

# THE FIRST WORD for .... March 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.**

**March 13-17:** Office Closed for Spring Break

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

**March 21:** 10:15 am Sunshine Girls

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

### 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.....	56
Worship .....	80
Wednesday Night.....	51

**MARCH**  
Budget REQUIRED:  
**\$19,167.00**  
Budget GIVING:  
**\$8,920.05**



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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## Did you know? ????

In August of 1886, during a meeting conducted by Rev. Wells (grandfather of Zack and Lee Murray and Mrs. Evelyn Cox) the first Baptist Church of Eden was organized. This meeting was held in a school house near where the old bank building later stood.

On May 5th, 1905, W. A. Ballard and his wife gave and deeded land to the church for a building, stipulating that it would belong to the church as long as a church building remained on the site. A building was erected during 1905 and 1906. It was dedicated in 1906.

In 1912, under the leadership of Rev. H. H. Stephens, wings were added to either side of the original church building as need arose for classrooms. This frame building contained a bell which now hangs from a low tower on the southwest corner of the grounds.

### 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:

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

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

**GOAL: \$30,999.99**  
**WE GAVE: \$30,999.99**

We are creating on the south end of the upstairs a Youth Suite which will have one large room for studies/activities with a snack area as well as an office for our youth ministry leader. And the north end we will be creating a Children's Suite which will contain 4 classrooms, 2 storage areas, a changing area for baptism with walls being removed and added to facilitate as a safer and enhanced learning environment.