



# LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

BACK TO **CHURCH**<sup>®</sup>  
SUNDAY

**AT FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**JOIN US**  
**SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 10:30AM**  
**1409 PALMER PARK BLVD**  
**COLORADO SPRINGS CO, 80909**

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**



**WE MAKE DISCIPLES WHO WORSHIP, GROW & GO**

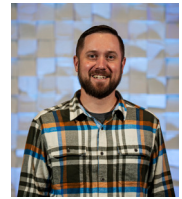
Thoughts from Pastor Josh Hargett

Up Coming Events as well as News and Family Celebrations

# FROM YOUR PASTOR

## Hey Church!

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2026 brings 75 years of ministry that FSBC has had in our city! Wow, what an incredible legacy! I've been spending a lot of time over the last couple of months thinking about the word and concept of hindrance. It is simply something that provides resistance, delay, or obstruction to someone or something. If we think about it, in our lives we are constantly trying to remove or minimize hindrances. Not necessarily to make something easier, but often to make something more effective, efficient, or simply better. Think about it for a moment - you are a runner and you're trying to shave seconds off your mile time. You might change your diet, work out plan, shoes, or even get a running partner all in order to remove hindrances from achieving your goal. Or consider your finances. You have financial goals and do what you need to to remove hindrances. Maybe you get rid of that credit card, fine tune your budget, hire a financial advisor, go back to school or acquire another skill, all in order to reach your financial goals.

As a church, we to have to regularly stop and consider things that may be hindrances to church growth, maturity, and reaching people with the gospel. Now, don't read between the lines and make that idea say something I didn't! Ha! The gospel doesn't need any help, it's the gospel - it's good enough on it's own. But, there can be things that hinder people from hearing, being receptive to, and seeing it lived out. Recognizing this doesn't downplay the power of the gospel, or minimize the work of the Holy Spirit.

In the Bible hindrances to the gospel include false prophets and deceptive teachings (Matthew 7), worldly desires (Luke 8, Matthew 19), living an inconsistent life that doesn't match Jesus' teachings (Galatians 2), and arrogance or apathy toward sharing the gospel. Taking time to assess our lives, and our church, to remove any hindrances is always a good thing. Self assessments and reflections can be painful though! We start running into things that we like. We start running into personal preferences and traditions and loose sight of the fact that if those things, while maybe good in general, are affecting our ability to reach people with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ, then they need to be changed! They must change. We must constantly be assessing to ensure that we are not only sharing a timeless truth with the world, but that we are using timely methods. Churches that get stuck in ruts quickly loose their effectiveness, and shortly there after become irrelevant. My prayer is that these things will never be said of our body!

2026 is coming quick, and as we celebrate the 75 years of ministry our church has had in our city, let us pray together that we would be wise enough to do what is necessary to ensure that we have another 75 years of effective ministry - for the good of our city and the glory of God. It's a pleasure to be your Pastor and I cannot wait to see what God does in the days to come.

***Pastor Josh***





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# Join us for *Midweek*



3YO-5th Grade

FSBC  
Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade

Multiple Bible Study  
Options for Adults  
to Choose From

Wednesday Evenings 6-7:30 pm



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DENNIS FARR  
DEBBIE MAY  
TIM QUINN  
JOHN NICHOLS  
BURLIN FAYNE  
DYLEN BATTLES  
TED NEILL  
NIKKI ABBETT-WEBB  
REBECCA WALTON  
MASON LUKE  
FRANK LONGO

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## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Margaret Lovett ~ Health  
Mandry Family ~ Daughter-in-law  
(Sammi) Balance Family Life & New Full Time  
Teaching Position  
Maestas Family ~ Coping with the loss of  
Isabella  
Sheila Willis ~ Health  
Mike Jaumott ~ Health  
Rosie Miller ~ Health  
Keith Loyd ~ Health  
Logan Lee ~ Health  
Mike Yearout ~ Health

Bill Mosley ~ Health  
Burlin Fayne ~ Health & Loss of Harriet  
Hal and Margaret Seagraves ~ Health  
Fortune Family ~ Continuing to Adjust to Life  
After the Loss of Stephannie  
Roger & Michele Hamilton ~ Family  
Teresa Chambers ~ Health  
Annie Wade ~ Continued Provision For  
Teaching Job at The Daniel International  
School in Thailand  
Continue to Pray for Peace in the Middle East



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 6 - 8am ~ Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
September 7 - 3pm ~ Overseers Meeting  
September 13 - 8am ~ Women's Bible Study and Breakfast  
September 21 ~ Back To Church Sunday (Who Are You Going To Invite To Join You?)



### SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS: ORANGE AREA

THIS MONTH, WE'RE PRAYING FOR THE ORANGE-HIGHLIGHTED SECTION ON OUR CITY MAP (LOCATED IN THE CHURCH LOBBY).

BOUNDARIES: ACADEMY BLVD (WEST), FONTAINE BLVD (SOUTH), GALLEY RD (NORTH), AND MARKSHEFFEL RD (EAST).

NEIGHBORHOODS INCLUDED: RUSTIC HILLS, CIMARRON HILLS, EASTBOROUGH, SOUTHBOROUGH, PLUS THE AIRPORT AREA.

### HOW TO PRAY:

1. ASK GOD TO MOVE POWERFULLY IN THIS PART OF OUR CITY.
2. PRAY WE WOULD SEE PEOPLE HERE THROUGH HIS EYES.
3. SEEK WISDOM AND COURAGE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL BOLDLY.

**REMEMBER—PRAYER ISN'T JUST PREPARATION FOR THE WORK. PRAYER IS THE WORK.**