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Pastor

This past Monday morning, while sharing a final cup of coffee with Amy before heading to the office, a surprising thought crossed my mind: I am ready to get started. That may sound strange coming from someone who has served as your pastor for four and a half years. However, looking back at the transitions we've navigated, particularly the staffing challenges of 2025, it feels as though we have turned a significant corner. With Zach and Jennifer now on our team and already making an impact, I feel a renewed sense of momentum.

I am convinced that God has a profound season ahead for First Baptist Church. Our focus for 2026 is simple yet powerful: **Each One Reach One.**

I was excited to receive a mailing from the North American Mission Board this week emphasizing this same mission, and it was great to see that we are headed in the same direction.

I want to encourage every member of our congregation to get plugged in this year. Whether it is joining a Sunday morning Bible study, participating in a small discipleship group, or serving in missions locally and globally, there is a place for you. Let's find where God is calling you and move forward together. It is going to be a **transformative** year!

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

FBC LOVES San Angelo

Month of February!

Stay tuned for more information on how to be a part of this awesome **COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT!**



FBC YOUTH



Hello! For those of you who may not know me yet, my name is Zach Fricke, and I began serving as the Youth Pastor here on December 14. These first few weeks have been a whirlwind as I've jumped into ministry, and it has been a joy getting started.

My first Wednesday night—and the final one of 2025—was our youth Christmas party, and it was a blast! Students enjoyed a variety of activities, and everyone went home with a prize, ranging from gift cards to candy bars. It was a fun way to celebrate the season together and to connect with the youth.

As we kicked off 2026, we also launched a new Sunday morning curriculum from YM360 called The Thread. This curriculum helps students see the “threads” of the Gospel woven throughout Scripture by walking through key Old Testament narratives and connecting them to passages in the Gospels. Through this approach, students are able to see how the entire Bible points to Christ.

One of the strengths of this curriculum is that it helps students become more familiar with the Bible and equips them to study Scripture for themselves. As they grow in their understanding of the Bible's consistent themes, students will learn that the Old Testament is just as relevant for their lives today as the New Testament—laying a foundation for a strong, abiding relationship with Christ now.



Register NOW!



JANUARY 30-31 \ \ 6th - 12th grade \ \ Cost is \$40.00

Join us for a full weekend of Worship, small group Bible Study, fellowship, service projects, & various fun activities.

FBC KIDS

Waiting on God's Perfect Plan: The Birth of Jesus

This month in FBC Kids, we explored what it means to wait on God, to trust Him when things feel uncertain, and to believe His promises even when we can't yet see the full picture. These weeks were full of thoughtful questions and conversations that reminded me just how deeply our kids are learning to trust God.

Week 1: Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John (Luke 1:5–25; 57–66)

Big Idea: God sent Jesus at the perfect time.

We began the month by talking about waiting—something kids and even adults are not always great at! In our class, we always joke about how much we love to wait. When I told the kids that God's people had waited over 400 years for a Savior, the room went quiet. One child said, "That's longer than anyone I know has been alive!"

We discussed how Zechariah and Elizabeth trusted God through long years of waiting, and how God fulfilled His promise in His time by sending John to prepare the way for Jesus. This story demonstrates that God is always at work, even during silence.

Week 2: An Angel Visits Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26–38; Matthew 1:18–25)

Big Idea: Jesus is the Savior God promised.

This week, we learned about Mary and Joseph's reactions to God's plan. The kids discussed how they might have felt scared, but also recognized Mary and Joseph's choice to trust God.

We talked about how Mary and Joseph's obedience showed faith, even though it may have been confusing and difficult. The kids learned that trusting God does not mean we will understand everything; it means choosing to believe His promises. This encouraged trust, even when challenges arose. God may not give us all the details, but when He tells us to do something, we must follow Him.

Week 3: Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1–20)

Big Idea: Jesus is God's greatest gift.

This week, the story of Jesus' birth filled the class with excitement as we learned about the shepherds, angels, and the humble manger with baby Jesus. A child commented, "It is kind of crazy that Jesus was born next to animals." Before the lesson, I asked the kids what their favorite gift they had ever received was, and everyone gave a couple of examples. Some mentioned a bike, a cool vacation, and electronics. All of those things are cool, but we reminded the kids that Jesus is the greatest gift we could ever receive. We talked about how Jesus came exactly the way God planned. Their joy and curiosity were a beautiful reminder that the true meaning of Christmas is found in God's love given through His Son, Jesus.

These weeks have been a powerful reminder that God's timing is perfect and that He always keeps His promises. Whether it was centuries of waiting for a Savior, Mary and Joseph placing their trust in God, or the miracle of Jesus' birth, our kids are learning that, even when we cannot yet see it, God is always at work, fulfilling His promises in His perfect way.

Each Sunday, I watch the children listen closely, ask sincere questions, and connect God's Word to their own lives. It's a joy and a privilege to walk alongside them as they learn not just about Jesus, but how to trust Him.



Melodie Penland

Children's Ministry Director



FBC LIFE

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

January 1
Charles Norris
Marcelle Skillingberg
January 2
Mary Smith
January 3
Leslie Herrera
January 4
Michael Stewart
January 5
O'Shaye Blunt
January 6
Mason Barnett
Jack Baucom
Brandy Gill
January 7
Rick Barron
Mary Gatlin
Jackie Jacoby
Bob Rowland
January 8
Lita Davis
January 9
Aiden Rivera
January 10
Nadine Mathis
Kenny Wright

January 11
Carlos Valenzuela
January 12
Anna Powell
Denis Reiner
January 13
No FBC Birthdays
January 14
Jonah Bethune
January 15
Sebastian Gallegos
Rolando Noriega
Jay Tryon
January 16
No FBC Birthdays
January 17
Maria Martiarena
Dickey Ponder
January 18
Frances Murray
JoAnn Noble
GeNelle Willis
January 19
Eric Duran
Michelle King
John Nikolauk
Allen Vertz

January 20
Johnny Carlson
Carson Cummings
Shannon Mercer
Cathy Nikolauk
Donna Swindle
January 21
Geraldo Bueno
Abram Rivera
Dan Selph
January 22
Hayden Bannert
Spencer McDonough
January 23
Janet Eaton
Colt Gaitan
Jonnie Jordan
Mary Sue Paddock
January 24
Amy Breedlove
Douglas Slate
January 25
Mel Register
Norma Scott
Susan Werner
Sarah Wilson

January 26
No FBC Birthdays
January 27
William Gatlin
Lawrence Greer
Mary Jackson
Amber White
January 28
John Clark
Juanita Rosado
January 29
Rebecca Galloway
Dick Wetzell
January 30
Paul Mercer
Deborah Smith
January 31
Branch Van Court

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

December 07
FBC Sunday School
Attendance 183
December 14
FBC Sunday School
Attendance 181
December 21
FBC Sunday School
Attendance 175
December 28
No Sunday School

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of December 28, 2025

December Budget Needs	\$128,642.77
December Budget Gifts	\$170,702.44
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,672,356.00
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,385,775.92
2025 Budget	\$1,672,356.00

WITH SYMPATHY

Family & Friends of Evelyn Howell who passed away on Friday, December 5, 2025.
Family & Friends of John Hancock who passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.
Family & Friends of Iris Warren who passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2026.

STAFF Anniversary



Wendy Moon

3 Years

Save the Date!

Women's In-Home Bible Study Groups
Spring Kickoff

Build community • Grow in faith • Meet in homes

February 4 \ 6:45 PM \ Fellowship Hall

We will be doing a study by Ann Voskamp
called *waymaker*

Questions?

Contact Ashley Barnett: 325-276-1826

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Closed for New Year Holiday	2	3 Adult 1 New Year's Mexican Fiesta, 6:00PM
4 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH	5	6	7 Committee Orientation Dinner, 6:00pm, FH	8 Threads of Blessing 1:00pm, FP	9	10
11 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH	12	13 Properties Committee, 5:30pm, C-208	14 Prayer Meeting, 5:30pm, HR Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	15 FBC Women's Dinner, 6:00pm, Catfish Corner	16 Wendy Staff Anniversary (3 Years)	17
18 Adult 3 Potluck Brunch Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH	19 Senior Adult Fun & Fellowship Game Night	20 FBC Library Open, 9:30 - 11:30 am FBC Staff @ Neighbors FBC Men's Dinner, 6:00pm, Casa Ocampo	21 BSM Lunch Prayer Meeting, 5:30pm, HR Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	22 Threads of Blessing 1:00pm, FP	23	24
25 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH	26 Personnel Committee, 5:30pm, C-208	27 FBC Library Open, 9:30 - 11:30 am Finance Committee, 5:15pm, C-208	28 Homebound Meeting, 10:00am, CLC Deacon Council Meeting, 5:15pm, E-208 Prayer Meeting, 5:30pm, HR Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	29	30 FBC Youth Impact Weekend	31

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



Good News Year!

(Psalm 9:1) "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

Daily, we are faced with bad news! We don't have to look for it. If something bad happens, it makes the news, and then it is repeated over and over again. At the end of this year, many will look back and say of 2025, "Good riddance!" But I'm of the opinion that God's blessings are there as well. They fill our lives they. Now is the time we practice being filled with gratitude and good news.

If we are angry and grumbling and complaining as our lifestyle, I think we will always see more things to be angry and complain about. Gratitude will change our outlook. Instead of rehashing the disappointments, or the discouraging things this past year has held, let's choose to be remember what the Lord has done. I believe the more we are aware of His blessings, the more we will celebrate them. His blessings will give us a new momentum into a new year the Lord has provided for us. It will be a new year to live for Him and express all our glory to Him.

Make a 'good news' list for 2026. There's no better way to begin this year than to search the Bible for the many blessings and promises God has for us. Begin this new year THANKING God for all the good things He's brought into our lives.

Praise God from Whom ALL blessings flow!

LOVE MUSIC? TRY HANDBELLS!

NEW GROUP STARTING 🕒 SUNDAYS AT 3:00 PM 📅 BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2026

OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING OR RINGING!

FBC MUSIC



Are you ready to ring the bells? I hope so! Starting next month on Sunday, February 1st, we're going to begin having Handbell Choir on Sunday afternoons at 3 pm. Whether you're a seasoned handbell veteran or a complete novice, we've got a spot for you! No musical experience required.

There are always opportunities to use your gifts here at First Baptist.

Whether it's singing in the choir, playing drums with the praise team, teaching Sunday School, driving a church van, or any other gifting you have; I hope you'll get involved with what God is doing here at FBC. Let me know if I can help you get involved in any way. I've probably got some guitar picks or drum sticks I can give you to get you started!



FBC EVENTS



FIRST BAPTIST
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER
JANUARY 20 \ \ 6:00 PM
Casa Ocampo (1601 Pulliam St)
EMAIL CARSON TO RSVP: CARSON@DANCOELECTRIC.COM



Women's Fellowship Dinner
Catfish Corner \ \ Thursday, January 15 \ \ 6:00 PM
RSVP to Valerie Matthews:
vymrdh@me.com or text 325-245-6472
RSVP is not required but helpful!

FIRST STEPS @ First

● February 1 \ \ 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 January 25



FBC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY
Presents
FBC'S GOT TALENT
For all Students and Senior Adults!
NEW DATE
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 7, 2026
2:00PM-5:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Threads of Blessings
Sewing & Craft Day
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month
1pm-7pm | First Place
Come join us as we work on ministry projects. If you don't know how to sew, we will teach you!



WE NEED MEXICAN FOOD CASSEROLES
BSM LUNCH \ \ JANUARY 21

THINK: chicken enchilada casserole, cheesy taco casserole, beef & bean burrito casserole, or any other warm filling favorite!

If you're able to help by bringing a casserole, please contact Elizabeth McElroy as soon as possible to let her know what you can provide.

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Greg Breedlove, Pastor
Josh Powell, Minister of Music
Jim Benson, Associate Pastor of Senior Adults
Zach Fricke, Youth Pastor
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
Jennifer Joy
Maintenance Supervisor

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

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

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MAIL TO:
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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

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655-4101 FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING
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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
Wednesday	
5:15 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm	Wednesday's @ FBC

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

WEDNESDAY MENU "COME TO THE TABLE"

Join us for a hot meal prepared by Pam Granger.
Cost: \$8.00 for adults, Youth & Kids eat free!

January 14:

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, & Rolls
Dessert: Texas Sheet Cake

January 21:

Roasted Pork loin, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Corn Casserole, & Rolls
Dessert: Banana Pudding

January 28:

Chicken Spaghetti, Roasted Carrots & Cauliflower & French Bread
Dessert: Buttermilk Pie