



**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

**TRUST GOD**

**And Not Your  
Circumstances**

**TRUST GOD SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**



*Don't Forget To  
Fall Back*

**Time Change:  
November 1  
2:00 AM**

*Remember to set  
your clocks back  
one hour before  
bed on Saturday*



## From The Pastor

COVID infections are on the rise again in our area. It is important that we all be diligent and thoughtful of others when we gather together for worship, meals, events or studies. The Overseers are encouraging our members to wear masks when entering the buildings on Sundays and Wednesdays until you have finished mingling with others and found your seats. If you are not feeling well, we ask you to stay home that day. Show respect for those who would prefer not to have physical contact and are trying hard to socially distance. Our Worship Center has enough room to distance from each other, and if it is more crowded on the floor, remember that we have balcony seating available. Despite precautions, we will never be fully safe from this virus. People can be infected and show very mild or no symptoms. It just takes one encounter, one handled piece of currency, a single trip to a store, one touched surface and we can become infected. On the other hand, I have also had several people tell me they were in direct contact with someone who contracted COVID, even eating a meal with them, and they along with all the others together for that meal, tested negative. **GOD IS IN CONTROL!** As a church our stand is to allow individuals to make personal choices rather than dictate what everyone is to do. Please respect those who reach different conclusions on whether to attend worship or not attend. And most of all, please reflect to see if you are being personally consistent in your attitudes, convictions and decisions, determining whether these are submitted to God and His Word. Finally, the question has been presented to me several times, "What if someone on staff, in our department, or in our congregation tests positive? Will the church shut down?" We will do everything in our power to stay open. If a Sunday School department determines they have been compromised they can choose not to meet. We had a department do so recently. If a staff member contracts COVID we will notify all staff, allowing them to be tested and stay home, working from their house until everything clears. We will most likely have staff who continue to come in. We have and will have individuals in the congregation test positive and begin isolation. That will not impact our services the following week. Here are my three conclusions: ① COVID is very contagious. I will probably eventually catch it. ② COVID, though a miserable virus, has a lower percentage chance of killing me than the flu. ③ If I don't know I have it there is still a chance I have or will give it to someone else. That is out of my control. Stay safe! Stay relationally connected! Stay close to the Lord!

Christians, please vote November 3! Ask yourself if your heart is surrendered to the Lord, and then vote for the candidates who will honor and follow His commands most closely, remembering "Happy is the nation, whose God is their Lord!" (Psalm 33:12) I urge you not to vote based on whether a person's personality is likeable or not. I urge you not to vote because someone is an incumbent or a fresh start. I urge you not to vote a party because that party is always who you have voted. Vote for a politician based most closely on what Biblical truths you expect your pastor to choose and promote. Christianity is not a matter of religion in one arena and civil policies in another. Christ and His eternal commands should be the center of our homes, our churches and our politics! What is taught of the Lord in church from God's Word should be practiced personally, within our families and our government. A Christ-fearing, Bible-believing church should not tolerate the promotion and legislating of unbiblical policies and laws in areas such as marriage, God creating us male or female, homosexuality, the sanctity of life or abortion under the guise of "separation of church and state." Those who would legislate such sin, immorality and godlessness do not deserve our support. I will be finished with these warnings after the election. I will seek to pray for and support the leaders we elect. But even then, I will not defy the commands of my God to follow man's rules that directly mock, counter or reject God's eternal Word.

I love you and will look for you Sunday!

Pastor Craig

## Staff Anniversary

This month Doug Burton completes his seventh year as our Minister of Music. Give him thanks and show your appreciation for his service.

## Church Conference

Sunday, November 1 — 12:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Quarterly book of reports for the congregation will be available at E<sup>3</sup> CENTRAL in the Worship Center foyer Sunday, November 1. Church business meeting will be at 12:15 p.m. that day in the Fellowship Hall.

## Senior Adults

Our **Temple Builders** exercise group meets Tuesdays from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in room 501 of the FLiC.

Due to the rise in the COVID cases the November Senior Adult luncheon has been canceled,

## November Wednesdays

6:30—7:30 p.m.

One Shots Topics - room 124

4th - Tony Richardson – Survival Training

11th - Brett Storseth – One Shot Wrap-Up

18th - Gratitude Service — FLiC

25th - No Activities

## Police Appreciation

Sunday, November 15 we will have a representative from the police department in both services to receive gift cards and handwritten notes from Faith Baptist Church for each of the Wichita Falls police officers and all support staff. Please come and help us show our appreciation for all they do for Wichita Falls.

## Sympathy

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

**BARBARA KEY & KEVIN AUSTIN** – brother & uncle

**GOLDEN WILSON** – brother-in-law

**VENETA, CLAY GLASGOW & SARAH SENN** – husband, father & grandfather

**SHARON JOHNSON** – brother

**MELINDA KRAJCA** – aunt

**FAMILY OF VERNA CASON**

**LINDA SMITH** – mother

**VETERANS DAY**

Tuesday, November 11

We are deeply grateful to each person who has served in defense of our country. Thank you.

## Thank You

Acknowledgment has been received in the Church Office from:

**DON & SUE BLANKENSHIP**



Be sure to set  
your clocks  
BACK to  
God's time Saturday night,  
October 31.

## Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, November 1

Fellowship Hall following the  
Church Conference

## Notes . . .

- The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday (closed on Fridays) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The Church Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26-27 to celebrate Thanksgiving and there will be no Wednesday night activities that week due to the holiday.
- Events/ministries still not meeting as of November 1: Senior Adult Choir rehearsal and Senior Adult monthly luncheons.
- Our church website at faithwf.com has been redesigned. Check it out.
- Our Sunday School meets from 9:45-10:45 a.m. each Sunday. Online streaming of Pastor Craig's messages is at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday.
- Wednesday evening Faith family fellowship suppers are in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$5/person (\$20 family maximum for immediate family members). Tickets are available each Wednesday starting at 5:15, with serving beginning at 5:30 p.m.

## Minister of Music Retiring

It is with sadness, but with a great deal of assurance and anticipation that I make you aware...I plan to retire at the end of December 2020. This decision has been thoroughly deliberated and prayed about at home, and Linda and I are in complete agreement that retiring is what the Lord is leading us to do. This church means so much to us. When we came we knew that it was the Lord's leading for us to come here. God has taught me so much, in so many ways, that I am unable to put it all in words. We have made lifelong friends that we will never want to lose.

Our plans are for Linda to continue working where she is until her retirement, and for me to pursue some avenues of ministry on a part time basis here in the area...We carry no hard feelings; we just know that it is time...I was called and then ordained to be a minister of the gospel of Christ, and that calling remains. I also hope that God will open doors for me to "fill in" for churches and maybe even do some interim work. I will never shirk the responsibility of using the gifts that God has given me.

I am grateful that God has allowed me to be a part of Faith's journey, and I know God has great things for Faith Baptist Church in the years to come.

To God Be the Glory!  
Doug Burton

## Church-wide Gratitude Service

A time of thanksgiving  
and praise

Wednesday, November 18  
6:00 p.m. in the FLiC

rightnow MEDIA

Text "RIGHTNOW FAITHWF" to 41411  
or scan the QR code below  
the just follow the steps... yeah it's that  
simple!



Ministry Trees

## Empty Self

The Ministry Trees will be in the Worship Center Sunday, December 6 and will benefit Rainbow House, a non-profit that provides emergency resources to CPS caseworkers for at-risk children, and our partner Calvary Familia (formerly Via Church) in Denver, CO. You will be given opportunity during both worship services to select a **red** envelope that will provide a supply list for Rainbow House needs and instructions on what to do next or a **white** envelope which will allow you to give financially to support the outreach efforts of Calvary Familia at Christmas and throughout the year. Another option will be a **green** envelope which will contain the name and contact information of someone who would cherish a contact from you. We will have gifts from the church to send with the green envelopes again this year. The supplies and offerings will be returned Sunday, December 13. Please return supplies to the back of the Worship Center as a physical reminder of our church Emptying Self and place financial gifts in the offering boxes at the exit doors.

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Thank you to each person who provided gift items and/or helped pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. As a result, we will be sending 385+ shoeboxes around the world to witness to children and their families in dozens of countries. *It cost \$9 to ship a box and we collected \$766. If you would like to help with this cost, please come by the Church Office or place your donation in collection box Sunday (be sure and mark your envelope for Operation Christmas*



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Area-wide collection of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be in our Family Life Center November 16-23. To help or for more information, contact Charlotte Gill (631-0901).

# Financial Report

## Budget Receipts as of October 22, 2020

Budget Goal (42 weeks)	\$ 1,250,324	
Budget Receipts (42 weeks)	\$ 986,272	78.88%
Budget Expenditures (42 weeks)	\$ 998,071	79.82%

*Our Administrative Financial Council, Overseers and staff thank you for your faithfulness in giving over the past months. We have been able to continue payroll, utilities and other necessary expenses without financial strain. May God bless each of you.*

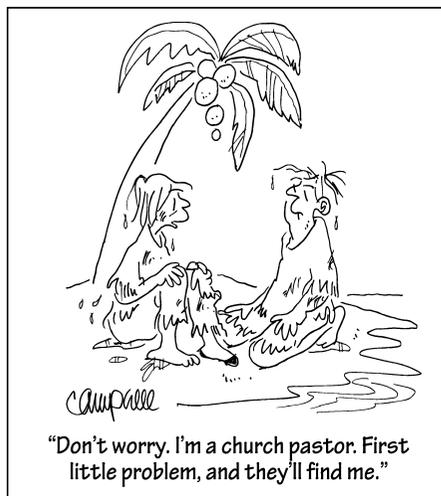
Giving through text message is available! Text **FBCtxt** and the **amount** you want to give to **73256**. When you make your first contribution you will need to set up your account information, which will be saved, so that future contributions will be quick and easy. This option is available for general 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.

## 2021 Proposed Budget

The proposed 2021 church budget will be presented for discussion Sunday, November 1 in a 12:15 p.m. Church Conference in Fellowship Hall, and then the vote will be without discussion in both morning services November 8. The proposed 2021 budget is \$1,554,149 (a \$6,128 or .396% increase over the current budget). To meet this budget requires \$29,887 per week in 2021.



### TRUST GOD And Not Your Circumstances



Our annual Trust God Sunday is November 1 when our Administrative/Financial Council encourages everyone to trust God with the blessings He has given and give 10% of your income to God, or to increase the amount or percentage you currently give. We ask God to bless the day with each one of us exercising a greater faith than ever before, as we celebrate the theme "Trust God and Not Your Circumstances."

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