



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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Join us on Palm Sunday as we worship our Lord through song and drama presented by our music ministry. No early worship service that day but we will have Sunday School at 9:45AM followed by one service at 11:00AM.

## From The Pastor

I am honored to be the sending church for our missionary families. They serve our Lord faithfully. I stay in touch and in tune with their lives and ministries and am convinced that we cannot grasp the level of sacrifice their families have made to follow God's calling. Their furloughs are extremely critical times to renew fellowship with their family, friends, and church, to be able to spend time building financial support, and to spiritually recharge and refresh themselves. The Chris Weaver family is here for several months and will be getting Aydin settled in the States as he transitions into his young adult years away from Papua New Guinea, his family, and missionary life there. The family will return and continue learning the exceptionally difficult language, living among the tribe, and ultimately teaching them to read, write, and to hear the gospel. The Klint Ostermann family is also here a few months and will be working to create an extension of Farming God's Way (called Sow Hope Farms) in the United States. The training will allow future missionaries who feel less calling to teaching and church work and more call to service and evangelism a chance to reach the unchurched in the world, of which approximately 70% live in a world of agriculture. After their training, these missionaries could be sent to Uganda to be trained in Klint's established ministry there.

I frequently convey to you how blessed our church is to have the staff that we have. There is a behind-the-scenes person who is an incredible servant of the Lord and this church... Sheryl Alexander. She loves the people, knows everything about everything in the church offices, and is the focus when my wife asks me ever so often: "What are you going to do if Sheryl retires?" I have marveled that the more work we give Sheryl the happier she is. She wants to help everyone. She knows the name of any member of the church that I cannot recall. And I go way back with Sheryl in ministry. Sheryl was working in the office here when I was the youth minister at Faith in the 80s and 90s, and now, some four decades later, she is my pastoral assistant. She is deeply loyal, giving, and goes above and beyond to protect, serve, and minister to me as I minister to others (try getting past her on my sermon prep day or to me if a salesperson)! I count Sheryl a dear friend, a special sister in Christ, and a fellow servant of our Lord! Happy 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of working at Faith Baptist this month!!

I love my eternal family at Faith Baptist! God's grace has blessed our church with harmony, diversity, truth, faith, and many who are living their lives faithfully for Christ.

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

Grace and love to you!  
Pastor Craig



Daylight Saving Time begins Saturday evening, March 7. Move your **clocks forward one hour** at bedtime to be on time Sunday morning, March 8.

## Adult Spring Dinner

Friday, April 24  
6:30 p.m.

### Fellowship Hall

A musical program will be presented by the McNiell Family, who have been with us previously and were very well-received. Menu is chick-fried steak, sides and dessert. Tickets are \$20 and available beginning Sunday, March 29.

# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions Week of Prayer is March 29 through April 5. Envelopes will be available in the Worship Center 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 during the month of April.

## 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, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. at Royal Estates, 3908 Kell West Blvd. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly senior adult luncheon is Monday, March 2. The menu is grilled hamburgers (burgers, chips and condiments for the burgers provided) so bring a side dish or dessert. The program will be presented by Louis and Kathy Simpson on collectibles and tips for an estate sale. The luncheon begins at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall and everyone is welcome.

**Senior Adult Leadership Team** meeting is Tuesday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m. in room 501.

**Senior Movie Monday** is March 16 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The movie is "Overcomers" (about 2 hours), and popcorn and drinks will be provided.

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:

**DIANA VARDEMAN & BRETT KEITH** – mother & grandmother

**PEGGY FULLER** – sister-in-law

**BETHANY BITER** – brother

**RAQUEL CROW** – nephew

**MICKEY LAVENDER** – brother

## Note This . . .

➤ Vote in the March 3 primary election from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting information will be available at a table in the Worship Center foyer Sunday.

➤ Our children's Bible Drill team will have their church drill Sunday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and the associational drill is Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m. in our Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome to attend as the team prepares for the state drill Saturday, April 11 in Allen.

➤ Forty-one of our youth will be challenged during our DNow event by DNow speaker Tyler McMurry and our own Contemporary Worship Team. Thank you to Sunday School classes who provided food, college leaders, and host homes for helping make this a successful weekend.

➤ Large print editions of the Sunday Sermon Notes are available at the tables on either side of the Worship Center.

➤ 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.

There will be no supper, children, youth or adult equip classes March 11 due to WFISD spring break. The orchestra and Worship Choir will meet at their regular times.

➤ 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.

## Abide Women's Ministry

All ladies are invited to attend

**BIBLE STUDY** —

Thursdays, at 6:15 p.m. in room 145

**BOOK CLUB** —

Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Frank & Joe's on Kemp Blvd

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.

## Pray For Israel and Ukraine

### March 18

Wednesday, March 18 there will be a break in our normal schedule of children, youth and adult Equip classes. Instead, after supper, we will have a special missions update in Fellowship Hall from our recent Papua New Guinea mission team. Normal classes will resume the following week. We are looking forward to hearing from them and really encourage you to plan now to attend!

## Save the Dates

**FAITH KIDS VBS**

**June 8-12**

Completed Kindergarten — 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Registration will open April 1.

**PRETEEN CAMP**

**at Camp Copass**

**July 13-17**

Completed 4<sup>th</sup>—6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Registration will open March 15.

## Bake Off Report

Thank you to everyone who participated and the 250+ people who attended the Bake Off and Auction last Sunday. Proceeds totaled \$4,241, which was divided equally between Children's and Youth Ministries for summer events like summer camps and mission trips. Thank you to each person who purchased or helped in preparation for the Bake Off, including our volunteer Kitchen Crew for the nachos.

We are grateful to Mandy Ratliff, Todd Smith, Teresa and Kevin Austin, Justin Green, Eddie Waldrip, the custodians and so many others...how do we list them all!!

## Man of Sorrows

### Palm Sunday and Easter

We will remember our Lord Jesus' crucifixion on Palm Sunday, March 29 with Sunday School at 9:45 and service at 11:00 a.m. *Man of Sorrows* will be presented with the Lord's Supper.

Easter Sunday resurrection celebration will be in both services with our regular Sunday schedule. Don't miss these very special Sundays.

Join the Easter Contemporary 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.

## Beach Reach

Pray for our College Ministry as they leave for Beach Reach Friday, March 6, in partnership with the BSM. They are taking a team of 48 students and 10 leaders to South Padre Island to witness to college students who are there to party during their Spring Break. They will return Saturday, March 14.

# Financial Report

## Budget Receipts as of February 23, 2026

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| Budget Goal (8 weeks)         | \$ 323,488 |        |
| Budget Receipts (87 weeks)    | \$ 225,549 | 69.72% |
| Budget Expenditures (8 weeks) | \$ 233,031 | 72.04% |

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Foundation Sunday

The first Foundations class of 2026 will meet March 1 during Sunday School at 9:45 and then again this evening at 5:30 in room 524b in the Family Life Center. This class is required for all new members with an opportunity to meet staff and leadership. A delicious breakfast and dinner are served during the two sessions for those pre-registered.

## Tim Hawkins Saturday, March 7 7:00 p.m.

This event is SOLD OUT. If you have a General Admission ticket doors open at 6:15 p.m. If you have volunteered to help and have not received instructions, please contact Sheryl Alexander in the Church Office.

## Staff Anniversaries

Four staff observe anniversaries in March: 16 years (this time) for Larry Shields, Associate Pastor of Administration and Senior Adults, David Mace 4 years as Minister of Blended Worship, Adam Turnbo 3 years as Minister of Contemporary Worship and Evangelism and Ministry Assistant Sheryl Alexander completes 44 years. Take time to express your thanks to our staff for their leadership and service among us.

## Congratulations

**STEVEN & ALANA REEDER** –

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

**FRANK & ELIZABETH CHON** –

on the birth of their son, Jisoo

## Deacons' Meeting

**Sunday, March 8  
12:15 p.m.  
FLiC Room 501**