



First Baptist Church
Plainview Texas





Thank you for taking the time to consider First Baptist Church of Plainview, Texas. Even before we entered this time of transition, God stirred a hunger within the hearts of FBC members to look for new opportunities to grow and serve Him, both within our church body and our community. The hunger is growing and we as a church are encouraged as we lean on God's faithfulness and look for ways to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and serve our community. We are excited to see how He will use our next pastor to shepherd and equip our members as we strive to fulfill His great commission...making disciples in our town, our nation and the world. We are more than confident that while God is preparing the individual He has chosen to be all FBC Plainview needs him to be, He is also preparing FBC Plainview to be all our new pastor needs us to be. We covenant with you during this time to lift one another up with prayers for wisdom, discernment and peace.

We want to take the time to introduce you to our church and the surrounding area. We hope this profile will communicate in some small way who we are and how God has been working in our church. We look forward to having further conversations with you about FBC.

Sincerely,

Gary Abercrombie

Pastor Search Committee Chairman

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First Baptist Church is located in Plainview, Texas.

Plainview is situated on the I-27 corridor, 75 miles south of Amarillo, Texas, and 45 miles north of Lubbock, Texas. While the area can claim pre-historic bison hunters, Spanish explorers and Comanche Indians as its first inhabitants, the official 2010 census sets the population of the city of Plainview at 22,194 and the population of Hale County at 36,273.

Plainview Demographic Information (city-data.com)

Population Total - 21,166

Median Household Income - \$45,420 (2015)

Households - 7, 605

per Capita Income - \$18,597 (2015)

Average Household size - 2

Median Age - 31.4

City of Plainview

Hale County

2015 White Alone	32.6%
2015 Hispanic Alone	60.8%
2015 Black Alone	4.3%
2015 Asian Alone	0.4%
2015 Other	0.1%

2015 White Alone	37.6%
2015 Hispanic Alone	55.9%
2015 Black Alone	5.0%
2015 Other	0.7%



School Systems located in Plainview:

Plainview Independent School District (plainviewisd.org)

Plainview Christian Academy (pcaeagles.org)

Homeschooling network

Colleges/Universities in the Area

Plainview - Wayland Baptist University

South Plains College, Plainview campus (main campus located in Levelland, TX)

Lubbock - Texas Tech University

Canyon - West Texas A&M University

Amarillo - Amarillo College

Plainview Attractions

Jimmy Dean Museum

Llano Estacado Museum

Abraham Art Museum

Downtown Antique Shops

Fair Theater

Plainview Symphony

Plainview Community Concerts

Runningwater Draw Arts and Crafts Show

Local Dairies

Cowboy Days, Red, White and Moo (4th of July)

Plainview Country Club

Runningwater Draw Hike/Bike Trail

Plainview Area Attractions

Hale County Farm Museum

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

Museum of Texas Tech University

Palo Duro Canyon

Texas Outdoor Musical

Joyland Amusement Park

Wonderland Amusement Park



First Baptist Church History

Established in 1890 (FBC Plainview recently celebrated its 125th Anniversary!)

1st pastor – Rev. I.B. Kimbrough

1st building completed August 1893

Purpose: In Faith, In Christ, In Plainview

Mission Statement: We share God's love through worship, service and encouragement.

Vision Statement: A church that ministers to all generations and cultures through the power of Jesus Christ.

Values:

- Prayer
- Ministry that changes lives
- Stewardship
- Relevant worship
- Reaching families
- Baptist identity
- Cooperative missions
- Loving personal relationships
- Biblical teaching

Ministry Goals for the next 5 years:

FBC Plainview will expand a ministry to children and families involving 45 families in 5 years.

FBC Plainview will establish a community missions ministry team by January 1, 2018.

FBC Plainview will establish 3 new Bible study groups each year for 5 consecutive years.



FBC Ministries

Sunday School Ministry

Adult Sunday School

We offer a variety of Sunday School classes....classes for couples, single professionals, men and women. There are classes for each age group ranging in size from 10-40 in attendance. In addition to Bible Study, social and fellowship activities are provided through each class.

Pastor's Class

This is a non-denominational Bible Study Class that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. off our church campus. The Pastor's Class is located at the corner of 7th and Broadway. Many people who attend this class aren't members of First Baptist Church Plainview, but enjoy studying together in a non-traditional setting.



The University department at First Baptist strives to connect university students to our church through worship, personal relationships and service. We have many opportunities for our students to serve in our children, youth and music ministries. We provide a free "connection lunch" where we try to connect our University students with adults in our church in order to foster personal relationships with all age groups. We also have strong small group leaders for our life groups that meet on Sunday mornings and provide a strong Biblical foundation as well as small groups with which to connect.



The Children's department seeks to remind everyone that children matter to God. It is our calling to help children experience Jesus in personally meaningful ways, grow in His abundant life and fall in love with Him even from the youngest age. Children form their impressions of God throughout childhood. Ministry to children must be intentional, interactive and Biblically based. We must be diligent in teaching children truths about God and who He created them to be as they form their foundational beliefs about Him. It is with these beliefs that they will build a lifetime of faith.



The dedicated leaders of our Youth department guide our young people in learning that great joy in ministry can be found when we live life with energy and *on purpose*! The program introduces students to the simplicity of the gospel and encourages them to enter into a saving relationship with Jesus. Students are surrounded by a team of loving, caring adults who teach our young people to grow their God-given strengths. We are not here to replace the family or to do the spiritual job scripture has told us belongs to parents. We are simply here to walk alongside parents, to be a resource to them and their teens.



Worship Choir is open to all adults and university students. This group provides stirring music each Sunday morning and also leads in major musical presentations throughout the year. Choir members understand the need to engage the heart and mind in worship and know the importance of the leadership role they serve in our worship.

Worship Team consists of talented instrumentalists and vocalists dedicated to serving the Lord and leading others in worship every Sunday.

Hand bells is an important part of our Worship ministry. First Bells (adults) play in several worship services throughout the year as well as ministering to our community.

Kids Worship and Youth Choir are high energy worship arts ministries for children 3 years –5th grade and 6th – 12th grades that expose kids to the Lord in a very real way. While learning about different ways to worship, we incorporate singing, drama, choreography and other methods used in worship.

Media ministry serves behind the scenes by keeping the technology side of worship humming along. These talented folks are responsible for keeping the projectors scrolling, the cameras rolling and the light flowing. They are also experts at making sure those unable to attend services can keep up via live streaming (website and Facebook), radio and cable TV.



Outreach Ministries



provides FBC prayer warriors opportunities to stand in the gap for our church and community. Our prayer room, Sunday morning intercessory prayer during worship and Moms in Prayer International make up this vital ministry.

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offers many opportunities for senior adults to be involved in the life of our church. Whether attending a Bible study, Wednesday night suppers or monthly covered dish and game nights or taking various day trips, you will find a group of senior adults bonded together by the love of Jesus.

Women's Ministry

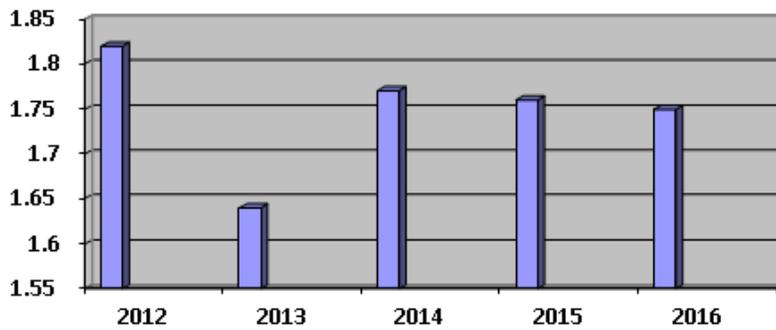
strives to create a loving atmosphere where women can laugh, listen and learn. We are driven by our desire for all women to know Jesus Christ in a personal way and to encourage them through all stages of their life's journey.

Mother's Day Out meets every Tuesday and Thursday during the school year in the Preschool area of FBC with the goal of teaching Biblical truths in a warm and loving environment. Children are given opportunities to build self-esteem and independence, practice social skills, express themselves creatively and participate in age-appropriate educational experiences. Staff members guide children to learn and grow as children learn and grow best – by touching, seeing and doing. Carefully chosen staff members provide an environment in which personal attention, acceptance, love and security are abundant.

Family Life Center stands at the northeast corner of 7th and Baltimore and serves as the main arena for our recreation ministry. Everyone is welcome. There is an annual membership fee of \$25 for weight room usage for non-members. The gym and game room are available at no charge during regular FLC hours.

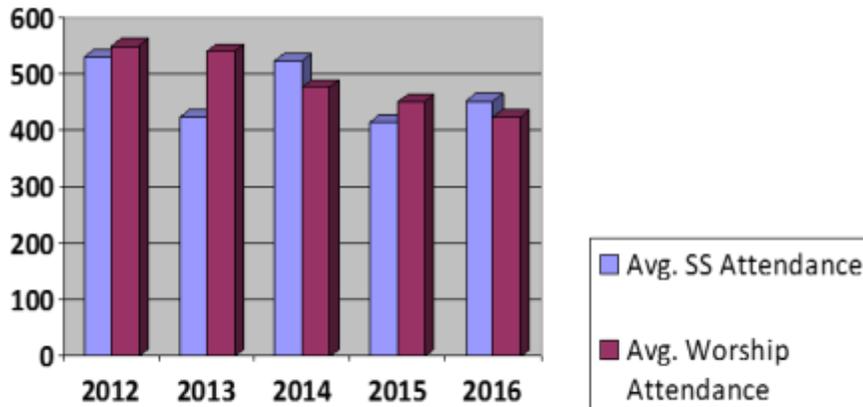


FBC Plainview Average Annual Giving



*Total income is based (in millions) on calendar year giving which includes operating, missions, and designated/undesigned giving.

FBC Plainview Average Yearly Attendance





Pastoral Staff and Leadership

Dr. Clinton Lowin – Interim Pastor

Ron Warren – Minister of Spiritual Development and Leadership

Greg Hall - Minister of Worship

James Stowe – Minister to Children and Families

Tim Penney – Minister to Students

Greg Northcutt – Minister to University Students

Online resources:

First Baptist Church, Plainview www.firstplainview.com