



VBS is right around the corner!!!

Director's Meeting
Sunday, March 8
 Immediately following the morning worship service!

Students

Hey Church Family!

January was an incredible month, and I wanted to take a moment to both look back and share what's coming up in February. On January 16-18, we had United Weekend alongside nine other churches from our area. Over 350 students and adults participated, and we were able to see two students make decisions to follow Christ—which made the entire weekend worth it. A huge thank you to our eight host homes, co-hosts, and leaders who opened their homes and gave their time to make the weekend so special.

On Wednesday nights, we've been walking through James 2, and God has continued to move. During this series, three students made decisions to follow Christ as well. It has been incredible to watch God work in the lives of our students, and I am excited to see where He continues to lead.

Looking ahead to February, on February 8 we will have our Soup-er Bowl Fundraiser for Missions immediately following morning worship. We hope you will attend and be a part of this opportunity to support our upcoming mission trips. It will be a great time of fellowship, and every dollar given helps send students on mission this summer.

Beginning Sunday nights on February 1, we will start a study on how to share the gospel called Faith Talks from Evangelism Explosion. We have spent a lot of time emphasizing the importance of sharing the gospel, and now we want to equip our students to do it well. I am excited to see how this study will help students grow deeper in their walk with Christ and also develop a greater desire and confidence to share the gospel with those who may not know Him.

Summer will be here before we know it, so I also want to share our Falls Creek dates of July 13-18. With our growing numbers, we have been able to secure an additional cabin, which is a huge blessing. Please begin praying now for this week and that God would provide the leaders and help we need to make this a great experience for our students.

On a personal note, Sara and I want to thank everyone who came to our baby shower and the many others who have been incredibly generous to us. We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving church family. We are excited to welcome our baby girl, Merrit, hopefully at the end of this month or early March. Thank you again for loving us so well.

Justin Smart
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Power Up is for 1st-5th graders, Wednesday nights 6:00-7:30

Connection hour starts at 9:00 am on Sundays. I would love to see you there!

Children's church is for Kindergarten through 2nd graders during service. Kids Church is for 3rd-5th graders during the service.



FirstEastChildren



GREEETERS, MEDICAL OR SAFETY TEAM

We are in need of additional volunteers for our Greeters, Medical and Safety Teams. The greeters & medical team serve on Sunday morning, while the Safety Team serves on Sundays and Wednesdays. These teams volunteer on a rotating basis. For more info call the numbers below:

MEDICAL: Call Brent Kephart, 580-512-7622

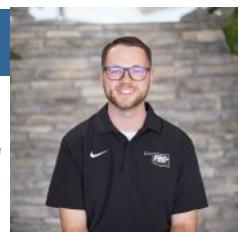
SAFETY: Call Michael Wright, 580-704-5005

GREETERS: Larry Keplinger, 580-351-8339



Sundays
8:20-9 a.m. & 10:10-10:25 a.m.

This service is available to anyone (under 12 must have a parent) and is by DONATION. It is not free and proceeds go toward various needs. Get here early so you can be in your area before 9 a.m.! The February donations, after expenses, will go to the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC)



Children & Families

What's happening?

We had a great January! The last Sunday of every month, our older kids will be staying in the worship service. The dates for VBS and Crosstimbers have been set! VBS will be June 1-5 and Crosstimbers will be June 19-22. We are so excited for these upcoming events!

Libbey Crowder
 Children's Director



First Baptist East Church

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OUR SERVICES

Sundays
 9:00 a.m.: Connection Hour
 10:30 a.m.: Worship
 5:00 p.m.: Discipleship (Beginning January 19)
 5:00 p.m.: Children's Choirs (Beginning January 19)

Wednesdays
 5 p.m.: Meal Service
 6 p.m.: Power Up/Power Up Friends
 6 p.m.: Wednesday Live! (new time!)
 6 p.m.: Adult Bible Study
 6:15 p.m.: Adult Choir

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

February 1, 2026



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February 8th
....right after the worship service!

- Super Food**
- Super Fellowship**
- Super Opportunity to Support Summer Mission Trips!**

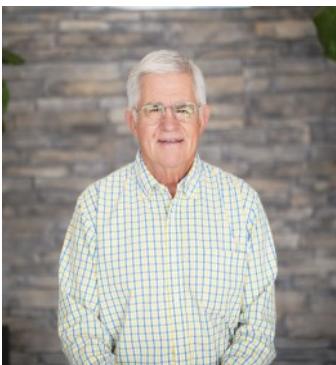
From the Pastor

Some of you have been asking about Legacy of Faith. If you remember, we started the program the first of April, so we have not had a whole year yet. But as of Dec 31, we have had \$128,460 given. That is what I thought we might raise totally, but you have bought in & we are doing so much better. Our long range goal is to buy some catastrophic insurance with an approximate \$5000 deductible that would cover tornados. Then put back the \$1 million for less costly claims. We hope the large deductible would lower the premiums a lot. We will have to wait one more year to see. All our claims will be wiped out in one more year. So thank you for your faithfulness. Right now we have over \$550,000 in our Building account. We also still have our emergency account. With one more year of the Legacy of Faith program, we can beat our million dollars. PRAISE THE LORD!

I just want to say I'm excited to have Steve McKee on as a staff member. He already is showing how valuable he is. God knows what he was doing in having us wait until Steve was ready. I think God has some great things ahead of FBE this year.

We still have a few places on our Ark trip if you want to go. Let me know quickly!

Our Coffee Corner mission will be the PRC. Every penny over our costs will be given to them.
Bro Doug



CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS BACK ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!

Children's Choir has returned on Sunday's from 5:00 to 6:15! There's a choir for every age 4 year olds through 5th Grade. We'll be preparing several songs to sing for our congregation. Join us!



Music

For Your Information

**YOUNG ADULT
BIBLE STUDY!!**
**Wednesdays, 6pm,
Portable 1**
**If you are college-aged thru
20's, you're invited to the Bi-
ble Study group with Richard
& Nikki Gulik on Wednesday
evenings at 6pm. They meet
in Portable #1.**



Giving Electronically Is Easy! ...sign up now to begin giving online!

Giving to our church has never been easier! Visit www.firstbaptiseast.com and click the REALM button, then click give online, then click Sign Up for Realm. If you have any problem, call the church office at 355-6190. Sign up today! If you prefer to use offering envelopes, you can put the offering in the black boxes located in the auditorium or in south foyer!



February Magazines

Pick up copies of our monthly Home Life magazine in the south foyer near the entry to the auditorium or the west entry.

Keep Our Preschool Safe, Secure

Just a reminder that if you do not have a preschooler to pick up or drop off, you are asked to not use the preschool hallway. Your cooperation with this is appreciated!

Discipleship / Missions

I want to begin by thanking each of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you here at First Baptist East. The support and encouragement that Shelly and I have received since answering God's call to full-time ministry has truly been overwhelming. I would also like to offer a special thank-you to my friend, Trey Smart; not only for his insight and advice, but especially for his encouragement as I began this position. It has truly meant the world to me.

We have recently launched our new Sunday night classes, with four options to choose from, and it's not too late to get involved in any of them.

I am also excited about the progress being made in the church-wide garden. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this possible.

Lastly, we will be holding our quarterly Connection Hour meeting on February 15th. I would like to encourage all Connection Hour teachers and department directors to attend. During this meeting, we will be discussing ways to reintroduce a more personal connection between individuals. Lunch will be provided, and the meeting will take place after the main service. I am excited to hear your ideas and input as well. Thank you again for allowing Shelly and me to serve you here at First Baptist East.



Connection Hour Leadership Meeting

When: Sun, Feb 15

Time: Immediately following morning worship

Where: Fellowship Hall

Come join the discussion, get updated rosters & Spring 2026 materials!



Men's Breakfast Feb 7th

8 a.m., The Bunker

Mark your calendar for this great opportunity for men to gather to fellowship, enjoy a great meal and inspiration. This is a work day, so please remember to bring your tools!

Monthly Recap

Average Attendance (January)

Connection Hour Average Attendance	349
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Monthly Giving (January)

\$ 150,579

Monthly Budget Requirements

\$ 109,892

Year to Date Budget Receipts

\$ 150,579

BFHG (January)

\$ 880

BFHG Year to date

\$ 880

Legacy of Faith

\$ 35,175

Legacy of Faith Year to Date

\$ 35,175

Additions (January)

By Baptism 1

By Letter 4

By Watchcare/Statement 3



**Adults: \$5 Children: \$3
Or \$25 per Household**

Reservations can be made week by week or permanently by texting: Holly Wells at 580-695-2595.

Serving from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

February 4: Beef/Chicken Tacos

February 11: Salisbury Steak

February 18: Baked Potatoes

February 25: Baked BBQ Chicken Breast

March 4: Chicken Fried Steak

Spiritual Enrichment Materials Available to You for Free!

Here's three opportunities for you to further your growth using your electronic devices!

Right Now Media

Go to the "Resource" tab on our church website and select Right Now Media. You can download the app for your devices. You will need to create an account.

Grace 101 (www.grace101.org)

Click on login and use firsteast as both the password and user name.

Sampson Resources

(www.sampsonresources.com)

Go to and click on "start streaming". Click on the resource you want to watch and enter the password: 36715SAP.