

From the Pastor

August ushers us into Fall, the resumption of school, and football season! At Faith it also ushers in our “Get in the Game” and “Kickoff” Sundays. Children and youth will be moved up in Sunday School, and Wednesday nights will kick off a new choice of adult equip classes that follow our church-wide meals. I always love the Fall every year!

I had the privilege of traveling to both the children’s and youth camps in July. I am so thankful for Mandy Ratliff, Caleb Parrish, Julian Jimenez (our new youth intern), and the multitude of college students and adults who spend this time with our students. Perhaps one of my favorite testimonies about VBS and the camps was when 12-year-old Khloe Gates testified in a worship service that her favorite thing was “worshipping with people who were like (like-minded with) her at camp.” That really is a beautiful one-word sentence on the unity and union believers have and experience in Christ.

John Tunnell has joined our staff as Interim College Minister. He comes after serving on the staffs of First Baptist Church and our Midwestern State Baptist Student Ministry. John is married to Dakota and they celebrated the birth of their first child, Junia May on July 3. Caleb Parrish will be coordinating John’s ministry to the college students and Julian Jimenez’s growing ministry to our youth as I mentor Caleb on the complexities of shepherding staff (a task that cannot be read and learned through a book). Caleb will continue leading youth ministry as he mentors Julian and equips John. An interim title and on-the-job training was how we began Trent Creacy’s ministry when he first came, and we felt that was very successful. We are thrilled to have John on board. Make sure to meet and welcome him to Faith Baptist.

I will be juggling several different emphases and passages this month before preaching the conclusion of John’s gospel with chapter 21. But remember, as promised, I will go back to and preach Jesus’ final instructions to His disciples and His High Priestly Prayer in John 16-17 this Fall and up to the Christmas season beginning September 6.

We have great days ahead! Press on to **EXPERIENCE FAITH! ENCOUNTER GOD...EXPERIENCE GOD TOGETHER ...EMPTY SELF!** I look forward to seeing you throughout August!

Grace and love to you!
Pastor

Pray For Israel and Ukraine

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy to those who have recently lost loved ones:

STAN LUCAS – a brother & sister

TINA LUCAS – an uncle & aunt

MARIE FRENCH – brother-in-law

KELLI DOLEY – grandmother

JOHN FRANKLIN – wife, Rozan

SHARON LYLE – mother

ANDY DESAUTELS – mother

COURTNEY REAMES – mother

Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study

A Ladies Bible study A New World is Coming will begin Tuesday, August 25 at 10:00 a.m. in room 124. We are living in prophetic times and the signs are converging at a rapid pace. This study will help you understand these signs and will show you that the world isn’t falling apart but is coming together. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend. Sharon Roberts will be leading this study.



EXPERIENCE FAITH

Faith Baptist Church

Encounter God
Matthew 18:20

Experience God Together
Matthew 22:37-40

Empty Self
Philippians 2:5-8

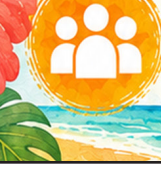
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AUGUST

Upcoming Events

-  **AUGUST 2**
Lord's Supper observance
-  **AUGUST 9**
“Get in the Game Sunday”
with Sunday School and one service at 11:00 a.m.
-  **AUGUST 16**
“Kickoff Sunday”
(regular schedule)
-  **AUGUST 19**
Wednesday night meal at 5:30 p.m.
Night of Worship in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.
-  **AUGUST 23**
“Welcome Back, College! Day”
-  **AUGUST 26**
Wednesday night meal at 5:30 p.m.
Classes for all ages at 6:15 p.m.

Senior Adults



Mondays — 10:15 a.m.

Reception Hall

Faith Singers rehearse Mondays at 10:15 a.m. in Reception Hall. All adults 50+ are welcome to sing God's praises with this group. The choir sings Monday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Presbyterian Manor, 4600 Taft Blvd (independent living – front building). The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly senior adult luncheon is Monday, August 3. Menu is Mexican stack-up (provided) so bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Program will be on "Faithful Fitness." The luncheon begins at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall and everyone is welcome.

Senior Adult Leadership Team meeting is Tuesday, August 18 at 10:30 a.m. in room 501.

Our **Temple Builders** exercise group meets each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in room 132. The FLiC walking track is open Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join us as we get fit!

Congratulations

CHUCK & DEBBIE MANDE –
on the birth of their great-grandson

JEFF & DELYNN MABRY –
on the birth of their grandson, Felix.
Proud parents are Sebastian & Savannah.

JOHN & DAKOTA TUNNELL –
on the birth of their daughter, Junia.

Abide Ministry

BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in Reception Hall
Summer study is the book of Malachi.

BOOK CLUB – Sunday, August 16 at 4:00 p.m. at McAlister's – Call Field Rd

DINNER GROUPS – Contact Delynn Mabry at 940-733-6830

CONFERENCE – Saturday, September 19 watch for details.

More information: Lauren Welch (940-631-0579), at faithwf.com/women and on Facebook at "Faith Baptist Church – Abide Women's Ministry"

Thank You

Acknowledgment has been received in the Church Office from:

MARIE FRENCH

Note This . . .

- The quarterly book of reports will be available to members Sunday, August 2 at **E3 Central** in the Worship Center foyer.
- The Lord's Supper will be observed in both worship services August 2.
- Our 9th annual Operation Christmas Child packing party will be Wednesday, October 14. Now is a great time to start buying school supplies (pencils, crayons, small notepads, etc.).
- Large print editions of sermon notes are available at the tables on either side of the Worship Center.
- To assist parents with restless children, the Parent Room is available to your right as you sit in the Worship Center. Sound, windows into the Worship Center, and subdued lighting are available.
- Church Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday (closed Fridays).
- Our Sunday School meets each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Online streaming of Pastor Craig's messages are available early in the week.
- Tyler McMurry, our missionary to the Basin Baptist Student Ministry work in the Midland/Odessa area, has resigned that work to become Minister of Youth at Immanuel Baptist Church in Odessa as of August 2. We pray for Tyler and Cindy as they begin this new ministry.

T-Shirt Day

Our annual Faith t-shirt distribution will follow each worship service Sunday, September 6. This is Labor Day weekend, so make worship attendance a part of your family's holiday celebration plans and receive a church t-shirt. (You must be present to receive a shirt.)

Parenting Class

Our intentional parenting class continues Sunday evenings at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall for practical teaching and encouragement led by Caleb Parrish and Mandy Ratliff. Parents have the opportunity to discuss each topic in small groups with other parents of children in similar life stages. A youth activity and childcare are provided.

Experience God Together

Beginning Wednesday, August 19

Our Faith family fellowship suppers resume and will be each Wednesday 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$5/person (\$20 family maximum for immediate family members; college students \$2.00). Tickets are available each Wednesday at 5:15, with serving beginning at 5:30 p.m. The menu for the 19th is chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad and dessert.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a special night of worship. We'll sing a blend of hymns and contemporary worship songs as we gather to praise the Lord together. Preschool childcare will be provided, and everyone is welcome. We hope you'll join us!

Wednesday, August 26

Family Supper	5:30-6:15 p.m. — FLiC (Menu is baked potato bar)
Preschool/Children	6:15-7:15 p.m. — Preschool Wing/FLiC Upstairs
Youth	6:15-7:15 p.m. — Fellowship Hall
Adult Equip Classes	6:15-7:15 p.m. — Various Rooms

August 26 Adult Equip classes will begin. Plan now to make **Experiencing God Together** in these opportunities a priority for your midweek fall schedule!

Proposed Budget

Preparation of the proposed 2027 church budget begins August 1 as staff and program heads receive their request forms. Be praying for our leaders as they formulate this proposed budget for presentation to the church this fall. Requests are due back to the Administration Office by August 31.

Church Custodian

The church is seeking a full-time person (who is mechanically inclined) to work with Don Wood and Micah Lawrence. Benefits are provided and hours are somewhat flexible. Application forms and job description are available in the Church Office.



Sermon on the Mound

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of July 21 , 2026

Budget Goal (29 weeks)	\$ 1,172,643	
Budget Receipts (29 weeks)	\$ 897,633	76.55%
Budget Expenditures (29 weeks)	\$ 974,422	83.10%

Giving through text message is available! Text FBCtxt and the amount you want to give to 73256. When you make your first contribution you will need to set up your account information, which will be saved, so that future contributions will be quick and easy. This option is available for general budget contributions only.

Online giving is available using your debit card. Go to faithwfc.com and click on the online giving link. You will have the same options that are available on your offering envelope and will receive a receipt for your contribution.

Did you know that you can make your tithe and offering by using your bank's on-line bill pay? You can schedule your contribution check to be sent automatically to the church as a true first fruit of what the Lord has blessed you with. Just set Faith Baptist Church as a payee, enter "general budget" or your envelope number for the account number and 3001 Southwest Pkwy, Wichita Falls, TX 76308 as the address. You can then choose a regular monthly, twice monthly, or weekly schedule.

At the congregation's request, we are providing a QR code to assist in contributing to our church as God leads you. We appreciate your faithful, consistent giving to our ministries and missions underwritten by our church budget.



Monthly, we mail envelope packets with an envelope for each Sunday. If you give once a month and prefer to be on a list to be mailed 12 envelopes per year, please notify the Administration Office. You can email Sheryl Alexander at sheryla@faithwfc.com, or call the Church Office. It takes a couple of months for our envelope mailing service to make the change. Thank you for helping us be good stewards.

Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating August anniversaries: Kim Duke 28 years as Church Organist; seven years each for Minister of Discipleship Brett Storseth and Preschool/Children's Director Mandy Ratliff. Give them thanks and show your appreciation for their service with us.

Sue Bartlett-Kosman has served five years as our Food Services Coordinator. We appreciate Sue's service as she leads our volunteer Kitchen Crew. Express your appreciation as we resume our Wednesday suppers August 19.

Children Events

VBS

We appreciate the leaders and volunteers who made our Vacation Bible School a big success this past week. We had a larger number of children this year than in the last couple of years. Through Thursday we averaged 149 children, 16 preschoolers and 95 workers.

PRETEEN CAMP

We had a wonderful time at Camp Copass this year. We took 15 kids and 3 sponsors. We spent the week learning that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, friends, fun and faith!



We encourage you to go online at **FaithConnect** and update your membership record and personal information. Go to faithwfc.com then go to resources, resources and news, then scroll down to **FaithConnect**. Click on login. You will be asked to login or if it is your first time, create an account.

There, you can access your family's personal information and update it as needed (address, phone numbers, cell provider, photos, etc.) You can also give online and find contact information on your class members.