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THE GOOD NEWS

First Baptist Church Fair Oaks Ranch Newsletter

A NEW YEAR ANCHORED IN CHRIST

As the New Year begins, many people turn their thoughts to fresh starts, resolutions, and hopes for what lies ahead. For Christians, the turning of the calendar is more than a chance for self-improvement—it is an invitation to renewed trust in the Lord who holds time itself in His hands.

Scripture reminds us that God’s mercies are “new every morning” (Lamentations 3:22–23). While the New Year offers a symbolic reset, our true renewal comes daily through Christ. We enter the year not relying on our own strength or carefully crafted plans, but on God’s faithfulness, which has already carried us through every season before.

The Christian outlook on the New Year is one of humble dependence and confident hope. Proverbs 16:9 tells us that “the heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.” We are free to set goals, dream, and plan—but always with open hands, asking God to direct our paths according to His will.

As we look ahead, the New Year becomes an opportunity to deepen our walk with Christ: to grow in prayer, to love others more intentionally, to serve faithfully, and to live as witnesses of the gospel. Whatever joys or challenges await, we move forward anchored in the unchanging truth that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

With that assurance, we step into the New Year not with fear or uncertainty, but with faith—trusting that the God who has been faithful in the past will be faithful in the days to come.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROWTH GROUPS & WEDNESDAY SUPPER

Growth Groups are Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. class meets in the church cafe, this group is led by Jan Johnson & Don Powers. The 6:30 p.m. class includes children's classes, youth, and an adult class. The adult class is led by Pastor Eric Hightower. Dinner is available for self serve starting at 5:30 p.m.

PERSEVERANCE SISTERS - NEW MINISTRY

Meeting at Jo Anne Dispanet's home for fellowship and lunch. Please contact Jo Anne at (210) 326-5523.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIFTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP:

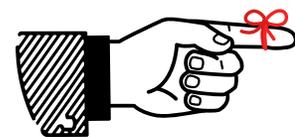
Whenever a month gifts us with an extra Friday, we'll gather together for a relaxed evening of community, conversation, and fun. It's the perfect chance to build friendships, enjoy a delightful dinner, and celebrate the joy of doing life together. Mark your calendars for every month with a FIFTH FRIDAY! **First Fifth Friday is January 30th! Sign up to host!** See Holly Kallemyn for more info.

SBTC EQUIP CONFERENCE

Some FBCFOR staff will be attending the SBTC Equip Conference on Saturday, January 31st at Park Hills Baptist Church in San Antonio. Ministries covered: Student, Children's, Security, Missions, Finance, Apologetics and MANY more! If you would like to attend along with staff, please see Jennifer Gentry or for more info.



**DON'T FORGET TO
CHECK
THE LOST & FOUND!**



CLICK HERE TO GIVE NOW

MINISTRY UPDATES

WOMENS MINISTRY

SECOND SUNDAY SISTERS - The ladies will now be meeting the second Sunday* of each month after service for lunch, a short Bible study and fellowship. Please see Kristy Hightower or Holly Kallemyn about this event. **Next: February 8th**



Singing praise to the Lord is more than a beautiful act of worship—it engages both our hearts and our whole being. Scripture repeatedly calls God’s people to sing, reminding us that praise aligns us with truth and lifts our focus from ourselves to the glory of God. Interestingly, sound itself is made of vibrations and frequencies, and when we sing, those vibrations resonate through our bodies. While science can describe how sound affects us physically and emotionally, Christians recognize something deeper at work: God designed us to respond to praise. When our voices join together in worship, our hearts are tuned toward Him, creating harmony not only with one another but with the Creator who spoke the world into existence.

DAY SCHOOL

At the end of 2025, our Day School Director, Miranda Velez, made the decision to step down from her role. We are grateful for her faithful leadership and the many ways she served our school, the students, and the families.

We are pleased to announce that Kaitlyn Nevill has been promoted from Assistant Director to Director. Stephanie Ochoa, previously being the Pre-K3 Lead teacher, is now the Assistant Director.

Both Kaitlyn and Stephanie are bringing continuity, dedication, and a shared heart for our children and families as they move the Day School forward together.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAIR OAKS RANCH DAY SCHOOL

WE NEED TEACHERS

Must love Jesus, love kids, and want to make a difference!

- Full Time and Part Time Positions available
- Flexible Schedule
- Competitive Salary
- Discounted Child Care
- Friendly atmosphere

APPLY NOW

SEND YOUR RESUME TO MIRANDA@FBCFAIROAKS.ORG or fill out our short online application to get started.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS @ 9:00 AM

Childcare is available beginning at 8:45 AM



Adult morning Bible
Study 9:00 a.m.

Worship service
10:00 a.m.

Ages 11 & up are welcome
for a time of
family-integrated study

Scripture Focus

Ps 97:9 For you, O Lord, are most high
over all the earth; you are exalted far
above all gods.



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