

FIRST BAPTIST *At First Glance*

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Dr. Wade Smith
Pastor

As the calendar turns from October to November, we are reminded that the holidays are rapidly approaching. Are you ready!?

November offers a special season of worship at First Baptist as we celebrate and recommit ourselves to the task of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with every tribe and every nation of the world. The *Parade of Nations* takes place on November 3 and *Shoebox Sunday* on November 17. The *Service of Hope* is scheduled for Sunday evening, November 24. This beautiful service centers around the Lord's Supper and invites us to prepare for the holidays and remember those in our families and church who have passed during the year. A keepsake ornament is given for those who attend. The sanctuary is adorned in its Advent wreaths and lights. The *Service of Hope* is a holy moment of worship. Please

join us. The late arrival of Thanksgiving this year means that Advent begins on Sunday, December 1. Mark your calendars and begin praying for the first Sunday of Advent.

***MissionFest* is a new opportunity to learn about our mission efforts.** *MissionFest* will take place during our Sunday School hour in Hallock Hall on November 3. We are encouraging all of our Sunday School/Life Groups to participate. By moving our mission emphasis to Sunday morning, we hope to engage more of our congregation in learning about our efforts and particularly how our mission dollars are invested in Kingdom work. Eleven cents of every dollar given through the budget of First Baptist goes to missions and ministry outside of our church. You will be blessed to see how your gifts bear fruit in various parts of our world.

On November 3 we welcome back Dinah Bolton to First Baptist for a special reception. It will be a time to say thank you for her service as Community Minister. Join us immediately after worship in Hallock Hall for a brief program and presentation. Bring your cards and letters of encouragement and appreciation to share with Dinah.

Finally, I invite you to join me for a "church family" conversation on the evening of November 10 at 5:30 in Hallock Hall. A couple of months ago about 100 of us gathered for a family conversation concerning our Community Ministry. The result of that conversation led to new security measures, kingdom partnerships and our new "Sunday Supper" ministry. Over the last months I have been meeting with various leadership groups within the church to discuss our worship expressions. Worship is at the core of who we are as a people of God. As God continues to move in our worship, we must allow His promptings to lead and shape us individually and as a body of believers. On November 10, I will lead us in a conversation of worship. Your voice and your perspective is important. Please know that childcare and activities for birth through grade 5 will be provided in hope that all of our church families have an opportunity to attend.

As Christians, thanksgiving should be a way of life. So, as our nation pauses to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, let us lead the way in a spirit of gratitude and generosity for all the Lord has done!

Thankful!
Dr. Wade Smith



MissionFest!
CELEBRATING
PARTNERSHIPS
IN MISSIONS
Sunday, Nov. 3, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

From the Pulpit

Series: One To Many
November 3

Parade of Nations

November 10

Every Nation

November 17

Shoebox Sunday

November 24

The Ends of the Earth!

All Church News



November 3, 9:15 a.m.
During the Sunday School hour in Hallock Hall

- Children's Ministry Presentation
- Continental breakfast
- All Sunday School Departments are invited to participate.



Speaker:
Matthew Price
Pastor of North Langley Community Church
Fort Langley, British Columbia, Canada

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Please give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and to The Global Mission Offering

November and December

SERVICE OF HOPE
5:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 24

Music Ministry

When we consider excellence in pianists, we look at two basic areas of expertise – skill as a concert pianist and skill as an accompanist. It's unusual to find both skills in the same person. I've experienced pianists who play Rachmaninoff or Grieg with the best of them, but put an anthem or hymn in front of them and they have to go away quietly. At FBC, we are incredibly blessed to have both skills wrapped up together in one very nice person. Do you know **Andrea Isaacson**?



Andrea has been pianist for our Classic Worship Service and accompanist for the Sanctuary Choir since November, 2010. In addition to her responsibilities at our church, she is studying at the University of Oklahoma as a Doctoral Candidate in Piano Performance and Pedagogy. Her educational goal is to become a piano professor at the university level. In the School of Music, she serves as pianist in both the vocal and instrumental departments, working with soloists and chamber ensembles as well as large ensembles including choirs, bands and orchestras. She also plays for several community groups including the Norman Children's Chorus and the Master Chorale of Oklahoma City.

Andrea is a native of North Dakota. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Minot State University, Minot, ND, and her Master's Degree in Piano Performance from the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. Her mom was her first piano teacher and at a young age, she began playing for her local church, where her dad sang frequently. Her two brothers are musical as well. Her oldest brother plays the drums while her middle brother plays the guitar and sings.

Introduce yourself to Andrea and thank her personally for the wonderful way she assists us in our worship.

-Don



November 6 at Noon
Common Ground
\$5 per lunch

Menu:
Chicken Alfredo,
Cesar Salad,
Bread Sticks,
Dessert

REV. CLARK MITCHELL
Pastor, Journey Church

Good food and good neighbors in Downtown Norman.

NOVEMBER 12



OU Faculty/Staff/Students Brown Bag Lunch

From Noon to 1:00 in the Wagner Hall Conference Room (Rm 187)
All OU faculty, staff & students are invited to join Brother Wade for a brown bag lunch and fellowship.

Family Life Center



Hours:
Monday-Thursday
 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday
 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Saturday
 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

FITNESS CENTER USE: Fitness orientation required before using equipment. (Mondays at 6:00 p.m.)

LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00-10:45 a.m. Facilitator: Mary Higgins
 Parkinsons/Arthritis Approved.

PILATES: 8:00-9:00 a.m., M/W/F Mornings

AEROBICS: 5:20-6:20 p.m., M/Th, Darla Miller

ZUMBA: FREE Wed Core Class - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 with Instructor Tori Collier.

Call 360-5300 for more information on programs offered at the FLC.

Upward Basketball

Practices begin December 3.

Games start Jan. 11 and finish Mar. 1.

Cost is \$90.

(After Nov. 18 cost is \$95)

Evaluation dates: Mon, Nov. 4,

Thurs, Nov. 14 or Mon, Nov 18

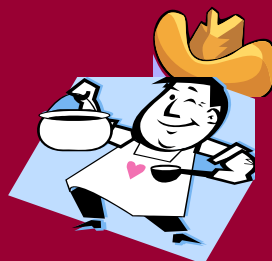
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 1



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

Afterwards, join
 us at the FLC for
Family Western
Fun Night
and a Chili Supper!



FLC Thanksgiving Closures:
 November 27 after 4:00 p.m.
 November 28 & 29 all day

FBC Family News

The FBC Family wishes to extend sympathies to...

*Carla Messer at the passing of her former spouse,
 Robert Messer*

*Colby & Cami Wardwell at the passing of Cami's
 grandfather, Russell "Gene" Nelson*

Family & friends of Berniece Bucher at her passing

Jean Sisson at the passing of her husband, Walt Sisson

Andrea Isaacson at the passing of her grandmother

Family & friends of Rueben Schaffner at his passing

Family & friends of Tommy Nakamura at his passing

Family & friends of Georgia Elb at her passing

Letters to the FBC Family

*FBC Norman,
 Thank you so much for your generous support. You are
 such a blessing to our organization. We simply could not
 do it without you!*

*Thank you again, The Uttermost Team
 Proverbs 22:9 "He who is generous will be blessed..."*

Reception for

Dinah Bolton

Community Minister 2012-2013

**November 3 following worship services in
 Hallock Hall**

**Come share your appreciation for her ministry
 in Norman!**

"It's A Girl!"

*Come and Go Baby Shower
 for Officer Lance and Lindsey Harper
 November 9, 2013
 2:30-4:00 p.m. at Common
 Ground*

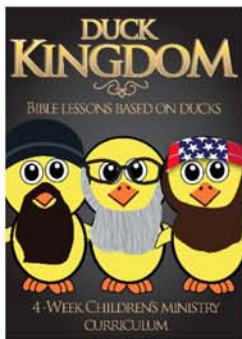


The Harpers are registered at Target,
 Babies R Us and Pottery Barn Kids

Childhood Ministry

Children's Missions Month

Throughout the month of November on Sunday Mornings, we will be focusing on Missions during our grade 1-5 Big Group Time in Room 204. We will perform on Nov. 3 for MissionFest at 9:15 am. The other Sundays we will meet missionaries and learn about other cultures. We will also focus on Operation Christmas Child. Please make sure your child is on time at 9:15 a.m. so that they do not miss out on any of the adventures! Our Kindergarten class has been invited to join us for our Missions Big Group Time.



Wed. Night
FBCKids
NOV Focus

**HOLIDAY WED. NIGHT
CLOSURE
November 27**

Welcome Marlene Hoyt

Marlene is our new Executive Director of Fee Based Programs. She is a longtime church member and a talented flutist in our orchestra. She has many skills and talents that make her a wonderful addition to our Children's Ministry Team. I look forward to the great work we will do together for the fee based programs.
Crystal R. Byrd



November Family Fun Activity:
THE THANKFUL TREE

On a poster board, draw a barren tree. Each day during the month of November, have your child(ren) write something they are thankful for on the paper leaf and glue it to the barren tree. By Thanksgiving, you will have a tree full for thankful leaves. Your child can then share the things they have been thankful for the entire month. It is a great craft to share with the whole family!

You may pick up your thankful leaves on Sunday Mornings with Crystal or you can make your own!

Adult Ministry

“WHICH VOICE DO YOU LISTEN TO?”

By Jim Stewart

The past two years we have accompanied part of our family on week-long vacations for some time of recreation and family fun. Both times we utilized the GPS navigation system to direct our journey. Also, on both occasions, we decided that since we were listening to a female GPS “voice” telling us when and where to make our next turn, we might as well give her a name. Last year, it was Mildred...this year it was Margaret.



Mildred and Margaret joined our traveling company. They spoke directions so often that, in some surreal way, they seemed like part of the family. Most of the time instructions were right on target and we “obeyed,” but there were occasions when, for whatever reason, their direction was not entirely accurate and we had to make adjustments. We would jokingly respond by saying, “Mildred, you missed that one.” Our granddaughter, Lynlee and grandson, Stew hardly knew what to make of the interaction with a “voice inside a box.” Perception became reality and they probably wondered if either Mildred or Margaret actually existed in real life.

Last year upon our return, Lynlee, during her nightly prayer time, thanked God for “Mildred” because we couldn’t have made it without her. We all chuckled at her estimation of Mildred and how real that voice must have been to a four year old girl.

This raises some interesting questions for all of us. What voices do we listen to? Do we trust those who tell us what to do, where to go, how to act, what to believe? How real has the voice of God become to us?

It seems to me that we treat God in a similar way to how our family treated the GPS voice on those trips. We want to believe God’s instructions and many times we obey. But then there are those times when in our stubbornness or defiance we think we know better and often we pay for our mistakes. Unlike the GPS system, God doesn’t have any skewed directions. We never need to correct Him, for He is always faithful and always committed to our good.

What voices are you listening to these days? Is God at the top of your list? I hope so, because Mildred and Margaret only exist in a box, but God is the real deal.

Ignite Challenge



Roy Joe Ham
Minister
of Administration

Ignite Summary We are now one year and counting in our three year Ignite Commitment Season and great things continue to happen. As you can see because of your commitments, prayer and faithful generosity our project progress is significant. Our Generis Consultant continues to be amazed at the generous progress of your faithful giving. \$3,127,007.61 was committed to be given over a three year period and after 12 months you have sacrificially given \$1,528,581.68. Because of this giving we anticipate that it will be sometime in the first quarter of 2014 before we have to utilize any of our construction financing. As your faithful response to your commitments continue, we also look forward to having all of the Phase One Projects paid for with no debt by the end of our three year commitment period or before. That is an exciting testimony of your faithfulness.

Project Progress Each week we see more evidence of the work being completed. The inside work continues. I hope that you go to the church website to see pictures of the progress. New air conditioning ductwork is almost complete on all three floors, most of the new wall framing is complete, new plumbing rough-in work continues and new electrical work is beginning. Of course, the exterior work that is evident is that the stair/elevator tower concrete stem wall is poured and backfilled. This week the masonry contractor will begin work on both the new south entry stairs and the elevator tower. Yes, much progress is being made. We anticipate to use the new entry stairs by the season of Advent. Hopefully, around June 1 we will re-enter the east wing. We all look forward to that.

Budget Giving This continues to be a focused need. While our capital project giving is ahead of schedule, our budget giving is falling behind. Thanks to those who evaluated times in which you may have missed your regular giving and responded. This has helped in the early weeks of October. We need to anticipate the end of year giving and finish the calendar year well. In recent years, both November and December have shown to be the end of year giving months. I want to thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration in your part of finishing well.

It is a joy to serve alongside you.

Roy Joe



Youth Ministry

Fall FallOut 2013

Friday, Nov 8, 7 p.m.- Sunday, Nov 10, 11:30 a.m.

Register at iheartfbcym.com

Weekly Youth Ministry Gatherings

Sundays

9:15 a.m. ||| Sunday Morning Small Groups

5:30-6:30 p.m. ||| C-Groups

Wednesdays

6-7:30 p.m. ||| FLC Youth Wednesday Nights



Thank you for your prayers as Jill and I spent some time in and near Lima, Peru in October. What a great time of serving, while finding time for some renewal. We can't wait until we bring a group of students back to Lima!

Community Ministry

Please join us for our **“Thank You Dinah”** reception in Hallock Hall November 3, immediately following the worship services. Dinah will join us for the day as we show our thanks for her service to our church and our community.

November 3 is also the kickoff of the food drive for our **Thanksgiving Basket Building Party**. Flyers are posted around the church listing what items to donate. Donations will be accepted through November 25, the day of the event.


As the weather gets colder, remember those on the streets. Donations of **blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, socks and coats** are always welcome. We continue to need **men’s clothing and shoes**.

Thank you for your constant support of FBC Norman ministries!

-Angela Atkins

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 kidshope@fbcnorman.org for more information.



Adults +55

Senior Seminary Encore with Dr. Mack Roark
 November 1
 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Event includes lunch
 Cost is \$5.00 per person

All Church Missions Celebration
 November 3

First Monday Playtime
 Monday, November 4, Noon-3:00 p.m.
 Come join us and bring your lunch!

Interested in a Book Club?
 We have one that meets at the Family Life Center the first Monday of each month. Come, check us out November 6 at 9:30 a.m.



Fall Mystery Trip ???
 November 15
 Spaces are limited!

If you were born in November or December then you are our special guest at the **Birthday Bash Luncheon**. November 21 at 11:30 a.m. Cost is only \$5.00 for non-birthday babies. Our theme is "Remember When." Bring a special memento from your childhood or youth.



Service of Hope is Sunday, November 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the FBC Sanctuary.

Operation Christmas Child Mission Trip
 December 2-6

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

Missions Ministry

November and December we are focusing on Missions.

This November we celebrate the theme "One to Many." We initiate our World Missions Offering which will be collected through the end of the year.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

New this year, we will celebrate *MissionFest!* Sunday School departments are invited to join us for a continental breakfast in Hallock Hall from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

A special presentation will be given by Rev. Matthew Price about The Kibera Project in Nairobi, Kenya, one of our mission partners.



Our Children's Ministry will share a missions presentation. We will learn about trips our members have taken this past year and the mission opportunities to come. We are celebrating *MissionFest* in lieu of an evening missions banquet so more people can learn about our mission efforts, partners and opportunities.



Empty boxes are available for pick up! Collection week is NOVEMBER 18-25

Friendship Sunday Supper
FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS 4:00 P.M.

FIRST SUNDAYS
 Sunday Supper
 ID Required



THIRD SUNDAYS
 4:30 p.m.
 Clothes Closet and Food Pantry

University Ministry

First Baptist is looking for individuals to pour into the lives of college students!

College is a time in your life when change is constant, faith is tested and structures you've relied on all your life are gone.

We need your help building relationships at any or all of these events!

- Sunday morning Bible Study
- Wednesday evening worship
- Thursday noon lunch
- Sunday Night Thing

Please, contact Joey Armstrong (joeya@fbcnorman.org) if any of these would work for you.



Sunday

Morning 9:15 a.m. at Common Ground (BYOM Bring Your Own Mug)

Sunday Night Thing 5:30 p.m. at church family homes (check the website for the address each Sunday)

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Worship Services

10:30 a.m. Classic Blend Worship
 10:30 a.m. LifeSong Worship

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. Dinner—Hallock Hall
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Devotional, HH
 6:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Ministries
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Studies
 Choir & Orchestra

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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: Chung Hui Dillon, James Hale, Mary Ruth Higgins, Janie Ketner, Brittney Ragland, Al Silkey
- 03: Nathan Moss, Kallie Smith, Olivia Turbeville, Pat Vann, Steven Wilson, Brenda Wootton
- 04: Zachary Arrington, Kristi Bloss, Roger Cooper, Dakota Hall, Brenda Hogue, Linda Dixon-Tiller
- 05: Nick Foster, Ashleigh Neal, Annette Valentino, Charles Van Horn, Eleanor White
- 06: Dan Baily, Hannah Foster, Dylan Long, Steve Myers, Joe Bob Weaver
- 07: Johannes Buyten, Amy Cherry, Jeanette Dubois
- 08: Jobeth Buyten, Krissy Griffin, Debbie Neal, Lynlee Robinson
- 09: Stephen Callison, Anna Grace Nava, John Reddell
- 10: Jack Harp, Blake Smith
- 11: Dan Durham, Terry Foor, Sandy Lewis, Jessica Massengale, Kent Myers, Hayley Scott, Betty Snodgrass
- 12: Annetta Brown, Sarah Garder, Jake Haxel, Laura Horstkoetter, Charles Keeling, 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, Philip Redwine Jr., Samantha Rose, John Summers
- 16: Dianne Daniels, Steve Jimerson, Catherine Lesser, Terry Love, Janice Masters, Donna Pike, Tracey Prince
- 17: Leslie Bedwell, Myra Elliott, Elaine Hale, Renee Mungle, Dominic Strevett
- 18: Fran Burgess, Nancy Gardner, Roger Hoyt, Patty Jimerson, Mack McGuckin
- 19: Kyle Barton, Roy Blasius
- 20: James Callison, Ann Faison, Mark Lassetter, Bill Marley, Deb McLain, Leon Ragland, Dennis Ross, Sarah Sheldon, Sammie Theige, Drew Wright
- 21: Betty Burris, Hannah Cochrane, Marie Hunter, Lisa Portwood
- 22: Carson Hopkins, Dan Hopper, Kristian Largent, Susan Newkham, 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: Amy Hicks, Joslin Rigney, Jeremy Spearing
- 26: Laurie Conaway, Margaret Cullins, Gordon Foor, Barbara Owens
- 27: Joyce Filipski, Gail Moore, Barbara Woodruff
- 28: Kenneth Smith, Vera Beth Wilson
- 29: Carolyn Pruett, Christina Rehkop, Gail Schwabe
- 30: Kat Combs, Carlos Elwell, Paige Hudson, Bradley Pettijohn, Frank Small, Gary Storm, Sarah Yousey

**Deacon Ministry
 Team Meeting**
 Monday, November 18
 6:30 p.m.
 Hallock Hall

At FIRST Glance
 First Baptist Church
 211 W. Comanche
 Norman, OK 73069
 Address Service Requested



*Falls Creek Conference Center
 November 7 at 7:00 p.m.*



**Pastor's Bible Study
 CHURCH
 FAMILY
 CONVERSATION
 ON WORSHIP**
 November 10
 5:30 p.m.
 Hallock Hall
 Childcare provided
 Birth-Grade 5