



# First Baptist Church *At Second Glance*

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## 2017 NORMAN LENTEN SERVICES *Together To The Cross* THE SIGNS OF EASTER



**March 15**  
**First Christian Church**  
220 S. Webster Ave.  
**Guest Pastor: Jason Haddox**  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Services begin at noon  
A \$5 lunch is served at 12:35 p.m.

### Needed

Children's  
spring/summer  
clothing and shoes  
to distribute  
at Foster Parent's  
Day Out!

Bring donations  
to the church office  
before March 19

*Foster Parent's  
Day Out*

Do you have a favorite Easter Story?

I was a sophomore in high school and was asked to play a thief on the cross during our church's Easter pageant. I don't remember if it was Good Friday or Easter Eve, but I took my place on my cross and watched as the soldiers and mob brought Jesus down the center aisle.

They laid Him on the ground and with a mallet began to hammer a spike on a wooden block to produce the sound of nails being driven into a cross. The stage shook. A soldier cursed (I think by accident). The mob gasped and a bloodied Jesus was lifted onto His cross. I felt as if I was at Golgotha.

I quietly "died" and was carried off-stage where I sat in the dark as the rest of the Easter story played out. In those quiet and holy moments, the Spirit of God began to illumine my heart and spirit. A call to ministry that had been a whisper became a loud and clear voice. I will forever remember that Easter!

**Easter Stories** will be the theme of worship as we prepare for Easter Sunday. Each week we will consider an **Easter Story** from the Old Testament that anticipates or foreshadows Easter themes and resurrection. The choir, orchestra and praise team will present **The Story** on Palm Sunday and we will **Worship Together** at 10:50 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Will you commit to worshipping with us each Sunday during this Lenten season?

The Norman Lenten Lunch Series continues each Wednesday at noon through Holy Week. It is a blessing to worship with the broader community of Christ during this special season, visiting other churches with various traditions and listening to guest pastors. **The Signs of Easter** is the theme for this year's series. I encourage you to participate as you can. First Baptist will host the Lenten Lunch service on **April 5**.

Finally, be in prayer for the Stewardship Study Team as they work to accomplish their task of bringing our annual Ministry Plan into the range established at our March 5 church conference. They are scheduled to bring a report on April 30.



Dr. Wade Smith

## FIRST FAMILY BLOCK PARTY

April 9  
2:00-5:00 p.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT  
2:30 P.M.



## April 7 FBC Kids SPRING SLEEPOVER

K-5th grades  
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.  
Email [crystalb@fbcnorman.org](mailto:crystalb@fbcnorman.org)



## Bowling together

Our students got to enjoy a night of bowling with the Discover First LifeGroup on Sunday, March 5.

Kelly Marcum jumped up and down higher than one of our students when he bowled a strike, which is a memory that will forever be seared in my mind.

I'm thankful for a church that continues to value its students, and is interested in getting to know them in appropriate and engaging ways.

Love people, teach the Word, and live the journey!



Rich Lubbers

## Family Life Center preps for camps

FLC Summer Camp fliers will be available at [fbcnorman.org](http://fbcnorman.org) as soon as they are ready. Fliers also will be available at the FLC later this month.

Registration for FBC church members and those participating in FBC church programs will be **April 3**.

Registration will open to the public on April 17.

Camps include Jr. Hoops, Jr. Chef's Academy, Chef's Academy, Upward Basketball and gymnastics.

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

## Adults 55+ to host all age summer trip

From June 24-29 the FBC Adults 55+ invite all ages to a summer get away.

Travel through Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, and Indiana. The trip includes a visit to the Ark Encounter,



Vickie Riggs

the Creation Museum, a stop at President Andrew Jackson's home, the Hermitage in Nashville, two major league baseball games and more!

The Ark Encounter is the only authentic full-size replica of Noah's Ark in the world.

Detailed itineraries are available at the Family Life Center. For more information, contact me at [vickier@fbcnorman.org](mailto:vickier@fbcnorman.org) or Amanda at [amandap@fbcnorman.org](mailto:amandap@fbcnorman.org).

## Crosses needed for display

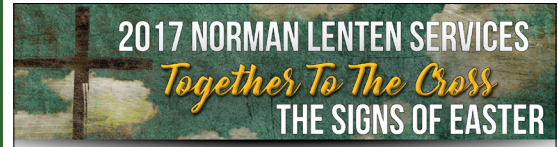
As part of this year's season of Lent, we are inviting you to bring a cross that you own and join in with others in a Cross Display that will be visible in our Sanctuary until Easter.

When you bring your cross to the church office, be sure and place

a label with your name and phone number on the back so that you will be certain you are taking your cross home on Easter.

The display will be up beginning Sunday, March 12. Bring your cross anytime between now and Easter.

## Looking ahead



**April 5**

**First Baptist Church**  
211 W. Comanche St.

**Guest Pastor: Margaret Kennell**  
Salvation Army

The Church Office will be closed  
from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

**March 15**

No Wednesday  
Evening Activities

**March 19**

**Growing in Christ**  
9:40 a.m.  
3rd-5th grades

**March 22**

**2017 Norman Lenten Service**  
12:00 p.m.  
McFarlin Memorial United  
Methodist Church  
420 S. University Blvd.  
Guest Pastor: Daniel Dennison  
Wesley Foundation, OU

**March 25**

**Men's Breakfast**  
8:00 a.m.  
Family Life Center  
\$5 Donation

**March 26**

**Growing in Christ**  
9:40 a.m.  
3rd-5th grades

**March 29**

**2017 Norman Lenten Service**  
12:00 p.m.  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
211 N. Porter  
Guest Pastor: Mitch Randall  
NorthHaven Church

## Letters to FBC

Dear FBC Family,

We would like to thank our church family for your prayers, support and encouragement after our house fire and hope you will join us for an open house **March 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

We live at 611 Terrace Place, Norman. Please come to see how the Lord has blessed us.

Mike and Beth Wilson