

# THE FIRST WORD for .... February 12, 2023



## First Baptist Church Eden

A Place of Grace to  
Believe, Belong, and Become

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**FBC Eden exists to bring glory to God by becoming a "3E community":  
Embracing God in worship, Encouraging one another in love to become  
fully-devoted disciples, and Engaging the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

**February 13:** 6:00 pm MOC Meeting

**February 14:** 10:00 am Community Ladies Gathering @ Church of Christ

**February 18:** 9:00 to noon Operation Christmas Child Cut-Out Day

**February 26:** 3:00 pm Nursing Home Ministry  
3:45 pm Deacons Meeting

**March 5:** 10:45 am John Hall with Aim4India Update

### 2023 #FAITH @ FBCE

What's your "one word" for 2023? What are you believing God for in the coming year?  
"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God  
must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Hebrews 11:6

### FOR THE RECORD ...

Small Groups.....	57
Worship .....	85
Online Views.....	93
Sunshine Girls.....	3
Wednesday Night.....	70

**FEBRUARY**  
Budget REQUIRED:  
**\$19,167.00**  
Budget GIVING:  
**\$10,555.00**



Sunday Worship is now livestreamed on Facebook.  
Previous services are also available to view.  
Facebook group: First Baptist Church, Eden, Texas.



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Welcome New Members:  
Wanda, Thom and Emma Sperry

### "Stepping Up for the Next Generation: A Remodel for those who will Follow Us"



Each of the **33** steps for the Upstairs Remodel will cost **\$939.99**. Will you prayerfully consider how many or what percentage of a step the Lord would have you give from now to March 15, 2023? (our estimated completion date)

Our goal of **\$30,999.99** is just over 50% more than our monthly budget; therefore if we all gave 1 1/2 times our monthly tithe (e.g., if your tithe is **\$500** per month that would equal about **\$750** over the next few weeks we can meet or even surpass our goal.

All we ever ask of our members and regular attenders is "Talk to God then do what He says!"  
Praying for us all to stay in step with Holy Spirit.

**RECEIVED: \$24,454.90**  
**Remaining: \$6,545.09**

### Becoming a Member of FBCE

Any person may present herself/himself as a candidate for membership in FBCE. All such candidates shall be presented for membership to FBCE at any regular church service during the time of response in any of the following ways:

- By profession of faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ followed by baptism by immersion according to the policies and practices of FBCE;
- By reaffirmation of faith and the promise of a letter of recommendation from another church of like faith and practice;
- By statement of faith in Jesus Christ and prior baptism by immersion as a symbol of faith, upon recommendation by the Pastor after consultation.

**New members are strongly encouraged to attend  
FBCE Life 101 when it is offered.**