



First Baptist Church *At First Glance*

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MEDITATIONS ON RUNNING
8:30 A.M.

TAILGATE BREAKFAST
9:15 A.M.

LIFEGROUPS
9:40 A.M.

GUEST SPEAKER
JAY WILKINSON
10:50 A.M.



RUN THE RACE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16



Upward Basketball sign-up

Cost: \$110

Each child must attend
one of the evaluations:

Friday, Nov. 4
5:30-8:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 7
5:30-8:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 14
5:30-8:00 p.m.



It is with great excitement and anticipation that Gay and I will lead a group from our church to Israel in October. Our travels will take us to Caesarea, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Masada, Bethlehem and the Dead Sea. Fortunately, we will be in Jerusalem for Yom Kippur.

I look forward to deepening friendships as we walk where Jesus walked and visit the places where Biblical stories took place. Scripture will become more alive to us as we gain perspective and insight from being in those places.

Recent events in Charlotte and Tulsa continue to remind us of the racial tensions in our country. The focal point centers around the use of deadly force in confrontations between law enforcement and African-American men.

Over the past months I have been involved in conversations with local clergy and law enforcement officials. One of the outcomes of these meetings is a community forum to discuss the relationship between the community and law enforcement in Norman.

The forum, *Voices for Norman...Connecting Law Enforcement and Community*, will be Monday, Oct. 10 at First Presbyterian Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Xenia Institute will host the forum. I encourage you to attend.

Run the Race Sunday is Oct. 16. Rich Lubbers will share a Meditation on Running during the Meditations service at 8:30 a.m.

The Run the Race service at 10:50 a.m. celebrates the ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Norman with athletes that "make a difference on and off the field" sharing in worship. Jay Wilkinson, son of Bud Wilkinson, will be our pulpit guest. Our choirs, orchestra, and praise team will lead worship in the late service. Invite your friends to join us for this special day of worship.

Our next worship series, *Of Kings and Presidents*, begins Oct. 23. As the presidential election approaches, a look at Israel's transition to an earthly king provides insight. Let us pray as our nation transitions to a new president.

Finally, I am thankful for the work of the Strategic Planning Committee. They have asked our ministry staff to review the way we communicate with you and with our community.

One way we hope to improve communication is by reducing the size of the monthly newsletter to four pages and provide a second publication during the middle of the month that will be available outside the Sanctuary, in the church office or at fbcnorman.org. By offering an additional publication, we hope to provide more accurate, detailed, and timely information to all.



Dr. Wade Smith

Seeking God's direction

As we move into the fall, I hope that you are enjoying the change of season and the increased activity. I also hope that you see and are involved in the great things that God is continuing to be about at First Baptist Norman and those we impact.

Our pews in worship and our chairs in LifeGroups have been filled with many visitors looking to join us in what God is doing. I hope you have done your part to welcome them, involve them, and invite them in.

It is vitally important that we maintain a warm welcoming atmosphere for us and for our guests. I would challenge each of us to keep watch for someone you may not know, introduce yourself, and if it happens to be a guest see what you can do to make them feel welcome. God is doing some mighty things in our midst and impacting lives. I pray that you are one of the lives being impacted.

Ministry Plan (budget): As we enter the final quarter of the calendar year,

we are in the midst of closing out one ministry plan and planning for the next.

The final quarter of the calendar year impacts our annual receipts in a big way, and, fortunately with much history behind this, you respond with great generosity.

This season is important in meeting regular monthly financial needs but also offers a season to catch up, and build a reserve to go into the coming year. I hope you will join me in seeking God's direction for your last quarter giving.

Ignite: This is a PRAISE to God. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

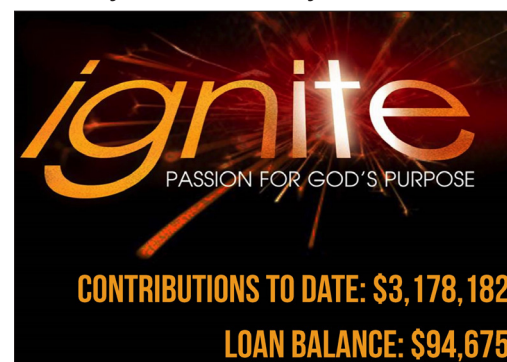
Last October, we had just completed three years of Ignite focus and generous giving and we had a loan balance of about \$370,000.



Roy Joe Ham

Through August this year we now have a loan balance of \$94,675. Certainly your faithfulness continues to meet that need along with the regular ministry plan needs that we face. This brings our Ignite giving total through the end of August to \$3,178,182.

Consider the fact that over the past 47 months, that amount has been offered as sacrificial giving above your regular giving. Thank you and praise be to God for your faithfulness. I look forward to finishing well and completing the giving to phase 1 of our capital needs by the end of the year.



October Highlights

To see more events and details, visit our online calendar at fbcnorman.org

1 Yellow Rose Dinner Theatre
with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis
Cost: \$40
Depart: 6:30 p.m

3 Brown Bag Lunch
12:00 p.m.
Wagner Hall on the OU Campus

4 WMU
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
FLC Conference Room

4 Holy Land Adventure
Be in prayer for our group traveling
October 4-15

Of KINGS And PRESIDENTS

OCTOBER 23:
DEMANDING A NEW KING

OCTOBER 30:

THE SEARCH FOR A NEW KING

NOVEMBER 6: CROWN HIM, OR HER!

NOVEMBER 13: HONOR THE KING

5 MannaFest
12:00 p.m. in Hallock Hall
Cost: \$5
Featuring: John Dwyer

6 October-November-December
Birthday Bash Luncheon
11:30 a.m. FLC Koinonia Room
Cost: \$5

7 Peru Mission Trip
Be in prayer for our group traveling
October 7-16

16 Run the Race Sunday
Guest Speaker Jay Wilkinson
10:50 a.m.

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We may only get one shot at making a good impression

We're deep into fall 2016 and Discipleship is what's on this University Minister's mind.

On Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, we've taken a long look at what it means to follow Jesus as one of his disciples. The discussions have taken place under titles such as, "Disciples Can Follow Jesus," "Disciples Believe in the Kingdom Jesus Preached," "Disciples Can Proclaim the Kingdom of God," "Disciples Make Disciples," and more.

What we see in all these discussions

is a focus on action. In other words, to be a follower of Jesus is more than simply thinking the correct things about God and God's Kingdom in your brain.

Our belief in Jesus includes obedience, and our faith calls for an equal portion of faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Jesus himself.



Chris Canary

University can be a difficult time, and we ask that you continue to remember the students who choose to attend FBC in all your prayers.

More than that, you can help by welcoming and engaging every student you see on Sunday mornings in worship. We may only get one shot at making a good impression, and a student who visits this Sunday may not be back the next. Join me in striving to make the most out of every opportunity God places in front of us.

Turn the treat tables

October is my favorite month of the entire year. Something about the changing of the seasons, pumpkin everything, sweaters, cooler weather and dressing up in funny costumes just makes me smile.

Your kids probably already have planned who or what they want to dress up as for Halloween. Some of your kids will want to be their favorite superhero like Batman or Wonder Woman. Others will want to be Kylo Ren or as one of my girls said, a Darth Vader princess. Don't you just love their creativity and imagination?

Halloween is a fun time of dress up, trick-or-treats, and spending time with your neighbors. Many neighborhoods go all out with decorations or hayrides, in order to make sure that kids will have blast. I find that to be a beautiful thing.

These are the rare moments when the focus of an entire evening is making the children within our community smile. It is an evening of helping kids to have fun and to be safe as they go

door-to-door to receive a special treat.

I hope that this year you take advantage of this night to meet your neighbors, say hello with a warm smile, and possibly offer them a treat of your own. Wouldn't it be great that for every house your child visits to receive a special treat, in return, your family offers them a treat of kindness?

One thing most adults do not expect on Halloween is to be given a treat. But what if this year, we gave to those who are giving to our children? What doors could that open up with your neighbors, your community? To give your neighbors just a small treat of surprise to say that they matter to your family and are a valued member of your community.

It makes me smile just thinking about it!



Crystal Byrd

One family of Christ

Students have had the opportunity to get away from it all this September, and it was needed.

With school getting back in full swing, football season coming along, and the host of activities that comes with being in high school these days, having the opportunity to take a deep breath is a necessary part of being a student.

While away on retreat, our speaker challenged us with what it meant to live as one family of Christ. This got me thinking about our church – how do we work together to spur one another on toward love and good deeds as the faith body of FBC Norman? How can our students in grades 6-12 help you love people, teach the word, and live the journey of life and faith together?

Also while away, I was reminded by the beautiful legacy our church has – Brad Stewart (son of Jim and Vickie Stewart) led us in some incredibly meaningful times of singing our praises to God. I wanted you to be blessed by the knowledge that your investment in him and his family continually impacts the kingdom of God. Thank you for staying the course of loving, educating, and sending young people. Will you keep it up?



Rich Lubbers

THANK YOU

FOR FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATION AS FBC'S CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Rev. Crystal R. Byrd

October Birthdays

October 1 Jennifer Godinez, Charlotte Haxel, Colby Wardwell, Diana Wilson

October 2 Bob Bell Sr., Kim Marks, Parker McMillen

October 3 Joshua Cater, Jean Ann Cochrane, Polly Dvorak, Michelle Foster, John Miller, Joy Beth Robinson

October 4 Amy Akram, Dax Akram, Isaac Atkins, Richard G. Foster, Mark Hyde, Morgan Smith, Sharon Vinson, Von Worten

October 5 Debbie Deering, Dorothy Kitchens, Dr. Bruce Naylor, Elizabeth Parrott, Alice Rose, Bill Thurman, Andre Wilson

October 6 Kelsey Couch, Bobby Hare, Colleen Parrish, Philip Parrish, Lorraine Provine, Rachel Sherwin

October 7 Catherine Brownlow, Kell Haworth, Craig Nipper

October 9 Hillary Dicksion, Ronald Hammons, Brent Harris, Jack Lane, Charlotte Sanders, Robert Terrell

October 10 Jeff Lefler, Nathan Sheldon

October 11 Harold Fithian, Frances Geyer, Alisa Lane, Randy Reist

October 12 Cynthia Avery, Jacquelyn Cole, Connor Knudsen, Linda Lang, Jessica Warren

October 13 Aileen Allison, Russ Cole, Tom Crider, Sammie Valentino, Gwen Wharton

October 14 Dwight Cagle, Jenny Wilson

October 15 Sara Adams, D'June Emmanuel, Susan Murphree, Mary Louise Symcox

October 16 Caleb Adams, Joe Brown, John Cherry, Chuck Gage, Randy Praytor, Carson Rehkop

October 17 Ted Greb, Keaton Maddoux, Murlene Reynolds, Evelyn Smith

October 18 Ashley Lee, Mike Weatherholt

October 19 Barbra Landreth, Jim Yeager

October 20 Paul Spaulding

October 21 Brent Marquardt, Priscilla Smith, Rachel Swing

October 22 Anna Smist, Tommy Tiller, Gene Valentino, Steve Williams, George Wilson Jr., Bill Yousey

October 23 Tyler Haxel, Laura Robertson, Addison Smith, Ainsley Smith, Tehmina Zafar

October 24 Carlene Atkinson, Bill Durham, Chelsey Gravel, Barbara Hunt, Julie Lesser

October 25 Bettye Carlton, Jeremy Hager, Keith Hale Jr., Matthew Morris, Russell Morris

October 26 Aaron Dyer, Lavene Nunnally

October 27 Deborah Fisher, Lois Merritt, Paridokhte Momtazzadeh, Carter Windes

October 28 Maxine Badgett, Beth Barbour, Leah Berne, Stanley Caddell, Myles Deering,

Sherra Kirkpatrick, Aubrey McCraw, Kay Mercer, Chase Murphy, Nora Weatherholt

October 29 Charles Anderson, Brandon Bratcher, Edna Carson, Steve Shelton

October 30 Mary Strevett, Greg Terrell

October 31 Don Masters, Denise Upchurch

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Letters to FBC

Dear FBC,

The Conerly family would like to thank the members and staff of First Baptist Church for cards, calls, food, prayers and love shown with the passing of my dear wife, Dean.

The Conerly Family

Dear FBC,

Thank you for the generous gift for the children in our care at Baptist Children's Home, OKC.

Because of loving friends like you, children in need are going to receive care that changes their lives forever. They are truly blessed.

Marla Wingfield,
Development Representative

Dear FBC,

The family of Jo Ellen Hayes appreciates the support of the staff and members of First Baptist during her struggle with cancer. The prayers, visits, cards and food all sustained us.

The Hayes Family

Dear FBC,

We are so grateful for your generous gift this fall.

We've leased in five new students, which require medical and dental visits and co-pays, school supplies, clothing, food and other necessary expenses. Your timing is literally heaven-sent.

Debra Krittenbrink,
Executive Director of Bridges

Dear FBC,

I appreciate all the cards, phone calls, prayers, food and kind words after the loss of my two sisters recently.

I thank you also for your continued prayers for my precious great-grandson Graham, who is 17 months old and is at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis undergoing treatment for leukemia.

Your support and encouragement is so important. I'm so happy to be a part of the family of First Baptist.

Sallie Kennedy

Sympathies

The First Baptist Church family wants to extend sympathies to:

Russell Hayes at the passing of his wife, Jo Ellen Hayes

Wallace & Gary Conerly, Carla Howell and Debra Loeser at the passing of Dean Conerly

Wilma Minyen at the passing of her son, Mick Minyen

Blanche Johnstone at the passing of her brother-in-law, Jack Hewitt

Ike & Delores Allen at the passing of Delores' father, Leonard Hill

Richard, Carolyn, Rebecca & Jennifer Sigler at the passing of Ruth Sigler

Victoriya Lester at the passing of her mother, Lyuda Radzimovskayn

Bobby & Francine Barnard at the passing of Francine's brother, Curtis French

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