



FIRST BAPTIST *At First Glance*

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Dr. Wade Smith
Pastor

The month of June passed quickly with camps and mission teams impacting the lives of youth, children, and adults in our church. In addition, I had the opportunity to travel to both the Southern Baptist and Cooperative Baptist annual meetings. Our Baptist partners are involved in many significant ministries locally, nationally, and globally. Our cooperative gifts literally fund Kingdom work and missionaries to the most remote parts of the world. Let's not forget that we are part of a bigger work and ministry than our local church. While away, I had the opportunity to engage in conversations with pastors and others, discovering that many churches are having similar discussions about worship, discipleship, and what it means to be a generational congregation. On Sunday evening, July 20, I will offer a **"Denominational Report"** from these national meetings and conversations. I hope you will join me!

Sunday, July 13 the **East Wing** will be open for Sunday School! Let us rejoice and give thanks to the Lord! As part of this day of celebration, we will join together in Hallock Hall at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship and prayer before moving to our classrooms by 9:30. We will bless our youth as they move back into the youth hall and recognize all of our adult Life Groups, many of which will be moving to new locations in the East and West wings. This will be a wonderful day of celebration. Are you settled and involved in a Life Group? Take this opportunity to renew or make your commitment to sharing life with others in the Bible study, prayer, and fellowship that only a small group can offer.

I am looking forward to **Vacation Bible School**, July 14-18. I hope that you have found your place to be involved as we minister to the children and families of our church and community. Have you invited your grandkids and neighbors to join us? Have you encouraged your children to invite their friends? Have you found your place to be involved? Together we can make this year's VBS a special week for everyone involved.

We continue **Weaving Our Tapestry** through the New Testament stories and encounters of Jesus each Sunday during July. We will encounter a Samaritan woman, "Doubting" Thomas, a Poor Widow, and the Good Samaritan. How are these threads woven into your tapestry? How does the thread of Jesus weave in and out of these lives and our own lives to transform our tapestries?

Rev. Brad Price has announced his retirement from First Baptist, effective July 31, as our Minister of Missions and Graphic Arts. Brad and Suzie have faithfully served our church for two decades, first as lay leaders in the youth area, and then, as Brad served as the pastor of the International Church. We have been blessed by Brad's gifts, wisdom, and artistic talents. We will miss Brad and Suzie's contribution to our church, but rejoice at the new opportunities that await them in ministry. We will gather after worship on Sunday, July 13, in Hallock Hall for a brief reception for the Prices. We invite you to bring a personal card or letter of thanksgiving or blessing as we say thank you for their service.

Please continue praying for our **Strategic Planning Team** as they work to bring their recommendation for worship to the church as soon as possible. Their initial report on June 22 brought with it more questions and conversation. Thank you for your ongoing input and for staying the course during this important time in our church.

The start of July means that summer is already winding down. I hope that you and your family have enjoyed some meaningful time together apart from the regular routines of the school year.

Blessed to serve you! Dr. Wade Smith



From the Pulpit

July 6

The Samaritan Woman

July 13

The Story of Thomas

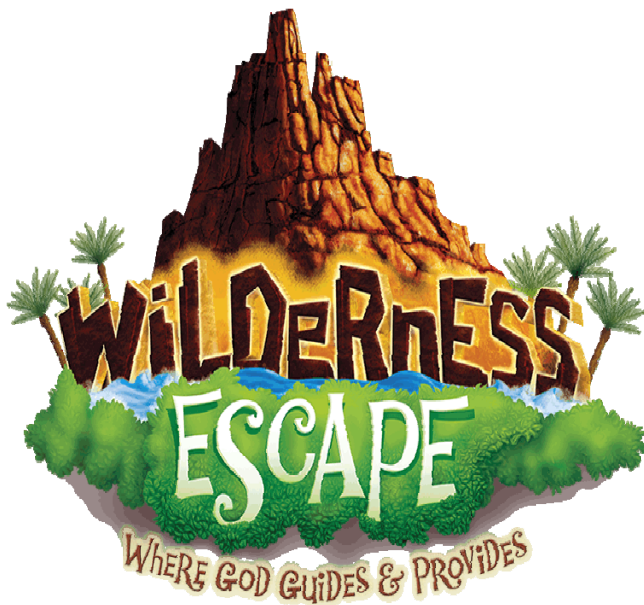
July 20

The Story the Poor Widow

July 27

The Story of the Good Samaritan

All Church News



Vacation Bible
School
July 14-18
Register Online



FBC, GARLAND
YOUTH CHOIR
IN CONCERT
SUNDAY, JULY 6
5:30 P.M.
SANCTUARY

**SUNDAY MORNING
RECEPTION AND
FELLOWSHIP
TO CELEBRATE EAST
WING COMPLETION
JULY 13 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Join us as we honor
BRAD & SUZIE PRICE
Sunday, July 13, 2014 - HH
Immediately following morning
worship.
*Let's thank Brad and Suzie
for their 13 years of ministry
and 22 years as members
of First Baptist.*

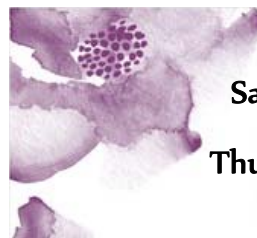
Pastor's Bible Study
Sundays, 5:30 in Hallock Hall

Coming in July
13—Bible Study
20—Denominational Report
27—Mission Trip Reports

*Friendship
Sunday Supper*

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

Women's Ministry Events
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



Family Life Center



- **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.

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.

The FLC will be closed on
 Friday, July 4.

JULY Summer Camps



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.

We will have two Disaster Relief Groups staying with us in July:

FBC Garland and BGCT Youth from TX.

Two Summer Classes

"Antiques 101 with Allison" July 8
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

"I Made It Art" July 29
 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Call 360-5300 for more details.

FBC Family News

The FBC Family wishes to extend sympathies to...

Shirley Rider at the passing of her brother & sister-in-law, Bob & Carolyn Waddle

Wayne & Fern Cockerham at the passing of their brother in-law, John Ballard

Phil, Leanne & Jessica Warren, Ben & Alyssa Warren, Gary, Janet, Timothy & Matthew Schaffner at the passing of Phil & Janet's mother, Ruby S. Warren

Charles & Georgia Barnard at the passing of Georgia's step father, JD Wright

Jim & Vicki Stewart, Matt, Joy Beth, Lynlee & Stewart Robinson, Brad & Sarah Stewart & family and Bryan & Sarah Stewart & family at the passing of Jim's mother, Hazel Ruth Stewart

Letters to the FBC Family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the food and cards, but most of all for all the prayers, and love and concern shown during the illness and loss of our mother, Ruby Warren. A caring church family is truly a blessing.

Janet Schaffner and Phil Warren, and families

Dear FBC friends,

My bulletin board at Grace Living Center was layered with many beautiful cards – both humorous and encouraging.

I appreciate your prayers and thoughtful visits.

Frances Searcey

George and Doris Dannehl's will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 11. Their children would like for you to participate in a "card shower." Please send cards and notes to 11004 Shoreside Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73170.

Staff Anniversaries This Month

In July, we celebrate the fourteenth anniversary of Terry Shultz, Maintenance, and the sixth anniversary of Aubrey Chapin, Music.

Our special thanks to these for their service to our church!

Childhood Ministry

FBC KIDS 2014 Summer Theme Nights

July 2 - Nerf War Night/Music Night

July 9 - Flower Pots

July 16 - VBS

July 23 - **Swim Night** (Stapleton Home,
Sign Up/Transportation Waiver **REQUIRED**)

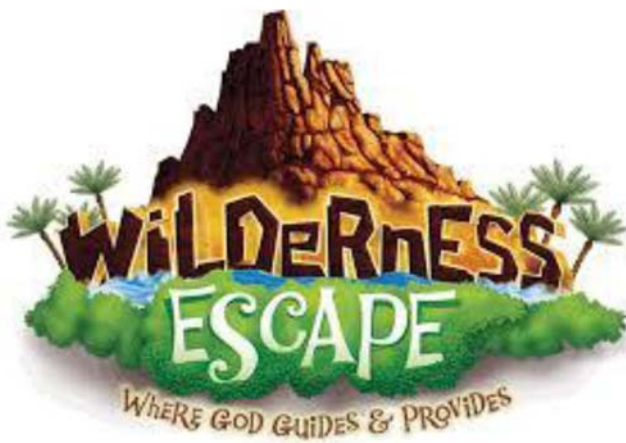
July 30 - Movie Night "FROZEN"



Aug 6 - No Activities

Aug 13 - International Cookout

***ALL ACTIVITIES ARE COMPLETED
PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 5
*PRESCHOOL AGE IS WELCOME
TO JOIN WITH A PARENT**



**VBS JULY 14-18
6pm-8pm
Register Online
Today!
Volunteers still
needed. Contact
Crystal Byrd.**

**August 17
Promotion Sunday
1st Grade Bible
Presentation**

Adult Ministry

"Island Infusion II"

July 31-August 2 Galveston Island, Texas
FBC IRON Men invites Your Family this year!

DEADLINE, JULY 6

Got your swim suit, fishing gear, baseball glove (for an Astros game) and/or courage up for carnival rides?...How about a taste for some grilled burgers and chicken?...Watching the waves come in?...spending time with God and your Christian friends? The list goes on... have you made your reservation at one of the villas on Jamaica Beach, www.vrbo.com or a local hotel? Once we know who is going on the trip, we will announce some group outings and ticket options. PLEASE SEND JIM STEWART AN E-MAIL WHEN YOU HAVE MADE YOUR RESERVATION! Contact Jim at jims@fbcnorman.org for more information or to put your family name on the list.



**SPECIAL SERVICE MINISTRY at OKLAHOMA BAPTIST
CHILDREN'S HOME JULY 26
SPONSORED BY UNCOMMON LOVE!**

Watch for details coming soon from other church publications and our website about an awesome service ministry our church will provide at our local OBCH campus in Moore on Saturday, July 26. OBCH is a great ministry to children and families in our state and we have the



opportunity to be a part of their ministry that day with some needs that can be met on their campus. If you're interested in helping with this July 26 ministry, please let Jim Stewart or Pascha Sanders know of your interest.

"Sweet Thursdays"

JULY 12 SWEET THURSDAY - MOVIE TIME!

Ladies, join us at Common Ground on Saturday, July 12, from 1:30-4:00 p.m. for a great afternoon of movie, snacks, door prizes and fellowship. We'll watch the Hallmark movie, "What If" and enjoy a mid-summer time together on Saturday afternoon. For more information, contact Jim in the church office. Hope to see you there

**SUNDAY MORNING RECEPTION AND FELLOWSHIP
TO CELEBRATE EAST WING COMPLETION
JULY 13 AT 9:00 P.M.**

Ignite Challenge



Roy Joe Ham
Minister
of Administration

After one year we are finally there...CRUNCH TIME! As I write this article we are making the final steps and preparation to move back into the East Wing. HOORAY! I hope you are excited and anticipating this wonderful opportunity to utilize this great space to make disciples and to increase making a difference in the lives in and around Norman and the rest of the world. CRUNCH TIME from the Urban dictionary can be described as:

The interval of time immediately before a project is due, when it becomes apparent that the schedule has slipped and everyone is going to have to work like dogs to try to complete the project in time. Crunch time usually occurs during the period between the next-to-last scheduled milestone (prior to which everyone was able to delude themselves that the schedule had NOT slipped) and the final deadline for delivery.

Really the schedule has not slipped, but there is much to do to make ready the east wing now that construction is drawing to a close. However, I am excited to see this day come because of the faithful vision, and the faithful generosity of so many who have made this step possible.

CRUNCH TIME also affects much of our lives as we wait, and wait and wait and miss so many opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ. When we began the Ignite work we began using the appropriate phrase of "building for those who are not yet here!" Now the challenge comes for us to be faithful to that call. Will it only be a good slogan or is it a challenge for us to move forward inviting and even bringing those with us who have not yet been here? CRUNCH TIME IS UPON US ALL! Will you join with me in this journey?

As we have presented before, summer time is an active time for ministry as well as our time away from worship. Both of those are important to our lives and to the lives of the church. Please be aware of the need for faithful stewardship to offset this busy season of ministry.

It is a joy to serve alongside you. Roy Joe

Pledges	\$3,127,007
Received	\$2,139,786

Youth Ministry

What's happening in the Youth Ministry?

- Guys' and Girls' Monday Night Bible Studies
- Summer Wednesday Nights
- Random Moments of Volleyball
- Sunday Morning Bible Studies
- Getting ready for a remodeled Youth Hall
- Back-to-School Event, August 24

Thank you for praying for our 2 weeks at Falls Creek! God has been doing some pretty amazing things in the lives of our students! Can't wait to see what happens next!



DC Mission Trip

15 students/leaders will be in Washington, D.C. from June 28 - July 5. Please pray for us!

Community Ministry

Our Apartment Ministry's new name: Samaritan's Inn, provided by Darline Hobbs. Thank you for all of your suggestions!

Our Sunday Suppers continue on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 4:00 p.m. A huge thank you to each class that serves there and at Food and Shelter. We have many new faces each week. We welcome more volunteers to greet our guests, listen, and show them the compassion and love of Christ. Come take a risk and make a new friend!

Clothes Closet Needs:

Men's and boys' clothing and shoes Backpacks

New undergarments (men & women)

Food Pantry Needs:

Peanut Butter Toilet Paper Deodorant

Bikes and Bibles Needs:

Bike locks (u-lock type are best) Bibles

Thank you for your donations!



We are looking for new Kids Hope USA mentors for the upcoming school year. Our mentors work one on one with at-risk students at Lincoln Elementary for one hour each week.

Most mentors work from 2:40-3:40 one day a week, but we also have some times available during the school day. If you can't make a weekly commitment, consider volunteering as a substitute mentor or helping on our Kids Hope leadership team.

Email Angela at kidshope@fbcnorman.org for more info.



September 6, 2014

Adults 55+



JULY 1 First Monday Game Day

Noon to 3:00 p.m. Bring your lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

JULY 10 Yellow Rose Dinner Theater

Come join us for Juke Box Magic and hear Music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. The cost is \$30 and the vans will depart at 5:45 p.m. from the parking lot east of the playground.

JULY 22 Supper and a Show

Talk of the Town Orchestra will be here playing the most popular tunes of the 40's! Invite a friend and come join us at 6:30 p.m. upstairs at the Family Life Center. The cost is \$5.00 and includes dinner.



JULY 31 July and August

Birthday Bash Luncheon

Everyone is invited to join us at 11:30 a.m. If you were born in July or August your lunch is "free". If you are not a July or August birthday the cost is \$5.00. Our special guest is Patrick Piscitelli with OU Senior Programs.



Sign Up Now

Coming this fall September 1-7

Baseball plus much more!

Ohio, Missouri, and Kentucky!

Yes, we are going to some baseball games but like the title says we are doing so much more! Our trip includes historic St. Charles and Hermann, a St. Louis vs. NY Mets baseball game, the Unique Creation Museum, a Reds vs. Blue Jays baseball game, the French Colonial Village of Genevieve, and the Laura Ingalls Wilder home.

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

Missions Ministry

Dear friends,

It has been a privilege to be your missions and graphic design minister for the last few years. Suzie and I have been at First Baptist Church longer than we have ever been anywhere. In 1992, we joined having just returned from the mission field. We are grateful for the investment that others have made in us and the opportunity we have had to invest our lives as lay persons in the youth ministry, college ministry and membership of First Baptist. Our children grew up here and I had the honor of pastoring the International Church for eight years.

I am so grateful for the mission-minded people in our church. Many of you who have gone on mission trips have exhibited a true mission heart and a love for people of other cultures. Also, those who have worked in Friendship International are special people. You love people who come to this country from other countries. You enjoy sharing our culture with them and learning about their cultures. These friendship volunteers define what it means to live outside their comfort zone for the sake of others.

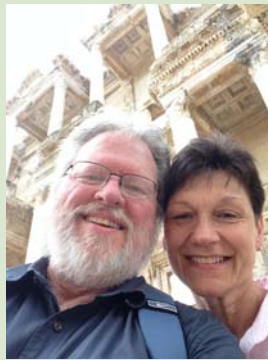
Our missions committee members have shown great generosity in the way they have worked to support our ministry, mission trips and mission partners around the world.

As we enter this new stage in ministry, I hope that you will pray for both of us, and that we will step out courageously and be people of faith. Through a sense of God's calling to work in the world of art galleries and art education, I hope to build strong personal relationships with the people that I meet, engaging in personal evangelism and discipleship. This is my new mission field.

In Calvary's tie,
Brad & Suzie Price



Brad Price
Minister of Missions



University Ministry

Our students are home for the Summer! And here's what we've done so far...

FBC's CONNECT University Ministry
...is continuing its study of *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller.
...has finished two weeks of Falls Creek youth camp where we led high school and middle school students.
...has played ultimate frisbee, volleyball, and soccer.
...is looking forward to helping with VBS.
...is excited about Joey's new daughter, Paisley Dawn!

If you have any questions about CONNECT don't hesitate to email Joeya@fbcnorman.org

UniversityMinistry.com

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

Special Announcement

Wedding
COORDINATOR

*Now accepting applications
for the position of wedding
coordinator in the
church office.*

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Worship

10:30 a.m. Classic Worship Service, Sanctuary
 LifeSong Worship Service, CG

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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Facilities

Main Church Building

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 Twitter: @fbcnorman
 Web: www.fbcnorman.org

Family Life Center

300 W. Comanche
 405.360.5300

Common Ground

324 W. Main

Happy Birthday!

- 01: Phil Cotton, Justin Love, Alice Mobley, Emily Pierce
- 02: Tyler Couch, John Dwyer, Hillary Hawkins, Wilma Minyen, Alyssa Smith, Jennifer Smith
- 03: Corey Dunford, Mark Dvorak, Logan Valentine, Arthur Witt
- 04: Tommy Craighead, James Harp, EttaJean Hobbs, Carla Messer, Ina Snyder
- 05: Cody Bratten, David Deford, Dustin Horstkoetter, Lisa Stegner, Kim Weaver, Shelley Wilson
- 06: Kendall Bryant, Cathleen Clough, Pamela Hill
- 07: Edna Carrington, Jeffrey Davis, Robert Hamra, Gregory Hoyt, Jeff Jones, Hilary Michael
- 08: Jennifer Fox, Matthew Lang, Jean Tahkofper, Meleah Yording
- 09: Vivian Holt, Clay Miller, Isabella Nava, Marissa Polston
- 10: Doris Burleson, Ruth Ann Carr, Ryan Chapman, Claire Davis, Johnny High
- 11: Donald Burgess, Ed Goebel, Kathleen Moorhead, Nicole Parrish, Ann Terrell, Brian Wilson
- 12: MacKenzie Childers, Tom Gallaher, Marc Hardage, Flora Ionescu, Susan Knight, William Leber, Daxton Marley, Shirley McCormick, Pat Tucker
- 13: Janice Campbell, Daniel Deering, Rita Hilliard, Steve Williams
- 14: Beverly Adkins, Patrick Combs, Iva Griffith, Trenton McMillen
- 15: Kara Barton, Jonathan Caddell, Ian Chandra, Gabriel Cherry, Shelly Ellis, August Harper, Lizzy Lefler, Patrick Livingston
- 16: Wayne Parrish, Joseph Schier, Anthony Strevett, Emily Sullivan
- 17: Jana Christian, Junice Frazier, Doyal Hedrick, Laura Jonason, Brandon Ragland
- 18: Nita Bill, Ginny Cecil, Sharon Garrett, Karen Griffin, Andrea Hale, Noah Hodges, Loretta Kelner, Brandon Leech, Ralph Moulton
- 19: Nina Hopkins, Madison Rigney, Wade Smith, Ronny Turbeville, Ethan Wilson
- 20: Tracy Foor, Eleanor Mullinax, Wilson Mullinax, Warren Osburn, Christian Peck
- 21: Dan Caldwell, Kelly Combs, Gloria Lamar, Matt Robinson, Jack Smith
- 22: Claud Dill, Jeff Dismukes, Alex Long, Michael Matthews, Ashlie Mowdy, Austin Smith, Mykah Stegner
- 23: Carter Faison, Jess Porter
- 24: Pat Allen, Jeremy Briscoe, Greg Cook, Mike Reihart
- 25: Jennifer Curry, John DeLany, Estelle Evans, Verna Flippin, Linda Harrison, Vivian Hilgenfeld
- 26: Peggy Thomas
- 27: Waymolene Abel, Jane Kroeker, Leslie Moss, Kent Nicholson, Austin Taylor
- 28: Glenn Adams, Robin Antonio, Charles Douglas, Leah Landreth, Carolyn Seratte, Jan Seratte
- 29: Huwanta Blasius, Laurie Foor, Helen Hull, Sally Lawrence, Aggie McDade, Benjamin Ray
- 30: Kevin Foor, Lise Simpson, Sawyer Stapleton
- 31: Julie Bradford, Donna Dye, Kim Hopper, Chris Tucker

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**First Baptist Church
 Stewardship in Children's Ministry**

Thank you for your faithful giving to the FBC Norman Children's Ministry. Our children are extremely blessed to be part of a church who love and nurture them into a better understanding of Christ, through their prayers, volunteering time and personal investment. We have a wonderful Children's Ministry Team, as well as faithful volunteers who view their love for serving children as a divine calling. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers that give their time, energy, and resources to our children's activities.

Besides our regular Wednesday night programming and Sunday morning, there are a few key events that occur once or multiple times a year:

- 1. Children's Spring Break Retreat
- 2. FBC Kids Night Out/FBC Kids Day Out
- 3. Children's Camp
- 4. Vacation Bible School
- 5. Summer Theme Nights
- 6. FBC Kids Sleepover
- 7. Sunshine Celebration
- 8. Growing in Christ Class

Through your faithful giving, these events bless our children and their families. Our students are given fun ways to experience Christ within their own church family. Not only do you support our children, but also the friends they invite. As FBC Norman, we are blessed to have wonderful children with a heart for Christ and a heart for sharing His love and the gift of His salvation with their friends.

Crystal R. Byrd, Minister to Children

