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For more news and events check out our webpage at fbcwf.org/events.

Ways to continue your giving to **First Baptist Church**

1. Online at: fbcwf.org/giving

2. Generosity Boxes

3. Mail in

4. Drop off at Church Office

Please note:

Our Focus is printed in advance. For up to date information, check our social media and your Life Group connections.

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Downtown

West

Sheppard

1200 Ninth Street Wichita Falls, TX 76301 4317 Barnett Road Wichita Falls, TX 76310

| SYMPATHY

Craig Christian and family, in the loss of his mother, Alice Christian, on November 19.

Stephen Calvert and family, in the loss of his mother, Mary Calvert, on November 20.

Mira Elam and family, in the loss of her husband, Jerry Elam, on December 3.

Andrew Chavez and family, in the loss of Allie McClain. on December 7.

Vicki Moore and family, in the loss of her mother, Oleta Hodges on December 8.

Tommy Isbell and Lindsey Hodges and family. in the loss of mother and grandmother, Billie Isbell, on December 9.

Janet Revnolds and family in the loss of her mother, Eveleen Johnson, on December 14.

| SYMPATHY

Ward McMurry and family, in the loss of his father, Harvey McMurry, who passed away on December 14.

Steve Gifford and family, in the loss of his mother, Kay Gifford, on December 17.

DECISIONS

NEW MEMBERS

Linda Webb Sheppard Ryan Reynolds 7th Grade Kaleb & Bailey Welvaert **DT Spring** DT Morris Rustv Skinner Nelson & Stacey Reynolds DT Halverson Nick & Kelly Hughes Downtown **Edith Martell** Downtown Anna Livsey Downtown SALVATIONS Elise Gray 2nd Grade **3rd Grade** Isaac Minniear **Emmaleena** Griffin 4th Grade Keegan Atwood 5th Grade **Richard Lombardo** DT Matthews Shawn Schroeder DT Lukert/Reneau Chris Kirk **DT Bindel** Yuliana Trujillo DT Bindel Yuri Kok DT Allen Sandra Kok-Israel DT Allen Joyce Kok Downtown Madisynn Gregory Downtown Leroy Sillemon Downtown Philip Aragon Downtown Mia Cooke Downtown Jillian Cope Downtown Josh Powell Downtown Alli Reily Downtown Dylan Trimble Downtown **Bobbi Whatley** Downtown Harris Osborne DT College Bible Study

DECISIONS

Financials as of November 30, 2024

	Annual Budget YTD	Tithes Received YTD	Under Budget
Tithe	\$5,569,351	\$5,071,958	\$-497,393

While spending continues to be within budget, our giving has not kept pace. We are seeing an increase in attendance and our ministries are reaching more people. Thank you for your support and please continue to pray for God's blessings.

Happy New Year Donut Extravaganza

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Join us on **Sunday, January 5** (Twos-Grade 5) in Life Group! A Donut to EAT, plus a Winter PRIZE to take home! Check out our website for your Campus times at: www.fbcwf.org.

Pajama Night at Awana

Awana Returns Wednesday, January 8 with Pajama Night! (Age 3 by September 1 of school year through Grade 5). Wear your PAJAMAS, slippers, and robes and enjoy a yummy SNACK as we welcome back Awana! www.FB.com/KidZoneWF







PASTOR BOB MCCARTNEY

2025







A MESSAGE FROM

A New Year and New Opportunities

In this issue you'll find the current schedules for the return of Family Night at First for all three of our campuses. This continues to be one of the strongest ways for our members to grow in both their faith and their understanding of God's word. I hope you will take advantage not only of the great opportunities for discipleship but also the weekly meal/ fellowship time.

I am excited to present the vision God has given me for our future in my message, Sunday, January 19. God continues to lead and open doors for our church to minister to people in this area, this nation and literally around the world.

Another great opportunity for discipleship and growth will take place this coming February 14-16 as our church once again hosts Oneighty Weekend. This annual event sees hundreds of our students involved in concentrated Bible study while also having a fun filled weekend. If you have a student in your home you don't want them to miss this great time.

I believe 2024 to have been one of the best years in the history of our church. As a church family, let us believe God has even greater things in store as we continue to serve others, share Jesus and follow God as He directs in 2025.

Bob McCartney Senior Pastor



Thank you!

The entire staff of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls wants to say a grateful "thank you" to our church members for your gracious donations to provide for Staff Christmas Gifts in December. Your generosity to your staff is greatly appreciated. We love you and love serving alongside you in the service of Christ.

Baptism

Our next Baptism is scheduled for **Sunday, January <u>26</u>**. If you would like to be baptized that day or would like more information on baptism, please visit our website at fbcwf.org/baptism.

Lunch with the Pastor

Lunch with the Pastor is for new and prospective members to learn more about the ministries of First Baptist Church! Our next one is scheduled for **Sunday**, February 9 at 12:15pm in the Downtown Campus Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required. Sign up on our website at www.fbcwf.org/LWP, at Events Centers, call 940-723-2764 ext. 2050 or email abills@fbcwf.org.

Student Life KIDS CAMP

Student Life Kids Camp June 3 - June 6 for current 3-5 Graders! Mt. Lebanon Camp, Cedar Hill, TX. Cost is \$400/\$150 non-refundable deposit due by Sunday, January 19! More info. at: fbc.org/childrens-camp.

Family Night – Winter/Spring 2025 January 8 – April 16

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5:00 – 6:30 | Fellowship Hall

ADULT ACTIVITIES

6:30 | Doing Life With Your Adult Children | Room 356 6:30 | FirstMen | Life Under the Sun | Room 357 6:30 | The I Am Statements of Jesus | Room 359 6:30 | Revive – Exodus | East Sactuary 6:30 | Re/Engage (Married Couples) | Lory Hall 6:15 | Divorce Care | Room 350

Begins January 15

6:30 | Merge (engaged/seriously dating couples) | Room 150

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

5:30 | Student Orchestra | Worship Center 6:30 | Worship Choir | Worship Choir Room 6:30 | Worship Orchestra | Worship Center

West Campus Schedule

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL 5:15 | West Lobby

ADULT ACTIVITIES

January 8 – January 22 6:15 | Home 101 | Worship Center

January 29 – April 9 6:15 | Ephesians | Worship Center

ONEIGHTY ACTIVITIES 6:15 | Grades 6 – 12 | Student Room

CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

6:15 | Babies – Age 2 | Preschool Place 6:15 | AWANA | Ages 3 - Grade 5 | AWANA Rooms

Tuesdays

7:00 | The Gathering YA Worship | Post-College (20s & 30s) (Begins January 7) | The Chapel 8:00 | The Bridge | College (Begins January 21) | The Hill



ONEIGHTY ACTIVITIES

6:30 | Grades 6 – 8 | The Rock 7:00 | Grades 9 – 12 | The Hill

CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

6:30 | Babies – Age 2 | Preschool Place 6:30 AWANA Ages 3 – Kindergarten Preschool Place 6:30 | AWANA & Kids Praise Combined | Grades 1 – 5 | Kid Zone

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Sheppard Campus Schedule

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL 5:15 | Sheppard Hall

ADULT ACTIVITIES

January 8 – February 12 6:00 | UPSTREAM | Sheppard Hall

February 26 – April 9

6:00 | Book of James: Real Talk, Real Life, Real Faith | Sheppard Hall

ONEIGHTY ACTIVITIES 6:00 | Grades 6 - 12 | Worship Center

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