



FIRST BAPTIST *At First Glance*

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Dr. Wade Smith
Pastor

The 125th anniversary celebration has passed and a new 125 years of life and ministry at First Baptist begins. It has been a blessing to reconnect with former staff, members and friends of our church over these last days. The 125th anniversary team (Don Farris, Tracy Foor, Lea Ann Williams, Kay Mercer, Dot Adkins, Lauren Weatherholt, Tony Gardner, David Hopper, Cathy Gilmore and Jill Hatcher), ministers and support staff worked hard to provide a memorable weekend of fellowship and worship. I hope that you will personally say thank you to each of them.

Remembering and celebrating God's goodness, loving-kindness and faithfulness through the generations is a healthy expression of what it means to be a faith community. But, that look must not just be about our history; it must also be about our present and future. God is faithful to all the generations, including those who are here today and those who will be here tomorrow. So, let us reaffirm our commitment to being the presence of Christ in this place as we experience God's goodness, loving-kindness and faithfulness as the present generation of First Baptist Church.

During the month of November, we focus on our call to serve and share the good news of Jesus with the nations. The **Parade of Nations** on November 2, powerfully symbolizes the peoples of the world by displaying the flags of the nations. **MissionFest**, on November 9, will celebrate the opportunities church members have to go and the ongoing work of "career missionaries," who plant themselves to live, work and minister in different lands and cultures. **Shoebox Sunday** on November 16 tells of the work of Samaritan's Purse as they use gifts to open doors around the world to tell children and their families of Jesus.

One of the strengths of Baptist work is the cooperative nature in which we partner together in ministry. A portion of every dollar that you give to First Baptist supports the work of missionaries and churches across the globe. During the months of November and December, we invite you to give a special offering for world missions. These gifts go directly to our Cooperative and Southern Baptist mission partners to support the work of our missionaries. I encourage each family to make a special gift to our **World Missions Offering** this year. Moneys received are divided equally between the Lottie Moon (SBC) and Global Missions (CBF) offerings, unless you designate your World Mission Offering to one or the other. Last year we received just over \$41,000 for World Missions. **Our goal for World Missions this year is \$50,000.** How will you give to support the work of Jesus Christ around the world?

To prepare our hearts for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we will host a **Service of Love and Hope** on Wednesday, November 19. The service will be structured differently from our recent Services of Hope, but will still feature an opportunity to take the Lord's Supper and to remember those who have passed over the last year. It will be a self-paced worship opportunity that you can experience individually, with family or with a small group.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30. Our theme this year is **Peace on Earth.** ISIS, Ebola, domestic violence and murder dominate our news. We respond in fear, anger, revenge and despair. Our world needs good news! Our world needs Christmas! The Prince of Peace is born!

Immediately following worship on November 2, we will gather in Hallock Hall to thank and bless **Joey and Ashley Armstrong** for their ministry among us. We have been privileged to watch God bless their family with the births of Finn and Paisley over the past five years. They have served faithfully and effectively and now God is calling them to serve with Life Church in Broken Arrow. Joey will work to develop small groups, equipping them to serve and live missionally within their community. We invite you to bring your cards and notes of thanksgiving and blessing as we say "thank you" with this reception.

November 2014 is a special month for the Smiths. Rev. Bob Green, the pastor of Arrow Heights Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, is retiring after 40 years at AHBC. His influence and integrity have left their mark among Oklahoma Baptists. Bob, better known as "Poppy" at our house, was my pastor as a high school youth. Upon returning from Panama as a journeyman missionary, Bob hired me as AHBC's youth minister. It was at that time my mother informed me that Bob's oldest daughter had "grown up" while I was away. Soon, the preacher's daughter was dating the youth minister, and the rest is history. Gay and I look forward to celebrating this significant occasion with our family and home church. And, we also look forward to having Bob and Margaret worship with us in Norman soon.

Grace and Peace,
Dr. Wade Smith

From the Pulpit

Every Nation

*Behold, a great multitude. From every nation
and all tribes and peoples
and tongues, standing before the throne
and before the lamb.*

- Rev. 7:9

November 2:	Parade of Nations
November 9:	Work Together for the Nations
November 16:	Gifts Change the World
November 23:	Go and Make Tents

All Church News



Armstrong Family Appreciation

Immediately following worship on November 2, we will gather in Hallock Hall to thank and bless Joey Armstrong, University/Lifesong Minister, for his ministry. The congregation is asked to bring notes and cards of blessing and thanksgiving for Joey and his family.

The church office
will be closed
November 27-28
for Thanksgiving.



Wednesday evening
ministry activities will
not meet on
November 26



Operation Christmas Child has begun!

Pick up your shoebox at the church or the FLC now. Fill it with blessings and gifts. Return filled boxes to the displays by November 23.



A very special thanks
to the 125th anniversary committee:

Co-Chairs:

Tracy Foor and Don Farris

Members:

Jill Hatcher

Cathy Gilmore

David Hopper

Dot Adkins

Kay Mercer

Lauren Weatherholt

Lea Ann Williams

Tony Gardner



**Daylight savings
time ends on
November 2.
Remember to fall
back one hour!**

Family Life Center



Hours:

Monday-Thursday

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

- **FITNESS CENTER ORIENTATION:** M at 6 p.m.
(Required for use of Fitness Center) Randy Praytor
- **LOW-IMPACT EX: (FREE)** T/Th 10-10:45 a.m.
Parkinson's/Arthritis approved Mary Higgins
- **PILATES:** M / W / F 8-9 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.



Upward Basketball

Practices begin December 15

Games start January 10
and finish February 28.

Cost is \$90. (After November 18 cost is \$100)

Each child must attend an evaluation: November 3,
November 13, or November 17.Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

NHS Football Team Dinner

November 6 - Sign-up to bring food in
your Sunday School, small group or call 360-5300.

Sunday, November 30



"First Family"
Christmas Tree Lighting
on NE Lawn, 5:30 p.m.

Afterward, join us at
the FLC for Family
Western Fun Night



During the Thanksgiving Holiday, the FLC will
close at 4 p.m. on November 26; and will be
closed all day on **November 27 & 28**.

We will be open on November 29.

FBC Family News

The FBC Family wishes to extend sympathies to...

*Mike, Linda, Matthew & Kandyce Lang at the
passing of Mike's father, Paul David Lang*

*Family & friends of Christine Ernest
at her passing*

*Carol & Phil Conley, Kim Torres, Haydn McDade,
Larry & Dana McDade at the passing of Aggie
McDade*

*Joe McAlister at the passing of his wife,
Sue McAlister*

Service of Love and Hope

6-7 p.m. Wednesday, November 19
in the sanctuary

Self-paced worship journey to remember, give thanks
and prepare our hearts for Advent.
Lord's Supper will be served

Thanksgiving Week choir rehearsal
will be at 6:30 p.m. November 25

World Missions Offering

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year is \$50,000.



WI-FI is now in the east wing
and available for use in classrooms
and meeting areas.
Use Jesu\$LovesMe2 as the password

Childhood Ministry

FBC Kids Day Out and Sleepover

When: November 7-8

Ages: Kinder-Grade 5

Time: 2 p.m. – 7 a.m.

Activities: Mission/Service

Project, Dinner and FUN!!

Sign Up Today!

Email Crystal at crystal@fbcnorman.org

Transportation Waiver Required



Growing in Christ

2nd – 5th Grades Sign Up Today!

Sign up with Crystal Byrd, Minister to Children

Sunday evenings Nov 2, 9, 16, 23

5:30-6:30pm Room 209

Attendance to all 4 sessions is required for completion

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND MISSIONS
WILL NOT MEET ON NOVEMBER 26
SEE YOU BACK DECEMBER 3

Adult Ministry

In these last two newsletter editions before my January 1 retirement date, I want to share some of my hopes and dreams for you as a cherished community of believers. This month, let me encourage and invite you to seize the moment before you to serve this great church, 125 years strong, which has blessed you and your family.

ADULT S.S. SMALL GROUP MINISTRY: Our great church continually needs new teachers who respond to God's call to teach others. Do you see that new calling in yourself and/or do others see it in you to affirm that calling? If so, step forward, and help us start new class units or small groups. Study and spiritual growth are key parts of our faith. We need you.

IRON MEN: Our men's ministry needs men who are committed to lead and respond to God's call in leading our church, community, nation and world toward a walk with our Savior. Can you teach, help with men's events, serve through the S.M.A.R.T. team or in other ways? God is doing some great things in and among our men. Be men of courage and help us.



WOMEN'S CONNECTION: We have great leadership and momentum in place for our women to be the gracious, devoted women of faith who lead in their families, in their workplace and in their church. Can you help with Sweet Thursdays? Is this the time for you to begin a new Bible study and help disciple other women? Will you assist with major events? Are you looking for a place to connect with other women to strengthen your walk with Christ?



UNCOMMON LOVE: Our church is committed to single, married and family life. Uncommon Love regularly engages in meaningful events, ministries and programs that encourage and promote these areas.

Could you help with a marriage retreat or conference, parenting seminar, Dinner For 8 ministry, Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home ministry or one of several other options? If meaningful single life, healthy marriage and the blessings of family are important to you, step up to help.

During the remainder of my time on staff, between now and December 31, I would love to have a conversation with you about any of these areas. Could you lead? Would you follow? Will you pray about your part? Remember, the church only works when each person is a moving part of what God is doing. Which part are you?



Minister of Administration



Roy Joe Ham
Minister
of Administration

Celebrating 125 years of the life of First Baptist Church seems somewhat surreal to me. What was life like in this part of the world or even in the United States at that time? Looking at the Indian Territory Map, it is very interesting to see prior to the historic Land Run. This part of the Territory was surrounded by designated tribal land known only as "unassigned land." Have you ever thought what it means to be living in unassigned land? But what else was happening in 1889? Benjamin Harrison became president in March of 1889; the Coca Cola Company, then known as the Pemberton Medicine Company, was incorporated; Columbia Phonograph was formed, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington, were granted statehood and the US grew to 42 states; the first jukebox went into operation in San Francisco, and as fortune would have it, the first intercollegiate football game was played.

A lot has changed and with all the changes in travel, communication, technology and lifestyle, we wonder how they survived. And yet it was from the midst of all that misunderstood world that this land was occupied and life began anew for families that probably had no real idea of what to expect. It was in that kind of world that churches began to make their case for Christ.

In those kinds of places through the years, churches have come into being for many reasons. It is told of some mining towns in the cold mountain country of Colorado, that churches were encouraged by business owners, or even bar owners, to attract wives and prospective wives so the men would stay and work. Here the record shows that 11 men gathered to begin worship as a new family of faith known as the First Baptist Church of Christ of Norman. Eleven men of faith took a bold step of faith to be our beginning. 125 years of history; 125 years of challenges to the church; 125 years of changing lives for the sake of Christ; 125 years of creating disciples and sending people to be on mission; 125 years and you add the rest. We have much to learn and to be challenged by in its reflection. But now the next 125 begins. It is our hands and our willingness to take huge steps of faith.

I wonder, at the 150th or 200th celebration will we be found to be as bold, adventurous and willing to take such huge steps? Will we be faithful in our communication of the gospel and grow disciples sending people out on mission? God's work in and from this place is long from over, so it will take great steps of faith to continue to progress, and be known as the people of God in this place. We have a great heritage and with it comes great responsibility! Please join with me in this journey to a **faithful life together!**

To Joey, Ashley, Finn and Paisley Armstrong: May God bless you in this new journey of faith as you see His call to move you from this place. May you touch lives in Northeast Oklahoma, as you have touched them here in Central Oklahoma. May you find peace in the journey, faith in the call, strength for the ministry ahead and a life well lived for the sake of Christ. You will be missed.

Roy Joe

Pledges	\$3,127,007
Received	\$2,392,672.04

Youth Ministry



Fall FallOut 2014

Friday, Nov 14, 7 p.m. - Sunday, Nov 16, 11:30 a.m.

@Falls Creek, \$85

all youth 6th-12th grades

Register now at

iheartfbcym.com

Community Ministry

November 2 is the kickoff of the food drive for our **Thanksgiving Basket Party** on November 24. We will need:

Canned sweet potatoes	Chicken broth
Cranberry sauce	Canned green beans
Stove top stuffing mix	Canned corn
Cake mix and frosting	Pie filling
Graham cracker pie crust	
Instant scalloped or mashed potatoes	



Donations will be accepted through November 24, the day of the event. Volunteers are also needed to help host the event and assist our guests.

With our steady, increased participation at our Sunday Supper and Clothes Closet/ Food Pantry we continue to need the following:

Cereal bars or granola bars	Spaghetti sauce
Box of cereal / oatmeal	Spaghetti
Canned meat	Mac & cheese
Canned vegetables	Peanut butter
Canned fruit	Jelly
Tuna Helper or similar food item	
Deodorant	Bars of soap
Toothpaste	Razors
Shaving cream (small size)	Toilet paper

Monetary donations are also welcome, and our tax exempt purchases will help your money go farther. Thank you for your constant support of the ministries of FBC Norman!

-Angela

Mentors needed to work one on one with at-risk students at Lincoln Elementary. Just one hour a week is all it takes to change a life!

Contact Angela at AngelaA@fbcnorman.org for more information.



Pacesetters Adults +55



Senior Seminary with Dr. Mack Roark November 7

Dr. Roark will be here from 9:30 a.m. to noon. November 7. The cost is \$5 and includes lunch and honorarium.



Holiday Birthday Bash Luncheon November 13

Come celebrate with us at the Family Life Center at 11:30 a.m. If you are a November or December "birthday baby" your lunch is free. Invite a friend! The cost is \$5.

Big Band Night Out November 15

Enjoy an evening of '40s music with the Tinker Flying High Band at the Midwest Senior Center. The group will depart at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10.

Help for the Holidays-Grief Support

This five week grief support group will have their first meeting on November 3 at 6 p.m. The group is co-led and sponsored by FBC and Heartland Harvest.

Feet to our Faith and Hands to our Hearts Mission Opportunity



Join us December 1-3 for our trip to Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Dallas. Detailed itineraries are available at the Family Life Center. Sign up by November 14.



A Dallas Christmas at Prestonwood Baptist Church
Enjoy this special Christmas presentation on December 13.
Watch for details!

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

All Church News



Downtowner Lunch

Wednesday, November 5

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Place: Common Ground

*Speaker: Matt Robinson, Executive Vice
President, First Fidelity Bank*

Cost: \$5

*Menu: Frito chili cheese pie, tossed green salad
and pumpkin pie with whipped cream*

MissionFest

Will be at 9 a.m. on November 9 during Sunday School. It will include a time of fellowship with breakfast pastries, entertainment by mini-musicians, mission reports from First Baptist Groups and guest speakers Rob and Joni Brahnham who serve as missionaries to Turkey.



*Vickie Riggs 30th
anniversary celebration
Sunday, November 23*

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**

University Ministry



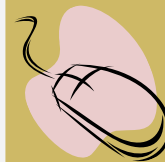
Our very own **Nick Napoli** is speaking at Wednesday night CONNECT this month.

In Sunday morning Bible Study, **Josh Edge** continues our study on Daniel.

There will not be a SALT November 2 because of Joey's going away reception in Hallock Hall (so be there instead).

SALT will resume November 16 at the Mullinax house.

The CONNECT Halloween party was a spooktacular blast of bone-chilling fun. Thank you to Connor Knudsen, Jay Harp, Nick Napoli and Brandon Arrington for masterminding it.



**Take a gander at what
else we are doing at
UniversityMinistry.com**



OU Faculty/Staff/Students

Brown Bag Lunch

Tuesday, November 19, noon
Wagner Hall, Conference Room

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: Lisa Raiber, Hayley Redwine, Ronald Williams
- 02: Chong Hui Dillon, James Hale, Mary Ruth Higgins, Janie Ketner, Brittney Ragland, Al Silkey
- 03: Nathan Moss, Kallie Smith, Jena Thomas, Olivia Turbeville, Pat Vann, Steven Wilson, Brenda Wootton
- 04: Zachary Arrington, Kristi Bloss, Roger Cooper, Brenda Hogue, Linda Dixon-Tiller
- 05: Nick Foster, Ashleigh Neal, Annette Valentino, Charles Van Horn
- 06: Dan Baily, Hannah Foster, Steve Myers, Joe Bob Weaver
- 07: Johannes Buyten, Amy Cherry, Jeanette Dubois
- 08: Jobeth Buyten, Krissy Griffin, Debbie Neal, Lynlee Robinson
- 09: Stephen Callison, Jon Clough, Bryan DeLuca, Anna Grace Nava, John Reddell
- 10: Jack Harp, John Montgomery, Blake Smith
- 11: Dan Durham, Terry Foor, Sandy Lewis, Kent Myers, Hayley Scott
- 12: Annetta Brown, Sarah Garder, Jake Haxel, Laura Horstkoetter, Marian Lalli, Laurie, McReynolds, Chris Michie, Paula Morton, Willie Neal, Bill Pendergraft
- 13: Joel Barbour, Kathy Crabtree, Sierra Fielder-Griggs, Sam Hale, Rhonda Howk, Michael Raiber, Gary Schaffner, Phil Warren
- 14: Eric Fredericks, Allen Moore, Sarah Storm, Jenny Wright
- 15: George Durham, John Fox, Tony Kmiecik, Phillip Redwine Jr., Samantha Rose, John Summers
- 16: Dianne Daniels, Steve Jimerson, Alex Kmiecik, Rebecca Kozak, Catherine Lesser, Janice Masters, Donna Pike, Tracey Prince
- 17: Leslie Bedwell, Myra Elliott, Elaine Hale, Rhonda Morgan, Renee Mungle, Dominic Strevett
- 18: Fran Burgess, Nancy Gardner, Roger Hoyt, Patty Jimerson, Jayden Matthews, Mack McGuckin
- 19: Kyle Barton, Roy Blasius
- 20: James Callison, Ann Faison, Merideth Ferris, Mark Lassetter, Bill Marley, Deb McLain, Leon Ragland, Dennis Ross, Sarah Sheldon, Sammie Theige, Drew Wright
- 21: Betty Burris, Marie Hunter, Lisa Portwood
- 22: Carson Hopkins, Dan Hopper, Larry Rachal, Denise Wright
- 23: Cathy Adams, Dennis Etter, Jacob Foster, Becky Kendrick, Valerie Ladner, Kim McElroy, Amber Mercer
- 24: Don Bowen, Jamie Bowen, Carol Chausse, Kent Faison, Earl Finch, Arletta Fink, Betty Higgins, Emma Maggard, Vicki Stewart, Scott Storm, James Teague, Tessa Teague
- 25: Joel Carlson, Amy Hicks, Joslin Rigney, Jeremy Spearing
- 26: Laurie Conaway, Margaret Cullins, Gordon Foor, Barbara Owens
- 27: Millie Bradam, Joyce Filipksi, Gail Moore, Barbara Woodruff
- 28: Amity Curry, Toni Klemm, Kenneth Smith, Beth Wilson
- 29: Christina Rehkop, Gail Schwabe
- 30: Kat Combs, Carlos Elwell, Paige Hudson, Bradley Pettijohn, Frank Small, Gary Storm

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Advent
begins on
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"Peace on Earth"

IMMEDIATE PART TIME OPENINGS

in our Kaleidoscope After School Program.

2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Must be 21 with a clean driving record.

Can use drivers only as well.

Contact Marlene Hoyt at marleneh@fbcnorman.org