



# First Baptist Church *At Second Glance*

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**Reception honoring  
Rev. Crystal R. Byrd  
Sunday, July 30  
9:15-9:40 a.m.  
Hallock Hall**

*Bring your notes  
and cards of appreciation*

**NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
BEGINNING AUGUST 13**

**LIFEGROUPS**

9:15 A.M.

**WORSHIP**

10:30 A.M.

**Big Summer  
Cookout**

Aug. 13

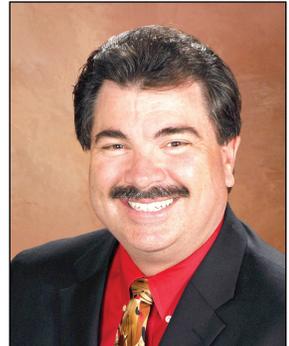
6:00 p.m.

FBC Front Lawn

A special thanks to Crystal and to all the workers and children who helped make Vacation Bible School a wonderful week.

The completion of VBS means we have crossed the mid-point of summer. However, there are still wonderful opportunities for all of us to be involved.

Pray for our high school youth as they spend this week in Colorado at Mountain Camp. Upward Basketball Camp is July 24-27. Chad and members of our Worship Arts ministry leave for Italy on July 25. Summerscope continues through August 4. SMAK completes our summer camps, trips, and activities on August 7-11.



*Dr. Wade Smith*

Did you know that we are currently hosting three other churches in our facilities on Sunday morning for worship? A Presbyterian church start is meeting at Common Ground. A Hispanic Pentecostal church is meeting at the Webster Avenue and Main Street property. Finally, the Southern Oklahoma Chinese Baptist Church is meeting in the FLC while their facility is being repaired after a recent fire. Let us be generous in our hospitality and faithful in our prayers for these churches as we serve the "Body of Christ" in Norman.

As a result of the work of the Strategic Planning Team last fall, the Dawnings Team in the spring and the support of the Deacon Leadership Team, I asked the Worship Arts Team at our April church conference to lead us in transitioning to one Sunday morning worship service. August 13 is the day we will begin worshipping together on a weekly basis. To facilitate this, we will return to our previous Sunday morning schedule of 9:15 a.m. LifeGroups and 10:30 a.m. Worship. Join me in praying for this important time of transition and new beginnings at First Baptist.

On Sunday, July 30, we will say thank you to Rev. Crystal Byrd at a reception in Hallock Hall beginning at 9:15 a.m. Rev. Crystal has served as our Minister to Children for almost 6 years. Bring your notes and cards of appreciation as Rev. Crystal shares her plans with us.

Be in Prayer for members of our Worship Arts ministry  
as they travel to Italy on July 25



# Another memorable Falls Creek

Middle school students made their annual pilgrimage to Falls Creek June 12-16, thinking about what it means to be one of God's faithful followers. Along the way, they enjoyed time playing softball, kickball, volleyball, and climbing on the high ropes elements.

In our Bible study time, we talked about what it means to be a member of God's family, and how this is something that every student could be a part of. We read devotionals written by some members of our Student Leadership Team. And we got to enjoy some older mentors in the form of our recently-graduated seniors loving and leading middle school students for an entire week.

We wanted to say thank you to Gay and Wade Smith for cooking for us all week. And we needed to say thank you to those of you who donated snacks and beverages for our students to enjoy - we did not go hungry or thirsty!

One of the final joys was being led in worship by Cody Dunbar, a friendly face to our FBC Norman family. While we sang some new songs, he also reminded us of the



value and theological depth of some of our older songs. Because of his connection to our church, he was able to come and eat with our students, letting them get to know and re-connect with him.

All in all, it was a fabulous week.

Thank you for loving our students as you have. Your continued investment in them is helping them learn to love people, teach the Word, and live the journey of life and faith together.

— Rev. Rich Lubbers



**Vacation Bible School**

## Looking ahead

**July 16** SMAK Camp Auditions  
3:00-6:00 p.m.  
Choir Room  
Friendship Sunday Supper  
4:00 p.m.  
Food Pantry and Devotion  
4:30 p.m.

**July 19** Children's Summer Nights  
Front Lawn

**July 24** Upward Basketball Camp Starts  
9:00-11:30 a.m.  
Family Life Center  
Upward Basketball Camp Starts  
1:00-3:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center

**July 25** Worship Arts/Music Ministry  
Italy Trip

**Aug. 2** Youth/Children's Skate Night  
6:00 p.m.  
Star Skate, 2020 W. Lindsey St.

**Aug. 7** SMAK Camp Starts  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Aug. 10** Birthday Bash  
(May, June, July, August)  
11:30 a.m.  
K&K Room

**Aug. 11** SMAK Camp Musical  
7:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary

**Aug. 13** New Sunday Morning Schedule  
9:15 a.m. LifeGroups  
10:30 a.m. Worship Together  
Big Summer Cookout  
6:00 p.m.  
FLC Front Lawn

### June Giving

Given: \$144,345  
Needs: \$174,708  
Average Attendance: 390

### FBC Letter

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you all so much for the nice get well cards!

It seems so good to hear from someone. Hope I get to see you all again. Miss you all.

Love,  
Donna Kile