

At First Glance



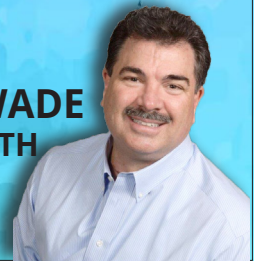
First Baptist Church

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Summer 2018 is here! I hope you have found your place to be involved in ministry and mission at First Baptist. If not, there is still time!

DR. WADE SMITH



Summerscope, gymnastics camp, and chef's camps offer children wonderful

opportunities for fun, learning, and exercise through our Community Impact ministries.

Falls Creek and Mountain Camp offer fellowship and discipleship for our youth. In addition, 16 individuals from our Youth Ministry will travel to Peru for 10 days on June 15 to minister at Operation San Andres. This will be the third time our youth have served the children and families of this vital ministry partner.

F.I.S.H. camps are new this summer and offer an experience of missions and ministry through our Children's Ministry. S.M.A.K. Camp through our Worship Arts Ministry offers children the opportunity to learn and present a worship musical — all in one week!

Vacation Bible School will return to the mornings this summer with an afternoon camp option for children. We still need more volunteers for VBS. Please contact Suzette to learn about the "bite-sized" pieces of ministry you can be involved with.

Parents and grandparents, please help us plan and be prepared for these ministries by registering your children and grandchildren as soon as possible. All of our summer ministries can be registered for online at www.fbcnorman.org.

Finally, Pops in the Park will be on Father's Day, June 17. Our worship choir and orchestra will offer this wonderful evening of music at Legacy Park beginning at 7:00 p.m. We are hoping to make this an annual event on Father's Day. Please invite your families, friends, and neighbors to join us. It will be a wonderful evening.

I can't wait to see how God uses this summer to strengthen our church and to reach others for Christ! Let us be faithful to pray daily for these ministries.

The Parables of the Way series concludes on Father's Day with a look at the Parable of the Prodigal Son. On June 24, our summer worship series, Summer Passages begins. In anticipation of my chemo therapy, I am inviting pulpit guests to preach from their favorite scripture passages on the weeks I receive my treatments. I hope to preach on non-treatment weeks, but am thankful for the grace to call upon our ministry staff in the event I am unable to.

I began treatment for my stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma on May 22. It will continue through the month of September. I am assured that these treatments are very effective against the specific cancer that I have.

Gay and I are blessed by the prayers and encouragement we have received from you. We are appreciative of the stories and inspiration from those of you who have traveled this journey before us. God's faithfulness and lovingkindness sustain us daily as we experience Him in new ways. The days ahead will not all be easy, but we are grateful to walk them with you.

Let us be faithful and may God be glorified as we share our lives with one another.

Dr. Wade Smith

JUNE EVENTS

6-3

Friendship Sunday Supper

4:00 p.m.

Hallock Hall

Clothes Closet

4:30 p.m.

6-4

Middle School Falls Creek

First Day of Summerscope

F.I.S.H. Camp (Ages 3 to 5)

9:00 a.m.

First Monday Playtime,
Adults 55+

12:00 p.m., Family Life Center

Deacon Leadership

6:30 p.m., Media Conference Rm

6-5

Summer Suppers For Women

6:00 p.m. Interurban

Summer Suppers to start in June

Summer is a great time to gather together for a meal and fellowship with other First Baptist Norman women.

Starting June 5, Summer Suppers For Women will be held once a month at various restaurants. The first Summer Supper will be at Interurban, 1150 Ed Noble Pkwy.

On July 10, the group will meet at Gaberino's Homestyle Italian Restaurant, 283 34th Ave. S.W., and on August. 7, La Madeleine French Bakery & Cafe, 1954 24th Ave N.W. All dinners start at 6:00 p.m. and are Dutch treat.

To save your spot at one, or all, of the dinners register online at fbcnorman.org. Registration can also be completed by calling the church office, 321-1753.

"Come enjoy some food, fun and fellowship with friends. It's also a great time to invite someone new," said Suzette Mason, Minister of Discipleship and Children.

Reflections on 10 years at First Baptist Church

Children's area work continues:

Thank you to the volunteers who continue to give time and energy to revitalizing the children's ministry area. The second floor is taking shape and getting ready for new carpet in June.

To all who have come to paint, clean out cabinets and reorganize, build walls, tear out walls and build a ramp from the west education space to the sanctuary, THANK YOU! You are making preparations to impact the children and families that are already here, but always remember you are working for those who have not come our way yet, and need a place to study God's word, worship and establish a family of faith.

Reflection on 10 years: As we approach this season together I am taken aback somewhat. As many have experienced, in so many ways, it seems like only yesterday, and in other ways you want to say, "Has it only been 10 years?"

I arrived on June 23, 2008, knowing that there would be challenges, victories and setbacks along the way. Ministry is hard work, and it comes at you in a variety of ways. Overall, God has been gracious and at work in our midst in ways that many fail to see. Lives have been changed in so many ways over these 10 years. There are many good things to reflect on, and things easy to say "WOW, that really did happen."

In the last 10 years God has allowed us to complete more than \$5 million in capital projects with hopes to continue to work on facilities, and today we are out of debt. We've done a lot over the last years, but so much more is needed to be done.

ROY JOE HAM



Celebrating
10 YEARS
AT FIRST BAPTIST
Roy Joe and Lydia Ham

JUNE 10
9:00 A.M. IN HALLOCK HALL

BRING CARDS AND NOTES OF APPRECIATION

We've seen many changes in staff and in our membership over these 10 years, but many churches are experiencing that as well. As a congregation we've had to make tough choices to admit who we are and how we can function financially to support our call to be God's family on, and from, this corner.

I've been extremely privileged over the last year to work with 45 of you as we traveled to the Texas Coast to work on Hurricane Harvey Recovery. As someone recently admitted, "We really went to work and we worked hard!" Indeed we did, and 45 individuals came home changed. We also impacted communities only as God could.

Thank you for the friends we have made, the encouragement we have received over these years. Much is left to do, and through God's provision and our listening ear we will continue to be His family, ministering from this place called First Baptist Norman. I know it will be our willingness to listen, follow and obey His call that will lead us down the path to the future. Wow! Ten years, and the journey continues! Let's rejoice together and see what God has in store for our future.

Pops in the Park planned for Father's Day

First Baptist Church's music ministry will once again return to Legacy Park this summer to host a community concert.

Pops in the Park will be held on Father's Day, June 17 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Legacy Park, 1898 Legacy Park Dr. The park is located in the University North Park area between Academy Sports and Redrock Canyon Grill.

"First Baptist Church Norman is very excited to present this concert as a gift to our community," said Minister of Music and Worship Arts, Rev. Chad E. Smith.

The free concert will feature First Baptist Church's sanctuary choir and orchestra.

"Bring a lawn chair and join us for this very special evening," Chad said.

POPS
IN THE PARK
FIRST BAPTIST MUSIC MINISTRY

JUNE 17
7:00 P.M.
LEGACY PARK

BRING A CHAIR • FREE ADMISSION

FLC health and wellness opportunities

Do you want to increase your longevity? Do you want to lower your depression rate? Do you want to have a time of fellowship? Strengthen your bones and increase balance?

According to the U.S. Health and Human Services website, "More than 80 percent of adults do not meet the guidelines for both aerobic and muscle-strengthening activities, and more than 80 percent of adolescents do not do enough aerobic physical activity to meet the guidelines for youth." The website also states that "only 28-34 percent of adults ages 65-74 are physically active."

The Family Life Center at First Baptist Church offers many programs in various levels for your wellness and health.

The FLC also has a gym complete with stationary bikes, treadmills, elliptical machines and weights. Each member of the FLC must complete a fitness orientation before they start working out at the FLC. Orientations are held weekly at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays at the FLC.

Fitness classes included at the FLC are:

Low Impact Class: Can be done from a sitting position, Tuesday and Thursday



10:00 a.m. No charge.

Pilates Class: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$40 for 10 classes.

Tai Chi Class: Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. There is a possibility of additional meeting times. No charge.

Walking Track: Escape the summer heat by taking advantage of our indoor walking track. Sixteen times around equals one mile

For more information about classes offered, call the FLC at 360-5300.



SUPPORT THE WADE SMITH FAMILY

DURING THIS SEASON OF MEDICAL PROCEDURES
BY PROVIDING DINNERS

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[HTTPS://TAKETHEMAMEAL.COM/VSRI9232](https://takethemameal.com/vsri9232)

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

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10 Year Anniversary Reception for Roy Joe Ham
9:00 a.m., Hallock Hall

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F.I.S.H. Camp Grades 3-5

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High School Students Peru Mission Trip

Father's Day

Dogs and Donuts with Dads
8:15-9:30 a.m., Hallock Hall

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Friendship Sunday Supper
4:00 p.m., Hallock Hall

Food Pantry and Devotion
4:30 p.m.

Pops in the Park
7:00-8:30 p.m., Legacy Park

Jr. Chef's Camp
9:00 -11:00 a.m., FLC

Chef's Camp
1:00 -3:00 p.m., FLC

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Gymnastics Camp (ages 3-6)
3:15-4:14 p.m., FLC

Gymnastics Camp (ages 4-13)
4:15-5:14 p.m., FLC

Gymnastics Camp (ages 7-14)
5:25-6:25 p.m., FLC

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May, June Birthday Bash
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., FLC

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F.I.S.H. Camp Grades K-2

SYMPATHIES

First Baptist Church would like to extend Sympathies to the following:
George and Barbara Landreth at the passing of her father.

Friends and family at the passing of Anna Eaves

DOGS AND DONUTS WITH DADS

JUNE 17
8:15-9:30 A.M.
HALLOCK HALL

COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEEDS

- CANNED VEGGIES
- SOUP
- BOXED JELLO/PUDDING MIX
- CEREAL
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY
- FEMININE HYGIENE
- TOILET PAPER

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1: Charles Burris, Junie Chenoweth,

Tony Gardner, Wanita Salyer, Amy Williams

June 2: Mike Beery, Carol Fisher, Jay

Jimerson, Becky Porter, Howard Woodruff

June 3: Sandi Devore

June 4: James Bryson, Richard Buchanan,

Bonnie DeLany, Pamela DeVoss, Kody

Ferguson, Mary Foor, Benton Ladd, Jenny

Roby, Ben Warren

June 5: Vivian Anderson, Matthew

Chamberlain, Scott Couch, Pat Dickinson,

Taylor Jones, Marilyn Lassetter, Molly

Pattison, Beverly Theige, Zoe Zachary

June 6: Melisa Lesser, Ken Spaulding

June 7: Amber Beardsley, Melanie Gladhill,

Tom Hackelman, Gavin Keen, Andy

Stephenson, Sherry Sullivan

June 8: Lin Copelin, Sheri Johnson, Julie

Richardson

June 9: Carol Halley, Rhonda Wood

June 10: Jane Callison, Cooper Hopkins,

Colleen Ryan

June 11: Sheri Bower, Michelle Durham,

June 12: Lexie Campbell, Galen Chen,

Charles Valentine, Brock Wright

June 13: Hazel Bennett, Marty Farris, John

Hughes, Kathryn Malthaner

June 14: Michael Higgins, Gwendolyn

Shilling, Keith Strevett, Dondi Thompson,

Lynette Vinson

June 15: Patience Cox, David Deering,

Catherine Dvorak, Sarah Johnson, Robert

Lehr, Maeve Upchurch

June 16: Mellissa Beck, William Freeman,

Judy Osburn, Michael Robins, Joshua Wright

June 17: Alan Cheshier, Brandon Kelly,

Gari-Leah Kmiecik, Virginia Odell, John

Shaw, Joe Windes

June 18: Nate Ellis, Zac Ratzlaff Loynita

Spillmeier, Fransisca Wijaya

June 19: Margaret Barbour, Norma Brown,

Jerry Dickinson, Mittie Durham, Judy Hixon,

Juliette Holderby, Kevin Murphree, Conner

Null, Mike Rose

June 20: Tollie Bibb, Sierra Brown, Billy

Busse, Eric Holderby, Grant Schwabe,

Kenneth Womack, Larry Wright

June 21: Nyla Gibson, Laney Jo Mullinax,

Kathy Ray, Mark Williams

June 22: Delayne Dye, Teri Hamra, Inara

LeBlanc

June 23: Cathe Fox

June 24: Jim Drennan, Anthony McCree,

Lynn Paschal, Gay Smith, Even Wagner

June 25: Lance Chapman, Doug Childers,

Dorothy Claxton, Rusty Sullivan

June 26: Luke Fields, Samuel Hwang, Cindy

Ramey, Mark Zachary

June 27: Sarah Carter, Jack Davis, Veronica

Deplois, Ronald Elkin, James Hall, Harper

Harris, Lydia Haworth, Warren Klima,

Amberly Lee, Dave Lewis, Karen McCloskey,

Dale Sullivan, Scott Terrell, Abbie Veal

June 28: Kelsey Childers, Cheryl Jones,

Barbara McGuckin, Nick Napoli, Carol

Roberts, Harold Woods

June 29: Phillip Conley, Kailey Diehm,

Sandra Gourley, Ben Haning, Jeannie

Hitchcock, Steve Scott

June 30: David Goodspeed, Paula McBee,

Kathy Smith, Bradley Valentino

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DEAR FBC...

Thank you to all who participated in the church directory. We are looking forward to a wonderful directory.

We have been made aware, however, that some of the photographers were aggressive in their sales tactics when members told them they did not want to purchase additional photos. This is not the normal practice of Lifetouch and they have issued the apology below. Please accept our apologies as well if you feel you were treated less than respectfully by the photographers.

FBC Ministry Staff

Dear FBC,

At Lifetouch Church Directory and Portraits, it is our desire and intent that every family at every church not only deserves our very best, but receives our very best. That intent is not just in our portrait products but also in our customer service and satisfaction. It has come to my attention that we did not meet those expectations.

I am writing this letter to offer my apology regarding your disappointing photography experience. We take

seriously the feedback from our customers. Your experience was unacceptable and we have taken appropriate steps to correct this with our employees so that it is not repeated in the future.

If you have further concerns, please call our Customer Service line at 1-888-313-1746

Sincerely,
John Batstone,
Portrait Sales and Operations
Manager, Lifetouch