



FIRST BAPTIST *At First Glance*

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Dr. Wade Smith
Pastor

As the calendar turns to May, I am still rejoicing in the glory and majesty of the Easter season. The variety and significance of each worship service allowed us to explore the depths and emotions of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. ***Christ the Lord is Risen!*** He has paid the debt for our sin and by His grace we too can know the power of resurrection for today and for eternity.

Spring Spectacular returns! The women of First Baptist gather in Norman on May 2-3 to worship, study, and fellowship with each other. Over 100 have registered for this overnight event. Let us pray that God will stir their hearts for His glory during their time together. I look forward to hearing about the wonderful things they experience.

On the evening of April 27 many of us gathered in Hallock Hall to reflect on our ***Worship as One*** services and to share our thoughts as we seek the Lord's leading concerning our worship. The Strategic Planning Team has this information and with input from deacons, worship leadership, and staff will bring a recommendation for the church to consider. To allow time for them to work, we will

continue to meet together in one worship service during the month of May. We will take advantage of our time together to celebrate the Lord's Supper and Baptism on the 4th, Mother's Day on the 11th, a youth choir on the 18th, and High School Graduate Recognition on the 25th. We will announce the Strategic Planning report as soon as it is ready. Let us continue to pray!

Deacon Ordination is set for the night of May 25. Over the last months the Deacon Nominating Team has worked diligently to understand who God is calling from our congregation to serve as deacon. At the March Church Conference you affirmed the work of the DNT by electing Steve Carter, Cathy Gilmore, Tom James, Greg Terrell, Doug Upchurch, and Gary Wood to serve as deacons. I look forward to these new deacons getting involved in our deacon ministry! I hope that you will join us for their ordination service at 6:30 on the 25th. It will be a meaningful service, followed by a reception for the new deacons. **The entire Deacon Ministry Team will meet on the evening of May 19.** Be in prayer for Deacon Chair Harold Brooks, our deacon ordinees, and all of First Baptist's deacons as they faithfully serve the Lord and the Body of Christ at First Baptist.

One of the most significant milestones in a young person's life is high school graduation. To celebrate this milestone we recognize our graduates in worship (May 25) and ask them to share a little about themselves and their plans for the future. As a church we offer our blessing and the gift of a study Bible. During the month of May, these Bibles are on display in the library for you to go by and write a word of encouragement by marking a favorite Bible verse. **Also, First Baptist will host the Norman Community Baccalaureate service on May 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** If you know a 2014 graduate invite them to be part of this special service of faith and commitment. **Congratulations Graduates!**

Of course, May means that our summer ministries are just a few weeks away. **Preparation and sign-ups for SummerScope, FLC Day Camps, Falls Creek, CrossTimbers, and Vacation Bible School are well underway.** Commit to praying for our ministry and summer staffs as they prepare for these camps. Pray for the children and youth that will attend. Pray that the Spirit of God will encounter all of these in life changing ways.

I walked through the East Wing construction today and am amazed at the work that is being done. I am even more amazed at the possibility that we will be back into our offices, youth and adult spaces in the next couple of months. Like many of you, I can't wait! My prayer all along has been that as our buildings are renewed that our fellowship would be renewed. **I hope that our community takes note of what is taking place on the inside of our hearts and not on the outside of our buildings.** I am praying for spiritual renewal and revival. I am praying that salvation and healing will come to the lost and hurting. I know that many of you are praying this way too. Let us continue our prayers and let us rejoice at what God is doing in our midst.

Grace and Peace,
Dr. Wade Smith



From the Pulpit

May 4

The Lord's Supper/Baptism
The Promise of Life

May 11

Mother's Day
A Sincere Faith

May 18

Be Strong

May 25

H.S. Recognition Sunday
Guard Your Treasures

All Church News

DEACON ORDINATION



**SUNDAY EVENING
MAY 25 AT 6:30 P.M.
Reception Following**

Congratulations to New FBC Deacons

Steve Carter	Greg Terrill
Cathy Gilmore	Doug Upchurch
Tom James	Gary Wood

**NORMAN COMMUNITY
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE
BACCALAUREATE**
Hosted by FBC Norman



Sunday, May 18
6:00 .m.



High School Graduate Recognition

Sunday Morning, **May 25**, 10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary



**Wednesday, May 7, Noon / Common
Ground, \$5 per lunch**

**Faith Story by
Dr. Charles Graham**
Dean, OU School of Architecture



Sunday Mornings 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship as One

*Friendship
Sunday Supper*

**FIRST AND THIRD
SUNDAYS 4:00 P.M.**

Pastor's Bible Study
5:30 in Hallock Hall
May 4



Lord's Supper/Baptism
May 4



MAY 13, Brown Bag Lunch

From noon to 1:00 p.m. in the
Wagner Hall Conference Room (Rm 187)
All OU faculty, staff & students are invited to join Brother Wade
for a brown bag lunch.

**No Evening Activities
Mother's Day, May 11**

**Office and FLC Closed
May 26, Memorial Day**

Family Life Center



Hours:

Monday-Thursday

8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

- **FITNESS CENTER ORIENTATION:** M at 6:00 p.m.
(Required for use of Fitness Center) Randy Praytor
- **LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE:** T / Th 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Parkinson's/Arthritis approved Mary Higgins
- **PILATES:** M / W / F 8:00-9:00 a.m. Rebecca Darrow
- **AEROBICS:** M / Th 5:20-6:20 p.m. Darla Miller
- **ZUMBA: (FREE)** W 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tori Collier

Call 360-5300 for more information on programs.

**The FLC will be closed on Monday,
May 26, for Memorial Day.**

FLC Summer Camps



Jr. Hoops (June 3-5)

\$45

4-5 yrs.

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



Young Chef's Day (June 24)

\$20

4 yrs.-1st Gr.

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

2nd-5th Gr.

1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.



Hiking Camp Day (June 26)

\$20

K-2nd Gr.

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

3rd-5th Gr.

8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Bug Basics Day (July 1)

\$20

3rd-5th Gr.

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.



Gymnastics Camp (July 7-11)

Ages 3-14

\$40-45

3:15 class, 4:10 class, 5:15 class



Geocaching Day (July 10)

\$20

K-2nd Gr.

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

3rd-5th Gr.

1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.



Upward Basketball (July 21-24)

\$75

6-8 yrs.

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

9-12 yrs.

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Camp Counselor forms are
available at the FLC.**

FBC Family News

The FBC Family wishes to extend sympathies to...

Dorothy Kitchens at the passing of her sister, Mary Patterson

*Steve Burkhart & family at the passing of his father,
Joseph "Joe" Burkhart*

*Debra & Julie Skinner and Janice Hill at the passing of their
mother & grandmother, Wina Jean Skinner*

*Chuck, Lundy & David Prater at the passing of Lundy's sister,
Fay Ingram*

*Elmer & Mona Roberts at the passing of Mona's sister,
Nadine Peterson & Mona's brother, Gordon Grissom*

*Family & friends of Betty Snodgrass at her passing
Brent & Robyn Briscoe at the passing of Robyn's father,
Bobby Gene Frazier*

*Kim & Dan Caldwell family at the passing of Kim's father
John Humphrey*

Shirley Rider at the passing of her son in-law, Chris Tyler

*Cullin & Katherine Faison at the passing of Katherine's
grandmother, Katherine Keas*

Peggy Alexander & family at the passing of Rick Alexander

Letters to the FBC Family

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent acknowledging the passing of
our loved one, Joseph Burkhart. Your thoughtfulness is so appreciated.
Sincerely, Joe Burkhart family

Thank you to all the ladies who provided food, etc. at such a sad and
trying time. Betty and Snod loved their church family.
Bob and Myrna Strough family

The family of Marvin Lawson, Junior acknowledges with grateful
appreciation to First Baptist Church, for your prayers, phone calls, cards
and support during Marvin's illness. Thank you to Jim Stewart for the
beautiful service that you delivered for Marvin. Also, to those who
attended Marvin's funeral. Your presence, your love, and support shown
to me and my family at this difficult time will always be remembered by
us. Thank you so much, you are greatly appreciated. Omeda Lawson,
Phil, Sandy, Bryce and Courtney Lawson

Dear Brethren,
Thank you for welcoming us to the church and the time you dedicated to
listening and learning more about God's health and education ministry
that you have been helping us to promote in Busbenyi and Uganda.
Sister Ephrance

First Baptist Church, we are so delighted by your support toward our
work in Busbenyi. Thank you for the warm fellowship, love, kindness
and generosity. Blessings, Phillipa

Staff Anniversaries This Month

The seven year anniversary of
Mark Rhea, FLC Facility and Program Support
Assistant, and the six year anniversary of Clint Taylor,
Minister of Recreation and Community Outreach

Childhood Ministry



CROSS-TIMBERS
CHILDREN'S MISSION ADVENTURE CAMP

June 17-20
3rd - 5th grade

Online Registration
Begins April 1st

Early Bird: \$140
After May 1: \$150



SPOTS LIMITED, SIGN UP TODAY! Contact Crystal for more information



FBC KIDS
Summer Theme
Nights Begin
MAY 28

Register for Summer Parent's Day Out

June 2, 16, 30
July 14, 28
Aug 11

WE NEED YOU
Adventurous VBS Volunteers!!!
Contact Crystal for details

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Tribal Leaders
- Bible Leaders
- Israelite Camp Patrons:
Baker, Butter Churner, Camel
Herder, Camp Cleaner, Operation Kid
To Kid Leader, Sand Artisan, Sandal
Stitcher, Musician, Weaver, Rope
Maker

VBS Wilderness Escape July 17-18



We would like to sincerely thank Summer Hanning for her past two years of work and ministry to our preschool children. We will miss her during Worship and on Wednesday nights, but we pray God will guide her as she moves to Dallas to prepare for and complete her Bar Exam.

Crystal R Byrd, Minister to Children

Adult Ministry

Don't "Sugar Coat" Your Relationship With God



Do you remember when you were a kid and your mom wouldn't let you have candy before meals? Most likely it was because she knew that the "sugar buzz" you would get from candy often masks your hunger for other things. And mom knew that if you tanked up on sugar before dinner that there was a good chance that you wouldn't have a true hunger for the real nutrients, vitamins and minerals that come from eating healthy foods that your body really does need.

There are many things today that act as "spiritual sugars" in life. Power, success, sexual gratification, financial prosperity...can be the "candies" that mask our real need for God. We may say, "of course I believe in God and know I'm going to heaven" but that comfort level may depend on day-to-day favorable circumstances. As long as I have my "fix" of whatever it is, I'm content. Yet when those circumstances change, often we are driven to God. In short, the false sugar disappears and we're forced to pursue the real nutrients that feed our soul.

Speaking of Himself, Jesus says "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35) I don't know about you but I sit up and listen when someone tells me there's a way to never be hungry or thirsty again. Really? A food that completely fills me up? A drink that keeps me from ever being thirsty?

Come to him today, for He will satisfy your deepest hunger. Believe in Him today, for He delights in quenching your thirst. You don't have to be content with eating the "sugars" of temporary pleasures or misguided passions. They can only mask your need for the really satisfying nutrients that God provides. Sure, treat yourself to an occasional piece of candy...but don't let it ruin your dinner of the "good stuff" of God.

Jim Stewart

SAVETHEDATE

Women's Ministry Events

Thursday, June 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Sweet Thursday Salad Supper

Saturday, July 12, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Afternoon at the Movies

Thursday, August 21, 7-8:30 p.m.

Sweet Thursday Fall Kick-Off

Ignite Challenge



Roy Joe Ham
Minister
of Administration

Decisions at the crossroads: I am a country boy! Born, raised and glad to have experienced that part of my life! That part of my life has served me well in countless ways through this journey we call life. I can't tell you how many times I came to a crossroad experience when decisions had to be made. It is always amazing to me that coming to a crossroad in the middle of nowhere doesn't always come with directions. Sometimes only stop signs, sometimes no signs at all, only crossroads. Once, on a mission trip to Mexico, we came to such a place. It was getting dark and the guide told us we must go straight ahead. That path led us eventually to a dirt road with potholes large enough to lose the van in which we were riding. The dirt road eventually led us to a barbed wire fence with only one choice, turn around and go back. We had missed the appropriate path to our destination. Turn around we did, back down that pot hole filled path, until we found a native to the area, riding a horse bareback, who not only knew the right direction but was willing to take us down one more dirt road (a road we missed because there was no sign) to the small church we were to lead worship in that night.

Life's crossroads for me have been many, as I know for most of you there has been also. For me it has been issues of losing both parents in a car wreck when I was 25 years old. There were no road signs to follow! Working for a company that asked me to do what I considered to be unethical issues to the point that I could not move forward with them... there were no road signs to lead down the next path we were to face. Being told that the economy is bad and the business owner needed to do what he and I were both doing when we had twins only 6 months old and a 3 year old... there were no road signs to follow. A call to ministry a few years later with an understanding of a need to go to seminary at age 42, which necessitated leaving a good job in management... there was no road sign to follow! And I understand crossroads continue with challenges in ministry and understanding the call to be church. There really are no road signs for these paths, but always a God that is concerned and willing to direct, bring peace, bring hope, bring answers, if I will be still and listen. You know, it has been amazing, directions always came, peace became evident, but only when I have been willing to follow that path to peace that God offered, and not do it on my own. Those directions came one step at a time, never with all the answers, never with a picture of all the challenges that would come! But always directions from God!

Are we at such a crossroad in the life of First Baptist? It seems we must be, as we ask the question about being a family together in worship! Certainly there are no road signs, certainly without all the answers and possibly more questions than answers! But, as a family of faith, worshipping together will strengthen who we are as family. When we fully become open to worship being fully about God, He will make Himself known in new and powerful ways. Worship together will allow us to become a closer family, bonded better and unified in our mission. I hope, I pray that we all seek time to be quiet and see if this indeed is God's call for our family in these days! For me, this seems to be a foundational move for this church to move into the next 125 years! It seems it must become a question about family and God's call at this time, so invite you to join me in prayer to find the peace, solid direction, and worship that He is leading us to in this crucial time.

Fervently praying for God's unmistakable direction at the crossroads!

Pledges	\$3,127,007
Received	\$2,074,340

Youth Ministry

High School Graduate Recognition

Sunday Morning, **May 25**, 10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary

Did you know...

—We have a group of 15 Juniors/
Seniors and leaders that will head to
Washington DC this summer to lead a
Summer Day Camp at
National Baptist Memorial Church?

falls creek 2014

High School: June 9-13

Middle School: June 16-20

register at iheartfbcym.com

Community Ministry

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:



for emergency bags:
 pop tarts
 individual cereal boxes
 small peanut butter jars
 peanut butter crackers
 cheese crackers
 individual fruit containers
 small sleeves of crackers
 travel size bottles of hand sanitizer

for family and individual bags:
 macaroni and cheese
 cans of fruit
 tuna or chicken helper
 jelly
 cans of tuna, chicken, or salmon



hygiene items:
 deodorant/antiperspirant
 small cans of shaving cream
 toothpaste

A huge thank you to our mentors serving at Lincoln Elementary this year, many of whom will return next year to continue working with their student. We worked with 25 students this year, with two still on the waiting list. We are now looking for mentors to serve during the next school year. I would love to have a large group trained and ready to go as new students are enrolled in our program throughout the school year. Questions? Email Angela at kidshope@fbcnorman.org.



Our apartment ministry needs a name—and we need your help! Watch for our naming contest flyer this month!



September 6, 2014

Adults 55+

Coming in May

May 5 Noon to 3:00 p.m. First Monday Playtime

Come join us for Jokers Wild, Canasta, or your choice.

May 13 Depart at 5:00 p.m. Night Out to Edmond at Italian Jim's Restaurant. The cost is \$3.00 plus dinner on your own.

May 15 Depart at 5:30 p.m. An evening with the Singing Churchmen at Graceway Baptist in OKC.

May 27-29 Nanas and Grampies Camp
 Grandparents and Grandchildren this is especially for you! The camp includes a special fun day adventure. Detailed daily schedules available at the FLC or contact Vickie @ 360-5300



Mark your calendars for June

June 13 9:00 a.m. to noon Senior Seminary with Dr. Mack Roark Cost: \$5.00 and includes lunch

June 24 Depart: 7:00 p.m. Lyric Theatre with Les Miserables Cost: \$42.00

June 27-28 Mystery Adventure A few details available at the Family Life Center. Transportation by motorcoach.



Playground Pals is a special monthly ministry opportunity. You can participate every month or choose a month. Our FBC playground is a tremendous mission field just across the street!

We provide cookies, drinks and "get acquainted" with our neighborhood families. Contact Vickie if you would like to participate.

Make reservations and payments at the FLC Office for all Adults 55+ events and programs.

Music Ministry

Men's Choir on Mother's Day – May 11



Men of all ages are invited to join the men of the sanctuary choir and the youth choir for a special presentation during worship on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11. To honor our mothers, wives, grandmothers, daughters, and friends, the choir for the morning will be comprised of men from our church family. We will present a fabulous arrangement of *Jesus Paid it All* accompanied by our Sanctuary Orchestra.

Everything sounds better with the orchestra.

To be at our best, we will have two rehearsal opportunities: Wednesday, April 30, and Wednesday, May 7. Both rehearsals will be at 6:30 p.m., in B-18. I'll provide you with a link to the anthem so you can listen along at home. On Sunday morning, we'll be in the choir loft for the first part of the service, then be dismissed to sit with the congregation for the message.

If you know you'll be singing, email Don in the music office:

musicministry@fbcnorman.org.

If you don't know yet, Don will be in touch with you. Looking forward to this.

Don Gilmore
Interim Minister of Music and Worship Arts

University Ministry

University Scholarship application window is over on May 1 and we are looking forward to blessing our college students!

The University Ministry will be going on our annual Rest Retreat May 19. We will leave the church at 3:00 p.m. and return the following day around the same time. We are going to the Wichita mountains so check out the website for more details on what to bring.

Say "Hello" to anyone you see at church that might resemble a college student. They need an intergenerational church involved in their lives.

UniversityMinistry.com

Take a gander at what else we are doing on our website.

Missions Ministry

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING "CONNECT"

The Mother's Day Offering is a collaborative effort of Baptist Village Retirement Communities, Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children and Baptist General

Convention of Oklahoma designed to celebrate motherhood by demonstrating Christ's love in a tangible way to those in our community.

For over 100 years Oklahoma Baptists have put their arms around children and seniors in need, stirring hope and demonstrating God's love. Your participation in the Mother's Day Offering makes this ministry possible.



OFFERING FOR NETS

Each year we encourage our members to give toward the purchase of mosquito nets. These nets save lives in countries that have Malaria.

This year our offering will go to purchase nets for the **trip to Uganda** that is planned for June.

These nets cost \$10 each, and we need every concerned person to pay for as many as they can.

To give toward the purchase of nets, place your offering in one of our regular church offering envelopes and write "**Nets**" and they will go to **Uganda**.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Worship

10:30 a.m. Worship as One, Sanctuary

Bible Study

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Life Groups

5:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study, HH

5:30 p.m. Home Life Groups

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal, Hallock Hall

6:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Ministries

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

Choir

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Family Life Center

300 W. Comanche

405.360.5300

Common Ground

324 W. Main

Happy Birthday!

- 01: Sharron Davault, Betty Gatewood, Grace Singleterry
- 02: Titus Haworth, David Hopper, Jennifer Martin, Jessica Martin, Mason Mungle
- 03: Chad Copelin, Gabriel Sanders, Pat Walker
- 04: Marilynn Beaney-Kelly, Suanne Carlson, Donna Hammons, Lisa Jordan, Maci Roesler, Grant Wade
- 05: Ike Allen, Arnold Higgins, Chase Schwabe, Andrew Walsh
- 06: Sandra Boger, Jeff Hager, Kori Horner
- 07: T.K. Keller, Logan Lassetter
- 08: Nicole Rowlette, Lillian Thomas, Leroy Wheeler, Betty Wolfard
- 09: Christopher Brooks, Bob Christian, Don Gilmore, Casey Pike
- 11: Jacob Crissup, Steve DeVoss, Bill Hardage, Jon Seratte, Richard Sigler, Kay Wallace, Michael Zellmer
- 12: Becky Holladay, Kate Parrish
- 13: Alex Antonio, Audrey Base, Grace Dwyer, Shea Fredericks, Cori Goebel, Cecilia Maruri, Erin Raiber, Erin Schier
- 14: Gavin Foster
- 15: Suzanne Cheshier, John High, Rebekah Law
- 17: Lydia Jorgenson, Gary Wood
- 18: Tammie Haworth, Robbi Mullinax, Tom Uglean
- 19: Konner Bloss, Dylan Hatcher, Jill Hatcher, Del McGowen, Jose' Nava, Celia Phillips, Anne Pierce
- 20: Charles Atkinson Sr., Wilma Black
- 21: Dot Adkins, Cheryl Alexander, Barbara Cole, Russell Hayes
- 22: Azam Hakim, Betty Sullivan
- 23: Betty Enox, Florin Racolta, Karen Reddell, Marcia Roe
- 24: Victoriya Lester, Marge Worten
- 25: Nona Argo, Raymond Foor Jr., Ashley Jang, Mona Roberts
- 26: Carol Kellison, Summer McGuire, Debbie Smith
- 27: Derek Alexander, Sean Massengale, Catherine Strevett
- 28: Jarred Elwell, Glenna Huddleston, Craig Long, Nolen Morgan, Trace Redwine, Andrea Windes
- 29: Kayla Cox, Judy Dunn, Alex Foster, Mary Lee Gossett, Anne Lawrence, Hazel Ruth Stewart, Joanna Storm
- 30: David Thacker
- 31: Lori Couch, Patrick Davis, Kole Hudson, Miranda Williams

First Baptist Church Denominational Stewardship

First Baptist Norman has a rich history and tradition of denominational support and participation. Our denominational partners allow us to cooperate and network with Baptists in greater Kingdom efforts than we could accomplish alone. Through our Baptist partners we support missionaries and ministries throughout the world, provide financial resources for disaster relief, support Baptist Universities, student work, seminaries, children's homes, retreat facilities like Falls Creek, and numerous other ministries.

The diversity of First Baptist is reflected in the diversity of our denominational interests and involvement. As part of our stewardship 11.5 % of our Ministry Plan receipts are set aside for missions and ministry outside the walls of our church. The breakdown of this 11.5 % reflects our desire to be

involved in missions and ministry on all levels; internationally, nationally, and locally. The side-bar shows how your tithes and offerings make a global impact through our denominational giving with last year's total distribution in parenthesis.

Remember and celebrate that each time you give to the Ministry Plan at First Baptist you are supporting Kingdom work in all parts of the world.

In addition to these Ministry Plan receipts, First Baptist members give generously to support missionaries and ministries through denominational offerings. Last year's denominational offerings totaled \$49,356.72 with the largest portion given for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering (\$34,034.03). Let us be mindful of our opportunities throughout the year to support this Kingdom work through our denominations.

International = .05%

Baptist World Alliance World Aid (\$9,456.44)

State/National = 5%

Southern Baptist/BGCO

(\$49,609.52)

Cooperative Baptist/CBFO

(\$46,339.53)

Local = 1%

Union Baptist Association

(\$18,912.91)

First Baptist Missions = 4%

(\$75,651.62)

FBC Missions

FBC Community Missions

Mission Trip Support=1%

(\$18,912.90)

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