

# At First Glance

## First Baptist Church

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The arrival of October means that fall is here and the holidays are fast approaching. In preparation, we are announcing *Celebrate His Gifts* as a way for us to respond in gratitude to the ultimate gift of Jesus. Each year our church gives generously to support several

**DR. WADE SMITH**



holiday ministries and offerings. *Celebrate His Gifts* focuses this generosity under one banner and offers a timeline to promote and give to these ministries. We begin in October

with *Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes*, continue in November with our *Thanksgiving Baskets* and *Giving Trees* and conclude in December with our *world mission offerings* and *Christmas Eve gifts of diapers and wipes*. These combined efforts provide the opportunity to *Celebrate His Gifts* with those in Norman and across the globe. We invite you to participate and get involved as you are able. Proverbs 18:16 declares that a gift opens doors. Let us pray these gifts open many doors to share the hope of Christ with those in need.

Thank you for responding in the many different ways we have asked you during the *Draw Near* worship series. #DrawNearFBCNorman. Over these last weeks you have taken New Testaments to share with others, moved toward the crucified Christ to receive the Lord's Supper, taken backpacks to the 440 children who participated in our summer ministries and prayed for other churches. These efforts are intended to develop within each of us the practice of responding to the gospel of Jesus both inwardly and outwardly. The call of Christ is to go, tell, and serve others. Let us be sensitive and obedient to respond to the daily promptings of the Holy Spirit to love and good deeds.

As I begin my journey of healing after five months of chemotherapy, I am excited about our October worship series, *Stories of Healing*. Each week during October we will consider a story of healing from scripture and celebrate the many gifts of healing as they manifest themselves physically, spiritually, emotionally, relationally and mentally. We will offer prayers of healing for the sick and hurting. The *Service of Hope* concludes the series on October 28 as we remember those who have passed over the last year, recognizing that healing doesn't always come in the ways we hope.

The *Funny Face Festival* returns on Sunday, October 21, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. *Funny Face* is about reaching out to our friends and neighbors for a wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship. *Funny Face* is a great way for us to demonstrate the gift of hospitality. I hope you will find a place to volunteer and join us as we welcome the community to our campus.

I have been blessed to meet many new folks in worship over these last weeks. On Sunday, October 14, our *New at First lunch* will immediately follow worship. The *New at First lunch* is for new members and for those who have been visiting for a few Sundays or a few months. In addition to a nice lunch, you are able to visit with ministers and learn a little more about First Baptist. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in attending, please contact the church office by Wednesday, October 10.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

**10-1**

Upward Registration Begins

First Monday Playtime,  
Adults 55+

12:00 p.m., Family Life Center

**10-2**

WMU

12:00-1:00 p.m.,  
Family Life Center

**10-7**

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

Clothes Closet  
4:30 p.m.

Hurricane Harvey Trip Meeting  
5:30 p.m., B25

**10-8**

Deacon Leadership Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Media Conference Room

Shalom!



## Hands For Harvey

**Hands for Harvey:** As I write this article, we have a total of 18 confirmed for the trip with another four checking their calendars. I am excited to take a trip to South Texas again to help in the process of individuals returning to their homes after the 2017 Hurricane Harvey! We have six new participants and, as always, I look forward to how God will put the team together for the tasks that need to be accomplished.

There are several ways you may be able to assist those going to work on the houses. Some of our volunteers may need assistance with picking children up after school. You could donate funds to provide supplies and support for the team. We also could use a couple of people to go and prepare food for the team. And, please, join the team with your prayers and support of our work, and for the safety of the team. I look forward to being able to send regular reports on the work.

**Save the date:** If you are unable to assist on this trip, we will take a winter trip from **February 24 – March 2. More details to come later!**

**Dealing with Sunday Detractors:** If you have been attending services during September you have experienced the detractors on our curbs and sidewalks. I use the term detractors because, as a verb, detractor is defined as taking away a part, as from quality, value or reputation. That has been the full attempt of this group that has chosen to detract from our purpose of worship and study of God's words.

In my 25 years of ministry, as well as a long life in industry, I can tell you that there is nothing you can do about claims against you, fabricated positions, twisting of words and antagonism that is undeserved. Protesting that action in silence is one of the most difficult things that you can do. And yet, probably the best response!

You need to know that we are not the first church this group has targeted and will not be the last. Their stated goal is to do this at every church in Norman. We know of another church where they were present for six weeks. This group always carries hidden cameras and will do all they can to irritate, agitate, and manipulate a conversation in order to take your words and twist them to meet their desires to denigrate who we are as a church.

My encouragement to you is to ignore as much as you can, be cordial, but do not enter into conversation. You will not be able to change their mind, have a good debate or even a positive conversation. Being confrontive, negative, belittling or defamatory toward them will not be in Kingdom interest.

In my opinion they are out for one goal, and that is not to strengthen the local church. Be faithful to who you are and who we are as a church, and let's Worship Together, Serve Together and Minister in real and meaningful ways to the world around us.

**ROY JOE  
HAM**



## Women's mission trip planned

Suzette Mason, Minister of Discipleship and Children, has organized a special opportunity next month for a women's mini mission trip to Dallas.

"I had the opportunity to serve as director of volunteers and community outreach for two years at Vogel Alcove, a center for homeless children in Dallas. It is an amazing place that serves 200 children and their families daily," Suzette said. "Karen Hughes, the President and CEO, called me and asked me, 'Could you put together a group of women that might come our way and set up a snack bar, play bingo with our parents, and let them paint a picture frame? Then, we will hire a professional photographer to take pictures of these homeless families because they don't have a photograph of their family.'"

The group will leave Norman on Friday, October 19, at 8:30 a.m. and return to Norman Saturday, October 20, at 1:30 p.m.

"We will provide the snack station, game time and crafts for homeless parents from 2:00-4:00 p.m." Suzette said. "Evening fun includes shopping, dinner, movie, swimming and games at the hotel."

Cost of the mission trip is \$85 and scholarships may be made available upon request.

Lodging will be at Embassy Suites, Grapevine and breakfast will be provided by Embassy Suites.

"This is a great way to get to know other women in the church," Suzette said.

To register for the mission trip, visit [fbcnorman.org](http://fbcnorman.org) or visit the church office.



## Women's dinner to feature speaker

A fall women's dinner is being planned for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 8, in Hallock Hall. Cost for the dinner is \$8 and the evening will feature Certified Life Coach Lynelle Zandstra

Lynelle speaks nationally for FamilyLife, a ministry of Cru, to women's groups, and at conferences. Lynelle is the author of *Choose Words*, *Choose Life*, *51 Life Changing Dates* to *Take with Your Children*.

"Join the women of FBC for a delightful evening, delicious food, music and a wonderful speaker. Invite a friend to join you," Suzette Mason, Minister of Discipleship and Children, said.

Tickets will soon be available in the church office.



*Lynelle Zandstra*



# Funny Face Festival sets its return to FBC

The Funny Face Festival at First Baptist has made it's return and will fill our parking lots on October 21 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

"There will be something at the Funny Face Festival for all ages. Wear your funniest face, invite a friend and come join us," Vickie Riggs, Minister of Community Impact/Adults 55+, said.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, homemade baked goods, fun carnival games, a petting zoo, pony rides, a car show, live music, a costume contest, and much more are planned for this year's festival.

"We will have lots of inflatables, door prizes, and a special silent auction with items such as Thunder basketball tickets and autographed footballs," Vickie said.

There is no admission charge for the festival.

"We will have Funny Face fliers and door hangers to distribute in your neighborhood. We need volunteers to assist with game booths, food booths and more! And, we will need baked goods for our bake sale. We need your help as we bring the Funny Face Festival to our community of Norman and introduce them to First Baptist Church," Vickie said.

Come by the church office or the FLC to pickup door hangers to share with your neighbors.

"Together let's make this a great outreach to community, Vickie said.

Those with questions, or who want to volunteer, can contact Vickie or Lisa at the Family Life Center, 360-5300.

## Bisonette Glee Club to share in worship

The Women's Glee Club from Oklahoma Baptist University, the Bisonettes, will perform in the 10:30 a.m. worship at First Baptist Norman on Sunday, November 4.

Established in 1954, the Bisonettes are celebrating 64 years of performing quality women's choir music. This year's edition of the ensemble features 60 undergraduate students.

OCTOBER 12-14

### FALL FALLOUT

6TH-12TH GRADES

FALLS CREEK CABIN  
COST:\$50

REGISTER AT [FBCNORMAN.ORG](http://FBCNORMAN.ORG)

*kid's*

### NIGHT OUT

*aka Parent DATE NIGHT*


Friday, November 16  
6:00-9:00 p.m.

REGISTER AT [FBCNORMAN.ORG](http://FBCNORMAN.ORG) BY NOVEMBER 11

Ages 3 through grade 5  
\$6 per child:  
\$20 per family maximum

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- 12** Youth Fall FallOut Begins
- 14** New At First Lunch  
11:30 a.m., Hallock Hall  
University Student Dinner  
6:00 p.m., Family Life Center
- 19** Women's Ministry Trip To Dallas  
Leave Norman at 8:30 a.m. and return October 20 at 1:30 p.m.
- 21** Funny Face Festival  
2:00-5:00 p.m. FBC Parking Lots  
Friendship Sunday Supper  
4:00 p.m., Hallock Hall  
Food Pantry and Devotion  
4:30 p.m.
- 23** Painting Class  
6:30 p.m., Family Life Center  
Cost: \$25, Register at the FLC
- 25** Birthday Bash  
11:30 a.m., Family Life Center  
Cost: \$5
- 27** Game Day Parking  
4 hours before Kickoff  
\$10 Donation Benefits  
Worship Arts Ministries



**SUNDAY, OCT. 28**

### SERVICE OF HOPE

A SPECIAL 10:30 A.M. SERVICE  
TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER IN LIGHT  
OF THE LOSS AND GRIEF OF THE PAST YEAR



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

MINISTRY KICK-OFF  
OCTOBER 7

COLLECTION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 28

LOOK FOR BOXES IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AND FLC

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**October 1** Jennifer Godinez, Charlotte Haxel

**October 2** Bob Bell Sr., Debbie Davis, Kim Marks, Parker McMillen

**October 3** Joshua Cater, Jennifer Chen, Polly Dvorak, Michelle Foster, John Miller

**October 4** Isaac Atkins, Cynthia Burgamy, Glenn Foster, Mark Hyde, Morgan Smith, Sharon Vinson, Von Worten

**October 5** Debbie Deering, Dorothy Kitchens, Dr. Bruce Naylor, Andre Wilson

**October 6** Kelsey Couch, Robby Hare, Kate Koutsoukos, Colleen Parrish, Philip Parrish

**October 7** Catherine Brownlow, Kell Haworth, Craig Nipper

**October 8** Kelsey Foster, Lady Guin Upchurch

**October 9** Hillary Dicksion, Ronald

Hammons, Jack Lane, Robbie Terrell

**October 10** Nathan Sheldon

**October 11** Harold Fithian, Alisa Lane, Randy Reist

**October 12** Cynthia Avery, Linda Lang, May Morris, Jessica Warren

**October 13** Aileen Allison, Dylan Beene, Tom Crider, Chuong Le, Gwen Wharton, Justin Wolf

**October 14** Deborah Badgett

**October 15** D'June Emmanuel, Blake Harper, Susan Murphree, Mary Louise Symcox

**October 16** John Cherry, Chuck Gage, Tim Newville, Randy Praytor

**October 17** Ted Greb, Murlene Reynolds, Evelyn Smith

**October 19** Barbra Landreth, Jim Yeager

**October 20** Tony McCoy

**October 21** Mason Reddell

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

**October 23** Tyler Haxel, Addison Smith, Ainsley Smith, Tehmina Zafar

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

**October 25** Bettye Carlton, Keith Hale Jr., Matthew Morris, Buddy Morris, Ryan Summers

**October 26** Sue Green, Lavene Nunnally

**October 27** Deborah Fisher, Lois Merritt, Charlotte Scott

**October 28** Maxine Badgett, Myles Deering, Victoria Elwell, Sherra Kirkpatrick, Aubrey McCraw, Kay Mercer, Joe Shockley Jr.

**October 29** Charles Anderson

**October 30** Jeff A. Jones, Mary Strevett, Greg Terrell

**October 31** Don Masters, Denise Upchurch

## SYMPATHIES

The First Baptist Church family wishes to extend sympathies to:

Bobby & Gwen Hare, Robby Hare at the passing of their mother and grandmother, Virgeleen Puddy Fairbanks

Debbie, Allen & Jeremy Spearing; Kenneth Floyd, Robert, Megan & Madison Floyd, Harold and Marilyn Woods at the passing of their mother, grandmother and aunt, Helen Floyd.

Kelly, Palla & Krista Henderson and

Kelsey and Blake Randall at the passing of their step-father and grandfather, Jim Kahoe.

The friends and family of Leah Berne at her passing

Mary Eve Summers and Courtney Villanueva at the passing of their husband and grandfather, John Summers.

The friends and family of Larry Leech at his passing

George Dannehl at the passing of his wife, Doris.

**NEW AT  
FIRST  
LUNCH**

**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 14  
IN HALLOCK HALL**

**IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING  
WORSHIP**

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