



FBC NEWSLETTER



The Sanctuary Bible was donated in September 1953

surfers start swimming toward the floor of the sea thinking they will reach the safety of the surface. It can be deadly. The dangers of the waves were terrifying until he learned one life-saving lesson: Follow the bubbles. The bubbles always lead you to the surface. The bubbles always lead you to life.

The Bible is like bubbles in the ocean—it always leads you the right direction. The Bible always leads you to life.

I am fascinated by the beauty and uniqueness of the Bible. We think of it as a book—God's book. And it is. But it is really more like a library of 66 books composed over a span of roughly 2,000 years by

more than 40 diverse authors writing in three different languages. It was written in a wide variety of genres, including history, poetry, prophecy, law, wisdom literature, parables, letters, and apocalyptic visions.

Despite this incredible diversity, the Bible tells ONE STORY. The Bible tells God's story of love and redemption for all creation through Jesus Christ. The Bible tells of God's love for you.

I also am amazed by the Bible's ability to speak personally to people. Over and over I have received the

perfect message from God at the perfect time in my life through the perfect passage of the Bible. Comfort in times of grief. Hope in times of despair. Correction in times of straying. Guidance in times of confusion. Nothing speaks more clearly to humans than the written words of God found in Scripture.

All this is possible because the Bible is unlike any book in history. The Bible IS the word of God! It was written by humans, but it is a divine document inspired by the Holy Spirit. That makes it God's word. That makes it truth. That makes it eternal. That makes it unique.

Our FBC Statement of Common Faith says this about the Bible:

We believe that the 66 books of Holy Scripture are inspired by God's Spirit and are the sole authority for Christian faith and practice. Jesus is the norm by which we interpret Scripture.

What we mean is this: The Bible is like bubbles in the ocean. When life overwhelms us, when sin entangles us, when confusion consumes us, the Bible always leads us in the right direction. The Bible leads us to life. The Bible leads us to Jesus.

The B-I-B-L-E. It's not just a children's song. It's the written word of God. It's a precious gift from God that leads to Jesus, that leads to life.

The B-I-B-L-E

PASTOR KEVIN HAZELTON

I once heard a surfer describe the overwhelming force ocean waves have on a person when they wipe out in the ocean. The waves push a surfer downward so powerfully that

it's easy to become disoriented. Down seems like up. Up seems like down. Often

The B-I-B-L-E

Yes, that's the book for me. I stand alone on the word of God.

The B-I-B-L-E

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Get to Know:

JED AND REBEKAH PHILLIPS

Jed and Rebekah met in 2011 while ministering at Amazing Grace Baptist Camp. Jed was a counselor, and Rebekah was a cook. We were in a skit together and began to form a friendship that eventually led to our marriage in June 2013. Fast forward to 2026, and we have been blessed with six kiddos: Keegan (10), Kyleigh (9), Kaydence (7), Konner (6), Kolston (3) and Kenzie (1). We also have three cats and one leopard gecko. Jed has a degree in Christian Apologetics and currently works for Vyve Broadband. He is fascinated by Second Temple Judaism and the apocalyptic literature it produced. He enjoys studying near-death experiences (non-local conscious experiences that occur after death) and the Bible. He loves sports, coaching, movies, and going on adventures with the family. Rebekah is a stay-at-home mom. With six kids, she stays busy! Homeschooling, school drop-offs and pickups at Haven Academy, cooking for a family of eight, cleaning, and running kids to their various activities keep her days full. Iced coffee is her fuel, and she loves hitting the trails to hike with the family, going running, and cooking. As a family, you will often find us spending time on the soccer fields, at playgrounds, on the trails, cheering on our new baton twirler, or enjoying a pizza and movie night at home. What led us to attend First Baptist is a rather long story and wouldn't fit well in a short newsletter article. From the moment we first walked through the doors, though, it felt like home. We have enjoyed getting to know some of you and look forward to what God has for us here.



The Phillips Family.

LOVE GOD | LOVE OTHERS | MAKE DISCIPLES



Join us for a spirit-led gathering filled with worship, a biblical message, and powerful prayer for healing and freedom.

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 20

DINNER BEGINS AT 6 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP
WORSHIP
PRAYER

Pulled pork will be provided;
please bring a side dish to share.

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Grow With Us

Discipleship at FBC Salina



Spiritual growth happens best in community. We invite you to join one of our weekly programs to deepen your faith and connect with your FBC family. *"Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord."* Whether you are a seeker or a long-time believer, there is a seat waiting for you.

SUNDAYS

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School
Enjoy classes for all ages! Adults meet in the Library or Bible class and age specific classes are available for Kids & Youth.
- 6:00 p.m. Praise & Growth Groups
Join us for worship and prayer in Fellowship Hall before our Bible studies begin in the Bible Class, Parlor, Fellowship Hall or Chapel.

THURSDAYS

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
A morning refresher, enjoy a variety of 4-6 week long Bible studies offered throughout the year in the Library. A new Bible study began January 22 and it's not too late to join and invite a friend! Be sure to bring your coffee and Bible.

WEDNESDAYS

Evenings begin with dinner and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. before breaking down into lessons.

- 5:30-7:30 p.m. FBC Kids & FBC Youth
- FBC Kids is for ages Kindergarten - 6th grade. Growing closer to Christ is achieved through fun and foundational learning.
- FBC Youth is for ages 7th - 12th grade. As children grow, so do our lessons in Christ. Youth work together uncovering Christ's truth, growing as leaders and learning how to serve their community.
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Deep-dive study in the Library led by Pastor Kevin. Discover how to read and understand the Bible as one consistent message from Genesis to Revelation.

When the Body of Christ Shows Up: A Testimony of Community in Hard Times

JORDAN WAMSER



Embracing Jordan with Christ's love, Kris Boele, Keith Williams and Jon Herbel. (from left to right)

"Wanted to share this with you all. This church family is incredible, especially in the hard times." Jesslyn Haden

When Jesslyn Haden shared these words via message along with a photo of our church family members gathered in a group hug, she captured something profound about what it means to be the church. The image shows a moment many of us have experienced but perhaps haven't fully recognized for what it is: the living, breathing body of Christ doing exactly what it was designed to do.

I'm Jordan, and I'm the one in the middle of that embrace. Our family has been walking through a season of loss, navigating the complex and often overwhelming emotions that come with grief. In moments like these, it's easy to feel isolated, to believe that the weight you're carrying is yours alone to bear. But that photo tells a different story—one where grief is met not with distance, but with presence, prayer, and the tangible love of God's people.

What struck me most wasn't just that people showed up—it was *how* they showed up. There were no perfect words, no attempts to fix what cannot be quickly mended. Instead, there were arms that held steady, prayers that pierced through the fog of sorrow, and a community that chose to step into our pain rather than around it. This is what Galatians 6:2 looks like in action: *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

But here's what I want you to hear: this isn't just my story. **This is Our story as a Church Family.**

Jesslyn recognized something vital when she sent that message—she saw that our church isn't just a place where we gather on Sundays. It's a community where relationships run deep enough that when one part of the body suffers, others genuinely suffer with it (1 Corinthians 12:26 *"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."*). And while I'm grateful beyond words for the support our family has received, I also know that these kinds of meaningful connections don't happen by accident.

They happen when we intentionally invest in each other's lives. They happen when we move beyond Sunday morning handshakes and polite conversations to genuine friendship. They happen when we make space in our schedules and our hearts for the messiness of real community.

Jordan Wamser



AN INVITATION TO GO DEEPER

If you've been part of this church family for a while, you've likely witnessed or experienced moments like the one captured in that photo. You know the power of having people who will show up, pray with you, sit in silence when words fail, and remind you that you're not alone. But perhaps you've also wondered how to cultivate those kinds of relationships for yourself—or how to be that kind of friend to others.

Here's a beautiful truth: every single one of us has the capacity to create and experience this depth of community. It starts with small steps:

Sit with someone new, or someone you don't know well, after service and ask them how they're *really* doing.

Join our Growth Groups or Bible Studies where relationships can develop beyond surface level.

Volunteer to serve alongside others - shared mission creates natural opportunities for connection.

Be willing to share your own struggles, not just your victories - vulnerability invites others to do the same.

When you sense someone is hurting, don't wait for the "right words" - just show up.

As Paul urged the Hebrews, We should do the same for each other: "*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another*" (Hebrews 10:24-25). This kind of spurring on, this encouragement, requires proximity. It requires knowing each other well enough to recognize when someone is struggling, and being known well enough that others can minister to you when you need it most.

THE CHURCH AT ITS BEST

What Jesslyn observed—and what I experienced firsthand—is the church functioning as it was always meant to. Not as a building or an organization, but as a family bound together by the love of Christ, committed to bearing one another's burdens and celebrating one another's joys.

Our family's season of grief has revealed something beautiful: we are part of a church community where this kind of support isn't the exception—it's who we are. But it's also shown me that these connections are a gift that should be available to everyone in our church family, not just a fortunate few.

So I want to invite you—whether you've been part of this church for decades or you're still finding your footing—to lean into the relationships around you. Take the risk of going deeper. Show up for someone who's hurting. Let others show up for you. Join in the ongoing work of being the hands and feet of Jesus to one another. Because when we do, we create more than just a supportive community. We create a testimony that causes people like Jesslyn to pause, take notice, and say, "This church family is incredible, especially in the hard times."

And in a world that often feels fractured and isolated, that kind of community is one of the most powerful witnesses we can offer.

Jesslyn Haden



*Draw near to God,
and he will draw near to you.*
James 4:8



February 18 - April 5 (Easter)

SEASON OF PRAYER & FASTING

We are once again uniting together for a season of prayer and fasting as we seek God together. During the season of Lent, we encourage the entire FBC Salina family to intentionally pray and fast each Wednesday (February 18 – April 1).

This is a time to align our hearts with God's purposes, repent where needed, and ask Him to give us an undivided heart to be his people. For those who choose, a three-day fast from dinner on Maundy Thursday through Easter morning is an added encouragement.

FEBRUARY 17 @ 6:30 P.M.

PRAYER GATHERING
at FBC Salina

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18

Observe a weekly day of prayer and fasting on Wednesdays.

**Optional fasting from Maundy Thursday through Easter (April 2-5)*

Suggested Fasting Method:

- Fast Tuesday evening after dinner, until Wednesday evening dinner.
- Drink fluids to stay hydrated.
- If physically unable to fast because of a physical or mental health condition, fast from something other than food such as social media, tv, etc.

Suggested Prayer Method:

- Pray during the times you would normally eat.
- Pray for spiritual wholeness for yourself and for specific people at FBC Salina.



ABCCR CAMPING

Registration is now available for summer camping. For more information or to register online, visit: www.abccr.org/abccr-camping

Be sure to let the FBC Salina Finance Office know if you plan to enroll your child(ren). FBC Salina supports our kids/youth in growing closer to Christ and spreading His word. Through donations, we offer half off camping fees. Contact Christine in the Finance Office at fbcfinance843@gmail.com.



This year's theme:
**"Through
the Roof"**
Luke 5:17-26



FIND:

Registration
Deadlines
Itinerary
Packing List
Health Forms
& More

Deadlines:

Act fast,
deadlines are
as soon as May
and June.



February Sermons

We began 2026 looking at what God expects of us as we "Break Camp and Advance" as His people. Through January, we have seen how God calls us to Advance as a church family through:

Worship: attend worship regularly with a joyful heart

Service: serve on at least one ministry team at FBC

Growth: actively participate in a discipleship group with fellow Christians

Generosity: financially support FBC with a cheerful heart

Our February sermons will explain how we advance in two final ways: through unity and outreach. This will move us into discovering the unique style God gives each Christian for pointing others to Jesus.

Sermon Series: Break Camp and Advance

February 1 - Pastor Joel
Haggai 2:1-9

February 8 - Pastor Kevin
Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Series: Got Style?

February 15 - Pastor Kevin
John 1:35-51, 4:27-42

February 22 - Pastor Kevin
Acts 2:14-41, 8:26-40,
17:16-34



CALLED BY NAME

Mountains & Prairies Youth Conference



June 14-18, 2026

YMCA of the Rockies

- This conference is for high school youth entering 9th grade in the fall and those who most recently graduated.
- Through donations, we offer half off conference fees. Reach out to Christine in the Finance Office at fbcfinance843@gmail.com
- **Deposits are due by May 1, 2026 with remaining balance due by June 1, 2026.**
- Transportation can be provided if needed. Let Pastor Joel know if you plan to attend.
- For more information or to register online, visit: <https://www.mpyc-abc.org/>

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 1

Unity Sunday & Communion

9 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Noon Chili & Cinnamon Roll Cook-Off

Thursday, February 5

6 p.m. In Touch @ Joan Usher's

6 p.m. Out of Touch @ John Show's

Sunday, February 8

5 p.m. Super Bowl Watch Party

Tuesday, February 17

6:30 p.m. FBC Prayer Gathering

Friday, February 20

6 p.m. Increase

Join Us in Person

Sundays

Worship at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Praise & Growth Groups at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Prayer Group at 9 a.m.

FBC Kids and Youth at 5:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

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