

From the Pastor

I know you will want to congratulate our soon-to-be newlyweds . . . Julian and Cterling Jimenez! Julian began his youth intern ministry on our staff May 18 and is being mentored by Caleb Parrish as a future consideration for the Minister of Youth position. Let's congratulate and pray for him in this new journey in life.

Meanwhile, continue praying for Caleb as I mentor and prepare him for pastoral ministry, and as he builds up and exercises pastoral leadership responsibilities over our youth, college, and young adult areas. He is doing a great job! Caleb is an Overseer Apprentice as well, being prepared and considered for the overseer title. I am thankful to watch this man, who was in junior high when I came to Faith as pastor, grow into an increasingly fruitful spiritual leader in this church! He and Sarah are a God-fearing couple who love our Lord and serve Him obediently and faithfully.

I want to give a shoutout to Lauren Welch and our Abide women's ministry for conducting the September Abide Conference. There were over 160 in attendance, and they had an incredible day of worship, teaching, and fellowship. Be sure to thank Lauren for this wonderful ministry, along with the following leaders who helped her plan and accomplish this: Katie Hill, Amy Thomas, Delynn Mabry, Lindy Marshall, Anna O'Dell, Kristen O'Dell, Amber Houck, and Regina Richardson.

I continue to receive comments on ways our church is making a very positive impact on people and would like to pass them on to you. First, is our uncompromising commitment and obedience to Christ's Word and commands. Visitors tell me that they were grieving leaving a church they had attended for years, or that they had been unsuccessful searching for a church for a long time before joining ours. They convey that our preaching and teaching of all the Bible (including the culturally unpopular parts) combined with our exhortation to obey all of Christ's commands was what their heart had been longing for. Another positive impact our church is making on visitors and new members is our healthy spiritual love and care for others. Visitors frequently remark how friendly everyone is to them. They also note the warmth and fellowship between our people. And a final unique characteristic of our church that is impacting visitors is the diversity and age range in our congregation. One SBC leader who spoke in our church said that almost every church he speaks in across Texas is made up of a congregation and staff composed of only young adults or of only elderly adults. He acknowledged the work and focus we had put in for our church to be comprised of such age diversity. We have a congregation of all ages that embrace our differences while celebrating our unity in Christ.

Isn't God good? Don't you love this family of believers? I sure do! Press on to **Experience Faith! Encounter God...Experience God Together ...Empty Self!** I look forward to seeing you throughout October!

Grace and love to you!
Pastor

Working for God on earth
doesn't pay much, but His
retirement plan is out of
this world.

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.



Our 9th annual Operation Christmas Child packing party will be Wednesday, October 14 from 6:30-7:30 in the FLiC. Collection will begin September 6 and bins will be located in the Worship Center foyer, by the Church Office and in the FLiC hallway. Items we are collecting: **Personal Items** (combs, washcloths, toothbrushes etc.), **School Supplies** (pencils, crayons, notepads, etc.), **WOW toys** (soccer balls with pumps, stuffed animal/doll, **Small Toys** (cars, yoyos, jump ropes, small balls, etc.) All items must fit in a shoebox. No food/candy, war-related toys, or liquid items (including toothpaste). Postage to mail 1 box is \$10.00. If you would like to help pay the postage, be sure and mark your donation for OCC postage. Last year we filled 396 boxes. Check out our Operation Christmas Child Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code or going to this link: <https://a.co/0bWo5jcp> .



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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Trust God Sunday November 1

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, October 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Countryside Assisted Living, 1525 Archer City Hwy. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly senior adult luncheon is Monday, October 5 and the menu is "Bring Something Italian" [pasta, a side dish], salad or dessert. The musical program will be presented by The Toe-tapping Texans. The luncheon begins at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall and everyone is welcome.

Senior Adult Ministry is offering a day trip to Vernon and the Red River Valley Museum Tuesday, October 13 leaving at 9:45 a.m., with a dutch-treat lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Mr. Jim's Pizza and Italian food. Then the group will tour the museum (\$10 entry fee) with an estimated arrival home at 3:00 p.m. Sign up for transportation is in the Administration Office and the Church Office

Senior Adult Leadership Team meeting is Tuesday, October 27 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!



The Faith Worship Choir and Orchestra will present our Christmas worship music Sunday, December 13 at 8:15 and 11:00.

We need your voice in choir with us or you playing your instrument in our orchestra! Contact David Mace in the Church Office for additional information, and plan on joining us. Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Christmas Orchestra rehearsals begin in October.

It's not too late to join us.

Foundations Sunday October 11

The next Foundations Sunday for those ready to join our Faith Baptist family or who want to hear more about who we are and what it means to be a member here is coming October 11! Participants will meet for a great breakfast session at 9:45 and a wonderful dinner session at 5:30 in room 524b. If you know someone who needs to come, they can sign up by marking the bulletin tear off and placing it in the offering stands or taking it to the **E³ Central** desk or simply calling the Church Office! Deadline for sign up is October 4.

Note This . . .

- The Lord's Supper will be observed in both worship services Sunday, October 11.
- Thanks to Justin Green for his great work on designing and arranging for our annual Faith Baptist t-shirt. Great job!
- Many thanks to those who led our Sunday, September 27 Night of Prayer and Missionary Commissioning service for Eric Robledo as he begins his missionary service.
- Deacons' Wives Supper and Fellowship is Thursday, October 22 in the FLiC.
- Former Minister of College Trent Creacy was ordained to the Gospel Ministry Sunday, September 13 by Frink Baptist Church, McAlester, Oklahoma where he pastors.
- Our missionaries to Uganda Klint and Vicki Ostermann need housing for the portion of each year they will be in the States to coordinate the work of their U.S.-based ministry Sow Hope Farms. If you would like to help with furnishing an apartment, here is the link to items they need: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O945Z5LBT-ZL1?ref=wl_share.
- 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 each in the week.



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 begins Sunday, October 11 and 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.

Fundraiser 2.0

Thursday, October 22



Everyone is encouraged to wear a Faith Baptist T-shirt when they visit Jason's Deli Thursday, October 22 between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. You must provide the restaurant with the insert from the October 18 bulletin or tell them specifically you are with the Faith Baptist fundraiser.

25% of your ticket will go to youth scholarships.

Pray For Israel and Ukraine

Congratulations

CLAY & BECKY GLASGOW-

on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia. Proud great-grandmother is Veneta Glasgow.

IAN & LINDY MARSHALL -

on the birth of their son, Coy. Proud grandparents are Jeff & Delynn Mabry.

GUS & KAREN GUSTAFSON -

on the birth of their great-granddaughter.

JULIAN JIMENEZ & CTERLING HOPKINS

on their pending wedding Saturday, October 3 in Loving, TX. Julian is our Youth Intern.

Abide Women's Ministry

BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in Reception Hall

BOOK CLUB – Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 p.m. at Books A Million at Sikes Senter

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"

The Last Stand

Christ or Chaos - the War for the West

A 1½ hour documentary will be shown in Fellowship Hall Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Free admission event is open to churches in this area.

I'm CHRISTIAN



Early voting is October 19-30 and the general election is Tuesday, November 3 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting locations and election day locations will be available at the Community Impact Team in the Worship Center foyer beginning Sunday, October 18.

Sympathy

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

FRAN FAIRCLOTH – son

MEEGAN WEAVER – father

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of September 21, 2026

Budget Goal (38 weeks)	\$ 1,536,566	
Budget Receipts (38 weeks)	\$ 1,152,295	74.99%
Budget Expenditures (38 weeks)	\$ 1,266,683	83.74%

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.

Trust God Sunday

November 1

Trust God Sunday is November 1 and this year is going to feel different! Our annual emphasis on this Sunday as an intentional challenge to evaluate your trust in God and respond with an outward expression of growing and extending that trust is the same. But this year, in addition to encouraging us to respond in the sensitive and crucial area of our financial giving, we will be given ways to proclaim a movement in trusting God in specific other avenues of obedience. And the actual offering on Trust God Sunday will be a whole new part of our corporate worship! Plan to be present throughout the month of October for more details and start now asking God where and how He is inviting you to trust Him more!

Wednesday, October 7

NEWLYWED / OLD-LYWED / WISDOM-SPREAD NIGHT

You're invited to a special night of laughter, fellowship, and family wisdom Wednesday, October 7 in Fellowship Hall following the family meal! Come laugh with six of our couples as they compete and then listen as the Lord shares through them how He is moving and what He has taught them.

Staff Appreciation

October is Staff Appreciation Month, and we are grateful for our staff. Recognition will be given in the morning services October 4 and we encourage you to show your appreciation throughout October.



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.