From the Pastor

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, and I cannot express how urgent it is for you to vote. Some Christians have turned off to all politics, no longer trusting either political party, or just fail to see the critical importance of their single vote. I would like to address two common questions I often receive. 1. "Is it right for a Christian to force our biblical values on society?" Yes and No! God never instructs us to enforce Christ or His commands upon others through power or force. However, know that politics have infringed into a realm that was once held by Christ's church and its pastors. The government is to protect its citizens and punish evil. But the government was never designed to define marriage, gender, morality, or to hold higher authority over children than their parents. To remain silent or passive during elections is to accept responsibility for that spiritual passivity if/when government begins persecuting the Church of Christ (which it has and will continue to do more radically in the West). As Charlie Kirk stated: "If Christians do not get involved in politics, then politics will erase their rights to be Christians." There is yet another very common question I hear. 2. "What if you have serious questions about the moral character of both the candidates who are running?" That is a valid concern, but in my opinion, it does not release us from a responsibility to choose the political leaders who are given power to enact and enforce public policies and laws. Vote for the "lesser of two evils". These candidates are not being voted on as your pastors or overseers in our church. But they will set government policies that either protect or expose your children, either promote or protect the young against gender changers, either prohibit or distribute pornographic sexual materials and sexual morality teachings in our public schools, and either reward or disregard marriage for life between and man and a woman. If you cannot decide between individuals, ask yourself whether the Democrat or Republican Parties more closely invite God, His authority, and His commands to lead our nation. Did you know the very term "left" and "right" originated during the French Revolution? The revolution, overreacting to the greedy and controlling Catholic Church, set out to abolish the Christian religion, set aside the Bible, and replace it with The Cult of Reason, France's first state-sponsored, atheistic civic religion. During their revolution those against the church in the French Parliament sat on the left, while those for the church sat on the right. Voltaire proclaimed, "Every sensible man, every honorable man must hold the Christian religion in horror." History is repeating itself with the "left" and the "right" in America today. Know that I care for you as the sheep of Christ, and I will give an account to the Lord for my faithfulness in leading you to lift up Christ and His truth. Please give my words some careful thought!!!

While the nations and our politicians are bitterly divided, Christ's family here at Faith Baptist is unified and loving toward one another in Christ. We also continue to offer Christ's warmth, generosity, mercy, service, and good news of salvation to our world. We serve Jesus diligently while we eagerly await and long for Christ's return.

Press on to **Experience Faith! Encounter God...Experience God Together...Empty Self!** I look forward to seeing you throughout November!

Grace and love to you!
Pastor

Chili Cook-Off



Our 5th annual church-wide Chili and Cornbread Cook-off and Talent Show is Sunday, November 8 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the FLiC. Registration ends Wednesday, November 4. There are four ways to register:

1. In Sunday School
2. Calling the Church Office
3. Sending an email to joannl@faithwf.com
4. Scan QR Code and register online

Talent Show

How to register for the Talent Show – (**Limited spaces available**):

Email Caleb Parrish at calebp@faithwf.com .

Give a brief description of your talent. If you are performing as a group, please list all participants' names. Once your request has been received, you will be contacted.

EXPERIENCE FAITH

Encounter God
Matthew 18:20
Experience God Together
Matthew 22:37-40
Empty Self
Philippians 2:5-8

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Trust God Sunday
November 1

If you want your contribution to be included in the TGS total, it must be received prior to TGS or by the end of the day Wednesday, November 4.

Abide Women's Ministry

Bible study – Thursdays November 5, 12 and 19 at 6:15 p.m. in room 145
Book club – Sunday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Jason's Deli
Dinner groups – Contact Delynn Mabry at 940-733-6830
More information: Lauren Welch (940-631-0579), at faithwf.com/women and on Facebook at "Faith Baptist Church – Abide Women's Ministry"

Senior Adults

the faith singers

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, November 9 at 10:30 a.m. at Senior Care Health and Rehab, 910 Midwestern Parkway. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly senior adult luncheon is Monday, November 2 and the menu is turkey and dressing (provided) so bring salad, side or dessert. The program will be presented by some of our veterans in honor of Veteran's Day. The luncheon begins at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall and everyone is welcome. A freewill love offering for our local Christian Motorcycle Club will be received.

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!

Church Custodian

The church is seeking a full-time person (who is mechanically inclined and has supervisory skills) 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.

Budget 2027

Summary copies of the 2027 proposed church budget are available to members at the **E3 Central** desk and outside the Administration Office. The proposed budget will be presented and discussed in a 12:30 p.m. church conference in Fellowship Hall Sunday, November 15, and a vote will be held without discussion in both services Sunday, November 22.

Congratulations

Mary Ann Cunningham – on the birth of their great-granddaughter



The general election is Tuesday, November 3 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voting locations are available at the Community Impact Team table in the Worship Center foyer again Sunday.

Note This . . .

- Church offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day to observe this holiday of gratitude to God.
- Time change Saturday night, October 31. Be sure to set clocks BACK to God's time so you won't be really early on Trust God Sunday!
- Thank you to each person who supported our second Faith Family Fellowship Day at Jason's Deli Thursday. We will report the proceeds as soon as the amount is available.
- Our Faith family Wednesday fellowship suppers are 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 starting at 5:15, with serving beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- 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 each in the week.



Wednesday November 11

We are deeply grateful to each person who has served in defense of our country. Thank you.

FaithKids AMPED:

Special Edition!

Children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade are invited to join us for Faith Kids AMPED: Special Edition! We will kick things off Sunday, January 10 at 12:30 p.m. in the Kids Clubhouse (upstairs in the FLiC). During our time together, we will learn songs to share with our church family Palm Sunday and prepare for a special presentation Sunday, April 4. This is a short-term commitment, but faithful attendance is encouraged as we prepare together. Each week, we will sing, play games, enjoy lunch, and praise the Lord together! There is no cost to attend, and lunch will be provided. We hope your kids will join us!

Empty Self

Ministry Tree will be in the Worship Center Sunday, December 6 and will benefit Patsy's House Children's Advocacy Center, a non-profit that provides emergency resources to CPS caseworkers for at-risk children.

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At the Operation Christmas Child packing party October 14 we packed 400 boxes for shipment. Thanks to each person who attended, each worker that helped with preparations, and each person who contributed funds or supplies for the boxes. It was a huge success. We still needed $1,100 to cover the shipping for these boxes.

Central Drop Off Location

We are again the central drop off location for shoeboxes November 16-23. Many volunteers will be needed. Last year we collected 17,388 shoeboxes filling 1,146 cartons from 11 counties which filled 3¼ semi-trucks. Contact Charlotte Gill (940-631-0901) if you are interested in helping.

Why did the turkey decline dessert?

Because it was stuffed.

Emmanuel He is Here!

Our Christmas Orchestra will begin rehearsals Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. The Worship Choir and Orchestra will be presenting ***Emmanuel: He Is Here!*** in both morning worship services Decembet 13. If you play an instrument please contact David and come join us!

November 15 Thanksgiving Praise Services

Congregational testimony services will be Sunday, November 15. As you pray about your part, be sure to be brief, be specific and give all the glory to God in what you say.

Sympathy

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

Chris Weaver – grandmother
Donna Bruce – father
Genita Rivkin – brother

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of October 19, 2026

Budget Goal (42 weeks)	$ 1,698,310	
Budget Receipts (42 weeks)	$ 1,279,473	75.34%
Budget Expenditures (42 weeks)	$ 1,422,318	83.75%

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.



So much of what we have done together in worship services this month has been to not only deal with God's Word and what He wanted to teach us or call us in the moment, but also to get our hearts ready for our annual Trust God Sunday. We've been asking all month two questions:

- Where in my life might God be calling me to trust Him more?
- What step can I take or what change can I make to respond by faith to that call?

The time has come to respond together and celebrate in worship! This Sunday we will have a unique opportunity within each worship service to bring our normal tithes and offerings and any specific gifts for Trust God Sunday along with a special written Trust Offering Card, sharing other areas we are "trusting God more," as an offering to the altar. Details will be explained more November 1!

The goal for Trust God Sunday is still:

- 100% participation!
- Measurable corporate celebration!

Plan to be in corporate worship on time Sunday November 1
and come ready to trust God more!

Craig Lile, Pastor ✞ **Larry Shields**, Associate Pastor of Administration/Senior Adults ✞ **Caleb Parrish**, Minister of Youth and Missions ✞ **Brett Storseth**, Minister of Discipleship ✞ **Mandy Ratliff**, Director of Preschool/Children
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