly the way I knew Finale to.

Many of you will have had a similar experience, I'm sure. Whether it's learning how to set a new watch or programming the automatic coffee maker to be ready when you're ready for it to be ready; we all encounter learning curves when something new comes our way. These frustrations can really test our sanctification at times. As the saying goes, after all, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks."

Using the new Dorico software when working on small projects over the last several months has been an interesting experience. I have gradually found my comfort level with the new software and my time-per-task has rapidly improved. Finding our way in the unknown is frequently daunting and can also be incredibly rewarding. I want to encourage you to take on your new tasks with a mindset of excitement, not dread.

When we are put into a new situation, when the Lord is giving us new opportunities to share and proclaim, let's not get bogged down with how things aren't how they used to be. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore; and yet, He still says in verses like Isaiah 43:19 that He can and will do "new things." Let's be ready with a willing heart for God's new thing!

FBC EVENTS

FIRST STEPS @ First

October 5 \ 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! To sign up
scan the QR Code or call the Church office!

Sign up is
required by
September 28



QUARTERLY Business Meeting

→ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 ←

FIVE MINUTES AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS IS A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BUSINESS MEETING

Women's In-Home Bible Study Groups Are Launching This Fall!

Join us as we kick off with a book study on Ruth
Build community • Grow in faith • Meet in homes
Cost: \$25

Stay tuned for sign-up info!

Questions?
Contact Ashley Barnett: 325-276-1826

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

September 16 \ 6:00 PM
Casa Ocampo (1601 Pulliam St)

EMAIL CARSON TO RSVP: CARSON@DANCOCOELECTRIC.COM

2025 Women of Joy

October 24-26 \ Frisco, TX
\$200.00 per person due by September 10th!
(Covers price of ticket, hotel, & travel)

For more information or to sign up, call Ashley Barnett, 325-276-1826.

FBC Kids Day

September 21 | 11:45 am | CLC
Birth - 5th grade

Join us for lunch, games, gym time
and other fun activities!

Registration is required!

Please Note!
Our FBC Office will be closed
Monday, September 1, in observance of

LABOR DAY

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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 McElroy
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



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
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655-4101 FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING
YOUR FINANCIAL GIVING.

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Student Spotlight

Max Haralson



After 17 years of adventures, merit badges, and memories, Max Haralson has earned his Eagle Scout rank with Troop 363!



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
6:00 pm Wednesday's @ FBC

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

WMU® God's mission.
Our passion.

Tuesday, September 2 \ 10:00 am

Baptist Memorial High Rise
RM 117 & 119

(Lunch to follow program)

We will be hearing from Del Rio
Missions & Doing a project for
Del Rio Missions!