

From the Pastor

Thank you for the many kind cards, gifts, and love shown during my recent birthday! My oh my, how I am aging since coming back to Faith when I was 47 years old (and then Larry Shields rejoining our staff here a few months later when he was younger than I am now). I began "growing up" spiritually in Faith Baptist and its youth ministry as a teen. Then I began growing in spiritual leadership and God's calling as a young Minister of Youth here. And being back these past 17 years as your pastor have, by far, been my most cherished spiritual years at Faith! Relationships have always been impactful throughout all the years I have been in this church. But the Lord has grown my ministry, leadership, and walk with Him in countless ways, resulting in a peace, joy, and love for and with Christ and His people that has exceeded anything I could have ever asked or expected from my Heavenly Father. I may not be the most gifted or best pastor when I enter a room of pastors, but I am almost certain there is no pastor in the room who loves and cherishes His church family more than I do mine!

After praying about and desiring more time in our worship services for a long time we began conversations around the idea of adding a little time to our services. I personally felt it inadequate for a church as strong as ours to limit our worship to one hour each Sunday. I observed that almost every strong Bible-teaching church held 75 or 90 minute services. As I discussed the topic with individuals and small groups it was very common for conversations to end with, "Pastor, I agree. Why don't you (we) just do it." Well, we finally did! By unanimous vote of our overseers, we have added 15 minutes to our Sunday worship services. The early service will begin at 8:15 and the late service will end at 12:15. It is only natural to assume this time will be filled with longer sermons and/or more songs. That is not the intent, though one or the other of those two aspects of worship might be the case on occasion. Our desire is to add worship elements that our people enjoy but that the staff cannot include during a one-hour worship service. Some of our worship plans with the extra time include a cardboard testimony time, individual testimonies, prayer and response times, extended Lord's Supper celebrations, public Bible readings, and more. Sure, for some it is a little earlier to wake up. But what is fifteen minutes of lost sleep or a later lunch in comparison to a broader worship experience every week? May this small sacrifice on our parts result in us Experiencing God to an even greater degree each week!

In our John sermon series, I have jumped from Jesus' last words in the Upper Room in John 14 to His arrest and trials in John 18. What happened to John 15-17? I am glad you asked! Our study in John is going to take us through November. However, each fall we have a Kickoff, new Wednesday calendar, and many new visitors to the church. It is simply better not to go through the arrest, trials and conclusion of the gospel during that kickoff season and a new school year calendar. The summer is a great time to finish the narrative of John's gospel account. Then in the Fall season I will preach John 15-17, which covers the extremely intimate words of Jesus to His apostles just before He led them to the Garden of Gethsemane for prayer and His arrest.

Press on to **EXPERIENCE FAITH! ENCOUNTER GOD...EXPERIENCE GOD TOGETHER...EMPTY SELF!** I look forward to seeing you throughout June!

Grace and love to you!
Pastor Craig



High School

<i>Emily Anderson</i>	Archer City
<i>Katelyn Bird</i>	Memorial
<i>Delaney Bruce</i>	Memorial
<i>Jacob Lawrence</i>	Legacy
<i>Molly Ratliff</i>	Homeschool

MSU Texas Graduates

<i>Mallory Bailey</i>	Child & Adolescent Studies
<i>PJ Bailey</i>	Industrial Engineering
<i>Ben Hill</i>	Biology
<i>Evanne Kleinert</i>	Elementary Education
<i>Joshua Malcik</i>	Radiologic Technology
<i>Natasha Moore</i>	Elementary Education



Sunday, June 21



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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WICHITA FALLS, TX

Schedule Change:

Beginning Sunday, June 7

We will add fifteen minutes to each of our Sunday worship services, with the new schedule being:



Blended Service

8:15 - 9:30 a.m.



Contemporary Service

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Sunday School time will remain at 9:45 a.m.



ENCOUNTER *God*



EXPERIENCE *God*
Together



EMPTY *Self*



FAITHKIDS VBS 2026

June 8-12

9:00AM - 12:00PM Daily

Register online at **FAITHWF.COM**

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, June 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Swan Healthcare, 1101 Grace. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly senior adult luncheon is Monday, June 1. Bring a casserole, side or dessert. The program will be presented by a representative of the Wichita County Heritage Society. The luncheon begins at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall and everyone is welcome.

Senior Adult Leadership Team meeting is Tuesday, June 16 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!

Sympathy

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

JEFF BIRD – father

MARIE FRENCH – husband, Bob

SAMMYE WALDRIP – cousin

KENNETH THOMPSON – sister

LARRY WHALEY – brother



Return the Blessing

Faith Baptist continues our tradition of providing food to Interfaith Outreach Services for those who have a great need. We do this in June due to many families requesting assistance in the summer when children are out of school. Sunday, June 21 bring your staple food donations to the worship service and place them at front left side of the Worship Center. You can make an impact in three ways: ① Bringing nonperishable food items, ② Giving a cash donation for the church's benevolence fund (put Return the Blessing for the memo/explanation) and ③ Praying for those in need. This is truly an opportunity for each of us to Empty Self by returning the blessings we have received from God.

Foundations Sunday

The next Foundations class will meet Sunday, June 14 during Sunday School at 9:45 and then again that evening at 5:30. This class includes an opportunity to meet staff and leadership and is required for all new members but is also open to those just seeking more information about Faith Baptist. A delicious breakfast and dinner are served during the two sessions and reservations can be made by checking the appropriate box on the tear-off form of Sunday's bulletin and placing it in the offering stands or taking it to the **E³ CENTRAL** desk. Deadline to register is Sunday, June 7.

Note This . . .

- The Lord's Supper will be observed in both worship services Sunday, June 14.
- The May 13 presentation by Caleb Parish on Islam is available on our website at faithwf.com/sermons and scroll down and click on "Extra Studies."
- Recently joining our support staff are Caleb Mollenkopf as Contemporary Music Assistant, Alyssa Thomas as Social Media Coordinator, and Julian Jimenez as Youth Ministry Intern. We welcome each of these to our staff.
- The church is seeking a full-time or part-time custodian to work with Don Wood and Micah Lawrence. Application forms and job description are available in the Church Office.
- **COMING SUNDAY, JULY 5** – One morning service (no Sunday School) at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch in the Family Life Center. July 4 marks 250 years since our country's birth so be with us July 5 as we celebrate together.
- Our Faith family Wednesday fellowship suppers will resume in August. The volunteer Kitchen Crew has earned a break and we thank them for their work this school year.
- 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.
- 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.

Abide Women's Ministry

- BIBLE STUDY** – Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in Reception Hall
 - COOKING CLUB** – Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the FLiC Kitchen
 - BOOK CLUB** – Sunday, June 21 at 4:00 p.m. at McAlister's Deli, 3900 Call Field Rd.
 - DINNER GROUPS** – Contact Delynn Mabry at 940-733-6830
- More information: Lauren Welch (940-631-0579), on Facebook at "Faith Baptist Church – Abide Women's Ministry" and at faithwf.com

Pray For Israel and Ukraine

Congratulation

COLSEN & AVERY WELCH –
on the birth of their daughter, Harlyn Day. Proud grandparents are Eric & Lauren Welch.

JAKE & AMY THOMAS –
on the birth of their granddaughter, Harper Violet McCann.

In Appreciation

Many thanks to Jessica Torres and Rachel Laurer for coordinating our church team for the May 9 Walk for Life in support of The Center, our Wichita Falls pregnancy help center. We had 58+ people on our church team.

Our Community Impact Team conducted a church-wide Baby Shower for The Center in May and over 2,200 items were collected and delivered there. Thanks so much for Emptying Self through the love and support you are to new mothers and their babies.

Many thanks to Brett Storseth, who coordinated our "Party in the Park" Sunday, May 17. It was a great time around a food-truck feast, live music, and just good ol' fellowship! A special "thank you" to Teresa and Kevin Austin (without whom the event wouldn't happen) and the Just Friends Band for keeping things lively! And praise God for the surprising turn of weather that made the evening cooler and bug-free! A great time was had by everyone.

On behalf of the College Ministry, thank you so much for your prayers and financial support of our college students! Because of your generosity, our students are able to serve this summer in two states and six countries. Please pray for them, as many begin their mission trips over the next two weeks! -- Trent Creacy, Ministry of College and Young Adults

Sunday, June 7

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Cardboard testimonies will be shared in both services Sunday, June 7. Don't miss this special service as some 20 of our members share a brief testimony of God working in their lives.

Thank You

Acknowledgment has been received in the Church Office from:

Cecil & Shirley Fultz

Organ Pipes

As previously announced, our Worship Center organ pipes are no longer working and cannot be repaired, so we are passing them on to a church in Houston, who will use them for decorative purposes. Removal of the pipes was previously scheduled and then postponed but removal was scheduled for May 26-28. We are considering some cosmetic remodeling of the platform area as part of this project. More information will be forthcoming.

Parenting Class

Join us this summer for intentional parenting as we gather in Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. beginning June 7 for practical teaching and encouragement led by Caleb Parrish and Mandy Ratliff. Parents will also have the opportunity to discuss each topic in small groups with other parents of children in similar life stages. A youth activity and childcare will be provided. Register at faithwf.com/students or through the QR code.



Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of May 25, 2026

Budget Goal (21 weeks)	\$ 849,155	
Budget Receipts (21 weeks)	\$ 631,015	74.31%
Budget Expenditures (21 weeks)	\$ 671,029	79.02%
North American Missions Offering To Date	\$ 3,034	

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 faithwf.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 online 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@faithwf.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.

Children's Ministry

FaithKids VBS is June 8-12 from 9:00 to noon for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration is open at faithwf.com/children. To volunteer to help with VBS contact Mandy Ratliff at mandr@faithwf.com.

Preteen Camp will be at Camp Copass in Denton, TX, July 13-17. This is for completed 4th-6th graders. The total cost this year is \$160. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your spot for camp. Registration is now open at faithwf.com/children. Payments should be made in the Church Office with Jo Ann Larimore.



We encourage you to go online at **FaithConnect** and update your membership record and personal information. Go to faithwf.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.

Students' 7th–12th Grades

FALLS CREEK YOUTH CAMP — June 22-27 — Cost \$250 per person

YOUTH MISSION TRIP — Burnet County, TX July 13-18 — Cost \$200 per person
Registration for both camp and mission trip are online at faithwf.com/students

Contact Jo Ann Larimore in the Church Office 692-4220 or joannl@faithwf.com for additional information.