



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

EXPERIENCE FAITH

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

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WICHITA FALLS, TX

Palm Sunday Worship March 29

Sunday School at 9:45AM

One service at 11:00AM

Choir, Orchestra, Handbells,
Drama, Lord's Supper

Man of Sorrows; King of Victory

Easter Sunday April 5

Blended Worship at 8:30AM

Sunday School at 9:45AM

Contemporary Worship at 11:00AM

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From The Pastor

I am excited about our upcoming Palm and Easter Sundays. On Palm Sunday, after Sunday School at 9:45, we will all come together for one service at 11:00 a.m. Our music ministries will present "Man of Sorrows; King of Glory." I am so thankful for David Mace. His desire is to elevate the name and salvation story of Jesus in a manner that focusses on worship rather than a presentation or event is meaningful every year. I've told my wife each year that I felt I was in the very presence of God during our Easter services. I am also thankful for all the musicians God has blessed us with. We will take the Lord's Supper together Palm Sunday. For Easter, I was restless for several weeks as I thought through what Jesus wanted me to do for that service. The Lord affirmed that I was to invite someone very special to our service that morning to give their testimony of salvation and how the Lord had taken them from a man of sorrow to a son of the King of Glory. I strongly encourage you to bring family and friends Easter to hear this powerful story. We will have our normal schedule and services on Easter so that our visitors get an opportunity to experience our normal weekly worship. I CANNOT WAIT! We are going to **ENCOUNTER GOD** in a beautiful way those two Sundays.

I encourage our parents to make it a priority to attend the parenting classes Caleb Parrish and Mandy Ratliff will be conducting this summer. The family is one of God's greatest means of determining the future of our young people. A parent's dedication to prioritizing the spiritual life of their child in Christ predicts their spiritual journey as adults. With the role God has given parents, they cannot invest too much time learning from others about the needs of our young people and how to equip them so that they will abide in the Lord and serve Him through His church.

Larry Shields has undertaken the tedious task of finding an insurance company for our church after the company we have been using dropped coverage for Texas churches. He has spent hours going through documents, meetings, and coverages to find one that is best for us. It is not a task any of us would want to take on but is one of the highest expenditures our church has each year, and is critical for safeguarding our church buildings in case of an event. Let's show our gratitude to Larry, not only for that task, but for the excellent leadership he gives in every area pertaining to church finances and administration

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

Grace and love to you!
Pastor Craig

Beach Reach

Beach Reach for our College Ministry, in partnership with the BSM was a success! Over the course of a week of ministry, our group of 50 students and leaders were able to share the Gospel 556 times, and saw 31 people profess Jesus as Lord of their lives for the first time! The entirety of the team of 800 missionaries on South Padre Island saw a total of 206 professions of Faith, and were able to baptize 35 of these new believers! Praise God for a fruitful week of ministry and evangelism, and thank you for partnering with us both financially and in prayer!

Adult Spring Dinner

Friday, April 24
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Entertainment provided
by the McNeill Family

A musical program will be presented by the McNeill Family, who have been with us previously and were very well-received. Menu is chicken-fried steak, sides and dessert. Tickets are \$20 and available beginning Sunday, March 29. Open to adults of all ages.

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, April 13 at 10:30 a.m. at Countryside Senior Living, 1525 Archer City Highway. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly senior adult luncheon is Monday, April 6. It will be a salad luncheon so bring a salad or dessert. The program will be presented by Legacy High School's guitar ensemble under the direction of our own Dwight Ham. The luncheon begins at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall and everyone is welcome.

Senior Adult Leadership Team meeting is Tuesday, April 21 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 Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Come join us as we get fit!

Congratulations

MATTHEW & KAYLEE MORATH —

on the birth of their son Theodore James. Proud grandparents are Gary and Pam Morath and great-grandparents are Mike and Sharon Cowart.

CHARLIE & LOIS NAUMANN —

on the birth of their granddaughter Lucy Eleanor Gaskey.

DARYL & ALANA REEDER —

on the birth of their daughter, Eloise. Proud grandparents are Harley & Krystal Elmore.

Staff Anniversary

Congratulations to Jo Ann Larimore who completes 11 years as ministry assistant and receptionist. Take time to express your thanks to Jo Ann for her leadership and service among us.

Sympathy

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

FAMILY OF SANDY BOYD

BURLDEAN ERDMANN — husband, Robert

FAMILY OF JUDY BRADY

DELYNN MABRY — brother-in-law

Note This . . .

- If you are a high school or college graduate this year and would like to participate in our Graduate Day, May 3, please contact Jo Ann Larimore in the Church Office (940-692-4220) or email her at joannl@faithwf.com. Information must be turned in to her by Monday, April 27 in order to participate.
- The church is seeking a full-time custodian 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 for interested persons.
- Recently-elected deacon officers include Chairman Barry Plaxco, Vice-chairman Stephen Larimore, Secretary Robert Doley and Treasurer Mike Tayntor. Pray for these men as they lead.
- Singing Men of North Central Texas will sing at First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge but a love offering for the choir's mission trips is received. Our own Justin Green, David Harrington, David Mace, H.B. Nutt and Larry Shields are members of this choir.
- Our Faith family Wednesday fellowship suppers are in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$5/person (\$20 family maximum for immediate family members) and \$2 for college students. Tickets are available each Wednesday starting at 5:15, with serving beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- 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.

Children's Ministry

Our children's Bible drill team will travel to the state drill Saturday, April 11 in Allen. Members of the team are Caleb Bruce, Khloe Gates, and Hannah & Abigail Gunter and leaders Pam Morath, coordinator, and Dubby Speegle.

Faith Kids VBS will be June 8-13. This is for completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration opens April 1 online at faithwf.com/children.

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.

Walk For Life

Join the Saturday, May 9, 2026 "Life a Bubblin" Walk for Life/5K Bubble Fun Run to support The Center, Wichita Falls' pregnancy center.

Go to donate.thecenterwf.org to sign up for our Abide team (use team name: **Abide ministries Faith Baptist**). Don't delay since you must register by April 15 to get a t-shirt! Contact Rachel Lauer or Jessica Torres for more information.

Abide Women's Ministry

All ladies are invited to attend

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

GAME NIGHT — Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the FLiC

BOOK CLUB — Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m. at McAlister's Deli, 3900 Call Field Rd.

Anyone interested in joining a dinner group, please contact Delynn Mabry at 940-733-6830.

For information, contact Lauren Welch at 940-631-0579, stay connected to Abide by liking them on Facebook at "Faith Baptist Church – Abide Women's Ministry" or go to faithwf.com to see event dates and times.

Thank You

Acknowledgments have been received in the Church Office from:

BURLDEAN ERDMANN

BOB & MARIE FRENCH

Sunday Parking

We are asking that on Sunday mornings the parking lot between the building and Rhea Road be reserved for senior adults and others with physical limitations who have difficulty walking from more distant parking areas. Please help us with this on Sunday mornings.

Easter Sunday

Our Easter celebration will be on our regular morning schedule. The Resurrection services will include a testimony of God's transformative power to direct and dramatically change lives.

Join the Contemporary Easter Choir! No experience is required — just a heart to sing and worship. If you'd like to participate, please contact Adam Turnbo at adamt@faithwf.com.



We encourage you to go online at **Faith-**

Connect 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.

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of March 23, 2026

Budget Goal (12 weeks)	\$ 485,232	
Budget Receipts (12 weeks)	\$ 351,409	72.42%
Budget Expenditures (12 weeks)	\$ 304,425	62.74%

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.

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.

Pray For Israel and Ukraine

North American Missions Offering

March 29 through Sunday, April 5 is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions. Envelopes are available in the foyer on the missions table and also by the International Missions wall, or you can mark a standard offering envelope as being for this offering. Ask God what He would have you give.

May-Him Celebration for all senior adults

Tuesday, May 5



May-Him is the annual event where area senior adult choirs gather at Camp Chaparral to present worship music and sing together as a congregation. The event is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, and registration opens Monday, April 6 in Faith Singers rehearsal and in the Administration Office. Cost is \$14.00 per person, which includes lunch. The event is open to choir members and anyone else who would like to attend.

Youth Summer Events

FALLS CREEK YOUTH CAMP — JUNE 22-JUNE 27

Students 7-12 grades — Cost \$250 per person

Registration opens March 30 at faithwf.com/students.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP — IN BURNET COUNTY, TX — JULY 13-18

Students 7-12 grades — Cost TBA

Registration opens March 30 at faithwf.com/students.

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