

THE FIRST WORD for October 12, 2025



First Baptist Church Eden

Fellowship at the Crossroads

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday Small Groups 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:45 am

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**FBC Eden exists to bring glory to God by becoming a "3E community":
Embracing God in worship, Encouraging one another in love to become
fully-devoted disciples, and Engaging the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

October 12: MOC Meeting following Morning Worship

5:00 pm Church Leadership Council Meeting

October 14: 10:00 am Community Ladies Gathering at Church of Christ

October 17: 7:00 pm Chonda Pierce in Concert

October 19: Church Fellowship Meal following Worship

Annual Members Meeting following Fellowship Meal

October 26: 3:00 pm Nursing Home Ministry

October 30: 5:00-7:00 PM Trunk or Treat at Earl Rudder Park & Gazebo
Trick or Treat event at Concho Health & Rehab

SEPTEMBER 2025

Budget REQUIRED:

\$20,832.00

Budget GIVING:

\$29,575.15

Today's Message
"Why Does Any of This Matter"
2 Peter 3:1-10

Mary Hill Davis
Goal \$2,000
Received: \$1,750

FOR THE RECORD ...

Worship 78
Small Groups..... 51
Wednesday Night..... 81

Deacon of the Month
David Dillard

How to Change the World

In the 19th century, Israel Salanter shared a bit of wisdom that had taken years for him to acquire. He said, "When I was young, I wanted to change the world. I found it difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation. When I couldn't change the nation, I focused on my town. I couldn't change the town, so I tried to change my family.

Now, as an old man, I realize that the only thing I can change is myself. And suddenly I realize that if, long ago, I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family could have made an impact on our town. The town's impact could have changed the nation, and I could indeed have changed the world."

It's common to want to change other people. After all, their faults and flaws are pretty obvious. But maybe instead of criticizing and browbeating, we should model. A teacher always responded to the question, "Can I go to the bathroom?" with "You **may** go to the bathroom." She gently modeled the correct words to use, and before long, she had a room full of seven-year-olds with good grammar.

Paul said, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ," 1 Cor 11:1. That is a call for us to model Christ-like behavior for others to imitate. If you really want to change the world, you must start with yourself. In Hebrew, halakh means "to go" or "to walk." It represents the path to follow. It conveys the idea that we should be walking out the truth of God's word in such a way that it creates a path for others to follow.

This week, focus on making your path straight and on being a light that illumines the path for others. Change yourself, and you can change the world..

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