## Dr. Craig D. Curry

Craig Curry, from Arlington, Texas, is a fifth generation Baptist minister who is passionate about God's Word. He was led to Christ at an early age and as a fifteen year old committed his life to Christian service.

Dr. Curry received a Bachelor of Behavioral Science from Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene, Texas, with a major in Speech Communication and a minor in Church Ministry. He received a Master of Divinity in Spiritual Care and Preaching from Logsdon Seminary, Abilene, Texas, and a Doctor of Ministry from George W. Truett Theological Seminary in Waco, Texas.

Craig married his ministry teammate, Fallon Smith Curry, in January 2003. Fallon received a Bachelor of



Craig, Fallon, Lylah and Shepherd Curry

Arts in English/Leadership from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, and a Master of Arts in Christian Education from Dallas Baptist University. She is currently an Instructor of English Composition and Literature at Ranger College in Ranger, Texas. Craig and Fallon have two children: daughter, Lylah (6 yrs), and son, Shepherd (3 yrs). Fallon is a dedicated wife, mother, and instructor. Her ministry passions are missions, evangelism, education, and Baptist heritage.

Craig was licensed to the Gospel Ministry in 1999 and ordained in 2006 at South Oaks Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas. His hobbies include camping and barbeque grilling. He enjoys travelling and is a football enthusiast. Craig began his ministry as an event communicator preaching revivals, camps, and weekend events. In 2006, he sensed the call of God to enter pastoral ministry. He has served as Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Cisco, Texas, and the First Baptist Church in Dripping Springs, Texas. Craig has given his life to shepherding people and being the hands and feet of Jesus in a community. He believes strongly in collaborative leadership that includes as many people as possible and is committed to being a steady voice of unity. "My personal goals are to be a man of God, a loving husband and father, a caring minister, and a servant leader. It is my desire to be in the center of the Lord's will. Wherever He leads I will go."

"I wish I could clone Dr. Craig Curry. He is among the finest young pastors in our Baptist realm. I can speak in superlatives about his preaching/teaching, shepherding, pastoral work, leadership and community presence. He and his wife Fallon (and their beautiful family) are treasures—you want to adopt them into your family. But what I rejoice most in Dr. Curry is his health—spiritual, emotional, relational and physical. He is the happiest pastor I know. Wherever he shows up joy breaks out. What a blessing to have such a pastor."

—Dr. Ronald L. Cook, Director of Center for Ministry Effectiveness, George W. Truett Seminary

"Dr. Curry's strengths center on his superb people skills and his ability to relate to individuals of all ages. He loves the Lord and has a deep passion for spreading the gospel."

—Dr. Lanny Hall, President, Hardin-Simmons University

"Craig Curry is a fine preacher and energizing leader who naturally draws people in; he has a heart for people and a spirit of consensus-building. Craig has excellent leadership skills. He has a love for the elderly and a vision for the young – students, couples, families; he ministers to every age group."

—Matt Homeyer, Truett Seminary Office of Ministry Connections

"As a person and a pastor, Craig is kind, captivating and humble, and I believe he would provide the pastoral leadership that First Baptist Church Plano is seeking."

—Meredith Stone, Instructor, Logsdon School of Theology

#### Pastor Search Committee

We are grateful to announce that Dr. Craig D. Curry is our unanimously-selected candidate for the office of Senior Pastor. We welcome Dr. Curry to the pulpit and his family to worship today. Following our combined worship service, the church will enter into a Special Business Meeting to consider the recommendation to call Dr. Curry as the next Senior Pastor of First Baptist Plano. Greet the Currys following the service in the Sanctuary foyer.

#### Recharge ... Use Your Gift

Christians are given spiritual gifts to be used by the Holy Spirit. Joan Ross will lead the second part of this spiritual gift series on Wednesday, **April 20** in B216 at 6:15 p.m. Join us as we look at specific areas of service that correspond with each gift.

#### Arizona Mission Trip Giving Wall

Pre-printed envelopes are available on the Giving Walls outside the Sanctuary and Great Hall. Fill the envelope with the denomination requested and return it to the Church Office by **April 20**. Proceeds will benefit the Student Ministry Arizona Mission Trip.

#### Women's Luncheon

...Women of Excellence: A Family Portrait
Join us on Saturday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. to hear special guest speaker and
artist, Debbie Skinner. \$15 tickets are
available in the Church Office or at
fbcplano.org. Childcare is available by
reservation at cathyh@fbcplano.org. Please
reserve by Sunday, April 17.

#### Spring Musical - BIG SHOT

...Facing down giants and looking up to God Make plans to come and hear our K-6th grade children at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, in the Sanctuary.

#### **Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction**

Purchase \$6 dinner tickets from any FBP student. The dinner begins at 5:00 p.m., on May I, in the Great Hall. The dessert auction begins at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds from the dinner and auction benefit Student Ministry summer trip expenses.

#### First Plano Night @ the Roughriders

Join us at Dr Pepper Ballpark on Friday, May 20, for family fun as the Frisco RoughRiders take on the San Antonio Missions at 7:05 p.m. Enjoy all-you-can-eat hotdogs, chips, peanuts and Dr Pepper products for \$20 per person (under 3 yrs FREE). Watch for ticket sales coming soon!

#### **Granbury Outing**

Enjoy a day of shopping and the afternoon performance of *Hello Dolly* at the Granbury Opera House on Saturday, **June 11**. Cost is \$59 plus lunch-on-your-own. We will depart the church at 8:30 a.m., and return around 6:00 p.m. Deadline for paid reservations in the Church Office is May 2.

#### Rent-a-Student

Need a set of extra hands? We can help you while your donation helps a student with their summer missions trip costs. Put us to work! We specialize in babysitting, yard work, pet sitting, washing cars, etc. Contact Jeff Howard at 972-424-8551 or email jeffh@fbcplano.org to schedule your student today! (Rent-a-Student is not a charitable contribution.)

#### Men's Ministry Golf League

Tee time is 4:00 p.m. at Pecan Hollow Golf Course on Tuesdays (no shotgun start). Cost includes 9 holes and cart, and will be \$24/person each time you play. Register at 972-424-8551, or email/text Tommy at tommys@fbcplano.org / 972-741-1096.

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Parent's Night Out ... April 29 / 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Information and forms are available at fbcplano.org and are due by **April 24**.

#### Vacation Bible School / June 20-24

Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure at *Cave Quest!* VBS is for kids 4 yrs (by June 1, 2016) - 5th grade.

#### Parent's Day Out (PDO)

Fall registration is **now** open for infants through Pre-K on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Find more information at www.fbcplano.org/pdo.

### **APRIL 10, 2016**

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SUNDAY, APRIL 10	
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study (All Ages)
10:45 a.m.	One Combined Worship Service, Sanctuary
	Special Business Meeting, Sanctuary
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	Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B219
	Forest Community Church, The Refuge
3:00 p.m.	Budget Planning Meeting, B201
4:00 p.m.	Behold Your God, B102
4:30 p.m.	Adult Handbells, Handbell Room
5:00 p.m.	Student Life Groups, The Refuge
MONDAY, APRIL II	
6:00 p.m.	Behold Your God, Offsite
TUESDAY, APRIL 12	
6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Poor Richard's Café
9:00 a.m.	JVP Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	Parent's Day Out
9:30 a.m.	ESL Class, B216
11:00 a.m.	Sunshine Singers, Choir Room
6:30 p.m.	Womens' Bible Study, Offsite
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13	
4:45 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, Great Hall
6:15 p.m.	Bible Study, Great Hall
0.15 p.m.	CrossWalk for Children, C211 and D122
6:45 p.m.	Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Journey, The Refuge
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7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
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THURSDAY, APRIL 14	
9:00 a.m.	Parent's Day Out
9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study, B201
6:00 p.m.	ESL Class, B216
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6:00 p.m.	Children's Musical Rehearsal, Sanctuary
SUNDAY, APRIL 17	
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study (All Ages)
10:45 a.m.	Traditional Service, Sanctuary; Contemporary Service, Great Hall
11:00 a.m.	Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel
	Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B219
	Forest Community Church, The Refuge
12:00 p.m.	5th & 6th Grade Parent Meeting, Gathering Hall
3:30 p.m.	Missions Committee, B212
4:00 p.m.	Stewardship/Finance Committee, Conference Room
	Behold Your God, B102
4:30 p.m.	Adult Handbells, Handbell Room
5:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting, B202
	Student Life Groups, The Refuge
6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting, Great Hall
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