



**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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WICHITA FALLS, TX



**June 18-22**

**12:00 - 5:30 p.m. daily (lunch provided)**

**Completed Kindergarten through 5th grade**

**Register online at [faithwf.com](http://faithwf.com)**

**A full week featuring a musical presentation  
and awesome Bible activities!**

## *From The Pastor*

When I came to Faith Baptist as pastor I looked at the framed pictures of all the pastors who have led Faith Baptist. I wondered if I could lead the church as faithfully as many of those men had done. I was especially drawn to the picture of Sandy Sandlin, who was pastor at Faith 10 years, longer than any other man who served in that position. I had the privilege of serving as his youth minister during many of those years. He told the staff he thought God was doing something in my life regarding Faith Baptist several years before a search committee officially called me. I pondered if I would be at Faith 3 years? 5 years? 7 years? I began the journey toward my 10<sup>th</sup> year last month. My past 9 years have brought me back among church family who watched me play high school sports, celebrated my college graduation, watched Robin and me begin a courtship, get married and serve in youth ministry together, came alongside us as we dedicated our children and sent us off with love and blessings when we left to begin the journey from youth ministry into the pastorate. God has been faithful to allow us to stand in some fiery trials while also blessing us in ministry. I view Faith Baptist very highly! Our state convention views Faith highly. I was asked to serve on the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas beginning 2019. What an honor and privilege to represent you! The overseers of Faith Baptist carry out an incredible ministry of protecting doctrine, establishing philosophy, handling personnel/staff and leading the church. The deacons of Faith Baptist carry out a beautiful ministry of being the hands, feet and servant-leaders of Jesus in our church. I am often led and nourished when I spend time thanking God for all the stability, unity, faithfulness, dedication, support and love we receive from one another in this Christ-led body of believers. I am certainly grateful you have shown love through my fallibility, humanity and ongoing maturing in Christlikeness while also allowing me to lead, teach, counsel and love you through the mountains and valleys of life. The world is getting darker and more ominous with each passing year. But Christ shines all the more brightly in the darkness through His glorious saints, soldiers and children, especially those at Faith! Press on!

I have spoken with many Christians through the years who admitted they joined a church so they could slip in and out with no responsibilities or expectations, with a freedom to attend or not attend worship as they decide each week, unnoticed by others. That is so sad, unbiblical and displeasing to the Lord. But that is not Faith! Loving God, loving others and evidencing our faith and life in Christ through our works (James 2:18-26) is the heartbeat and spiritual DNA of Faith Baptist. We find our life, joy and imitation of Christ through our involvement, impact and ministry. We are a church doing a great job of sending missionaries all over the world. We are preparing and empowering called ministers. We are in the top percentage of churches our size for baptisms each year in our denomination. And we are doing ministries (such as "Victorious!") that larger churches can no longer man and carry out in a world pulling Christians away from church and service. Keep serving! Serve until you discover your spiritual gift/s (God-given supernatural ability), your impact and your ministry. We have several needs. We need workers for our FaithKidZ Week June 18-22. We could use audio/sound workers. We can always use more instrumentalists in both worship teams; we need greeters; we can use kitchen help (starting in August); we are praying about two Sunday School Directors for adult departments and the list includes many more opportunities that involve areas you would enjoy.

Building a church identity is an important step in fulfilling the mandate to reach and make disciples for Christ. For years when our staff and members have told people about Faith Baptist they have received a common question, "Where is the church located?" The response is always the same. "Oh, I didn't know that huge and recognizable building was Faith Baptist." Well, that is soon to change! We are investing in signage that we believe is decades overdue. The staff, overseers and Administration/Finance Counsel are extremely excited. People will know our church landmark soon! Another way to reach out, promote and invite others is through shirts that help us strike up conversations about the Lord and Faith Baptist. We have placed and distributed two large orders for very nice **F** dress and polo shirts of every imaginable color. I am encouraging our church members to purchase these polo and dress shirts with our **F** logo and church name on them. The shirts cost \$22 for long and short sleeve button downs and \$18 for polos. See Sheryl Alexander or come by the Church Office if you would like to place an order. After we receive money and orders we will place the next order.

Take a little time to relax and enjoy the summer. But don't take a vacation from gathering, worship and service to Christ Jesus our Lord! We'll see you most Sundays this summer!

Pastor Craig Life

## Senior Adults

Our senior adult monthly luncheon is Monday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will recognize our graduates. The menu is salads galore! Bring a salad or dessert and join us. All adults 50+ are welcome.

"Temple Builders," let's get fit! **55+ Exercise** is Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in room 501 of the FLiC. Dr. Soon-Mi Choi of Midwestern University, is leading this program. Don't miss this opportunity to get fit, to be helped by the professionals, and to cultivate friendships!

SALT Team (Senior Adult Leadership Team) will meet Thursday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

## Sympathy

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

**DEBBIE BELL** — mother, Doris Tipps  
**GWEN SMITH** — mother, Ellen Morris  
**CHESTER BUTTS** — niece  
**FRIENDS OF JOYCE BRUCE**



**Mondays — 10:15 a.m.**  
**Reception Hall**

Faith Singers sing Monday, June 11 at 10:30 at Brookdale Senior Living, 918 Midwestern Parkway. The bus will leave at 10:00 a.m.

## Thank You

Acknowledgments have been received (and posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office) from:

**NANCY HARMON**  
**DEBBIE WIMBERLEY**

## Congratulations

- James and Amanda Miller on the birth of their daughter, Clara.

- Matt and Lindsey Brooks on the birth of their son, Landry Thomas.

- Don and Gene Wood on the birth of their grandson, Jaxon.

*Happy Father's*  
*Day*  
**Sunday, June 17**

## Note This...

➤ The Lord's Supper will be observed in both morning services Sunday, June 10.

➤ Darrell Brown, our part-time Minister of Adult Discipleship, was recently asked to become the interim Director of Missions for our Wichita-Archer-Clay Baptist Association of churches. His schedule places him with us Sunday through Wednesday, and with his associational duties Thursday-Saturday. Pray for Darrell as he fills these two roles and serves our church and the association both.

➤ Parents, the ERLC Parenting Conference is in Grapevine Thursday through Saturday, October 11-13. The theme this year is "The Cross-Shaped Family." Take some time off work, find someone to watch your kids, and get away for the weekend with other parents for great teaching and fellowship. Cost includes conference fees and 2 nights in hotel) is \$450 for couple or \$350 for individual. Email joannl@faithwf.com by June 17 to register. More information can be obtained from Jo Ann Larimore or Beth Edfeldt, [bethe@faithwf.com](mailto:bethe@faithwf.com) and at [www.erc.com/upcoming-events/2018-erc-national-conference](http://www.erc.com/upcoming-events/2018-erc-national-conference).



Update your membership record (address, phone numbers, cell provider, etc.) online at **FaithConnect**. Go to [faithwf.com](http://faithwf.com) and on the "Resources" drop-down menu click on **FaithConnect**. here, you can access your family's personal information and update it as needed, upload a more recent photo, check your contribution status, give online and register for events as well as secure contact information on your class members.

As part of your first visit to **Faith-Connect**, you will receive an email with your username and temporary password. Then you are ready to check out your personal information at **FaithConnect**.

# Return the Blessing

## June 24



Faith Baptist has a tradition of providing food to Interfaith Outreach Services for those who have a great need. Last year we moved this tradition to June because many families request assistance in the summer when children are out of school (no free breakfast or lunch). Sunday, June 24 bring your non-perishable food items and place them on the platform steps in the Worship Center when instructed during the service. You can make an impact in three ways: ① Bringing food staples, ② Giving a cash donation for the church's benevolence fund (put Return the Blessing for the memo/explanation) and ③ Praying for those in need. This is truly an opportunity for each of us to Empty Self by returning the blessings we have received from God.



**Falls Creek Youth Camp**  
**June 25-30 — Cost \$190**  
7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Registration forms are available  
in the youth Sunday School room,  
Church Office and E<sup>3</sup> Central.

A \$50 deposit is required when camp forms are submitted  
Deadline to register is Sunday, June 17.



**Camp Chaparral**  
**July 22-25 — Cost \$170**  
4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Registration forms are available  
in the preteen Sunday School room,  
Church Office and E<sup>3</sup> Central.

*2018 Mission Trips —*  
*Begin Praying for these trips.*  
**North American**

**Denver, Colorado — July 7-15** (Youth trip)

**Roach, Missouri — August 5-11** — Partner with the Weaver family  
Team Contact is Craig Daniels; approximate cost \$150. ([cadbigd3@icloud.com](mailto:cadbigd3@icloud.com))

THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR THE MISSOURI MISSION TRIP JUNE 24 AT 12:15 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. THIS TRIP WILL FOCUS ON WORK AT THE ETHNOS 360 TRAINING CENTER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR HAVE SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE, THIS MEETING IS FOR YOU.

**International**

**Lilongwe, Malawi — July 21—August 4**

**Dnipro, Ukraine — September 20—October 1**



## Financial Report

### Budget Receipts as of May 24, 2018

Budget Goal (20 weeks)	\$ 597,096	
Budget Receipts (20 weeks)	\$ 437,123	73.21%
Budget Expenditures (20 weeks)	\$ 472,157	79.08%

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 Parkway, Wichita Falls, TX 76308 as the address. You can then choose a regular monthly, twice monthly, or weekly schedule.



**June 18-22**

**12:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

(completed Kindergarten-5th Grade)

It's time to plan for summer fun! Are you looking for positive outlets to keep your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews busy this summer? FaithKidZ is an excellent opportunity. FaithKidZ is a **FREE** full-week featuring a musical presentation with awesome daily games, Bible activities and more June 18-22 (Mon-Fri) from 12:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. (lunch included). Children who have completed kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend.

The special musical presentation "Here for the Gold" will be Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and show your support.

You must sign up online at [faithwf.com](http://faithwf.com).