



At First Glance

First Baptist Church

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ALL CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP WITH MAGICIAN

David Gerard

AUGUST 28

6:00 P.M., SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY MEAL RESUMES
5:15 P.M., HALLOCK HALL



DR. WADE SMITH

Thank you to everyone who made *Vacation Bible School* a wonderful week of fun and learning. More than 300 children registered for VBS and 130 volunteers made it possible for us to teach, worship, recreate, craft and snack each day. A special thank you to Suzette Mason and her team of assistants and interns who put in numerous hours of work and preparation before VBS. We had a "wild" and "roar-filled" week as we learned that regardless of our circumstances we can trust that *God is Good!*

After VBS each day, around 150 children stayed for afternoon camps, making for a full day. Again, thanks go

to our camp leaders, assistants and workers for teaching and nurturing these children.

The last day of *Summerscope* 2019 is August 2. Thanks to Staci Rhea, *Summerscope* Director, and her staff for a great summer. Participation at *Summerscope* was up over the past couple of summers. Be in prayer for Staci as she prepares her staff for the *Kaleidoscope* after school ministry, which begins on August 20.

Summer Music and Activities for Kids is our last summer camp and begins August 5. Be in prayer for Chad Smith and his team of workers as they teach and lead our children in learning a musical drama in one week. And be sure to join us on Sunday morning, August 11 when SMAK presents *The Star Factor* and our children lead us in worship.

For the first time in several years, we will send students to *Collegiate Week*, August 4-8. You may not be aware that last summer, *Collegiate Week* moved from Glorieta, New Mexico to Falls Creek. This year's camp pastor, Tom Richter, is a friend of

mine and will be our pulpit guest on the morning of August 4. Tom pastored for several years in Queens, New York, and is now the pastor at FBC Cullman, Alabama. Tom is an effective communicator of the gospel to all ages.

Roy Joe Ham and our Trustees have been working hard this summer on our restroom, roofing and air conditioning projects. I am thankful for their efforts in leading and representing our church with the various contractors. New restrooms on the first and second floor are completed, along with the bathroom renovations in our first floor children's classrooms.

Promotion Sunday is August 28 for our children and youth. Suzette will be our pulpit guest on that Sunday and we will present Bibles to our first and sixth graders. Following worship, we will have lunch and church conference. Please join us as we receive a recommendation for new deacons, hear an update on our construction projects and review our finances after a long summer. As you are aware, attendance and offerings are typically down during the summer as ministry peaks for children and youth. Let me encourage you to catch up on your tithes and offering over these next weeks so that we can be in our best financial position to begin the fall.

I look forward to the opportunities to share life and ministry with you as we begin a new school year in just a few weeks.



Summer At First

**WELCOME BACK
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

**UNIVERSITY LUNCH
AUGUST 18**

FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN HALLOCK HALL

**PROMOTION
SUNDAY
AUGUST 25**

**CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCH
11:30 A.M. HALLOCK HALL**

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN
KALEIDOSCOPE
AND GYMNASTICS**

VISIT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
FOR MORE INFORMATION

New things

With August upon us, we are close to completing a very busy summer of ministry, facility upgrades and changes in the life of FBC. This is a time we hope we see our traveling members return, starting of fall ministries, and of course, returning to school.

New Things: It has been a great summer to accomplish new things in our facilities. The roof and AC projects are nearly complete as I write this. New roofs mean no leaks (or intended to do so). New AC units mean no maintenance and controllable temperatures. The first phase of our restroom renovation is nearing completion just in time to begin demolition of the existing west wing restrooms to bring them into code compliance. The first floor ladies and family restrooms are complete and the new restrooms on the second floor are ready to use.

New Things Coming: There have been several of our members who have seen needs and have financially contributed to a few projects. Two teakwood benches will be placed on the sidewalk coming into the office doors. These will provide a resting place as well as great conversation places coming into and exiting the building.

Following the recent rains, the Trustees began discussing the possibility of adding awnings in front of the office doors and the breezeway doors to add extra protection from the elements when entering the building. A group of individuals saw this as a great project and have given directly to make it become a reality. The awnings have been ordered and in about six weeks they will be installed.

Thank you to those who had the vision to generate the ideas and also to those who saw a need and contributed to make them a reality.

Faithful Stewardship is something that all of us are called to be about. As in our family budget situations sometimes we get distracted and lose the idea of taking care of our budgets. The past few months have not been good financial times for FBC. We have experienced months of expenses over income, as well as not being able to fund missions in May or June. Of course, records have not been completed for July so we will have to see. All of this to say that we will be forced to borrow from ourselves to continue operations of ministry, facility care and all that goes into being a church. Join with me in praying for God to move us in His direction of obedience and response.



**ROY JOE
HAM**



WORSHIP CHOIR

Rehearsal Resumes

AUGUST 14

6:30 P.M., CHOIR ROOM

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL RESUMES
8:45 A.M. AUGUST 18 IN THE SANCTUARY

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 4-8

COLLEGIATE WEEK AT FALLS CREEK

AUGUST 4

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY SUPPER

4:00 p.m., Hallock Hall

CLOTHES CLOSET

4:30-5:30 p.m.

AUGUST 5-9

*SMAK CAMP

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

AUGUST 6

YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 7

YOUTH WILD WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m., Youth Hall

AUGUST 9

SMAK MUSICAL

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

AUGUST 11

56 CONNECT

9:15 a.m., 212

SMAK MUSICAL

10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

AUGUST 12

DEACON MINISTRY TEAM

6:30 p.m. Hallock Hall

AUGUST 13

SUMMER SUPPERS FOR WOMEN

6:00 p.m., Saltgrass Steakhouse

YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 14

YOUTH WILD WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m., Youth Hall

CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES

6:30 p.m. Choir Room

AUGUST 16

*BIRTHDAY BASH

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., FLC

AUGUST 18

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL RESUMES

8:45 a.m., Sanctuary

WORSHIP WITH LORD'S SUPPER

10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

UNIVERSITY LUNCH

11:30 a.m., Hallock Hall

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY SUPPER

4:00 p.m., Hallock Hall

FOOD PANTRY

4:30-5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY TEAM

5:30 p.m., B7

AUGUST 19

WIDOW SUPPORT GROUP

11:30 a.m., FLC

AUGUST 20

*PAINTING CLASS

9:00 a.m., FLC

YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 21

YOUTH WILD WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m., Youth Hall

AUGUST 22

FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL

9:00 a.m.

AUGUST 23

*PAINTING CLASS

6:30 p.m., FLC

AUGUST 25

PROMOTION SUNDAY

CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCH

11:30 a.m., Hallock Hall

UNIVERSITY LUNCH

11:30 a.m., Hallock Hall

AUGUST 27

YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 28

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL

5:15 p.m., Hallock Hall

MAGICIAN DAVID GERARD

6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

*** REGISTRATION OR PAYMENT REQUIRED**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2: Don Adkins, Nancy DeGraff, Chris Kennedy

August 3: LaDonna Hardesty, Joan Shockley

August 4: Judy Addison, Camryn James, Anthony Pennybaker

August 5: Sally Elkin, Pearl Haxel, Staci Sheldon

August 6: Larry Gardner, Gary Knight, Ross Pruitt

August 7: Brittany Smith, Delores Allen, Willis Small, Graeme Wilson

August 8: Yvonne Mounce-Royse, Paula Swing

August 9: Alex Taylor,

August 10: Tom Leon

August 11: Trudy Martin, Rosemary McCord

August 12: Amy Arrington, Al McCord

August 13: Vinh Nguyen

August 14: Grace Atkins, Theresa Strevett

August 15: Ron Evans, Asa Haworth, Marty Hubbel

August 16: Isla Bowles, Mary Eve Summers

August 17: Gavin Cherry, Cara Kao

August 18: Beverly Bailey, Doris Whinery

August 19: Jane Close, Jennifer Graham, Anna Lee Hixon, Judy Sullivan

August 20: Philip Crawford, Kelly Nipper, Darlene Yousey

August 21: Jack Pinion

August 22: Riley Beery, Loyce Morain

August 23: Leola Scott-Jones, Glenda Smith

August 24: Carol Kinney, Bonnie Penny, Dinny Vishanoff

August 25: Megan Jones, Camille Pinion

August 26: Elmer Croft

August 27: Patty Edge, Brandi McMorris, Randy Richison, Abigail Walker

August 28: Larry Brown, Deanna Carter, Betty Goss, Krista Henderson, Sam Knight, Tricia McCarty

August 29: Shannon Atkins, Brasen Kao

August 30: Kathleen Kelly, Ella Grace Lee

August 31: Don Hull, Danni Legg, Jessie Wong

DEAR FBC...

Dear FBC Norman,

It is with deep gratitude and humility that our staff and residents at Baptist Children's Home, OKC, thank you for the overwhelming support of sweat labor, food and gifts that you so abundantly provided in our behalf for the special day of community service on June 29.

We'd love to host you again, if the opportunity comes. Special thanks

to Angela Atkins for coordinating this wonderful event!

Jim Stewart
Volunteer Coordinator
Baptist Children's Home

Dear FBC Norman,

Thank you so much for serving Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home during your Serve Day. The rooms that you painted in our cottage look so much better now.

It was a pleasure getting

to know some of you while you worked in the cottage and during lunch. We have enjoyed the basket of summer goodies.

Spoooner Cottage

Dear FBC Norman,

Thank you for all you do to serve others. You are a blessing.

David and Pamela Lee
Pastors of Watonga
Indian Baptist

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The First Baptist Church family wishes to extend sympathies to:

Janette Marks, Kim Marks, Bobby, Kelly, Shea and Eric Fredericks at the passing of their Sister and Aunt, Eddie Ruth Richardson.

George and Mittie Durham at the passing of Mittie's brother, Jim Nugent and George's sister, Martha Wells.

Elaine Hale and Deborah Fisher at the passing of their husband and uncle, Sam Hale.

Mary Spaulding at the passing of her husband, Ken Spaulding Frank and Willis Small at the passing of Frank's sister.

Shana and Shawn Adkisson at the passing of Shana's aunt, Dorothy Patterson.

THE STAR FACTOR

SUMMER MUSIC & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS MUSICAL

7:00 P.M. • FRIDAY • AUGUST 9
10:30 A.M. • SUNDAY • AUGUST 11