

From the Pastor

There are many extraordinary things happening at Faith. The staff is working with additional relationships, ministries, classes, and events that God is stirring. It is not difficult to minister in a detached or dying church. But God is active, alive, and always at work at Faith. And He is opening doors here that require faithful stewards and laborers. I want to give a shoutout to our staff, overseers, deacons and faithful members who are working hard to equip members to serve our Lord Jesus and to carry out His Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20. Many of you recognize that our staff work especially hard, and that they are on call for the Lord 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We have many visitors coming right now. Take time to introduce yourself to someone you don't recognize at services. It is okay to ask if they are a member or a visitor. People understand! The top leaders in the church cannot keep up with all the people we have coming. Read your bulletin weekly. If you have an area you would like to serve, go to that staff member and introduce yourself. Staff are continually monitoring their leaders while also trying to provide opportunities for new and younger Christians to learn how to serve. Our staff build excellent teams in their ministries. If one staff member cannot use you in their ministry feel free to keep pursuing until God opens a door. God will, but it might not be in the place, ministry, or timetable you expected.

I have been blessed to be on staff or the pastor at other times and in churches when God was stirring in this way. Just a word of caution! To those whom the Master entrusts much, He also expects much. We are most blessed to be a part of God's grace and open invitation to His Kingdom work. But He also will be working on us. God will be demanding greater trust and obedience. God will purify us further through exposing idols such as money, recreation, pleasures, and self. He will empty us further, requiring us to adjust and sacrifice. He will call us to accountability even as He gives us increasing authority. Also, be aware that the more God is at work in any given church, the enemy will seek even more to "kill, steal, and destroy." Perhaps you are praising God right now even as you are feeling the weight of this eternal battle between good and evil! I am! Stay alert! Be strong! Stand in Christ!

In our John sermon series I jumped this summer from Jesus' last words in the Upper Room in John 14, to His arrest and trials in John 18, and then to the conclusion of the gospel in John 21. From September through November, I am going back to 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. This section covers a believer's responsibilities to Christ, other believers, and the world, as well as the function of the Holy Spirit and the Lord's greatest prayer.

We have great days ahead! Press on to **Experience Faith! Encounter God...Experience God Together ...Empty Self!** I look forward to seeing you throughout September!

Grace and love to you!
Pastor

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 beginning September 20 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.

Reach Texas State Missions Offering

September 1 begins our month-long emphasis on our Reach Texas state missions offering. This annual offering is a way for us to participate in the Great Commission across Texas as more churches are started and more people are reached for Christ. 100% of funds contributed goes to missions and ministry with no administrative costs deducted. A prayer guide for our week of prayer will be in the Sunday, September 6 bulletin. Offering envelopes are at the missions desk in the Worship Center main foyer. Thank you for praying and giving.



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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**T-SHIRT
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 6**

**Must be
present to
receive a shirt;
distributed
after each
worship service**


**Faith
Baptist
Church**
EXPERIENCE **E3** FAITH



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, September 21 at 10:30 a.m. at The Gardens (Elison) at Lake Wellington, 5100 Kell W. Boulevard. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly senior adult luncheon is Monday, September 14. Menu is pizza (provided) so bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Program will be on our local heritage, including historic homes of Wichita Falls. The luncheon begins at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall and everyone is welcome.

Senior Adult Leadership Team meeting is Tuesday, September 15 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!

Ladies Bible Studies

Tuesdays (began August 25)

A New World is Coming — 10:00 Room 124

led by Sharon Roberts — No Cost.

Wednesdays (began August 26)

The Names of God — 10:00 Reception Hall

led by Paula Compton — Cost is \$20.

All ladies are invited to join either or both of these studies.

Staff Anniversary

Micah Lawrence celebrates two years as custodian. Take time to express your thanks to them for his leadership and service among us.

Note This . . .

- The church offices will be closed September 7 for Labor Day.
- Information from our Night of Worship will be available on the Worship page of our website, including a study and song set centered around several of the Names of God. Feel free to visit the page and explore it there! faithwf.com/worship.
- Many thanks to those who led in our Wednesday, August 19 Night of Worship.
- 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.

Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, September 13

12:30 p.m. - FLiC Room 501

We appreciate the faithful ministry of our deacons to our congregation members.

Wednesdays - A Place for YOU!

Our incredible midweek opportunities to **Experience God Together** are in full swing but it is never too late for you to find your spot if you haven't already!

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Our Faith family fellowship suppers are each Wednesday 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.

6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Students 7-12 grade meet in Fellowship Hall, Faith Kids grades 1-6 meet upstairs in the FLiC and Mini Kids Grow and Play and Mission Friends for 4's and 5's meet in the Preschool Wing.

For the next two semesters, we are focusing our **Experience God Together** opportunities around topics related to the HOME and FAMILY along with a class in Biblical theology/literacy, since God's Word is the foundation of a godly home and the source of all the other studies!

Fall Equip Studies

	Reception Hall	Room 122	Room 123	Room 124
Aug 26	Essential	Together	Navigating	Us in Mind
Sept 2	Theology	*	Your Finances	*
Sept 9	*	*	*	*
Sept 16	*	*	*	*
Sept 23	*	*	*	*
Sept 30	*	*	*	*
Oct 7	Newly Wed / Oldy Wed / Wisdom Spread Special Event for Everyone			
Oct 14	Operation Christmas Child Packing Party			
Oct 21	Essential	Godly Men	Women	Doing Life
Oct 28	Theology	*	Helping	with Your
Nov 4	(Cont-'d)	*	Women	Adult Kids
Nov 11	*	*	*	*
Nov 18	*	*	*	*
Nov 25	OFF - No Activities Pre-Thanksgiving Holiday			
Dec 2	*	*	*	*

Details on each class and who is leading are available Sundays at **E³ Central** in the Worship Center foyer. Come find your spot and share your experience with one another this fall!

6:15 p.m. - Blended instrumental team rehearsal - Worship Center

7:30 p.m. - Contemporary worship team rehearsal - Worship Center

7:30 p.m. - Worship Choir rehearsal - Choir Room, and Youth Hangout - FLiC



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

Our kickoff listening party will be September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. 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 will begin in October.

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.

Sympathy

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

KENT JACKSON - brother

LARRY SHIELDS - sister-in-law

PAM & MATTHEW MORATH - mother & grandmother

MARSHA PARIS - husband

Pray For Israel and Ukraine



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>.



Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of August 17, 2026

Budget Goal (33 weeks)	\$ 1,334,387	
Budget Receipts (33 weeks)	\$ 1,012,119	75.85%
Budget Expenditures (33 weeks)	\$ 1,100,304	82.46%

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.

Faith Baptist Church Women's Ministry Presents

Abide in Discernment

Fall Women's Conference

September 19, 2026 8:30AM-1:15PM



Doors open at 7:45AM

Conference Speaker Candy Gibbs is the Executive Director of Hope Choice Pregnancy Centers and Mentoring Programs in Amarillo, Texas. With a background in psychology and more than 20 years of speaking experience, she is a nationally-recognized pro-life advocate, author, and podcast host. Under her leadership, Hope Choice serves more than 1,000 clients each month, while its mentoring programs impact over 20,000 students during the school year. Candy and her husband, Brian, live in Bushland, Texas, and are blessed with three grown children and four grandchildren.

Registration is open at fathithwf.com or you can scan the QR code. Cost is \$15.

Sign up by September 5 in order to receive a free t-shirt.



For additional information, contact Lauren Welch at 940-631-0579, go to Facebook at "Faith Baptist Church - Abide Women's Ministry" or go to faithwf.com to see all event dates and times.

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

BOOK CLUB - Sunday, September 20 at 4:00 p.m. at Freddy's on Call Field Rd

DINNER GROUPS - Contact Delynn Mabry at 940-733-6830