



Encounter God

MATTHEW 18:20

Experience God Together

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Empty Self

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

EXPERIENCE FAITH

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THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS

# STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

Take this opportunity to **sow a seed**  
into the lives of your staff members.  
*Honor God by honoring His servants!*

A bulletin insert will be available Sunday,  
October 5 listing all our current staff with  
their photos. Pray for them by name.

## From The Pastor

I know you will want to congratulate newlyweds Adam and Josie Turnbo! It has been a joy watching Adam grow from a kid to a young man called into and beginning his full-time ministry with us to this latest role as husband. Blessings as they begin this new journey.

With the death of Charlie Kirk and our culture's opportunity to consider the contrast between good and evil, holiness and wickedness, and other topics regarding eternity, I want to encourage you to be sure and invite people to join you in worship services here at Faith. My sermons in John's gospel touch on truth vs. lies, life vs. death, belief vs. rejection, and heaven and hell almost every week. It is an exciting time to bring someone, praying their hearts will be ready to receive Christ and His Word.

I have become aware of how God has been leading me to prepare our staff, leadership, and church for the future. God has assembled a staff of all ages at Faith that are in great relational and spiritual harmony with one another. A couple who has served in churches all over the world through the military just shared with me that the age group of forties and fifties are small everywhere they have ever been in churches throughout the world. They and I wondered, "Why?" Faith also has a smaller number of those families (though the ones we have are awesome). However, we have a large number of college students and a growing number of twenty and thirty-year-olds. I have begun praying for, seeking, and planning to equip and empower the future leaders of Faith Baptist led by the ministers God has put together at Faith Baptist. In doing so, I praise the Lord for the ministers He has already assembled here. I believe that Caleb, Trent, Adam, and Justin have an exceptionally bright future and could easily serve the Lord together through the next several decades here at Faith. I believe the wisdom, spirituality, and experience of Mandy and Brett will be critical as part of God's future plans as well. We will keep Larry on the team as long as God allows, knowing he loves the Lord, the church, and ministry so much he has no desire or plans for retirement! As for David and me, we are no 'spring chickens.' We may have been in ministry longer than our younger staff have been alive, but we're not through yet!

Will you be praying for wisdom and discernment about God's plans for our church for the next 10, 20, and 50 years, assuming the Lord does not rapture us first? I came to Faith at age 17 and have been on staff a combined 27 years. Our congregation has an exceptionally strong generation of older leaders who have faithfully led this church as deacons, overseers, teachers, servants, and even staff. When we look at the twenty through fifty-year-olds, who are the next leaders at Faith in all those roles and opportunities?

Isn't God good? Don't you love this family of believers? I love the excellent group of new members who joined us after the Foundations class last month just as I love those I have known for 50 years.

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 Craig

## Missionaries to Kenya

The Jeff and Lainey Johnson family is back in the States on furlough from their missionary work in Kenya. They will share with us about their work in Kenya Wednesday evening, October 1 at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall. You don't want to miss it.

## 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 13 at 10:30 a.m. at Swan Health, 1101 Grace. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly senior adult luncheon is Monday, October 6. The menu is pizza (provided) so bring a salad or dessert. The program will be "Avoiding Scams" aimed at senior adults. The luncheon begins at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall and everyone is welcome.

Senior adult trip to Jesus Gospel Park Tuesday, October 14 will leave at 10:00 a.m. and return after a Dutch-treat lunch at Bill's Catfish in Waurika. Sign up began September 28.

**Senior Adult Leadership Team** meeting is Tuesday, October 21 at 10:30 a.m. in room 501.

Our **Temple Builders** exercise group meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in room 122. 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:

**LAINEY JOHNSON** — uncle

**SHARON OLDFIELD** — brother-in-law

**LAUREN MAHAN** — uncle

**BETTY GREEN** — brother

## Christmas Music

The blended worship ministry has begun work for the holiday season with Wednesday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We will have a choir and orchestra worship service, entitled *Glory in the Highest*, Sunday, December 14 in both services. It is not too late to join the choir or orchestra.

## Proposed Budget

The proposed 2026 church budget will be available for examination by members Sunday, October 12. Copies will be outside the Administration Office and at **E<sup>3</sup> CENTRAL** in the Worship Center foyer.

## Note This . . .

- The Lord's Supper will be observed Sunday, October 12.
- Our Safety/Security Team will meet Sunday, October 5 at 12:15 p.m. in room 145. All team members are encouraged to attend.
- Adam and Josie Turnbo are grateful for the church's love and support as they begin their marriage.
- Our 4th annual church-wide Chili and Cornbread Cook-off and Talent Show is Sunday, November 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the FLiC. Sign-ups begin Sunday, October 12. Be thinking about how you will be involved. We will need lots of chili and cornbread. We have lots of talent in our church. Mark your calendars for this evening of fellowship, food, and fun!
- Todd Smith has begun work as our Preschool/Children's intern, working with Preschool/Children's Director Mandy Ratliff to strengthen our ministry with children and their families. We welcome Todd.
- 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 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.
- 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.



Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Operation Christmas Child packing party will be Wednesday, October 15 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the FLiC. Collection bins are 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 soap, 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 over 380 boxes. Check out our Operation Christmas Child Amazon wish list by going to this link: <https://a.co/86YZ8Ga> or by scanning the QR code.



## OCC Collection Week

Faith Baptist Church is again the central drop off location for shoeboxes from area churches November 17-24. Many volunteers will be needed. Last year we collected 17,241 shoeboxes filling 1,119 cartons from 11 counties which filled 3 and part of a 4th semi-truck. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at the October 15 Packing Party. Contact Charlott Gill (940-631-0901) if you are interested in helping.

## Abide Women's Ministry

All ladies are welcome to:

**BIBLE STUDY** — Thursdays October 2, 9, 16 and 30 at 6:15 p.m. in room 145

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

**BOOK CLUB** — Sunday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. at Frank & Joes 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](http://faithwf.com) to see all event date and times.



We encourage you to go online at **FaithConnect** and update your membership record and personal information. Go to [faithwf.com](http://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.



## Online and Text Giving

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.

Giving through text message is also available! To contribute, 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.



# Financial Report

## Budget Receipts as of September 22, 2025

Budget Goal (38 weeks)	\$1,425,696	
Budget Receipts (38 weeks)	\$1,068,785	74.97%
Budget Expenditures (38 weeks)	\$1,163,828	81.63%

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**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.

## Thank You

The Singing Men of Texas – North Central choir Baltic Sea mission September 15-26 was a great success. David Harrington, David Mace, and Larry Shields thank you for your prayers and support.

Our thanks to Justin Green, Media/Tech Coordinator, who designed and secured our annual Faith t-shirt and to the team of volunteers that helped distribute them August 31.

## Congratulations

We say congratulations and best wishes to Minister of Contemporary Worship and Evangelism Adam Turnbo and Josie Wise upon their September wedding. May God bless their marriage abundantly.

**DAVID & JULIE PERCY –**

on the birth of their granddaughter

**RACHEL LAUER –**

on the birth of her granddaughter, Rebekka

**DANELLA WEISSMANN –**

on the birth of her great-great-great nephew

**PATRICK & MACIE BOSTON –**

on the birth of their son, Samson

**Trust God Sunday** is November 2. Each year we are encouraged to go beyond our usual giving and trust God even more in the area of our finances. If you are a tither, go beyond the tithe that day. If you are a regular giver, give beyond the usual, and if you do not give on a regular basis, consider beginning on November 2. We want to demonstrate how God can use all our gifts in advancing His kingdom's work, and you can have a part in that. Pray now about your contribution on November 2. Trust God Sunday. Let's have a great celebration of faith and trust!



## Pray For Israel and Ukraine

## Staff Appreciation

October is Staff Appreciation Month, and we are grateful for our staff. Recognition will be given in the morning services October 5 and we encourage you to show your appreciation throughout October.