

# FBC life

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Pastor

We had the privilege of taking a memorable road trip over spring break. The primary purpose of the trip was to spend meaningful time together as a family before our son Christopher graduates and enters the Navy, a transition that will undoubtedly change the rhythm of our family life.

One of our stops was San Diego, where Christopher was especially eager to visit the USS Midway, a historic aircraft carrier that now serves as a museum. As we toured the ship, we gained a powerful glimpse into the daily lives of the thousands of sailors who once lived and served there.

What stood out most was how little of life on the ship was designed for comfort. The ceilings were low, and taller individuals would need to stoop constantly. The captain's quarters, while better than the rest, were still more modest than even a basic motel room. Most sailors slept in tightly packed, three-tiered bunks located near their workstations. One area that particularly caught my attention was the sleeping quarters near the mechanical repair room, which was noisy around the clock with welding and maintenance. Yet sailors were expected to rest there so they could respond immediately when needed. Even basic necessities were limited. Showers were scarce, roughly one for every fifty sailors, and the water supply was often interrupted mid-shower, leaving sailors covered in soap with no way to rinse off. Comfort was clearly not the priority. Readiness and mission were.

After our tour, I asked Christopher if the experience had changed his desire to join the Navy. He told me it had not. He understands that he is not pursuing this path for comfort, and I am grateful for that perspective.

As I reflect on this, I am reminded of the Christian life. I wonder how many believers quietly expect a life of ease, only to find that following Christ often leads in the opposite direction. The prophets did not live comfortable lives. The disciples left comfort behind. Even Jesus Himself lived without earthly ease. Scripture makes it clear that comfort is not the goal of our calling. *"If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me."* Luke 9:23 CSB

The question we must ask ourselves is this. Are we willing to faithfully follow and serve Christ, even when it is uncomfortable?

In Christ,  
Pastor Greg

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APRIL 5 | 10:30 AM | 34 W AVE D

WORSHIP, BBQ LUNCH, BAPTISM, EASTER EGG HUNT!

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# FBC YOUTH



## Real. Resilient. Rooted.

These three words continue to echo in my mind. They describe the kind of faith I desire to have in the Lord and the same kind of faith I long to see take root in the hearts of our students. My prayer is that we would help cultivate a faith that is genuine, steadfast through difficulty, and firmly grounded in God's truth.

My goal is to provide our youth with opportunities and resources that help them grow in their relationship with the Lord and serve Him faithfully. At the same time, I am reminded that none of our efforts matter if the Spirit is not at work. Because of this, I want to invite you to join me in praying for our youth. Pray that the Spirit will move powerfully in their lives. Pray that church members will intentionally invest in them. Pray that parents will speak about the things of the Lord in their homes. Together, as a church family, let us serve both the Lord and our youth by faithfully teaching them "the way they should go" (Prov. 22:6).

With this vision in mind, we have been intentional about helping students understand the Bible as one unified story. On Sundays, we have continued working through our yearlong curriculum that traces the thread of the Gospel from the Old Testament into the New Testament. Over the past month, we explored the accounts of Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers, the journey to Egypt, the plagues, and the Exodus. Through each passage, we saw the faithfulness of God displayed even in the midst of human failure and difficult circumstances. We watched as the Lord demonstrated His power by humbling the false "gods" of Egypt through the plagues and ultimately delivering His people by defeating the Egyptian army. Each of these moments pointed forward to the greater story of redemption, reminding us that the God of the Israelites is the same God we worship today and the same God we will spend eternity with.

On Wednesday evenings, we have been enjoying meaningful fellowship, worshiping through song, and studying the freedom we have in Christ through the book of Galatians. It has been a joy to be reminded that Jesus fulfilled the law on our behalf, and that through faith in Him we are declared righteous. Praise God that the work has already been accomplished! At the same time, we have seen that our freedom in Christ is not permission to live for ourselves, but an invitation to joyfully serve the Lord and love others in a way that honors Him.

Please continue to pray with me using Psalm 78:7-8, that our youth would put their trust in God, not forget His works, but keep His commands. Pray that they would not be stubborn or rebellious but instead have hearts that are loyal to Him and spirits that remain faithful.

# FBC Serve Day

April 25 | 8:30 am | First Place Parking | Ages 14 & Up

We're coming together to help paint a flood-damaged home for a family in San Angelo and we need YOU!

Sign up in your SS Department or call the Church Office, 325-655-4101!

# FBC KIDS

This month in FBC Kids, we followed Elisha's life and saw how God works in powerful, personal ways through everyday people and situations. From empty jars to impossible miracles, the kids learned that God is still at work and invites us to join Him.

## **Week 1: Elisha and the Widow's Oil (2 Kings 4:1-7)**

**Big Idea: God uses what we have to help others.**

God multiplied a small amount of oil into more than enough. During our activity, kids poured water between cups to see how something small could last. One child said, "She just gave what she had, and God did the rest!" This reminds us that God can use anything for His purpose.

## **Week 2: Elisha and the Shunammite's Son (2 Kings 4:8-37)**

**Big Idea: God can do impossible things.**

This emotional story led to a great conversation. As we talked about the miracle, one child asked, "Was he really gone before God brought him back?" We discussed how nothing is too hard for God. The kids acted out the story, which helped them see the Shunammite woman's faith.

## **Week 3: Elisha and the Famine (2 Kings 4:38-44)**

**Big Idea: God helps us solve big problems.**

The kids especially liked the part about fixing the poisoned stew! We did a "mystery ingredient" game and discussed how God can turn things around. One child said, "That was a really big problem... but God fixed it." They saw that no problem is too big for Him.

## **Week 4: Elisha and Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-14)**

**Big Idea: God works through humble obedience.**

Naaman expected a big, dramatic miracle, but God chose something different. We did a "follow the instructions" challenge, where kids had to complete a task exactly as given. One child laughed and said, "They had a hard time following directions." It led to a great discussion about trusting God, even when His way seems unexpected.

It has been a joy watching the kids connect with these stories and understand that God is powerful, creative, and always at work—even in the ordinary. Thank you for praying for and supporting FBC Kids as we help the next generation grow in faith.



FBC  
Kids  
SAN ANGELO, TX



# FBC LIFE

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

<b>April 1</b> Cynthia Sims	<b>April 10</b> No FBC Birthdays	<b>April 18</b> Brady Caswell	<b>April 24</b> Timothy Miller
<b>April 2</b> No FBC Birthdays	<b>April 11</b> No FBC Birthdays	Sammye Palmer	Genevieve Sims
<b>April 3</b> Lawanna Kiser	<b>April 12</b> Laila Mata	<b>April 19</b> Kathy Leiby	<b>April 25</b> Laylan Bratcher
Henry Mendez	Sara Jo Orr	Lester Sizemore	Andrea Nussey
Brenda Ponder	Henry Sims	<b>April 20</b> Kent Terrill	<b>April 26</b> No FBC Birthdays
BeBe Valdez	<b>April 13</b> Marc Boston	<b>April 21</b> Peyton Black	<b>April 27</b> No FBC Birthdays
<b>April 4</b> Haylee Werner	<b>April 14</b> Griff Griffin	Hilary Valdez	<b>April 28</b> Mike Canada
<b>April 5</b> David Horner	<b>April 15</b> Pat Gray	<b>April 22</b> Paula Frymire	Weston Haralson
<b>April 6</b> Ann White	<b>April 16</b> Jamiel Pecina	<b>April 23</b> Christina Burns	<b>April 29</b> Tom Granger
<b>April 7</b> Reagan Gamble	Robert Wilson	Sylvia Peel	Elizabeth Jernigan
<b>April 8</b> No FBC Birthdays	<b>April 17</b> Donna Riddle	Ann Williams	<b>April 30</b> No FBC Birthdays
<b>April 9</b> No FBC Birthdays	Jane Strategier		

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

<b>March 1</b> FBC Sunday School Attendance	189
<b>March 8</b> FBC Sunday School Attendance	180
<b>March 15</b> FBC Sunday School Attendance	175
<b>March 22</b> FBC Sunday School Attendance	181

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<b>As of March 30, 2026</b>	
March Budget Needs	\$153,133.95
March Budget Gifts	\$125,269.17
YTD Budget Needs	\$398,148.25
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$268,133.98
2026 Budget	\$1,592,593.00

## WITH SYMPATHY

Sandra Crotwell and Family on the loss of her husband Melvin Crotwell who passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to our church family. I surely do appreciate all your prayers concerning my fall. Thank you so much for all the calls, visits, cards and goodies. Also for the men that came to the house and moved furniture so I could get around in the wheelchair. I am doing better, hope I can be back in church soon. Thanks so much for all you wonderful friends.

Love, Suzanne Utt

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

In March 2026, the Homebound Ministry Team made 37 visits, 30 phone calls, & sent 1 thing in the mail! Way to go team! This ministry team meets at 10:00 am the last Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact Jim Benson at 325-655-4101.

## Come to the "Table"

Join us for a hot meal prepared by Pam Granger!  
Wednesdays@ 5:45PM \ \$8.00 for adults.

### April 1:

Parmesan Peppercorn Chicken & Sausage, Corn Maque Choux, Salad & Banana Pudding

### April 8:

Pork Roast, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Cookies

### April 15:

Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Texas Sheet Cake

### April 22:

Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, & Lemon Cake

### April 29:

King Ranch Chicken, Cowboy Beans, Mexican Rice Pilaf, & Cookies & Cream



# April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	2	3	4
5 Easter @ The Paseo, 10:30am	6 Office Closed in Observance of Good Friday	7	8 Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	9 Threads of Blessing 1:00pm, FP	10	11
12 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Kids Camp Meeting, CLC, 11:45am Handbells Practice, 3:30, Level 6, RM C-307 Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH Prayer Meeting, 6:00pm, Chapel	13 Missions & Evangelism Committee, 5:45pm, C-208	14 Properties Committee, 5:30pm, C-208	15 Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	16 FBC Women's Dinner, 6:00pm, Luigis	17	18
19 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Handbells Practice, 3:30, Level 6, RM C-307 Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH Prayer Meeting, 6:00pm, Chapel	20 Senior Adult Fun & Fellowship Game Night, 6:00 pm	21 FBC Staff @ Neighbors Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6:00pm, Casa Ocampo	22 Deacon Council, 5:30pm, E-208 Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	23 Threads of Blessing 1:00pm, FP	24	25 FBC Serve Day, FP Parking, 8:30 am  FBC Ladies "Seeds of Discipleship" Event, CLC, 2:00 pm
26 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR, Handbells Practice, 3:30, Level 6, RM C-307 Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH Prayer Meeting, 6:00pm, Chapel	27 Personnel Committee, 5:30pm, C-208	28 Finance Committee, 5:15pm, C-208	29 Homebound Meeting, 10:00am, CLC Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistSanAngelo)
- Instagram: [www.instagram.com/fbcsanangelo](http://www.instagram.com/fbcsanangelo)
- YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/FirstBaptistSanAngelo](http://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



Jim  
Benson

Associate Pastor of Senior Adults

***“Turn your ears to wisdom and concentrate on understanding.” (Proverbs 2:2)***

I need wisdom, not just knowledge. God is willing to give us wisdom, but not on our terms. As we seek and ask for it, God begins to show us more and more of His mind. In the process, we become more and more like Christ. When trials come, we don't need more intelligence. We need the wisdom that Job had. When the bottom dropped out of his life, Job had the wisdom to say:

***“But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot has held fast to His path; I have kept His way and not turned aside. I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.” (Job 23:10-12)***

We need the wisdom of Paul, who prayed three times for “the thorn in his flesh” to leave and three times the Lord said no. In response, Paul wrote,

***“Most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me” (2 Corinthians 12:9).***

That's wisdom. That's an example of wisdom at work. I want that too. I want what Job and Paul had so that in my life I can walk in step with God whether I feel good or not. Whether I get a yes or no to my prayers, I want to walk with God even when I don't get my way. How about you?

***“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” – James 1:5***

## FBC MUSIC



Josh  
Powell

Music Minister

***“...Why are you seeking the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen.” – Luke 24:5-6 NASB***

***“Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, all fear is gone...”***  
– Bill Gaither

***“You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!”*** – Alfred Ackley

Easter is right around the corner! The joy of our Easter celebration doesn't come from colorful eggs hiding delicious goodies inside; it doesn't come from being around our families and our friends as we enjoy a great barbecue meal. It doesn't come from beautiful spring weather, and it especially doesn't come from

an anthropomorphized bunny.

No, our joy on Easter comes from our living savior, Jesus Christ. God the Son, crucified as a criminal and buried in a tomb, yet risen and alive today! When we greet each other on Easter, the traditional Christian greeting begins with “He is Risen!” and the response is “He is Risen indeed!” This core belief is what makes our paschal celebrations so joyous.

Though he suffered unto death, Christ Jesus rose on the third day victorious. Defeating the power of death by His death, Jesus lives today and sits at the right hand of the Father. Hallelujah! Glory to the Lamb who was slain! It is because of the empty tomb that we can worship Him today.

One of the songs we're going to be singing together out at the Paseo this Easter is titled “He Lives” by Chris McClarney. The bridge of this song is such a joy to sing. The lyrics go like this: “You took all our shame, left it in the grave. We're forgiven; we're forgiven. The work forever done, only by the blood. It is finished; it is finished.”

It is finished! It is finished forevermore, completed through Jesus' death and resurrection. Because He lives, I can face whatever tomorrow holds. Because He lives, the power of sin and death is broken, and all fear is gone. I can't wait to sing these words with you all this Easter. See you there!

# FBC EVENTS

**FBC Kids Camp**  
3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade  
July 19-22  
Highland Lakes

*FBC Ladies invite you to*  
**Seeds of Discipleship**  
**April 25 | 2:00-4:00 PM | CLC**

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of growth, connection, and creativity! We will enjoy delicious snacks, an inspiring guest speaker, and a fun time painting terracotta pots as we plant seeds, both in the soil and in our hearts.

**Come grow with us!**

A \$75 Deposit is required before the sign-up link is given. Deadline to sign up is May 24.

**MAY 3**  
FBC Youth & Kids Camp Fundraiser

**JUNE 15-18**  
VBS



**JULY 6-10**  
FBC Youth Camp  
Horizon Camp  
Heart of Texas

**JULY 19-22**  
FBC Kids Camp  
Highland Lakes

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Our passion.

**Tuesday, April 7 \ \ 10:00 am**  
**Baptist Memorial High Rise**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room**  
*(Lunch to follow program)*

The April program is "Faithfully planted - More Than Two Decades of Proclaiming the Gospel in the Philippines"

**FBC Ladies Trip to Women of Joy**  
**October 23-25 | Frisco, TX**

Anticipated price after fundraising is \$200.00 per person.  
(Covers price of ticket & hotel)

\$50.00 deposit required at sign up  
(refundable before June 30)

For more information or to sign up, call Emily Lloyd  
at 713-835-7410.



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## 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)  
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## Ways to Give

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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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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday  
9:00 am Bible Study for all ages  
10:15 am Prayer Meeting  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
3:00 pm Handbells Practice  
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Wednesday  
5:15 pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
5:45 pm Dinner  
6:00 pm Wednesdays @ FBC

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

FBC  
**Kids Camp Meeting**

April 12 | 11:45 AM | CLC

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