

“THE VISION”



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FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings, Everyone,

We are now about to enter what we now call “The Holiday Season”, and I look forward to this time of year. For one, we are about to get out of the 90 – 100-degree days in SW Oklahoma, I hope. Secondly, we are entering into the time of year that we should be able to openly talk about God’s goodness and people will be more apt to listen to us because of the “Holiday Season.” I pray that each one of us will take full advantage of being able to share and invite people to come and experience the Goodness of God.

This month there are so many great things going on and I ask that you make attending as many of the events as you can. We have our Men’s Breakfast, Church Thanksgiving Banquet, W.I.T. Fellowship as well as our regular worship services and Bible Studies. There are also many things that you can help out with as a volunteer in the FBW Ministries. Be in prayer for opportunities God has for you to be a part of our church’s great work.

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement you have given to Martha and myself as we continue our journey through a very difficult season of our lives. This is an amazing church and we both consider it a great blessing and joy to serve such a wonderful group of people. Neither of us can imagine having to deal with everything without your love and support. Thank you all so much. God bless you, have a great month and I’ll see you in church.

Bro. Harold



BOXES MUST BE RETURNED BY NOV. 10



MEN'S BREAKFAST NOV 9 | 9AM



Monday, November 11

To our Veterans: Respect, honor, and gratitude for the sacrifices you have made to serve our country and protect our freedoms. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Banquet
NOV 17, 4:30 P.M.



NOVEMBER 3RD
FBW STUDENTS
Chili Cook-Off
-COST TO EAT IS BY DONATION

FBW Student Ministry



From November 3-15, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army to help stock their pantry for the holidays! Food can be dropped off at the table in the foyer or the church office. Our students will take the food to the pantry on November 16!

Requested Foods:

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| Canned Vegetables | Mashed Potatoes |
| Stove Top Stuffing | Dry Gravy Mix |
| Canned Yams | Canned Chicken |
| Mac & Cheese | Chef Boyardi |
| Rice (1 lb. bags) | Spaghetti |
| Raw Pinto Beans | Canned Soups |
| Sloppy Joe Mix | Spam |
| Ramen Noodles | Tuna |

FROM THE ASSOC. PASTOR

As I went out the door this morning, I could feel the cooler air. It feels good knowing that fall is coming. We start to think about fall events, such as Trunk or Treat and Thanksgiving. I want to thank in advance, those who volunteered to make our trunk or treat event a success. We appreciate your help so much. It is always a great time to reach out to our community to share the love of Jesus.

I also want to thank all of those who will be helping with our Thanksgiving dinner on November 17. It takes a lot of work as well. Thank you in advance to the hostess committee who always does a great job helping get things ready and making sure the drinks and dessert tables are prepared. Thanks also to everyone who helps in the kitchen. It takes a lot of work to make it all go well. Thanks from the bottom of my heart.

Of course, Christmas is also just around the corner. We will be calling on HELP soon to deck the halls. Also pray for the choir and others who are preparing our Christmas at West program. They always do a great job.

We are still in need of greeters and ushers. if you would like to help in this regards, please see me. Thanks to all of those who already volunteered their time to make this work. You are a blessing to all who enter our doors. I hope and pray that this fall season will bring Joy and Thanksgiving to your hearts.

Serving together,
Bro. Barry



Congratulations to Keith & Kaylee Sahr on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte.

Grandparents are John & Wendy Koracin and Candy Sahr.

Congratulations to James & Brooklynn Shea on the birth of their son, Atticus.

Grandparents are Brent & Candi Bennight, Great Grandmother Brenda Pruitt.

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FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF WORSHIP & MISSIONS

Church Family,

Fall is officially upon us! I write these words as the temperature high for today is in the 90's, but I digress. October was a great month at First West with many activities and Bible studies going on. Our Sports/Tailgating Generations during Fall Break week was a lot of fun! Thanks to Barry, Will, David and the kitchen crew for all the great food and to the FBW staff for such an exciting night of fellowship, and to everyone that attended! If you've never been to a Generations before or haven't been in a while I'd encourage you to not miss our next one in December.

Also, a huge thanks to all that helped out with Trunk-or-Treat! To all that decorated their cars and handed out candy, our volunteers in the kitchen preparing and serving food, the candy runners, the prayer warriors at the prayer station, and those at the evangelism table- to everyone that volunteered, "Thank You!" Trunk-or-Treat is a huge outreach tool for FBW to our community and a time when we can shine light in the darkness!

There are several things that I want to make you aware of taking place in November. The first is the deadline for Operation Christmas Child boxes to be returned to FBW is Nov. 10th. We still have boxes available to pick up by the north entrance and get filled to bring joy and the gospel message to children and families that so desperately need it. Second, is the Thanksgiving Banquet will be on Nov. 17th at 4:30 pm. We will have a short worship service to give thanks to God for His blessings. There are sign up sheets for attending as well as for side dishes and desserts.

"Christmas at West" is right around the corner on Dec. 15th! Our Adult and Children's Choirs as well as our band have been working hard in preparation for this evening of worship. There are still available spots on our drama and narration teams so if you are interested in participating in one of those areas please see me asap for more info.

Bro. Brent



More than just practical tips, GriefShare Surviving the Holidays is a community of people who know what it's like to walk through the holidays in grief. You will find connection and comfort in knowing you're not alone this season. This special ministry is led by Craig & Lorrie Shelton.



WOMEN IN TOUCH

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS...

friendsgiving dinner

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WHERE SOMEONE ELSE DOES THE COOKING, A TIME OF LAUGHTER, AND A REFLECTION OF OUR SWEET FRIENDSHIPS!

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT TIME
Nov. 21st	FBW's fellowship hall	6:00 pm

FROM THE ASSOC. PASTOR OF STUDENT & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Hello church family!

We will continue to meet on Sunday night for Bible Study and wrap up our "Experiencing God" study. In "Experiencing God," students are learning to carefully listen to God's voice and anchor themselves in His plan for their lives. Along with the study, students are being encouraged to do the 4 days of daily devotions throughout the week to expand on our lessons from that Sunday.

The FBW Students are hosting a Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on November 3rd after the 2nd service. Students will serve sample sized cups of chili from each chili station. Vote for your favorite and be served a full bowl of that chili for lunch! Cost to eat chili is by donation. Thank you church family for supporting our student ministry!

We are collecting food to restock the Salvation Army pantry for the holiday season. Food will be collected for 2 weeks starting on November 3rd. On November 16, students will meet at the church to load the food and go to the Salvation Army to stock the pantry.

We will have two Monday Night Fellowships at Jeremy's house, 12 Deer Run Trail, this month, November 4th and November 18th starting at 6:00 PM. This is a great time for students to bond over food and fun! Dinner is provided!

The last night for Wednesday Night Recharge will be November 20. We will start up again in January. This last one will be very special! It's Friendsgiving! All the makings of a thanksgiving meal with food, games, and devotion time about giving thanks to God!

Dates to Remember:

- November 3 – Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser
- November 16 - Salvation Army Service Day
- November 17 - Thanksgiving Banquet
- November 20 - Friendsgiving

Sincerely,
Bro. Keith Sahr



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FROM THE PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Greetings from FBW Children:

In Preschool and Children's Missions this month we are talking about showing kindness to those who serve God, just like the Shunammite woman showed kindness to the prophet Elisha. This month the children will learn about South America and the great need for its people to know they are Loved So Much! They will learn about the people and the environment the people live in. The goal is for the children to know God loves us so much, which is why we take the good news about Jesus to other people anywhere they live. Don and Maria Friesen in South American takes the love of God to the people along the Amazon River on a houseboat. The kids made/collected and mailed in 20 craft stick units to build a model houseboat for the cooperative program to represent the Friesen houseboat.

Preschool Music Makers are learning how it is good to give thanks to God in all we do through song. Kids Choir is polishing up the music for Christmas at West.

In Sunday School we will be learning about how to turn up God's voice in our lives. In this four-week series, kids will follow some key moments in the life of David, the famous musician, poet, and king, and they'll learn about some of the ways David trusted God during some difficult times in his life. Through each story, we'll learn God is with us when we feel weak, God helps us overcome big things, God comforts us when we're afraid, and God helps us live in harmony

Preschool Music Makers: Preschoolers (ages 3-5). Wednesday Night 6-7 PM (August 21st – November 20th)

Preschool: Grow in Missions!: (ages 3-5) Sundays 5-6 PM (September 8th – November 10th)

Kids: Go Missions!: (K-6th) Wednesday Nights 6-7 PM (August 21st – November 20th)

FBW Kids Choir: (K-6th) Sunday Nights 5-6 PM (September 8th – December 8th)

Preschool Needs: Toddler Sunday School Teacher, Preschool Sunday School Teachers, Substitute Teachers, 1st Worship Teacher

Kids Needs: Substitute Sunday School Teachers, 1st Service Teachers, 2nd Service Teachers

Please help teach the next generation about the Lord, God calls us all to serve. Call, text, email, or speak in person to Keith Sahr or Melissa Burke.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

God Bless!

Melissa Burke



The proposed 2025 Budget is available at the church. Question and answer sessions will be held **Wednesday, October 30 and November 6 at 5:00pm and Sunday, November 3** after each worship service, in the Sunday School Office. Church members only will vote on the budget by secret ballot on Sunday, November 10.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

October		Sunday School	
Average		Attendance	
Preschool	13	Oct 6	210
Children	20	Oct 13	170
Youth	27	Oct 20	203
Adults	137	Oct 27	207
Total	197		

Deacons/Yokefellows on Call

November 3 – November 9

Primary: Dwain Baxter 591-6071
Alternate: Ron Callen 704-8014

November 10 – November 16

Primary: Jim Green 483-9751
Alternate: David King 595-1026

November 17 – November 23

Primary: Quinton Murr 305-0784
Alternate: Ed Petersen 536-3510

November 24 – November 30

Primary: Craig Shelton 583-6693
Alternate: Larry Thompson 595-1799



**Daylight Saving ends
Nov. 3
Set your clocks back**



We have decided to separate the Preschool and Children's Director positions moving forward. We are seeking someone to fill the position of Children's Ministry Director. Contact the church office for an application.

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FIRST BAPTIST WEST WEEKLY SERVICES

SUNDAY

- 8:30 A.M.** EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
- 9:45 A.M.** SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 11:00 A.M.** WORSHIP SERVICE (Livestreamed)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Go to firstbaptistwest.com AND click on "WATCH ONLINE" or First Baptist West on Facebook. Archived services are available by clicking on "Videos" on the "WATCH ONLINE" page.



Spanish Services

Sundays, 11:00 a.m., Spanish Church Room
Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., Spanish Home Bible Study
(twice a month)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- WEDNESDAY 5:45 P.M.** PRESCHOOL
6:00-7:00 P.M. CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
YOUTH ACTIVITIES
PRAYER MEETING
ADULT BIBLE STUDIES
- 7:00-8:30 P.M.** CHOIR REHEARSAL

CHURCH STAFF

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| Pastor | Harold Gaches |
| Facilities Administrator | Barry Cornish |
| Executive Administrator | Randy Murphy |
| Worship Pastor | Brent Bennight |
| Spanish Pastor | Bruno Rojas |
| Student Pastor | Keith Sahr |
| Preschool/Children's Director | Melissa Burke |
| Financial Administrator | Rexane Geis |
| Admin. Asst./Receptionist | Kaylee Sahr |
| Custodian | Kevin Hill |
| Custodian | Jim Green |
| Organist | Sandy Sharkey |
| Pianist | |