

SEPTEMBER 2025

First Southern Baptist Church
Newsletter

Message from Pastor Brandon

Since 1894 in September, we celebrate Labor Day. A Federal Holiday that celebrates the American worker and their contributions to our nation's achievements.

However, at times maybe we can feel like our labor is taken for granted, not valued, or in vain. But in

1 Corinthians 15:58 it tells us that our work for Christ is never in vain. "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

So, let's keep going in our work for Jesus and when we do, we can hear the words of Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

Pastor Brandon

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday School (all ages)	Sunday	9:30 am
Morning Worship	Sunday	10:45 am
Evening Worship	Sunday	6:00 pm
Children's Worship	Sunday	6:00 pm
Youth Group	Sunday	6:00 pm
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday	6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study	Wednesday	7:00 pm



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Allan Lasater

Pianist:

Arlene Watters

Carla Mills

Kim Stricker

September 2025

SEPTEMBER 1 - LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 7 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT 6PM.

SEPTEMBER 13 - WOMEN'S MORNING OF INSPIRATION.

SEPTEMBER 27 - WALK FOR LIFE

SEPTEMBER 28 - CHUCK WAGON DINNER/POTLUCK AT PM. PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH AND ENJOY YUMMY BEAN SOUP COOKED ON THE CAMP FIRE PREPARED BY THE TYLER COLLINS FAMILY. WEATHER PERMITTING.

October 2025

OCTOBER 31 - TRUNK OR TREAT BY FSBC AND THE OTERO (OJC) BASEBALL TEAM "THE RATTLERS". WE APPRECIATE THEIR PARTNERSHIP IN THIS EVENT. THEY MAKE IT SO FUN FOR THE "TREATERS".

And this past month of August, we enjoyed celebrating 80 years having Marlene with us. Marlene has a deep love for elephants. We are looking forward to the next birthday, Marlene!



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The Women's Morning of Inspiration will be celebrating its fifth year of sharing God's Word each quarter, on Saturday, September 13, 2025. All women and girls are invited to be blessed from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Cowboy Church in La Junta.

Rebecca Lavrenz, otherwise known as the "J6 Praying Grandma" will be the featured speaker. Grandma Rebecca was arrested, charged and convicted in a six-day federal jury trial in Washington, D.C. for what she says was her obedience to God to carry His presence into the nation's Capitol on January 6, 2021. Rebecca was sentenced to six months house arrest; fined over \$100,000 - the largest federal misdemeanor fine in US history - and was banned from the Internet for being labeled by the DOJ as one of the loudest voices for the January 6th event.

Come hear Rebecca's story, learn about the mission focus of Sarah's Home and Daniel Academy, and enjoy uplifting worship music. Food, fellowship and the Word of God on Saturday morning, September 13th at the Valley Cowboy Church. Please join us.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S OF THE WORD

WEDNESDAY WOMEN OF THE WORD (WWOW) bible study will start again on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Anita ordered the study books, and we will pick those up that night; "catch up" on everyone's summer; and then return on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, to discuss the first lesson.

We will be studying "The God You Need To Know" - Experience The Holy Spirit's Power and Presence Today - by Margaret Feinberg. We were unable to get the Anne Graham Lotz study on the Holy Spirit - due to back order - so we selected this one. The cost of the books is somewhere between \$15.00 - \$20.00 - depending on postage.

NOTES

Children's Church - The Lord's prayer. Ms. Kathy says -Please memorize The Lord's Prayer and you will enjoy an ice cream and pizza party! Memorize before Sept 28th, 2025.

OCC - year round collection of medicine bottles. And collecting cash to purchase items.

Ark Valley Pregnancy Center Walk For Life - Ms. Wilma will be walking for donations for the AVPC. If it's in your heart to help, please contact her. And if you like to walk, see AVPC about becoming a walker to collect donations.

Baptism - Celebrating Jason on his Baptism in August.

Make sure to check the calendar, fun things coming up in September and October.

A Good Watch "The Committee" series about Park Grove Community Church that lost their pastor, and they are about to close the doors to the church. A committee evaluates all the reasons they lost the church and how to find their way back. It's on Great American Pure Flix.

You are welcome to contact Shirley Benz with any news or information to be included in the newsletter. 719-469-1870 or benzshirley@ymail.com

The Six Most-Needed Things in the Church

Conversion of the Members. The new birth consists of more than baptism. One has to be born of the Spirit and of the water. Those of us who have been baptized must have been led to believe in Jesus as the Son of God and the Lord of life. Conversion is in reality a matter of surrender of one's life and commitment to Jesus as the Lord of ourselves.

Regular Attendance. Yes, it takes more than attendance to be a Christian, but there is no way one can be a Christian and develop the Christ-like life without worship and Bible study.

Sanctification. There must be a clear-cut distinction between Christians and the world. The meshing of the church with the world is one of the great problems facing twentieth century Christianity.

Liberality. The Lord's people are learning more and more about sacrifice and generosity. For the first time in our history, churches are planning big things in the name of the Lord. Million dollar contributions are being given by single congregations. But, it is not the special contributions that will make the church benevolent, but weekly giving-as-prospered contributions that the church need to develop liberality.

Unity. Many congregations are marred by schism, faction, and disharmony. The church must believe the same thing and work for the same goals. Programs must be so challenging that they require the unity of all to succeed.

Informed Leadership. Leaders must be foremost committed to what the Bible says. Leaders also need to know how to lead and where to go. It is not so much "who's getting to run the church?" as it is in seeking to give preeminence to God.

Gus Nichols (1892-1975)
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Which nursery song would Jesus
have heard the most?
"Mary Had a Little Lamb."

What's the difference between
Jesus and pizza?
Jesus can't be topped.

How does Moses make his
coffee?
Hebrews it.

Noah Builds an Ark

"So make yourself an ark of cypress wood.
I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth."

Genesis 6:14, 17

How many of the following tools are there?



PLANKS

AXES

NAILS

HAMMERS

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Birds in the Bible

Circle the birds that appear in the Bible.
Cross out the ones that don't.

So God created every winged bird according
to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

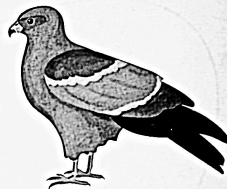
Genesis 1:21



Flamingo



Sparrow



Eagle



Dove



Swan



Rooster



Raven



Duck



Swallow

Clue: Genesis 8:8, Isaiah 40:31, 1 Kings 17:6, Matthew 26:34, Psalm 84:3

