

AUGUST 25, 2026

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LIFE TOGETHER AT SECOND BAPTIST



Wandering & Wondering

with Pastor Carrie

Turning Fifty

A new decade.
The same question.
One wild and precious life.

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THIS WEEK AT 2B (8/26-9/1)

WEDNESDAY

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- 10:00 AM Beginner's Bridge
- 2:00 PM Senior Adult Fellowship
- 4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:15 PM Dinner
- 6:00 PM Small Groups for all ages
- 6:30 PM Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Second Voices Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

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- 12:00 PM Deacon Executive Committee

SUNDAY

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- 9:30 AM Worship - Anniversary Sunday
- 10:45 AM Small Groups for All Ages
- 11:45 AM Anniversary Sunday Potluck
- 6:00 PM Al-Anon Family Group

TUESDAY

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- 6:30 AM Tues Morning Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Food Bank Distribution @ 2B
- 11:00 AM B&B Book Club Meeting
- 6:00 PM Learn to Play Mahjong

UPCOMING EVENTS



ST. BENEDICT'S CHAPEL DAY September 3

Read more about our partnership on page 2.



DEACON MEETING September 8

6pm in the worship center.



LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP September 9

This support group meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 10:30a in the conference room.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT September 11

Read more on page 3.

Wandering and Wondering

Turning Fifty

On August 24 I turned 50. It obviously has me thinking.

At 30, I thought mostly about what I had yet to do. At 40, I was grateful for a more peaceful place in life. Now, as I turn 50, I'm realizing the cliché is true: age really is just a number.

I've been wondering about what I once imagined life would look like by 50:

- I thought I would have seen more of the world.
- I thought I would have picked up more hobbies.
- I thought I would feel more "accomplished."

But I still have time to see the world, begin new hobbies, and keep rethinking what "accomplished" even means.

What matters more now are good, healthy, life-giving relationships; investing in friends and family; and leading a church in a way that points to Jesus and seeks God's kingdom.

I'm more attentive to my health — physical, mental, and emotional — in ways that are good for me, not driven by what the "influencers" say.

I'm less focused on proving myself and more focused on how I am being in the world.

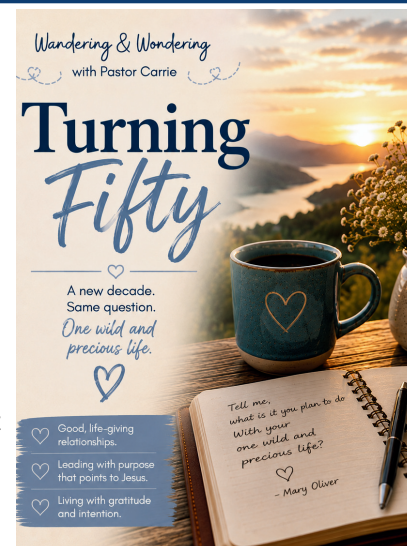
And I'm imagining this next decade with you, watching how God will work in, among, and through us.

Fifty years feels like both a long time and a blink. I don't want to waste the life I have, so I keep returning to Mary Oliver's question:

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do

With your one wild and precious life?"

I'm beginning to think about that. Maybe you will join me!



Al-Anon Family Group

We are excited that our Al-Anon Family Group is resuming, being facilitated by Jamie Weiss O'Brien — **Sunday 6pm in room 134.**

St. Benedict's Volunteering Opportunities

Second Baptist is a long-time partner with St. Benedict's Chapel- from serving meals to donating hygiene bags, there are several ways the church has been involved with this organization. On the first Thursday of every month, 5-6 volunteers assist with the to-go food process; if you're interested in volunteering to help with this, contact **Lynnette Wilson** at **806-239-3756**. There are several other ways to get involved with St. Benedict's, so be on the lookout in the Second Page for upcoming opportunities. St. Benedict's can always use leftover food, so please consider donating. To read more about St. Benedict's, go to <https://stbenedictslubbock.org/>.

Missed the Church Conference?

We know life is busy, it's not always possible or easy to get to the church and we never want you to feel like you don't know what is happening at Church. Click **here** to watch the church conference or go to <https://youtu.be/-FZdnRwxxwo>.

2B KIDS CORNER



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Need a night out? Drop the kids off and enjoy a few hours to yourself! Parents' Night Out is **Friday, September 11, from 6–9 PM** for children who are potty trained through 5th grade.

Come comfy—PJs are encouraged! We'll have pizza for dinner, games, crafts, and plenty of fun to keep everyone entertained while parents enjoy a well-deserved night out. We need a minimum of **8 kids** signed up in order for the event to make, so register today!

Cost: \$20 per child | \$50 family maximum

When: Friday, September 11 | 6–9 PM

<https://secondb.org/pno/>

KIDS BLOG: secondb.org/kids

ADULTS \$8.00
KIDS: FREE

TACO SALAD BAR

Wednesday, September 2 @ 5:15 pm

Build Your Own with Ground Beef, Black Beans, Spanish Rice, Guacamole, Sour Cream, Jalapenos, Hot Sauce, Tossed Salad, and Sopapilla Cheesecake for Dessert!

KIDS: Pizza (Pepperoni or Cheese) and Dessert!

RSVP NOW:
[SECOND.B.ORG/WEDNESDAY](https://secondb.org/wednesday)

2B YOUTH CORNER



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

We hope you were in worship on Sunday, August 16 and had the opportunity to meet Easton Smith, our part-time youth ministry director. If not, please make it a point to meet him!

Easton is a student at Lubbock Christian majoring in Bible. He has experience working in camp settings with youth and children, in addition to his own youth ministry at First Baptist Levelland. He is excited to be with us for this 2026-2027 school year, continuing the momentum that was created this summer by Carter Lyles.

At the August VLT meeting, we were supported to begin a search for a more permanent Associate Pastor of Youth. We have seen in just a few short months what Krystal has brought to the Children's Ministry and we feel confident that we can find the same for youth.

Over the next several weeks, we will be seeking the input of youth, youth parents and other leaders in the church as we begin this process. We will be creating a job description and posting it around the state and country. These searches can take time, and the hope is that this position will be filled by June 1, 2027. May we all be in prayer for the person who will join us.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:00a-5:00p

Following a process of trial, observation, and thoughtful conversation, the decision was made that the church offices will be closed on Fridays beginning in September. In the case of emergencies or urgent matters, please contact Tim or Carrie as needed anytime.

Why Go to Sunday School as an Adult?

On call weekend, March 30, 2025, I was introduced to each adult Sunday School class. At one point someone said, "Ok, on to the next one." I asked how many there were, and it took a moment to count them all. By September, we will have 10 adult classes — each as unique as the people in them.

Every so often I hear, "Sunday School is for kids, right?" I understand why. Many of us picture felt boards and juice boxes. But adult Sunday School is one of the places where real growth happens — around tables, in honest conversation, with people asking faithful questions together.

Sermons and Classes Do Different Things. When I preach, I have one voice and about 20 minutes. A class can linger with a passage, follow a question, and let people wrestle together in ways a sermon cannot.

Faith Grows in Community. Faith needs both support and stretching. A class places us beside people with different stories, doubts, and ways of reading Scripture — and often, that is exactly how faith grows.

People Are Known. Sunday mornings matter, but it is hard to know everyone from a stage. In a class, people notice when you are missing, remember what you are carrying, and pray for you by name.

We Keep Growing. It is easy to feel like we have "heard it all." A good class keeps stretching us with new material, fresh perspectives, and loving pushback.

Accountability Is Care. When someone has been gone a few weeks, a healthy class notices and reaches out, not to check up on them, but because they are missed.

This is not about obligation or attendance for its own sake. It is about giving your faith room to keep growing — and giving yourself a community that will notice, pray, question, and walk with you.

If you have been on the fence, try a class this Sunday. You do not need to have it all figured out. None of us do.

Below or at **<https://secondb.org/classes/>** you can read about our classes. I trust you will find the one that speaks to you!

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
CONNECTIONS CLASS Room: Conference Center Intergenerational - All life stages	An inviting, age-diverse class that explores the Bible through study resources, videos, and engaging group discussion. Connections welcomes questions and different points of view, creating a thoughtful and accepting space to learn and grow together. Whether you're new to Bible study or looking for deeper conversation, everyone is welcome.
COVENANT CLASS Room: 129 80+, Retirees	A caring community centered around traditional Bible study and meaningful fellowship. Covenant Class provides a welcoming place to grow in faith while encouraging, supporting, and caring for one another along the way.
HOPE CLASS Room: 123 All Women - Intergenerational, Empty Nesters, Retirees, Singles	A joyful and caring community of women from a variety of ages and life experiences who grow together through Bible study, service, and fellowship. Hope Class celebrates life's joys, supports one another through difficult days, and enjoys plenty of opportunities to connect and have fun. New members are always warmly welcomed.
MOSAIC CLASS Room: 201 Intergenerational - All life stages	Our lives, our experiences, our faith is as unique as each of us. Using the films of The Work of the People, Mosaic offers space for us to talk about how our lives and the world collide and how we listen and discern God's voice in the middle of it all. This is a class you can join at any time.
OPEN TABLE CLASS Room: 134 Discussion based, Lecture, Bible Study	An age-diverse, warm, and welcoming class where everyone has a place at the table. Each week features traditional Bible study paired with meaningful conversation and a caring community responsive to one another's needs. Open Table welcomes everyone and is an especially great place for those who are new to Second B. No reservations required—just come as you are!
PHASE 2 CLASS Room: 210 20s-30s - Young Adults, Parents with Children at Home, Singles, Couples	A welcoming community of young—and young at heart—adults navigating life, faith, families, careers, and relationships together. Phase 2 is a place to build meaningful friendships, support one another through life's highs and lows, and explore what it means to follow Jesus in everyday life. No one has to have it all figured out—we believe life and faith are better when we do them together.
PRODIGAL CLASS Room: 131 60s - 70s - Empty Nesters, Retirees	A caring and joyful community seeking to learn and grow together in their walk with Christ. Prodigal Class members put their faith into action by supporting charitable work locally and around the world, while offering genuine love and encouragement to one another. Along the way, there's always plenty of fellowship, fun, and laughter.
PYREXIA CLASS Room: 125 Intergenerational - All life stages	A welcoming, self-guided group of independent thinkers exploring God's love and grace together. Through thoughtful conversation and shared perspectives, the class seeks continued growth and a deeper understanding of how faith shapes the way we live.
SOULJOURNERS CLASS Room: 132 Intergenerational - Empty Nesters, Retirees, Anyone regardless of life stage.	A thoughtful and caring community that explores spirituality through books, conversation, and the study of a variety of religious traditions. Souljourners values open-minded learning, meaningful discussion, and listening to and caring for one another along the journey.
VISIONS CLASS Room: 133 Intergenerational - Retirees	A welcoming and inclusive community with a relaxed approach to learning and fellowship. Visions is especially comfortable for older singles and retirees, offering a place to connect, grow, and genuinely care for one another. Members support and minister to each other through all of life's seasons.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEPT 3	St. Benedict's Chapel Day - 4:30p
SEPT 7	Office Closed - Labor Day
SEPT 8	Deacon Meeting
SEPT 9	Low Vision Support Group
SEPT 11	Parents Night Out - 6p
SEPT 14	VLT Meeting - 6:30p
SEPT 16	Vitalant Blood Drive

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: DID YOU KNOW?

BIGGEST CHANGE FOR 2026 TAXES

You can deduct up to \$1,000 (single filers) or \$2,000 (married couples) in cash charitable donations even if you don't itemize. So even smaller donations can benefit you while making an impact at 2b or your non-profit of choice.

Talk to your financial advisor or Tracy in our office for details at **806-783-0202**.

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BY MAIL
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Lubbock, TX 79424



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NEED PRAYER?



Our deacon and prayer team is here for you. Submit a request, or pray for others.



SCAN ME

DID YOU MISS?



Looking for our important announcements, but you just can't find them? Check the website for our Did You Miss section to keep in the loop on events that might not be running in the Second Page, but should still be on your radar.

secondb.org/didyoumiss

GOT NEWS?

Have a 2B event, announcement, or update that needs to go in the newsletter, worship slides, or social media? Tell us by clicking the picture on the right or email frontdesk@secondb.org.



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