



# First Baptist Church *At First Glance*

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## Day Of Prayer

August 19  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Sanctuary

*Could you not keep watch with Me for one hour?*

What are you praying for? The *Summer Prayers* series has reminded us of the importance of prayer. Ultimately, prayer is God's invitation to experience His constant love in relationship with Him. We pray for ourselves, we pray for each other, we pray for our world and we even pray for our enemies. We pray for mercy, we pray for forgiveness and we pray for God's will to be done. Let us be a people that pray without ceasing!

On Saturday, August 19, we will host a Day of Prayer from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. During this time, we are asking you to come to the church for an hour to pray as we begin a new school year of life and ministry. The prayer time will include scripture reading, reflection and specific ways to pray for our church. Please make this a priority. *Could you not keep watch with Me for one hour?*

We begin worshiping together on a weekly basis on August 13. Psalm 145:4 says, *One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.* In bringing our two worship services together, we will be able to live this Psalm in new ways. Your service and my service will become our service. I look forward to the ways God will shape our worship together as the generations gather to praise and declare the glory of God.

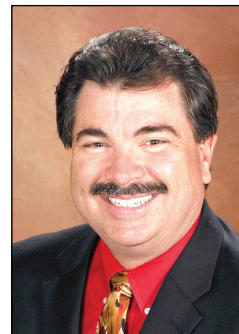
Please mark the new Sunday morning schedule that begins on August 13. LifeGroups will start at 9:15 a.m. and worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. Our children will lead worship on the August 13.

August 20 is promotion Sunday and we will share the Lord's Supper and Baptism together in worship. First and sixth grade Bible presentations will be August 27.

FBC Kids begins on Wednesday, August 23, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This will be an exciting time for our Pre-K and children as we offer music from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and Team Kid from 6:30-7:30. Along with FBC Kids, Wednesday evenings offer discipleship and fellowship for adults and youth. Our Worship Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings as well. I encourage you to find your place to get involved.

The Foundations discipleship series continues this fall with Mike Wilson teaching the New Testament on Wednesdays. On Sunday afternoons Steve and Deanna Carter will teach Financial Peace and I will offer the Old Testament class. Foundations offers a deeper look at scripture. Would you consider one of these classes this fall?

Join us on August 6 between 9:15 and 9:40 a.m. for a reception for Rich, Stacy, and Luc Lubbers. Bring your cards and notes of appreciation as we thank the Lubbers for their ministry at FBC and offer a blessing as they begin their ministry at Northwest Baptist in Ardmore.



Dr. Wade Smith



# FIRST Summer



*Upward Basketball Camp*



*Charlie the Magician visits Summerscope*



*High School Mountain Camp*

## August Highlights

To see more events and details, visit our online calendar at [fbcnorman.org](http://fbcnorman.org)

**2** Last Day of Summer PDO  
Youth and Kids Night  
6:00 p.m.  
Star Skate, 2020 W. Lindsey St.

**4** Last Day of Summerscope

**7** SMAK Camp Starts  
9:00 a.m.

**10** Birthday Bash for May, June, July, August  
Cost: \$5  
11:30 a.m.  
K&K Room



**SMAK 2017**  
Summer Music and Activities for Kids  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
August 7-11

Star Quest Musical  
7 p.m. Friday, August 11  
10:30 a.m. Sunday, August 13

**13** New Sunday Schedule  
LifeGroups for all ages  
9:15 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary  
Big Summer Cookout  
6:00 p.m.  
Front Lawn

**27** All Church Fellowship  
Sooner Bowling Center  
2:00-4:00 p.m.



## First Baptist Norman faces a month of transitions

Welcome to the final month of summer 2017! It seems like we just finished a school year and now we face another.

With a new school year we come to the beginning of a new church year with many changes, opportunities and challenges. I am sure we all recognize this as a month of TRANSITION!

This is the month that we will say thank you for the ministry and service to Rev. Crystal Byrd, Rev. Rich Lubbers, Cheryl Love and Mary Varner. Next month we will say thank you to Becky Leon. May God Bless each of them in the next chapter of their lives!

All of this means the culmination of months of prayer seeking God's direction, and hours of meetings from the Stewardship Study Team to come with a recommendation of a new structure for the church moving forward.

For some of us on the outside of those discussions, we may not understand all that went into the recommendation, we may not agree with the decision culminating with the vote of the church but, here we are.

Being here means a new day for all of us! We must understand that with a reduced staff there is a call for all members to seek the face of God and joyfully step up to minister and serve where God has provided opportunity.

**Volunteer Ministry Service:** We have many needs and opportunities for your involvement and participation in ministries and service to your church and through your church to the community and world around us.

It is time to be the Body of Christ together. It is time to pray for, support and encourage each other.

We are possibly at a time we should have been awhile ago and missed the opportunity, but now is the time of necessity, a time that God has called us to.

We will have opportunities to assist in the FLC and main office through the week and on Sunday mornings. We have ministry support opportunities for all of us to find a place to serve and minister. I hope you will join with me in these opportunities.

In this issue of *At First Glance*, there is an outline of ways you can volunteer at FBC. Please read the different areas and determine your interests. Fill out the form at the end of the outline and place in the offering plate or return to the church office.

**Thank you!** I hope you have noticed



Roy Joe Ham

the new bronze plaques on the exterior walls of all our ground level entrances. Some church members felt a need for these to be visible signs of welcome and direction.

With the approval of the Trustees, they had the plaques designed, constructed, and installed all at their own expense. No church funds were used in this project! Thank you to those who saw a need and found an answer!

**Mark your calendars for the Big Summer Cookout at 6 p.m. on August 13.** We have a rare opportunity to have three other congregations utilizing First Baptist spaces on Sunday mornings. For our end of summer cookout, we have invited them to come share a time of fun, food and fellowship.

We will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs and are asking everyone to bring a favorite side dish to share that you enjoy at a picnic. We need to have a large group to welcome our sister congregations. We should experience a meal of international flavor with the Hispanic and Chinese churches participating.



**August 18**  
6:30-9 p.m.  
FLC

Worship Arts/Music Ministry

**APPRECIATION NIGHT**

**SPECIAL GUEST MIKE HARLAND**  
TO RSVP, EMAIL [AUBREYC@FBCNORMAN.ORG](mailto:AUBREYC@FBCNORMAN.ORG)

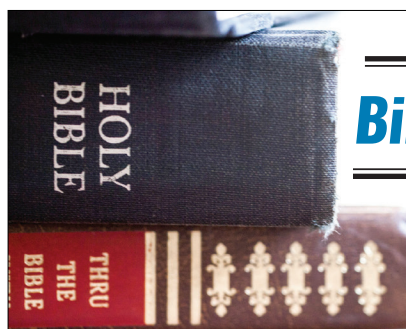
### PROMOTION Sunday

**August 20**  
9:15 LifeGroups  
10:30 a.m. Worship

### FBC KIDS

Beginning  
Wednesday, August 23

Music: 6:00 p.m.  
Team Kid: 6:30-7:30 p.m.



### 1ST AND 6TH GRADES Bible Presentations

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**  
10:30 A.M.



## **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY/SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

*Within the understanding that each Christian has been called to ministry and service, there are many opportunities to act on those calls in the life of FBC Norman. Not only are we all called to minister and serve, we are also called to be active in our faith. As we enter this new season of life at FBC, we want to keep service opportunity information before you. Within this information you will find ministry areas, short descriptions of service, and contact information. Also, there will be an opportunity for you to signify your interest to serve.*

*We ask that you pray earnestly and seek God's call on your life in the appropriate area to serve Him through your church. This will be an ever changing source of service opportunities as new areas are identified. Some positions will require background checks.*

### **ADULTS 55+**

**Minister Contact: Vickie Riggs**  
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**405-360-5300**

**Ministry to encourage and support our church family of Adults 55+ and their families through training, varied activities, travel and more.**

**Serve On Ministry Team:** Meets once per month, assist with designing, planning and implementing Adults 55+ ministry program.

**Weekday Visitation:** Participate as ongoing visitor to homebound members, caregivers, widows, new members and visitors to the ministry. One to two times per month.

**Weekday Assistant:** Opportunities include, setup and cleanup of events and programs, clerical work, serving and kitchen duties at meals, decorating for events. One to two times per month.

**Weekday Host/Hostess:** Greet and serve at programs. One to two times per month.

**Travel Assistant:** Need computer skills to assist in preparing for day trips and extended trips, weekday mornings or afternoons prior to trips.

**Community Missions:** Assist with planning, organizing and implementing mission projects such as Playground Pals.

**Missions:** Assist with planning and implementing Mission projects and trips outside of community.

### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

**Minister Contact: Vickie Riggs**  
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**Ministry to support our church family in times of loss due to death.**

**Ministry Team:** Serve on ministry team. Meets quarterly.

**Funeral Luncheon:** Assist team with gathering food and serving funeral luncheons.

**Widow/Widowers Annual Event:** Assist with planning and implementing annual event to support widows and widowers.

**Team Support:** Clerical assignments to support Bereavement Ministry such as filing, printing and communication.

**Grief Support Groups:** Assist with planning, support and implementation.

**COMMUNITY MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**  
**Minister Contact: Angela Atkins, Minister of Community Ministries**  
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**SUNDAY**

**Sunday Supper Meal Coordinator:** Serves one Sunday afternoon per month in four-month rotation. Assists the cook with final meal prep and coordinates meal volunteers in serving and cleanup. Time commitment: 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Sunday Supper Door Greeter:** Serves one Sunday a month on either first or third Sunday. Greets our guests for the meal. Time commitment: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Supper Welcome Desk:** Serves one Sunday a month on either first or third Sunday. Takes attendance of guests and distributes name tags. Time commitment: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Supper Prayer Team:** Serves on rotation at Sunday Supper, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Available to pray one-on-one with guests. Prefer teams of one male and one female.

**Food/Clothing Distribution Registration Table:** Serves one Sunday a month on either first or third Sunday. Completes a basic information slip of each attendee for clothes closet or food pantry. Time commitment: 4:15-5:30 p.m.

**Food/Clothing Distribution New Registration Table:** Serves one Sunday a month on either first or third Sunday. Interviews guest to complete an assistance application of each new attendee for clothes closet or food pantry. Time commitment: 4:15-5:30 p.m.

**Clothing Distribution Childcare Room:** Serves one Sunday a month on the first Sunday from 4:15-5:30 p.m. Watches children of guests attending the clothing distribution. Requires background check.

**Food/Clothing Distribution Hallway Escort:** Serves one Sunday a month on the first or third Sunday from 4:15-5:30 p.m. Takes guests from registration table to the clothing/food distribution rooms.

**Clothing Room Assistant:** Serves one Sunday a month on the first Sunday from 4:15-5:30 p.m. Works in men's or women's clothing room to help guests find clothing they need, as well as clean up the area at the end of the distribution.

**Food/Hygiene Distribution Assistant:** Serves one Sunday a month on the third Sunday from 4:15-5:30 p.m. Prepares room for distribution and assists guests with getting the items they need, and then returns items to the food pantry at the end of distribution.

**Sunday Shuttle Driver:** Serves one Sunday a month. Picks up people in a church van, brings them to church in time for LifeGroups and worship, and then returns them home. Drivers should arrive at the church at 8:15 a.m. to call potential riders. Must be FBC van certified.

**WEEKDAY**

**Bikes and Bibles Bike Mechanic:** Repairs donated bicycles for later distribution in our Bikes and Bibles ministry. Repair shop open on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

**Bikes and Bibles Distribution:** Serves one to two times per month on Thursday mornings. Assists with the application process and distribution of bicycles, locks and Bibles.

**Clothes Closet Donation Sorter:** Serves once per week, typically in the morning mid-week. Sorts clothing donations and prepares them for distribution.

**Food Pantry Donation Sorter:** Serves one to two times per month. Sorts food and hygiene donations, purchases items as needed and prepares them for distribution.

**Kids Hope USA:** Serves at Lincoln Elementary one hour per week during the school year. Mentors meet one-on-one with at-risk elementary students to help them socially, emotionally and academically. Must complete application and background check.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Giving Tree:** Help organize, check and deliver Christmas gifts donated for 20-25 families of students at Lincoln Elementary.

**Thanksgiving Basket Party:** Assist with preparing, organizing and implementing the Thanksgiving Basket party on the Monday prior to Thanksgiving.

### HOSPITALITY

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Hospitality is a key to our success in ministry. This is an intentional ministry to greet both our members and guests appropriately in a Christ-like manner. Guests make quick decisions on whether this is a church they will return to, with that decision possibly made prior to crossing Comanche Street.

### SUNDAY MORNING

**Door Greeters:** Provide a warm welcome to all who enter our doors for Bible study and worship. Offer directions as needed and identifying our guests. Ideally generate sufficient called members to rotate this responsibility and maintain a welcome presence from 8:45-10:40 a.m.

**Sanctuary Greeters/Ushers:** Provide a welcoming presence to all who attend. Identify guests and offer information about the church. Assist with seating direction for late arrivals. Time commitment: 10:15-10:40 a.m.

**Sanctuary Doors:** Offer worship guides, directions and information about the church. Always keep an eye out for visitors. Time commitment: 10:15-10:40 a.m.

**Parking Lot Greeters:** Welcome all who come to Bible study and worship as they enter the church grounds. Assist in locating parking spaces as needed. Provide assistance in crossing the street if necessary, guide guests to the southeast (office) entry for appropriate guests receiving. Time commitment: 8:45-10:40 a.m. on rotating weeks.

**Welcome Center:** Provide Bible study information and options to our guests, escort them to correct classrooms, invite adults to try several classes to find a fit, guide families with children to the appropriate location, assist with the children registration, then escort them to their appropriate classroom. Greet guests who arrive only for worship and provide them with LifeGroup information. Time commitment: 8:45-10:40 a.m. on rotating weeks.

**Church Office:** Available to answer phones, provide direction, be a second level of guest welcome. Assist with offering gathering and security while waiting for deacons to deliver to the bank. Time commitment: 8:45-10:40 a.m. on rotating weeks.

**Hall Monitor:** Along with the off-duty police officer, be a presence in the hallway through the morning. Provide direction, identify those who may be lost, contact the police officer if danger or suspicions are identified. Secure doors following LifeGroup time.

**Main Office/Administrative Office:** Provide support to the office and ministry staff by answering the phone, operating the access control system and other administrative support duties as assigned. Requested two to four hours service from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Rotating service according to your available time.

**FLC Office:** Provide support in the control room by answering phones, greeting guests, collecting fees, assisting ministers and staff as needed, Monday through Friday. Requested four hours shifts with rotating service according to your available time.

**Special Event Greeters:** Members willing to assists with special programs and ministries to make all who attend feel welcome.

**Place in offering plate or return to the church office**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST AREAS OF INTEREST

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## August Birthdays

**August 1:** Keri Cain, Tucker Pace, Randy Satterlee, Macy Young

**August 2:** Don Adkins, Nancy DeGraff, Chris Kennedy

**August 3:** Stephen Bratcher, LaDonna Hardesty, Joan Shockley

**August 4:** Judy Addison, Jarred Allen, Jordan Beene, Camryn James, Anthony Pennybaker, Ricky Stapleton, Laurie Ward

**August 5:** Sally Elkin, Pearl Haxel, Staci Sheldon, Lynne Thompson

**August 6:** Larry Gardner, Bobby Jackson, Marcus Jones, Gary Knight, Ross Pruitt

**August 7:** Delores Allen, Susan Beam, Roe Graham, Willis Small, Allyson Summers, Graeme Wilson

**August 8:** Ethan Cochrane, Isaiah Dustman, Abbi Gravel, Yvonne Mounce-Royse, Paula Swing

**August 9:** Alex Taylor, Patricia Wiggs

**August 10:** Virjama Lassiter, Tom Leon, Alea Smith

**August 11:** Carol Cawyer, Steve Dannehl, Trudy Martin, Rosemary McCord, Aaron Worten

**August 12:** Wristen Arnold, Amy Arrington, Ellen Deal, Ben Dyson, Erica Griffin, Al McCord

**August 13:** Suzie Martin, Kim Milliron

**August 14:** Grace Atkins, Cindy Gray, Sayre Stapleton, Theresa Strevett

**August 15:** Angela Caddell, Ronald Evans, Asa Haworth, Marty Hubbel

**August 16:** Isla Bowles, Johnnie Hardage, Kandyce Lang, Joe Roby, Mary Eve Summers

**August 17:** Gavin Cherry, Cara Kao

**August 18:** Beverly Bailey, Doris Whinery

**August 19:** Jane Close, Jennifer Graham, Fred Hilliard, Anna Lee Hixon, Kathy McNeal, Judy Sullivan

**August 20:** Philip Crawford, Abel Jones, Julie Myers, Darlene Yousey

**August 21:** Gwenn Hare, Josh Haxel, Donna Hays, Grace Anne Marcum, Jack Pinion, Betty Romero-Spaulding, Marla Valentine, Michael Vincent

**August 22:** Riley Beery, Christa Miles, Loyce Morain

**August 23:** Laura Chamberlain, Beniah Diehm, Leola Scott-Jones, Glenda Smith

**August 24:** Carol Kinney, Bonnie Penny, Dinny Vishanoff

**August 25:** Foster Hopkins, Camille Pinion

**August 26:** Victor Grider, Kelly Long, Eli Weatherholt

**August 27:** Wendy Dunn, Randy Richison

**August 28:** Larry Brown, Deanna Carter, Krista Henderson, Sam Knight, Tricia McCarty, Jennifer Robinson

**August 29:** Shannon Atkins, Cindy Burchfield, Darlene Cagle, Ruth Gattis, Brason Kao

**August 30:** Ashlyn Gardner, Dawson Harris, Kellie Hopkins, Kathleen Kelly, Curt Masters

**August 31:** Larry Burroughs, Don Hull, Candice Hyde, Anne Roberts, Jessie Wong

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# Big Summer COOKOUT

August 13  
6:00 p.m.

FBC Front Lawn

We will be joined by Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
Rios de Agua Viva Iglesia Pentecostal,  
Southern Oklahoma Chinese Baptist Church

*FBC will provide hamburgers and hot dogs  
Bring a side dish to share and lawn chairs*



## Sympathies

The First Baptist Church family wishes to extend sympathies to:  
Howard and Marva Meador at the passing of Howard's brother  
Family & friends of Earl Finch at his passing  
Family & friends of Junice Frazier at her passing  
Family & friends of Barbara Reeser at her passing  
Wayne, Kate, Nicole, Colleen & Philip Parrish and Hannah & Kathy Foster at the passing of Dorothy Foster  
Family & friends of Bud Vance at his passing  
Family & friends of Leon Reed at his passing

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