

THE VISION

APRIL 2025

Easter

THE
CROSS
THE
CROWN

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Pioneer Drive
BAPTIST CHURCH

EASTER 2025

This year, our church-wide theme is "Elevate Your Vision," and we are thrilled to offer major opportunities in April to help you do just that.

As we journey together in faith, we invite you to deepen your spiritual vision and embrace the transformative power of God's love.

THE CROSS, THE CROWN

On April 16, 17, 18 at 7:30PM and April 19th at 3PM, we will gather for "The Cross and the Crown." This powerful experience will focus on the significance of the life, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through worship and drama, we will explore the profound impact of Jesus' ministry, the cross, and the reality of Jesus' resurrection. This event is designed to elevate our understanding of Christ's sacrifice and victory, inspiring us to live out our faith with renewed purpose.

I challenge each of you to invite friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to join us for this transformative event. Invitational door hangars will be provided for you to invite your neighbors and co-workers (Assuming your employer allows it). Let's share the hope and love of Christ with those around us and elevate our vision together.

EASTER SERVICES

On Sunday, April 20th we will worship at the church sanctuary at 9AM led by the gathering Worship Team and at

10:30AM at the Abilene Convention Center, led by our Choir and Orchestra. Preschool Ministry will be available for birth-3 years.

HOSTING ELIJAH BROWN

We are honored to host Elijah Brown, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, on April 23, 2025 in the Fellowship Hall. Elijah Brown is a respected leader and advocate for global missions and religious freedom. His visit presents a unique opportunity for our congregation to gain insights into the global church and the challenges faced by Christians around the world. His message will encourage us to elevate our vision beyond our local context, fostering a greater sense of unity and purpose in our mission as followers of Christ. This is a chance to broaden our horizons and deepen our commitment to God's work.

As we embrace these opportunities, let us come together with open hearts and minds, ready to elevate our vision and deepen our faith. We look forward to seeing you at these events and witnessing the incredible ways God will work in our lives and our community.

For more information and to stay updated on these events, please visit us at www.pioneerdrive.org or contact the church office at 325-692-6776.

Let's elevate our vision together and invite others to join us on this journey!





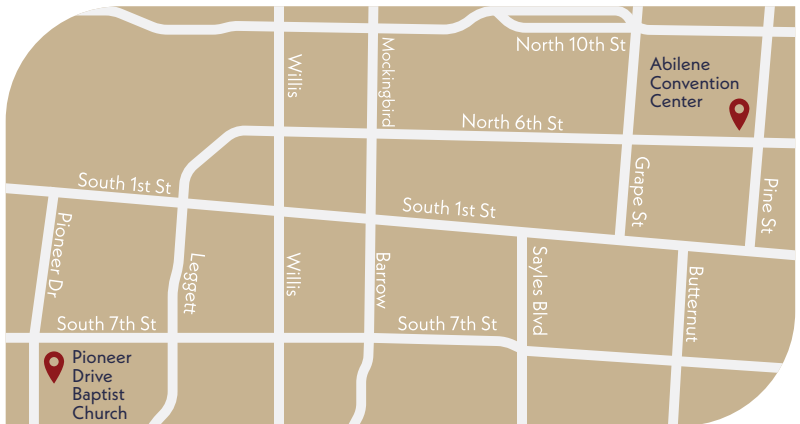
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EASTER WORSHIP EXPERIENCE



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Convention Center*
1100 N. 6th St, 7:30PM

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19 *Abilene
Convention Center*
1100 N. 6th St, 3PM

EASTER SERVICES

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20 *Pioneer Drive Sanctuary*
701 S. Pioneer Dr., 9AM

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20 *Abilene
Convention Center*
1100 N. 6th St, 10:30AM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHURCHWIDE

APRIL: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SHIRTS

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Order a T-shirt to wear for the week with our theme and verse on it. The cost is \$20 for adult and \$15 for youth/toddler sizes. Place your order by April 23 online or in the Children's office. Vacation Bible School is June 1st-5th.

MAY 7: PIONEER PICNIC

Pioneer Picnic is back! Meet us at Festival Gardens (next to the zoo) on Wednesday, May 7th from 5:30-7:30PM for a great time of fellowship. Bring your own picnic dinner. We will have inflatables, snow cones, kickball, horseshoes, and more!

FAMILY MINISTRY

APR. 13: FAMILY MINISTRY SURVEY

At Pioneer Drive, we believe parents are the primary disciple makers of their children and we want to know how we can best support you in that endeavor. If you are a parent with children still at home, take just a few minutes and fill out this brief survey so we can encourage and equip you in the best possible ways. Please complete the survey by April 13. We are excited to continue to partner with you in raising up young people who share the love and light of Christ with the world around them.



SCAN HERE FOR
FAMILY MINISTRY
SURVEY

MEN'S MINISTRY

MAY 17: FATHER & SON COOKOUT

Join us on Saturday May 17th from 6-8PM at Gary & Sharla Milliorn's homestead for a challenging word, authentic fellowship & delicious food. There is no cost for this event but let us know if you'll be attending or including friends. Register on Realm or text Nathan at 281794-6749. No son? No problem. Guest speaker Coach Jason Pillion of Amarillo High School will talk about our influence on the next generation.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

APRIL: BIG COUNTRY NEEDS

Scrub-a-dub-dub! For the month of April, we will be collecting bars of soap for the ACBA Social Ministries Food pantry. All donations can be left in the grocery carts or any church office.

APR. 13: BEYOND THE WALLS: WORSHIP

Visiting other communities can help broaden our capacity for friendship with God and our neighbors. On April 13th, we will worship with our neighbors at the City Light 9AM service. You can participate by reading scripture, praying, singing, sharing testimony, or simply hanging out. Come early for breakfast. There are many other opportunities to worship Beyond the Walls. Contact Nathan@pioneerdrive.org for more info.

BEYOND THE WALLS: PRAYER

If you have a desire to explore a deeper prayer life, connect with Nathan@pioneerdrive.org. We offer multiple settings for personal growth and community intercession.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP

Overcome your habits, hangups and hurts with Celebrate Recovery. A new Celebrate Recovery Team is meeting on Wednesdays at the church from 6-7PM. This ministry offers support groups for both men & women who are currently struggling or want to help. Contact Nathan@pioneerdrive.org for more details.

JUNE 15-21: CHURCH BUILDERS TRIP

Join members of Pioneer Drive and other Baptist churches and be a part of the historic 50th build with Baptist Church Builders. This year's project is a new sanctuary for Fulton Bridge Baptist Church in Hamilton, AL. The registration cost is \$50 and this includes lunches and dinners on workdays. Lodging and transportation should be arranged separately. Contact Taylor@pioneerdrive.org with any questions or go to www.baptistchurchbuilders.com to sign up.

SCAN FOR EVENTS:



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

APR. 4: FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Parents and little ones, come fellowship with us for Fridays with Friends at 10AM. We will meet at the playground in front of Southern Hill Church of Christ. No registration is needed for April.

MAY 2: FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

It's time for a party! Parents and little ones are invited to Fridays with Friends at the Milliorns from 10AM-12PM. Lunch will be provided and registration is required.

PRIMETIMER MINISTRY

APR. 3: PRIMETIME LIVE

If you could ASK(pastor)JOHN anything, what would it be? Maybe you would ASK(pastor)JOHN why he is obsessed with Reese's candy. Maybe you have another question for him. Join us at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. ASK(pastor)JOHN begins at 11AM followed by a Chick-fil-A box lunch (\$8) at noon. Sign up online or in the Church Office.

MAY 1: PRIMETIME LIVE PLACEHOLDER

It's a mystery! Join us for our monthly gathering in the Fellowship Hall at 10AM for fellowship, coffee, and games. We'll have a program at 11AM (what could it be?) and enjoy a Chick-fil-A box lunch (\$8) at noon. Sign up online or in the church office after April 15.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

APR. 9: WOMEN ON MISSION: DAY TRIP

Join us for a day trip to visit one of our mission partners, Sparrow's Nest Maternity Home, in Snyder, TX. Come see firsthand the incredible work this group does as they give hope to mothers facing difficult circumstances. We will leave the church at 9:30AM, tour Sparrow's Nest, and then eat lunch in Snyder before returning home around 2:30PM. The trip is free but register online by April 6 for transportation purposes.

APR. 17: CAFÉ CONNECTIONS

Ladies of all ages and stages are invited to come for a time of fellowship and encouragement on the third Thursday of each month at 9AM in the Cafe. Coffee & light breakfast snacks are provided. Come as you are and bring a friend. There is no cost or registration for this event.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

APR. 27: MSC COMMISSIONING SERVICE

We will pray over Middle School Choir students and sponsors at the end of the 11:15AM Celebration Worship Service as they are commissioned to service for their Choir Trip to Waco, TX.

MAY 2: MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR TRIP

Pray for our students as they serve at Mission Waco May 2-4. Middle School Choir will lead in both Celebration Worship services in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 11, as they share testimonies and songs from their time at Mission Waco.

MAY 4: CHILDREN'S CHOIR MUSICAL

Experience the story of Jonah with a western twist! Children's Choirs, age 3 through 5th grade, will present "Jonah's Druthers" at 6PM in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy a time of worship and drama led by our children.



APRIL STAFF ANNIVERSARY

MARIO LUEVANOS (11 YEARS)

JEFF SCOTT (16 YEARS)

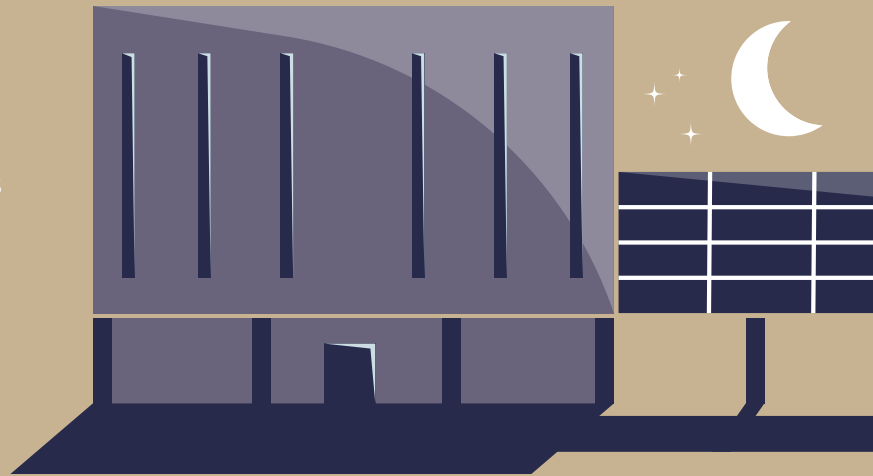
NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

Join us for our new sermon series, "Good Question." Starting April 27th we will tackle some of the most pressing questions about faith. Is there proof for the resurrection? What is the Bible and can we trust the Bible? Where do we come from? Is the Bible anti-sex? Why do bad things happen? What about heaven, hell, and the end times? Who can be saved? Bring your Bible and your curiosity as we explore these topics together and deepen our understanding of core Christian beliefs.



SUNDAY NIGHTS

- April 6:** Daniel McKay, 6PM Conference Center
- April 13:** Self-Guided Prayer for Easter Services at home or prayer walk the outside of the Convention Center, if willing and able
- April 20:** Easter, No Evening Worship
- April 27:** Meeting Night, No Evening Worship



NEXT 70 UPDATE

As of the middle of March, we have already collected \$2,142,105 in contributions toward this campaign. Your generosity is truly making a difference. Thank you for your continued giving! Your support and participation are crucial as we prepare for what's next.

For more information and to get involved, please visit Pioneer Drive's Next 70 Campaign at www.pioneerdrive.org/next70.

Together, we can accomplish God's will for His church and make a lasting impact for generations to come. Join us in continuing to pray for Pioneer Drive's Next 70.





**BAPTIST
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STAND IN THE GAP

Per Pastor John's article, he mentioned Elijah Brown, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, visiting and preaching at Pioneer Drive on April 23rd. When you give to the World Mission Offering through Pioneer Drive, the Baptist World Alliance receives 10% of it to do work around the world and answer needs mentioned below by the BWA. Consider giving to the World Mission Offering and praying for these needs.

Over the last 100 days, there has been a rapid deceleration of humanitarian aid around the world that is impacting millions of lives. The BWA is hearing from Baptist groups from Myanmar, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and more imploring us to send urgent life-saving assistance. We cannot stress how dire the situation is for many across the globe. The Church cannot sit on the sidelines. Together we must stand in the gap in prayer and giving to help our sisters and brothers in desperate need.

Please join with Baptists worldwide in prayer for:

1. The restoration of peace in areas of conflict, including DR Congo, Myanmar, Ukraine, and other places where political unrest and violence are impacting lives.
2. God's provision of healthcare personnel, medicine, and funding to restore critical hospital and clinic services.
3. Clean water solutions to emerge through partnerships and immediate aid.
4. Wisdom and connections to secure the assistance and support needed and delivered in a timely way.
5. Strength and resilience for church leaders and humanitarian workers as they mobilize to support the displaced and impoverished.
6. The people of God to unite in their contexts and communities as advocates to raise awareness and support for this urgent need.
7. Government officials to focus on their call to public service and the safety and wellbeing of all citizens.
8. The Holy Spirit to open doors and pave the way to share the love of Christ through holistic Gospel witness, practical care, and spiritual support so that lives are changed and God is glorified.

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