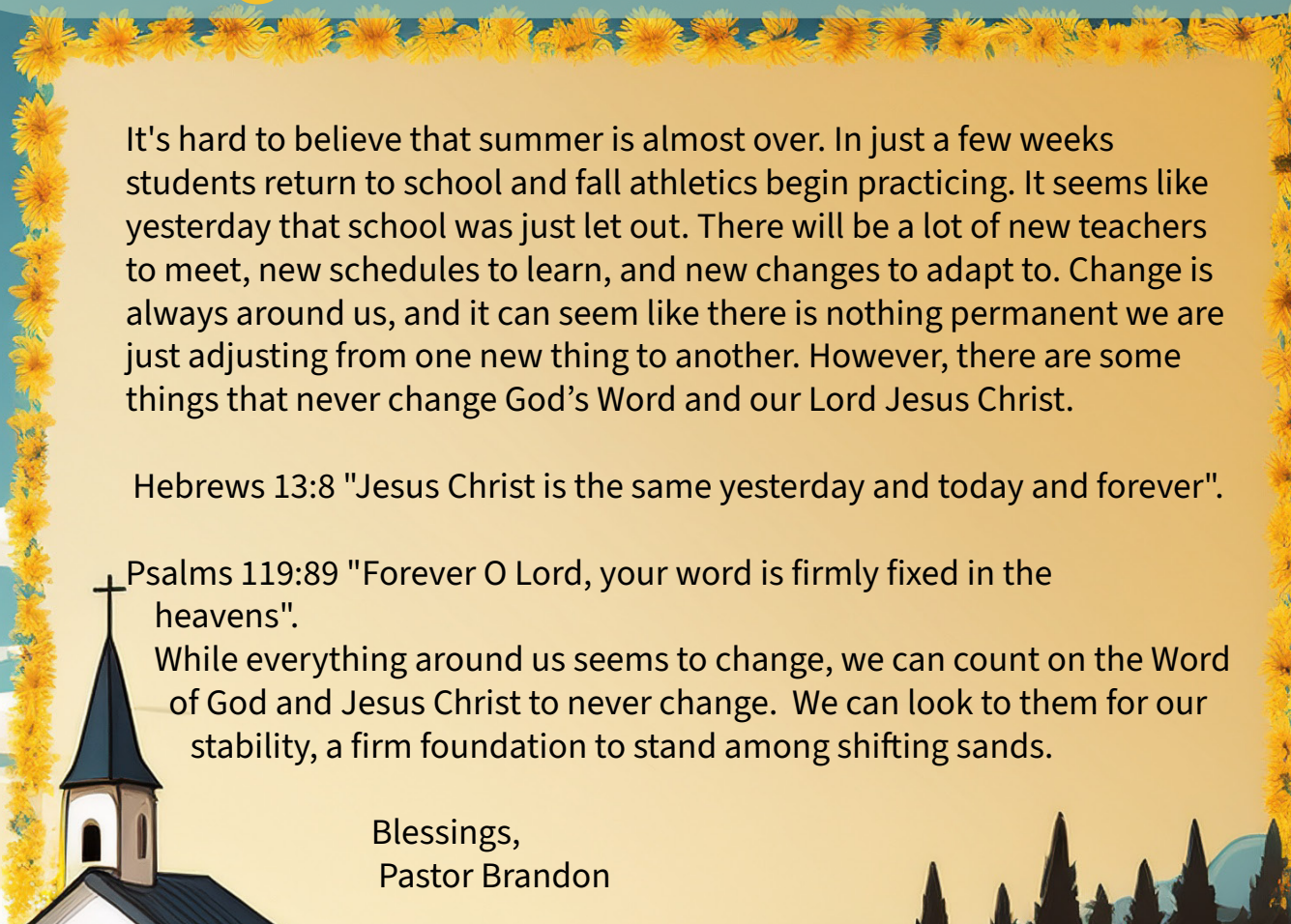




# AUGUST 2025

## First Southern Baptist Church Newsletter

### Message from Pastor Brandon



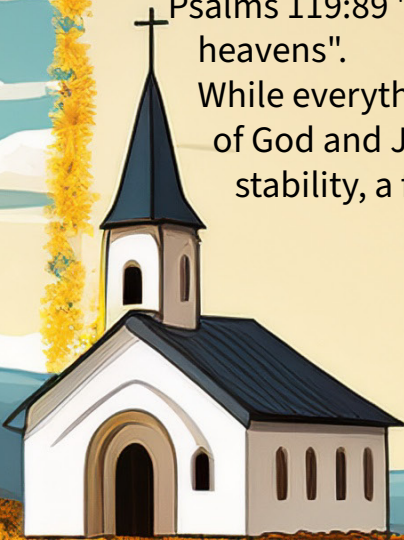
It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. In just a few weeks students return to school and fall athletics begin practicing. It seems like yesterday that school was just let out. There will be a lot of new teachers to meet, new schedules to learn, and new changes to adapt to. Change is always around us, and it can seem like there is nothing permanent we are just adjusting from one new thing to another. However, there are some things that never change God's Word and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever".

Psalms 119:89 "Forever O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens".

While everything around us seems to change, we can count on the Word of God and Jesus Christ to never change. We can look to them for our stability, a firm foundation to stand among shifting sands.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brandon





# SERVICES

**Sunday School (all ages)**  
**Morning Worship**  
**Evening Worship**  
**Children's Worship**  
**Youth Group**  
**Women's Bible Study**  
**Prayer Meeting**  
**Men's Bible Study**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>



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# ***Ministry Leadership***

Pastor Brandon Mills

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Tim Knabenshue

Tyler Collins

Wilma Collins

OCC

Kathy Butler

Children's Lead and VBS Coordinator

Allan Lasater

Worship Leader

Pianist:

Arlene Watters

Carla Mills

Kim Stricker





# August 2025

Interesting fact: there are no Federal holidays in the month of August

**Saturday, Aug 9** - Birthday Party celebrating enjoying Marlene for 80 years. The celebration will be held at FSBC during 1pm-3pm. Please join us.

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025** – ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR FAMILY NIGHT –  
Free Entertainment – 7:00 p.m.

The “River of Life Church Praise Band” will be performing in front of the Grandstand – event is sponsored by the Rocky Ford Ministerial Alliance.

# September 2025

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025** – WEDNESDAY WOMEN OF THE WORD (WWOW) Bible Study begins again! We will be studying “Jesus in Me – Experiencing The Holy Spirit As A Constant Companion” by Anne Graham Lotz –6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Church Fellowship Hall.

All women are invited to participate and enjoy the fun we have studying God’s Word each week. We would enjoy having you join us. Please contact Julie Worley at 719.468.9297 or at [julieworley49@gmail.com](mailto:julieworley49@gmail.com) for more information and to order study books.

**Sunday, Sept 7** - FSBC Fall Season Ice Cream Social

**Wednesday, September 13, 2025** – WOMEN’S MORNING OF INSPIRATION 5th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Valley Cowboy Church/26910 Colorado Hwy. 109/La Junta 9:00 am – 11:00 a.m. – Free – All ladies and girls are invited to attend and hear the mission focus about Sarah’s Home and Daniel Academy; and hear speaker Rebecaa Lavrenz, the J-6 Praying Grandmother, and her story of praying in the US Capitol on January 6, 2021. Hosted by the WWOW Bible Study Group at First Southern Baptist Church.

**Saturday Sept 20** - Doc Jones and CO Chuckwagon Supper and Music Show La Junta

**Sunday, Sept 28** - FSBC Chuck Wagon Supper







# CHURCH NOTES



Welcome to FSBC - new members:

Mark and Snowy Schroeder

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pearson

Baptisms -

Ken Pearson

Olivia

OCC -Medicine bottle collection has been met, Thank you. Still collecting money for OCC for other items.

Food Pantry - Collecting nonperishable food items. Only 118 days until Thanksgiving and 146 days until Christmas from Aug 1, 2025.


Pioneer Christian School - Accepting Applications for students.

How do I "live stream" the church service?

Go to the website "[twitch.com/fsbcfj](https://www.twitch.com/fsbcfj)".

You will need to create your personal account. You can do this with a computer or your smartphone. To use on the smartphone, download the App "Twitch" It is free. Although, there are some "In-App Purchase" options once inside the App. You don't have to purchase anything, once in the app. You will enter your email address and this will be used to send you a notice when it is time for the live service to begin. Once the service has ended, you can not go back to watch the service.

**2025 VBS PHOTO ALBUM-** To receive a link to over 500 photos from the 2025 VBS Week, send Shirley an email at [benzshirley@gmail.com](mailto:benzshirley@gmail.com) -with "VBS link" in subject line. I will send on email the link to a google photo album.





# Being a Light in the Classroom: Christian Teaching in Public Education

Public education presents both challenges and opportunities for Christian teaching. Teachers and administrators in secular schools often face limits on openly sharing their faith, creating tension between personal beliefs and professional boundaries. However, these same environments offer unique opportunities to demonstrate Christlike love, integrity, and compassion. By navigating these challenges with wisdom and grace, Christian educators can model godly principles that resonate with students and colleagues alike.

Christian teaching in public education emphasizes being a positive influence in a secular setting. Jesus calls His followers to be the light of the world, as stated in Matthew 5:14–16: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” This biblical charge reminds Christian teachers that their actions and attitudes can illuminate the love of Christ, even in settings where faith cannot be explicitly discussed.

The classroom is your mission field. Being a Christian teacher/administrator in a public school is more than a career—it is a ministry and a mission field. As a teacher or administrator, you have the unique opportunity to shape minds, touch hearts, and inspire lives through Christlike love and service. Every interaction with students and colleagues is an opportunity to reflect God’s light and make a lasting impact. By viewing your role as a calling, you can approach each day with purpose, knowing that your work has eternal significance.

As you reflect on your role as a Christian educator, we encourage you to continue exploring ways to shine Christ’s light in your school. Stay encouraged and persist in being a light in your classroom and in the school building, trusting God to guide you through every challenge.

(To read the complete article, go to Momentum Ministry Partners – website: [buildmomentum.org](http://buildmomentum.org))







**Tons of Kids cartoon shows, Bible Studies, Devotionals**  
**YOUTH/TEENS, Seniors, Something for everyone**  
**Subjects of Marriage , Parenting and more**

**1. What is this?**



It is called a QR CODE. Meaning it is a shortcut link to a website.

In this case it is a link to a website called Rightnow MEDIA.

**2. Where do I see this, QR Code, or where do I find it?**

It is on the inside of every church bulletin. And this one works too!

**3. Why do I want to go to this website called Rightnow Media?**

Think of it as a streaming resource, full of 24/7 access to 25,000 + biblical videos for spiritual growth across all ages and groups. All of the media offered on this site is Christian appropriate.

**4. How do I use this QR CODE?**

It is used with the camera on your smartphone. Simply open your camera app and hold it so that the QR CODE is in your phone screen. .

On your phone screen, you will see a bar line of words pop up on your screen, mine has a yellow bar. Yours may be different. Use your finger to touch the words in the bar line on your screen. The words will be "Rightnow media.org", again this is the name of the website this link is taking you too. Touching it will direct you to the website page.

**5. What do I do once I'm on the website?**

You will now be on the FSBC's main page and account. Once here, you need to create your own personal sub-account/profile. It is free to church members. The main account with Rightnow Media is with FSBC and they pay for the subscription to this streaming account. It's a free perk from FSBC. Once you create your account/profile, the next time you go to the website, you log in using the username and password that you created for your account.

**6. What if I don't have a smartphone? Can I still go to this website?**

Yes you can. By way of any computer, in the search bar, enter the website address and hit enter. The website address is: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/library/default> Then follow #5 for the set up.



# Kid's Korner

Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean? Because he knew there was something fishy about it.

Who was the smartest man in the Bible? Abraham. He knew a Lot.

Is baseball mentioned in the bible? Yes! In the "big inning." (beginning)

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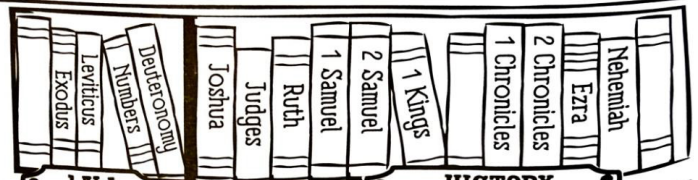
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### The Bible

Fill in the missing names of the books of the Bible.

#### Old Testament Books



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HISTORY



POETRY

MAJOR PROPHETS

MINOR PROPHETS

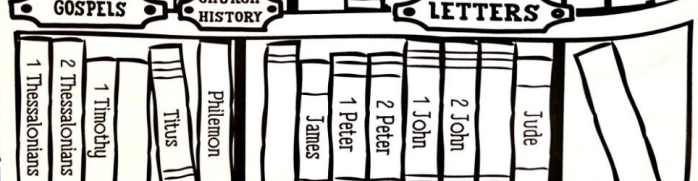
#### New Testament Books



GOSPELS

CHURCH HISTORY

LETTERS



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PROPHECY

### Creation

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Color the picture of the earth and draw a sun, the moon, and some stars.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

