



# FIRST BAPTIST *At First Glance*

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**Dr. Wade Smith**  
Pastor

**H**ave you discovered the joy of making lists? Yes, I understand that some despise lists and feel that they are the “ball and chain” of life that binds and restricts. And while I enjoy the spontaneity of a life without lists, I have found that lists can be a wonderful tool to bring order and freedom in life. Lists have become my “countdown” to the weekend. I typically begin my countdown on Monday compiling the list of things that need to be accomplished in preparing for a week of study, ministry, and meetings. My list grows through the week, but by Wednesday evening I am focused on the countdown, working to check off each item. And when that last item is completed: it is time to celebrate the weekend—also known as working through the list that has been growing at home.

My favorite list is the one that begins the week of vacation. And so, here I sit at my kitchen table, working on the last item before our family vacation begins—the August newsletter. This article is typically the last thing on the list to be completed before leaving town. This morning it is 8:04 and we were trying to leave for San Antonio at 8:00. Everyone is still scurrying around and hasn’t noticed that I am still working. My grace time is quickly ticking away. The countdown for “Vacation Dad” has been put on hold at: 01.

School begins the first Monday of August for the Smiths as the Norman North band commences a new year of marching and music. And with this, the rhythm of a new year begins. Morgan will be returning to Baylor in a couple of weeks and Gay and Wilson will return to their schools as well. Likewise, the new rhythms of a school year begin at First Baptist.

**Education Sunday is August 17.** This is always a special day of worship and celebration at First Baptist as we offer blessing to our educators and students for a new year. We will *Worship as One*, celebrating baptism and the Lord’s Supper as well as presenting Bibles to our first and sixth graders. With the recent opening of the East Wing, we will take a moment to re-consecrate this space to the Lord. After worship we will enjoy lunch together in Hallock Hall and enter into Church Conference. In addition to our regular church business, we will hear a recommendation from Strategic Planning concerning worship. This will be a significant day of worship and fellowship.

I invite you to join us on **Sunday afternoon, August 24 at Sooner Lanes.** We will be hosting a bowling fellowship to bless our children and youth as they begin a new year. The entire church is invited to join in the fun. Last year we had a fantastic time and filled the bowling alley. Thanks to Kirk and Crystal for developing this opportunity for the generations to come together for fun.

**The Strategic Planning** team has been hard at work over the last eight weeks, praying, talking, e-mailing, and working to bring a recommendation for us to consider concerning worship. They have read and re-read the comments and surveys of almost 300 members, plus engaged in numerous conversations with you. After just a few minutes of our first meeting, one of the members remarked how complex this issue is, encompassing times, venues, worship styles, and how any decision will impact our church and ministry staff. They have visited with Personnel Committee and both our Classic and LifeSong worship teams. On August 3, they will continue the conversation with the larger church family in Sunday School classes. They will be presenting an initial recommendation, looking for insight and input from you. Their plan is to bring a final recommendation on August 17, with a vote to be held at the September church conference. Let’s continue the conversation in prayer and with each other.

Well, I am about to check off the final item of my vacation list. I look forward to “re-entry” in a few days as we begin a new school year together. Here we go: 03, 02, 01, 00. “Vacation Dad” has arrived!

Grace, Peace, and Safe Travels!  
Dr. Wade Smith



## ***From the Pulpit***

**August 3**

*Simon and a “Sinner”*

**August 10**

*Mary Magdalene*

**August 17-Education Sunday  
Combined Service/Dedication**

*Celebrating the tapestry we have  
and continue to weave together.*

## All Church News

# Education Sunday

- AUGUST 17**
- ◆ PROMOTION DAY
  - ◆ EAST WING DEDICATION
  - ◆ LUNCH AND CHURCH  
CONFERENCE AFTER SERVICE

### DURING THE SERVICE

- ◆ Bible Presentations to 1st and 6th graders
- ◆ Recognition of Educators among us
- ◆ Formal dedication of the East Wing
- ◆ Baptism
- ◆ Lord's Supper
- ◆ Sunday School/Small group promotion
- ◆ Reflection from Steve and Pam DeVoss
- ◆ Special music by Stephanie and Pam DeVoss

### AFTER THE SERVICE

- ◆ Lunch & Church Conference  
\$2 Nacho Bar  
Bring a Dessert or Salad to share.  
Hallock Hall

## For the Whole Church Family

# Kid's International Cookout!

August 13  
Church parking lot and playground

# Bowling Fellowship

August 24, Sooner Lanes  
For children, youth and their families.



Event to be held at Embassy Suites  
Tickets \$25 available in the church office  
beginning July 27.

*All proceeds help clothe the Oklahoma  
Baptist Children's Home Residents.*

***Pastor's Bible Study***  
Will resume in September

## DEACON MINISTRY TEAM FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST 10, 5:30 P.M.  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

125 YEARS • 1889-2014  
**GENERATIONS**  
*"The Lord is good..."*  
PSALM 100:5

### Save the Dates:

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Banquet at OU Ballroom

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Heritage Music Concert

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Former Pastor's Panel Discussion,  
Worship Celebration  
and Block Party

## 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.

## Developmental Gymnastics



**Schedules are available  
at the Family Life Center.**

**Registration  
begins on August 4.**

**First classes start after  
Labor Day.**

**Classes held on Tuesdays and  
Fridays each week.**

**Includes ages 3-15**

**Beginning, Intermediate,  
and Advanced classes.**



### Contra Dancing

Friday, August 1

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

*Come try great exercising in the  
form of folk dancing!*

## FBC Family News

### The FBC Family wishes to extend sympathies to...

*Elmer & Mona Roberts at the passing of their sister in-law,  
Florence Grissom  
JoAnn Anthony; Angela, Russell & Russ Cole at the passing of  
Caleb Ihle  
Buddy & Susan Williams; Justin, Traci, Emerson, Addison,  
Laney Jo, Eleanor & Wilson Mullinax; Peter, Jennifer &  
Glenn Bowles and Miranda Williams at the passing of  
Sara Williams  
Tyler, Alisa, Ben & Jack Lane at the passing of Tyler's mother,  
Katherine House  
Chris & Alexa Kennedy at the passing of their wife and mother,  
Kelsey Kennedy  
Ronald & Donna Hammons; Philip, Dedra, Hayley, Brooke &  
Trace Redwine at the passing of Faye Johnston  
Nina Hopkins, Paul, Kellie, Cooper, Carson & Foster Hopkins  
at the passing of Harry Hopkins*

### Letters to the FBC Family

*To First Baptist Church Bereavement Ministry Team, We want  
to thank each of you for serving on this team. It is one of the best  
ministries that FBC still has. We want to thank you for the meal  
that you called church family to bring, and the chicken was a huge  
success! Thanks again for each of your kind and thoughtful deeds  
for others in our church.*

*In Christian Love, Susan & Buddy Williams*

*Dear Church Family, Thank you for your prayers and concerns  
about my health. The many cards, emails, phone calls and visits  
were so appreciated. We serve a great God and He is worthy of  
our praise!*

*Joe Bob Weaver*

*Dear Friends, Thank you for the going away reception and for the  
many cards, emails and phone calls that we have received. Your  
gifts and your words of encouragement and thanksgiving have  
meant the world to us. Keep us in your prayers as we will  
remember you in ours.*

*In Calvary's tie, Brad and Suzie Price*

### You are invited to come and celebrate Edith Bray's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Come and Go Reception  
August 17 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Family Life Center**

### Staff Anniversaries This Month

*In August, we celebrate the following anniversaries of service...*

*Ada Sewell, Parents Day Out, nineteen years  
Mike Raiber, Orchestra Leader for twelve years*

*Vivian Hille, Custodian for nine years*

*Andrea Issacson, Pianist for four years*

*Elliot Ringwald, Organist of two years*

*Sara Weaver, custodian for two years*



## Childhood Ministry

**Thank you** for your prayers & service during the children's summer activities: Crosstimbers Children's Camp, Wilderness Escape VBS, and Wednesday Summer Theme Nights. It was an amazing summer! Please pray that God will continue to strengthen and grow our children's ministry as we enter into the fall semester.

Thank you, Crystal R. Byrd

**August 6**

No Wed. Night

**August 13**

Kid's International Cookout

**Parking Lot and  
Playground**

**ALL CHURCH FAMILY  
INVITED**

**August 17**

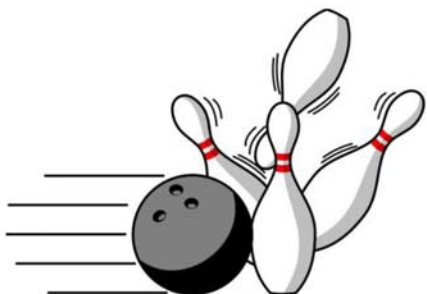
Promotion Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> grade Bible  
Presentation

**August 20**

Regular

Programming Begins



Join Children & Youth  
Ministries for the  
**END OF SUMMER  
BOWLING BASH**  
Sunday, August 24  
SOONER Bowling Center  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ENROLL TODAY for  
**Fall 2014:**  
-Parent's Day Out  
-Kaleidoscope

## Adult Ministry

### DINNER 8! A NEW WAY TO EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY!



You've been thinking you'd like to make some new friends...or you're new and *need* friends...maybe you just like good food...and great conversation...then, you're in luck!

Dinner 8 is offered through our **Uncommon Love** ministry. Envision 8 adults meeting monthly for a meal together...in homes, restaurants, or cookouts...whatever the group decides. After four months, members will rotate to a new group. Sunday, August 24, we will kick off this new ministry with a lunch in Hallock Hall, announcing the group assignments for our first round of Dinner 8 and allowing members to plan their first group meeting. Singles, couples...Dinner 8 is for everyone! Reimbursement for child care will be provided for young families who need it in order to join a Dinner 8 group.

If you are interested in joining a Dinner 8 group, contact the church office. No cost involved. Just fun, new friends and great food! Ask Jim Stewart for more details...another example of our **Uncommon Love** together within the body of Christ!



### NEW IRON MEN SESSION OF STEPPING UP TUESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL!

Guys, if you didn't take advantage of this great new study for men on Wednesday nights this summer, then mark your calendar this fall for a new session of Stepping Up on Tuesday nights, beginning Sept. 3. Watch for more details soon. Contact Jim in the church office to register for Stepping Up.

## "Sweet Thursdays"

### August Sweet Thursday Event Fall Kickoff –Bunco

Thursday, August 21, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Room B20 in the East Wing

Come join other women for a time of fun and fellowship!

## Ignite Challenge



Roy Joe Ham  
Minister  
of Administration

Moving a church to new spaces has been an interesting journey. Most of our adults, university and all youth Bible Study classes are in new locations as we have re-entered the east wing and emptying the west wing 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for children. It has been a journey with a lot of work that went into the preparation and action in accomplishing the task. It has taken a lot of time, and many have been involved with the process. But, we are in!

A substantially complete project is an indication that it can be used, but final details have not been completed. As I write this article the contractor is working to finalize all of the outstanding issues.

Five years ago we began a process with the vision of the Trustees at that time, followed by support from the Strategic Planning Committee, Deacons and the broader church. About 120 members began the journey to evaluate our properties, determine needs and envision how revitalized space could be used. Thank you to all who had a part in that original three year commitment that led to a five year first phase. The leadership provided by Don Gilmore as the general project committee chairman was supported by 13 task forces, and for each of you we are grateful. To James Harp, Jay Jimerson and Joe Shockley who led the capital finance team thank you for your leadership and the support of the team. Also, thank you to all of you who have generously supported the project financially, with words of encouragement, and with your many prayers. Finally, thank you Lea Ann Williams and Mary Eve Summers and for your wonderful decorating taste to finish the project.

On Sunday, August 17 we will celebrate a building dedication time. Truly it is a blessing from God to have such facilities that have been renewed. It is more than appropriate that we acknowledge His blessing and His call to use our facilities to impact people for the cause of Christ. I hope to see you here as we celebrate as a church family.

Remember our commitment to this project from the beginning? **We are building for those not yet here!** That is a mission; that is a vision that will take a commitment from each of us to succeed. Family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, new people in your neighborhood, strangers you meet, your children/grandchildren's sports coach and many others need to be reached for Christ. A simple invitation or better yet, pick them up and bring them with you. God is about some life-changing things in this place! Will you join in on what He is already about. He needs you! And that long list of people, they need Him!



## Youth Ministry

- Guys and Girls Bible Studies wrap up this month! The last one is August 11.
- The last Summer Wednesday Night is July 30! Youth will resume in Youth Hall August 13.
- Sunday Mornings we are officially in our awesome new Youth Hall!
- Be on the look out for random nights of volleyball and other activities.
- August 17, Combined Worship, Baptism, Lord's Supper as well as Bible presentation to incoming sixth graders. We will enjoy lunch together in Hallock Hall, cost \$2.00 plus bring salad or dessert to share, Church Conference will follow.
- August 24 Bowling Fellowship at Sooner Lanes for children, youth and their families.
- August 31, first OU Home Game will be hosted by Youth. Parking starts four hours before game time. Contact Kirk to sign up to work. We need parent volunteers also.



## Community Ministry



**September 6, 2014**

It's almost here! On September 6, our church will join with other local churches to pour out Christ's love on our city. Our community ministry team will be working with each Sunday School class this month to help you find a project.

### SCHEDULE

8:30 Kickoff Rally at the Annex at Bethel Baptist,  
1132 McGee Drive  
9:00 Dismiss to city wide projects

**Bring your family and share the love of  
Christ with Norman!**

### NEW MENTORS NEEDED



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.

For more info, email Angela at  
communityministry@fbcnorman.org .

#### Clothes Closet Needs:

Men's and boys' clothing and shoes    Backpacks  
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!**

## Adults 55+ Ministry



**August**

**August 7**

**Yellow Rose Dinner Theater**  
**American Country** The cost is \$30 per person. The group will depart at 5:45 p.m.

**August 9**

**Bluegrass Concert in Midwest City**

The cost is \$8 per person. The group will depart at 5:45 p.m.

**August 22**

**A Day in Dallas**

Our day includes the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, the Biblical Arts Center and lunch at Celebration Restaurant. The cost is \$72 per person plus lunch. The group will depart at 7:00 a.m. and return at 8:00 p.m.

**August 29**

**Yellow Rose Dinner Theater An Evening with Elvis!**

The cost is \$30 per person. The group will depart at 5:45 p.m.

### Coming in September

**September 9**

**Gospelfest** will take place at First Baptist Church Moore. The theme is, "God Bless America." Musicians include Kyle Dillingham, the Rankin Brothers, Sherman Andrus, The Masters Trio and Praise Inc. Quartet. The cost is \$35 per person with lunch included. The group will depart at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m.

**September 12**

**Senior Seminary** with Mack Roark from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$5 per person.

### Coming in October

**Join us for the Autumn Adventure to Mt View Arkansas October 28-31.** Sign-up has already begun. Detailed itineraries are available at the FLC Office.

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

## Missions Ministry

### Volunteers Needed in Missions



With the retirement of our Mission Minister, each of us needs to step up and help in these vital on-going ministries. Please consider giving your time to help. ***To sign up to help in any of these areas contact the church office for more information. Thank you!***

#### Friendship International-Thursdays

Teachers, assistant teachers, drivers and support personnel

#### Operation Christmas Child - Oct./Nov.

Wrapping, boxing, receiving of boxes  
Preparing a box for the children

#### Super Bowl – First Sunday in February

Kitchen/set-up and clean-up

#### MissionFest – Second Sunday in November

Set-up and clean-up

#### Parade of Nations – First Sunday in November

Carry a flag, set-up and take-down

#### Missionary Residence

Lawn care, maintenance

#### Mission Trips

Participant on a team, planning

## University Ministry

### Our students are back from summer!



After several years of wandering, the college ministry has a room to call our own! Thank you, to all who have given to the Ignite campaign. We are looking forward to a great year.

If you have any questions about CONNECT don't hesitate to email [joeya@fbcnorman.org](mailto:joeya@fbcnorman.org)

[UniversityMinistry.com](http://UniversityMinistry.com)

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



**WEDNESDAY  
FELLOWSHIP MEAL**  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

*Friendship  
Sunday Supper*

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

FIRST  
SUNDAYS  
4:30 p.m.  
Clothes  
Closet and  
Food Pantry



THIRD  
SUNDAYS  
4:30 p.m.  
Clothes  
Closet and  
Food Pantry



*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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**Family Life Center**

300 W. Comanche  
405.360.5300

**Common Ground**

324 W. Main

*Happy Birthday!*

- 01: Keri Cain, Randy Satterlee
- 02: Don Adkins, Nancy DeGraff, Chris Kennedy, R.V. Reid, Emma Lou Tiffany
- 03: Stephen Bratcher, LaDonna Hardesty, Joan Shockley, Kara VanAntwerp
- 04: Judy Addison, Jarred Allen, Jordan Beene, Katherine Faison, Tony Pennybaker, Ricky Stapleton, Laurie Ward
- 05: Sally Elkin, Pearl Haxel, Staci Sheldon, Lynn Thompson
- 06: Bobby Jackson, Marcus Jones, Gary Knight
- 07: Delores Allen, Lanelle Avery, Susan Beam, Graham Roe, Willis Small, Allyson Summers
- 08: Ethan Cochrane, Yvonne Mounce, Paula Swing, Graeme Wilson
- 09: Alex Taylor, Patricia Wiggs
- 10: Virjama Lassiter, Thomas Leon, Isaac Miller, Alea Smith
- 11: Carol Cawyer, Steve Dannehl, Trudy Martin, Rosemary McCord
- 12: Amy Arrington, Ellen Deal, Al McCord
- 13: Suzie Martin, Kim Milliron
- 14: Grace Atkins, Isaac Carlson, Cindy Gray, Sayre Stapleton, Theresa Strevett
- 15: Angela Caddell, Ronald Evans, Dorothy Faison, Asa Haworth, Marty Hubbel
- 16: Johnnie Hardage, Kandyce Lang, Mary Eve Summers
- 17: Edith Bray, Gavin Cherry
- 18: Beverly Bailey, Doris Whinery
- 19: Jane Close, Jennifer Graham, Fred Hilliard, Anna Hixon, Kathy McNeal, Judy Sullivan
- 20: Philip Crawford, Julie Myers, Darlene Yousey
- 21: Gwenn Hare, Josh Haxel, Donna Hays, Grace Anne Marcum, Jack Pinion, Betty Romero-Spaulding, Steven Stegner, Marla Valentine, Michael Vincent
- 22: Riley Beery, Christa Miles, Loyce Morain
- 23: Laura Chamberlain, Glenda Smith
- 24: Carol Kinney, Dinny Vishanoff
- 25: Rebekah Abbott, Foster Hopkins, Camille Pinion
- 26: Victor Grider, Maddox Hall, Kelly Long, Barbara Reeser, Eli Weatherholt
- 27: Randy Richison
- 28: Larry Brown, Deanna Carter, Krista Henderson, Sam Knight, Tricia McCarty, Jennifer Robinson, Boyd Searcey
- 29: Shannon Atkins, Darlene Cagle, Matthew Garey, Ruth Gattis, Shaylee Lucas
- 30: Ashlyn Gardner, Kellie Hopkins, Curt Masters
- 31: Don Hull, Candice Hyde, Anne Roberts

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## ***First Baptist Church Stewardship in Sunday School/Life Groups***

### ***Small Groups Are The Answer! Find A Good Fit!***

Now that our east wing renovation is complete and groups are occupying this beautiful, new space, it's time to think about being in a small group, growing in Christ with others, being accountable to other adults who care about you, who want to interact with you, share life with you. We have 27 adult groups on Sunday mornings engaged in study on our main campus. We also have two home groups that meet on Sunday evenings. Somewhere, there's a group that fits you!

Let us help you find community, spiritual growth and a place to belong at FBC Norman. Contact Jim for more information on how to find a small group that works for you!