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Greg Breedlove

Pastor

The Sunday morning experience at First Baptist Church is vital to our growth as disciples of Christ. Often, we view Sunday School and the worship service as two unrelated events; however, my hope is that we can begin to see Sunday morning as a unified whole.

While both offer unique opportunities for spiritual development, they are most effective when experienced together. Without both, there is a missing piece in our growth. To better support this vision, we are adjusting our Sunday morning schedule starting in June. We aren't increasing the time we spend at church; we are simply reordering it to improve the experience for both our long-standing members and our newcomers. We Believe that with our new schedule, the Bible study hour will be less distracted and more meaningful, and the overall newcomer guest experience will be greatly improved.

I am excited to share more of the 'why' behind these changes in the coming months. I recognize that change can bring uncertainty and discomfort, and I want to walk through this transition with you. I welcome your feedback and invite you to schedule a time to meet with me if you would like to discuss this further. Let's continue to work together and trust in Jesus in the days ahead!

In Christ,
Pastor Greg



UPCOMING SCHEDULE CHANGE

9:30 AM

Worship Service

10:45 AM

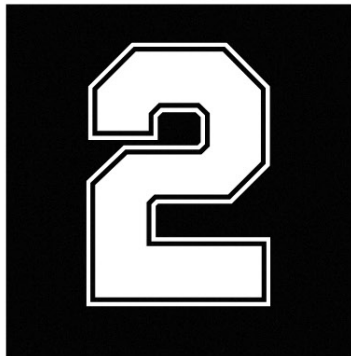
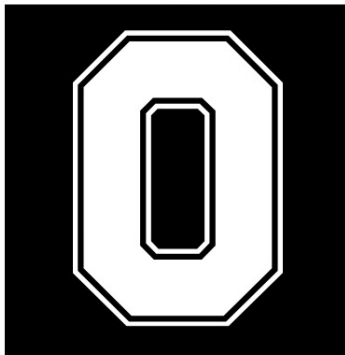
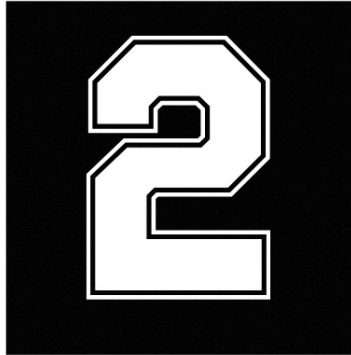
Connection Time
(Welcome Center & Coffee Bar)

11:00 AM

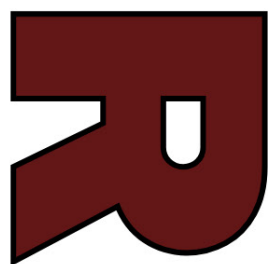
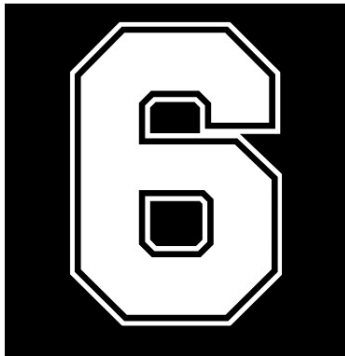
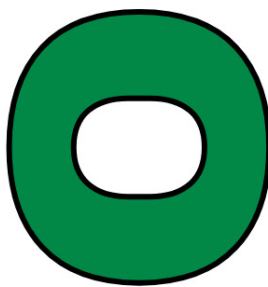
Connection Groups

Starting, Sunday, June 7, 2026

FBC YOUTH



2026



FBC KIDS

This summer, our Vacation Bible School is going to look a little different, and I am excited to share why. For the first time, we are not using a traditional VBS curriculum. Instead, we are creating our own from the ground up. Every lesson, activity, and rotation has been thoughtfully designed specifically to reach children who may not yet know Jesus, while still creating a meaningful and engaging experience for every child who attends.



Melodie Penland

Children's Ministry Director

One of the main reasons for this change is something I have noticed over the past few years. Many of our kids attend multiple VBS programs throughout the summer, which is wonderful! However, it often means they've already experienced the same curriculum, same stories, games, activities, and even the answers to questions before they arrive. While their enthusiasm is great, it can sometimes take away from the experience for other kids hearing and seeing it for the first time.

So, this year, we decided to create something completely new, something no one else is doing.

While the foundation remains the same, teaching kids about Jesus and the truth of God's Word, we are adding a fresh, hands-on approach. Instead of our usual rotations, kids will have the opportunity to learn practical skills alongside engaging Bible teaching. Throughout the week, they will:

- Learn basic sewing techniques.
- Participate in sports like basketball and pickleball.
- Build a pine car derby and race it.
- Create their own snacks during a cooking rotation (and then enjoy them!)

My goal is to create an environment where kids don't just sit and listen; they will move, build, and create all while hearing the gospel in meaningful ways.

I know that change can be challenging, but I truly believe this new approach will allow us to reach kids in a deeper way. It opens doors for connection, creativity, and conversations that point them to Jesus.

As always, we will need an amazing team to make this week possible. Some roles will feel familiar, like crew leaders, Bible teachers, recreation leaders, and snack helpers (with a fun twist this year). But we also have some new opportunities to serve:

- Pine car derby leaders and helpers (woodworking skills are a plus!)
- Sewing instructors
- Cooking/baking leaders

If you have a skill, you would be willing to share or a heart to serve, I would love for you to be part of what God is doing this summer. VBS is always an exciting week, and I can't wait to see how God works through this new direction!

A colorful graphic for VBS. On the left is a large 'VBS' logo in a red and yellow shield. In the center, the text 'TRUE HERO' is written in large, stylized letters, with 'JESUS SAVES THE DAY' below it. To the right, a silhouette of Jesus with a red cape stands on a rooftop against a city skyline at night. Below the main text are four circular icons: a person with a lightning bolt (EVERY FEAR), hands being held (EVERY NEED), a question mark (EVERY DOUBT), and a cross (EVERY SIN). On the far right, text reads 'JESUS HAS POWER OVER THE IMPOSSIBLE. MATTHEW 19:26' and 'FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JUNE 15-18 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM REGISTER NOW!'.

FBC LIFE

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

May 1
Raynor Fricke
Doris Parker
May 2
Scott Byrd
May 3
Shirley Capers
Pat Evans
Mary Moody
Edna Robbins
May 4
Kay Robb
May 5
Colleen Martin
May 6
Jimmie Auten
Wendi Nikolauk
Virgie Sellars
May 7
Raia Avants
Richie Griffith
Ryan Terrill
May 8
No FBC Birthdays

May 9
No FBC Birthdays
May 10
Richie Alvarado
Markie Barron
May 11
Rocky Stone
May 12
No FBC Birthdays
May 13
Terri Durham
Billy Hollis
Ruth Ann Millspaugh
Karen Surber
May 14
No FBC Birthdays
May 15
Jeff Harris
Bill McClanahan
May 16
No FBC Birthdays
May 17
Ron Crumley

May 18
David Blevins
May 19
No FBC Birthdays
May 20
Katie Breedlove
Max Newman
Vickie Terrill
May 21
No FBC Birthdays
May 22
Martha Ellis
Judy Murray
May 23
Sally Morris
Kerry Peacock
Doris Valenzuela
Vikki White
May 24
Shirley Cole
Jared Little
May 25
Bill Hardy

May 26
Pam Granger
Kalliegh Johnson
May 27
No FBC Birthdays
May 28
No FBC Birthdays
May 29
Vanessa Leal
May 30
Isaiah Herrera
Willie Smith
May 31
Zach Fricke
Mark Nikolauk

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

April 5
FBC Sunday School Attendance Easter

April 12
FBC Sunday School Attendance 180

April 19
FBC Sunday School Attendance 169

April 26
FBC Sunday School Attendance 173

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of April 27, 2026

April Budget Needs	\$122,507.15
April Budget Gifts	\$65,060.20
YTD Budget Needs	\$520,655.40
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$333,194.18
2026 Budget	\$1,592,593.00

WITH SYMPATHY

Family & Friends of Jamie Highsmith Rodgers who passed away on April 1, 2026.
Family & Friends of Peggy Jordan who passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2026.
Family & Friends of Darlene Stokes who passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026.
Susan & Don Ball on the loss of Susan's Mom, Anna Black, who passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

In April 2026, the Homebound Ministry Team made 49 visits, 30 phone calls, & sent 3 things 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.

STAFF Anniversary



AJ Deardorff

May - 9 years

THANK YOU

FBC Family,
I am back from a BLESSED mission trip to the Snyder prison where we had 40 of the 42 men, we shared the gospel with to commit to a weekly bible study. 3 salvations and 12 rededications. The following weekend we had 18 Baptisms.

Thank you for your prayer support.
Robert Dillard

MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 AJ Staff Anniversary (9 Years)	2
3 First Steps Class, 9:00am, Hospitality Room FBC Kids & Youth Fundraiser, 11:45am, FH An Hour of Prayer, 6:00pm, Chapel	4 Personnel Committee, 5:30pm, C-208	5	6 Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	7	8	9
10 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Handbell Practice, 3:30, Level 6, RM C-307 Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH An Hour of Prayer, 6:00pm, Chapel	11 Missions & Evangelism Committee, 5:45pm, C-208	12 Properties Committee, 5:30pm, C-208	13 Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	14 Threads of Blessing 1:00pm, FP	15	16
17 Senior Breakfast & Recognition, 8:00am, FH Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR Handbell Practice, 3:30, Level 6, RM C-307 Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH An Hour of Prayer, 6:00pm, Chapel	18 Senior Adult Fun & Fellowship Game Night, 6:00 pm	19 Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6:00pm, Casa Ocampo	20 Wednesday's @ FBC, 5:45pm	21 FBC Women's Dinner, 6:00pm, Catfish Corner	22	23
24 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR, Handbell Practice, 3:30, Level 6, RM C-307 Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH An Hour of Prayer, 6:00pm, Chapel	25	26 FBC Staff @ Neighbors Finance Committee, 5:15pm, C-208	27 Homebound Meeting, 10:00am, CLC Deacon Council, 5:30pm, E-208	28 Threads of Blessing 1:00pm, FP	29	30
31 Sunday Prayer Meeting, 10:15am, HR, Handbell Practice, 3:30, Level 6, RM C-307 Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm, CH An Hour of Prayer, 6:00pm, Chapel						

Peru Medical Mission Trip - May 27-June 03

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
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- YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/FirstBaptistSanAngelo

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

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS



Jim
Benson

Associate Pastor of Senior Adults

Resting in God's Presence

"Because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31

Escaping now and again to "a quiet place" is good for both my body and my soul. I love flying. There was a time when it was financially permitting and health wasn't an issue that I could rent a Cessna and fly away from the stress and into the quietness of the sky. Flying allowed me to escape "busyness" a couple of times a week. Jesus recognized this to be true. He created us and He knows our human limitations. We can work and serve for only so long before our bodies say, "Time out!" I believe the rest to which Jesus refers is more than a good night sleep. I believe it's pulling back from responsibilities and doing something different from our norm. It's being refreshed from the inside out. I call it the "flushing of the soul." It's finding a place where we can think with a clear mind and regain God's perspective. It's providing a space where He can speak to us without competing with the noise and chaos. I used to think resting in flying away was a luxury I couldn't afford. I now consider it was my yes to Jesus' invitation to *"come with Me and get some rest."* (Matthew 11:28). Now my quiet place isn't in the skies but a place of communion with Him alone. Where is your quiet place? Even if nowhere else, putting your feet up and closing your eyes for few minutes in communion with Jesus is a good start. Enjoy resting in God's presence.

An Hour of Prayer

Sundays \ 6:00 PM \ Chapel

FBC MUSIC



Josh
Powell

Music Minister

There's something you can probably tell about the Powell family: we like Broadway shows. Back in 2024 we took a trip up to New York where the entire plan was to fit as many sight-seeing opportunities as we could around our slate of shows that we wanted to see. Aladdin, The Lion King, Back to the Future, we had an amazing time.

I recently learned of a Broadway show starring Daniel Radcliffe that is very intriguing. The show is titled "Every Brilliant Thing." A central conceit of the show is a list the lead (and only onstage) character compiles of things they find brilliant. Things that are interesting, moving, or invigorating. A page on the show's website shares audience members submissions of their own brilliant things, inspired by the show. These include ice cream, children mispronouncing things, finding a lost

earring, the smell of a freshly opened can of tennis balls, dogs, reuniting with family, lasagna, and many more.

Sometimes we forget to remember the things in our life that bring joy. It's easier, after all, to spiral with the negativity of the news cycle, to doomscroll and let every complaint fill our minds and our spirits. Stress and hardship drive out small joys from our thoughts. And yet, Scripture reminds us that *"the joy of the Lord is your strength"* (Nehemiah 8:10b). *The fruit of the Spirit is love, JOY, peace, patience, and more* (Galatians 5:22). *James even tells us to "Consider it pure joy ... whenever you face trials of many kinds"* (James 1:2).

Those of us that are found in Christ are not to have a negative outlook any longer. We are to be filled with the Spirit, allowing love and joy to permeate all that we are and all that we undertake. Let's choose joy. Let's choose to remember what God has done. Let's look at the Ebenezers (1 Samuel 7:12) we've erected to remind us of where we were before, and let's move forward together in the joy of the Lord. That sounds brilliant to me... just like ice cream.

FBC EVENTS



FBC Kids Camp
3rd -5th grade
July 19-22
Highland Lakes

YOU'RE INVITED!
MISSIONARY COMMISSIONING SERVICE
HONORING DANNY & CINDY EOFF
SUNDAY, MAY 3 | 4:00 PM | SANCTUARY

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
IN THE ATRIUM!



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

Come to the "Table"



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

May 6:

Lasagna, Salad, Bread, & Banana Pudding

May 13:

Breakfast prepared by Kerry & Diane Peacock

May 20:

Chicken Kiev prepared by Kevin & Nancy McSpadden

Our last Wednesday Night will be May 20, we will pick back up in June with Wednesday's @ The Lake!

FBC Youth & Kids FUNDRAISER

May 3 | 11:45 am | Fellowship Hall

Chicken Spaghetti Lunch & Bake Sale Auction

All proceeds help to send our FBC Kids and Youth to camp!

If you would like to donate a dessert to help out, please let Zach or Melodie know!

FBC YOUTH CAMP HORIZON CAMPS

HEART OF TEXAS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

JULY 6-10, 2026



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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 713-885-7410.



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.

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