



# At First Glance

First Baptist Church

**MAY 2019**  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**5-1** Deacon Nominations Begin

**5-4** Family Life Center 40th

**5-12** Munchies With Mom  
8:30-9:00 a.m., Hallock Hall

**5-15** A Taste of Summer Dinner  
5:15 p.m., Hallock Hall

**5-19** Community Baccalaureate  
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**5-26** Graduate Sunday

**M**y heart is still rejoicing from the glorious Palm Sunday and Easter morning worship services. I was moved to the depths of my soul at the Good Friday service. The news from the empty tomb continues to reverberate: Christ the Lord is Risen! We were blessed and inspired to see this picture of resurrection through the baptism of six of our children on Easter morning. We celebrate with their parents and commit to walk with these families as their children grow and mature in their salvation.

May the 4th be with you! Pardon the Star Wars reference, but don't



**DR. WADE SMITH**

forget that our Family Life Center celebrates its 40th birthday on May 4 with a day of fun-filled activities. Have you made plans to attend mini Camp Sonshine? As we remember and give thanks for the last 40 years, let us renew our commitment to holistic ministry through re-creation and the various activities and ministries that take place through our FLC and Community Impact ministries. Join us for worship on May 5 as we give thanks and ask the Lord's blessing on the next 40 years of ministry at the FLC.

Munchies with Mom kicks off Mother's Day Sunday with a special fellowship honoring mothers at 8:30 a.m. We will share again in baptism that morning with several of our children. Indeed, it will be a special day of worship.

And, don't forget that May is the month of graduation. Several of our college students have completed their degree plans and will be graduating. In addition, FBC will host the Norman

Community Baccalaureate Service on Sunday evening, May 19, for high school graduates. A special thanks to Clint Taylor for taking a lead in this significant community event.

FBC will honor our high school graduates on Sunday morning, May 26, during worship as we offer prayers of blessing and a gift in celebration of their achievement.

May is the month for deacon nominations. Our deacons are servant-leaders who love the Lord and demonstrate a life of spiritual growth and maturity. They are present and involved in the life and ministry of our church. Please prayerfully consider who you will nominate as a potential deacon. And be in prayer for our deacons as they serve, lead and bear witness to Christ in all things.

Finally, May also means summer is around the corner. I can't wait for Falls Creek, FISH camps, SummerScope, Pops in the Park, VBS, SMAK and our FLC camps to get here. It is critical that each of us find our place to serve, support, give and participate in these ministries. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us. And most of all pray that lives will be changed through the power of Christ as we worship, learn, play, serve and share our lives together.



WE WANT YOU TO HELP US CELEBRATE MAY 4  
**THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER**  
 IS TURNING 40

**MINI CAMP SONSHINE**  
 10:00 A.M. – NOON

**COME AND GO CELEBRATION**  
 NOON – 3:00 P.M.

LUNCH, CAKE, PAINTING CLASS, GAMES, INFLATABLES

**POTLUCK DINNER**  
 6:00 P.M.

SPONSORED BY THE FBC YOUTH OF 1960S/1970S

**BACCALAUREATE**  
 NORMAN COMMUNITY SERVICE  
 6:30 P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 19  
 FBC SANCTUARY

**FBC HIGH SCHOOL**  
 GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE  
 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY, MAY 26



## May brings transitions

• **M**ay brings many transitions to life in Norman and certainly here at FBC. This year it seems to be greatly exaggerated for the FBC Family. The opportunity to celebrate mothers is always a special time for us, but we also have the FLC birthday celebration, university and high school graduations as well as facility projects that have the opportunity to challenge us.

• It has been easy to see the work on the roof happening, but remember we are also replacing 11 air conditioning units in the southwest wing. There is a good possibility that there will be rooms that will be hot during this process.

• We have started work on the restroom renovation project on the west end of the building. There will be many cases of inconvenience, dust and dirt, and carpet covering that will not look the best. All of these areas will require us to pack our patience and understanding. These projects will continue until mid-September at the very least, so yes, it will be a while. Remember it will all be better on the other side.

• I hope all of you will go to the FLC to attend the 40th birthday celebration and to see the many things that have been done to update and clean the facility. Gary Askins led a group of volunteers who repainted the entire interior of the FLC. That list of volunteers is too numerous to name, but thank you Gary, and each one of you, who have helped freshen the FLC.

• Ron Mercer and Don Farris stepped up to lead and coordinate the replacing of the wooden fence at the west boundary of the FLC property. Thank you to Ron, Don and the men in the SALT Lifegroup for volunteering to get the work complete.

• There are so many more projects that go unnoticed when it comes to taking care of the church. Thank you to all who do those things. If you observe such an action, please take the time to show your appreciation. Remember, care of this place is only the beginning of our call to serve and be part of the family of faith called First Baptist. Let us all find our place to serve.



**ROY JOE  
 HAM**

# MUNCHIES

## *With Mom*

# MAY 12

8:30-9:00 A.M.

HALLOCK HALL



## MAY HIGHLIGHTS

**MAY 1**  
DEACON NOMINATIONS BEGIN

**MAY 4**  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER 40TH BIRTHDAY  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**MAY 5**  
UNIVERSITY LUNCH  
11:30 a.m., Hallock Hall  
FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY SUPPER  
4:00 p.m., Hallock Hall  
CLOTHES CLOSET  
4:30 p.m.

**MAY 7**  
WMU, 11:30 a.m., FLC

**MAY 12**  
MUNCHIES WITH MOM  
8:30-9:00 a.m., Hallock Hall

**MAY 13**  
DEACON MINISTRY TEAM  
6:30-8:00 p.m., Hallock Hall

**MAY 14**  
SUMMER SUPPERS FOR WOMEN  
6:00 p.m., BJ's Restaurant,  
330 Ed Noble Pkwy.

**MAY 15**  
A TASTE OF SUMMER DINNER  
5:15 p.m., Hallock Hall  
YARD GAMES AND WATER SLIDE  
6:00-7:00 p.m., Church Lawn  
BINGO FOR ALL AGES  
6:45 p.m., Hallock Hall  
BUILD YOUR OWN SUNDAE  
7:10 p.m., Hallock Hall  
CHOIR PRACTICE  
7:00-8:00 p.m.

**MAY 19**  
UNIVERSITY LUNCH  
11:30 a.m., Hallock Hall  
FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY SUPPER  
4:00 p.m., Hallock Hall  
FOOD PANTRY  
4:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY BACCALAUREATE  
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
RHINE RIVER TRIP PARTY  
6:30 p.m., Family Life Center

**MAY 24**  
BIRTHDAY BASH FOR MAY AND JUNE  
11:30 a.m., Family Life Center

**MAY 26**  
GRADUATE SUNDAY

**MAY 27**  
MEMORIAL DAY  
Church Office/FLC Closed

**MAY 28**  
JR. HOOPS CAMP STARTS

**MAY 31**  
DEACON NOMINATION DEADLINE  
MYSTERY DAY ADVENTURE  
SENIOR ADULTS  
8:30 a.m.- 7:30 p.m.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

**May 1:** Betty Gatewood, Grace Singleterry

**May 2:** David Hopper, Titus Haworth

**May 3:** Alyssa Sullivan, Pat Walker

**May 4:** Donna Hammons

**May 5:** Cole Edge, Ike Allen

**May 6:** Jeff Hager, Dorothy Walker

**May 7:** Donnie Bond, Logan Lassetter

**May 8:** Betty Wolfard

**May 9:** Adelyn Buffington, Don Gilmore

**May 11:** Kay Wallace

**May 12:** Charlotte Henson, Kate Parrish

**May 13:** Grace Dwyer, Shea Fredericks

**May 14:** Gavin Foster

**May 15:** Suzanne Cheshier, John High, Carrie James, Dylan Odell-Kesteron

**May 16:** Chelsea Crider, Bailey Golden-McDaniels

**May 17:** Gary Wood

**May 18:** Tammie Haworth, Robbi Mullinax

**May 19:** Del McGowen, Jose' Nava

**May 20:** Evie Upchurch, Sharon Hoskison

**May 21:** Dot Adkins, Cheryl Alexander, Barbara Cole, Tyler Farris, Russell Hayes

**May 22:** Azam Hakim

**May 23:** Betty Enox, Karen Reddell, Marcia Roe

**May 24:** Victoriya Lester, Marge Worten

**May 25:** Nona Argo, Raymond Foor Jr., Mona Roberts

**May 26:** Carol Kellison

**May 27:** Derek Alexander, Catherine Strevett

**May 28:** Jarred Elwell, Nolen Morgan, Trace Redwine, Hunter Turley

**May 29:** Alex Foster, Mary Lee Gossett, Anne Lawrence, Joanna Storm

**May 30:** Grace Koutsoukos

**May 31:** Lori Couch

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## DEAR FBC...

Dear FBC,

We are so thankful for First Baptist Church's continued support of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

We couldn't continue to make matches without the support of your community.

Blossom Crews,  
Area Director

# A Taste of Summer DINNER 5:15 P.M. MAY 15

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## SYMPATHIES

The First Baptist Church family wishes to extend sympathies to:

Roy and Huwanta Blasius at the passing of their son, Dana Ingram

Family and friends of Suzie Martin at her passing