



First Baptist Carrizo Springs is 145 Years Old And Still Serving The Lord!

Anniversary weekend May 6-7

At one point in our church's early history, we were the Baptist church that was planted furthest west in the state of Texas. Of our seven charter members, six were women and one was a former slave. Rev RH Brown led the church to build the first church building (our chapel) and the members hauled the wood, burned the bricks and physically built the building. Rev Brown died before the chapel was complete.

Those are some historical nuggets that define the legacy of saints who have gone before us. Today, FBC is a **Love Grow Serve** congregation in Revival! People are still being saved! Christians are growing in their faith. Thank God for what He's done.

The theme for the anniversary is "Your House of Prayer." The schedule starts on Saturday at 3 pm with an open house in the chapel and church. A light supper will be served at 5 pm. A celebration service will be held at 6 pm in the chapel. We will particularly remember Dr Pickett and Ralph Wilson.

On Sunday morning, we will revisit the mime ministry as former members perform. **Dr Nathan Lorick**, Executive Director of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, will preach. Then, we will have a church-wide lunch after the service.



Vacation Bible School Online Registration Opens on May 15

Sign up early, spread the link around to families with kids

The VBS Theme this year is "Twists and Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game." Katie Edgerley is our VBS director and teachers are preparing this month. Our VBS is high energy and is our most important annual outreach ministry to families with children. Many Carrizo children do not know Bible stories and do not attend any church all year. So help us by inviting your friends to register.

"Make Your ways known to me Lord; teach me your paths." Psalms 25:4

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Thursday May 4 at 6 pm at Veterans Park
Bring chairs. Supper will be served.



This Month's Ushers Are:

May 07 - L. Ward, R. Chitty, P. Embers, J. Williamson, G. Ramirez, E. Garcia
May 14 - C. Fisher, H. Willmon, D. Boone, M. Thompson, G. Alvarado, J. Lumbreras
May 21 - P. Embers, M. Thompson, L. Ward, C. Bullard, R. Chitty, G. Ramirez
May 28 - J. Lumbreras, E. Garcia, C. Fisher, D. Boone, J. Williamson, H. Willmon

This Month's Greeters Are:

May 07 - George Alvarado & Crissy Boone
May 14 - Rosalinda Ortega & Hector Munoz
May 21 - Karen Ramirez & Barbara Garrett
May 28 - Adrienne Lumbreras & Robert Enriquez

Flowers To Be Provided by:

May 07 - Dorothy Tollett
May 14 - Gabe & Karen Ramirez
May 21 - Frank & Edwyna Rutledge
May 28 - Sarah Speer

Thanks to our **Servants This Month!** Call the Office 830-876-2160 to add your name to these lists!

Giving report:

Scripture directs Christ-followers to give **Money, but also Time, Affection, Service, Worship and Encouragement.** Our Lord gave First and Best. And so we give. Given in tithes and regular gifts in support of our local church ministry:

April: \$23,633.89

ACTS 1:8 For Missions

Extra giving in support of International missions, North American missions, state missions and local church mission trips

April: \$890.00



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 7 145th Anniversary Sunday Morning Church Wide Lunch Lords Supper 6 pm	1	2	3 PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE 7 pm	 6pm	5	6 145th Anniversary 3 - 6 pm
8 145th Anniversary Sunday Morning Church Wide Lunch Lords Supper 6 pm	9	10 PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE 7 pm	11	12	13	
14 Happy Mother's Day 5 pm Church Council	15 VBS Online Registration	16	17 PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE 7 pm	18 12pm Amazing Gray's	19	20
21 Senior Recognition Day 12 pm Finance Mtg	22	23	24 PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE 7 pm	25	26 Graduation 	27
28 12 pm Deacons Mtg 	29	30	31 PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE	<div> Deacon of the Week: 5-07- Carl Fisher 5-14- Rodney Chitty 5-21- Max Herrera 5-28- Gabe Ramirez </div>		

May 02 — Albert Ordenez
May 09 — Haley Gallegos
May 09 — Michelle Jones
May 11 — Francesca Balderas
May 11 — Jose Mata
May 11 — Marjorie Wilson
May 12 — Jorge Jasso

May 12 — Lilyana Medina
May 14 — Rochelle Orosco
May 20 — Manni Gorham
May 22 — Max Herrera
May 23 — Danny Edrington
May 25 — Mary Valdez
May 26 — Alyna Lopez

May 26 — Sara Smith
May 26 — Raul Vargas
May 28 — Bellamy Mata
May 30 — Eli Aguilar



Hello Church Family!,

Yet another month has passed by and we have seen God do amazing things. I'm happy to report that it is so evident that the lord is flourishing relationships in the youth group and we are feeling more and more like family.

Some things to look forward to this year include HOTT Days in Uvalde from June 25-29th and Alto Frio Youth Camp from July 10-14th. Both of these events can be registered for by texting "HOTT" or "Camp" to our **CHURCH NUMBER 830-468-5610** to receive the links to sign up for both of these events. Both are only for students grades 7-12th. They are both great experiences and really draw the students closer to God by uniting with other believers in worship and service to one another. Hope your student can join us!

GOD BLESS YOU

Be sure to join us every
Sunday evening at
5:30pm for our regular
youth group Bible study.

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Dear Church Family,

Our church celebrates it's 145th Anniversary this month!

The church began after a revival was held in the area. The first members were baptized in the creek. One of the former pastors rode in a posse. The lawman-turned-outlaw King Fisher attended a service here and afterward professed to believe in Christ. One of our charter members was a former slave.

The town of Carrizo Springs was founded in in the former Nueces Strip territory in 1865 by 15 families, led by Levi English. Post Civil War, post-Reconstruction Texas government was distant and weak. Cattle rustling and outlaw bands roamed Dimmit County. Indians were finally driven from the county by the Texas Rangers in 1877. The next year, 1878, First Baptist Church was founded with 7 charter members.

By 1884, Carrizo Springs had a newspaper, a grocery, a livery stable, a school house (where the church met) and a harness and boot shop. Barbed wire had been available for 4 years and cattle ranches were expanding from 10 acres to 1,000 acres. There were also 30,000 sheep in the county.

By 1888, Baptist pastor RH Brown, a Carrizo resident with a small ranch, had persuaded the congregation to build. Brick was manufactured by the members. Lumber was hauled from Encinal in wagons. Members sold cattle to raise money. In 1891, the church was completed. The effort of the building took pastor Brown's life. By 1898, there were 48 members.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Hebrews 12:1

The witnesses that surround us are the apostles of Christ, the first believers, the martyrs, the missionaries, the frontier preachers, our grandparents and loved ones. As your pastor, I often consider the pictures of our former pastors as the witnesses that surround me now.

Living for Jesus is something that millions of people have done through the ages, overcoming, persevering, relocating and pressing on. We are the latest in a long line of salvation that stretches back to the first century. Rugged people committed to keeping the faith, fighting off temptation and running a beautiful race.

Let's be mindful of the witnesses. Let's strip off the sins that weigh us down. And let's run a beautiful race. The finish line is the Heaven of God.

Thankful,

Bro Jonathan



The oldest Baptist church in Texas is the Old North Baptist Church in Nacogdoches, which is 185 years old.