

Obituary: Salvador Castorena Bernal

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Salvador Castorena Bernal of Vernon, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Lockney, died Jan. 19 in Wichita Falls. He was 64. He was born Dec. 25, 1960, in Tepezala, Aguascalientes, Mexico, to Luis Bernal and Francisca Castorena Reyes. He married Dalia Luna on Dec. 5, 1981, in Lockney. He was ordained as a deacon March 25, 1984, at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Lockney. He subsequently felt God's calling to preach and was ordained to the gospel ministry June 14, 1998, at Iglesia Bautista "La Trinidad" Church in Quitaque, where he was pastor eight years. He served six years as pastor at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Altus, Okla., before he was called to Primera Iglesia Bautista in Lockney in 2022. He was preceded in death by his father Luis Bernal; a brother, Jose Luis Bernal; and a granddaughter, Taya Marie Davis. He is survived by his wife Dalia Bernal; daughter Angelica Salazar and her husband Tony; daughter Lucy Hernandez; daughter Cathy Bernal; son Salvador Bernal Jr. and his wife Raquel; son Caleb Bernal; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and nine siblings. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Jan. 24 at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Lockney. Memorial gifts can be made to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Wichita Falls, Rathgeber Hospitality House and Texas Oncology of Wichita Falls.