

# At First Glance



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**T**here are foundational passages of Scripture that all Christians should be familiar with and have some sense of understanding. I think of the Creation Story, the Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants and the Exodus story in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, I think of the Christmas story, the Sermon on the Mount, the Passion (Crucifixion) accounts and the Great Commission which are all found in the gospels. Certainly, there are many more key passages as we read through the rest of the New Testament. I pray that your daily Bible reading and study builds and reinforces the foundation of your life.

Over these next weeks, we continue the **To Love One Another** worship series. In the hours before his arrest, Jesus gave His disciples a New Commandment, *To Love One Another as I (Jesus) have loved you*. It has been asked, "What's new about this commandment?" Even from the Old Testament teachings of the law, we are commanded to *love your neighbor as yourself*. Yet, in the New Commandment, Jesus takes the focus from us — loving your neighbor as you love yourself — to Him — loving one another as He loves us, that is, by laying down our lives for one another.

**The One Another passages** in the New Testament give understanding to Jesus' command *To Love One Another*. During October we will focus on the *One*

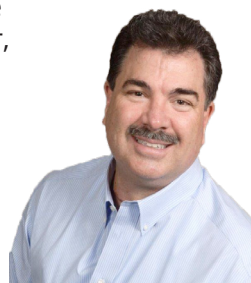
*Another* passages that exhort us to be kind to one another, to pray for one another, to submit to one another and to comfort one another.

On October 6, we begin the annual **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox ministry. This ministry of kindness has impacted numerous children around the globe.

On October 13, Rev. Sam Garner will be our pulpit guest. Rev. Garner continues to serve as Chaplain for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Sam and his wife, Patricia, are members of our church.

On October 27 we will share together in the **Service of Hope and the Lord's Supper**. I pray that each Sunday we will come to worship eager to give our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, to love one another, and to be ministered to by the Holy Spirit.

*It has been a blessing to see the Lord working among our young adults.* Our new young married LifeGroup continues to reach new couples. Our new young men's LifeGroup offers community for men in their 20s and young 30s. And,



**DR. WADE SMITH**

on Oct. 6 we begin a new LifeGroup for young women. Please be in prayer for these new LifeGroups as they offer a place for Bible study, fellowship and spiritual community for young adults in and coming to our church. If you have questions or interest in any of these groups, please contact Suzette Mason, Minister of Discipleship and Children.

I am looking forward to our upcoming **Golf Fellowship at Earlywine Golf Course on Friday, October 25**.

The shotgun start is at 8:00 a.m. with lunch and a speaker following. The cost is \$55 and you can register online at [fbcnorman.org](http://fbcnorman.org). This is a great opportunity to invite a family member, neighbor or co-worker to introduce them to your church family. Would you consider putting together a team of 4 golfers for this scramble format golf fellowship? Hope to see you at Earlywine on the 25th!

Finally, we have designated **Wednesday, October 30, as A Beautiful Evening** at First Baptist. This is our opportunity to invite the children of our community to join us for an evening of fun activities and fellowship. Instead of decorating trunks in the parking lot, we will ask each LifeGroup to take responsibility for decorating their door and welcoming the children with a treat. Watch for more details and begin inviting your family and friends to join us.

# Have you been Called To Serve?

**Thank you!** In early August as a church, you were informed of the continuing challenge of faithful stewardship as it relates to ongoing ministry expenses. You responded with giving \$25,000 above the year to date average.

For us to continue to meet expenses through the end of the year, it must be a target to finish well. Your attendance, your faithful stewardship, and support of the ministries will be vital.

August giving was at \$165,549. The challenge that stands before the church is the need to average \$200,000 per month through the end of the year. I agree it is a God-sized challenge for us!

## Hands for Harvey: Called to Serve!

As of this writing, we have 30 who have committed to return to the small town of Refugio, Texas, to continue to

offer hope, faith, and restoration these two years past the landfall of Hurricane Harvey.

When Lydia and I went to celebrate a building rededication with First Baptist Church Refugio on August 25, it was a glorious service of home and restoration.

However, we were also told that as many as 300 homes that were severely damaged still have not been touched with stages of restoration.

We went into three damaged homes where people still live because that is all they have. Mold, partially demolished or severely damaged sections, parts of the house closed and isolated, plastic stapled to ceilings to



**ROY JOE  
HAM**

hold some of the heat out of the house after wet and moldy ceilings have been removed.

All of that is why we go! To meet the real physical needs of people that are struggling, so we have the opportunity to share the reality of life in Christ.

Many of you ask, what can we do?

- There is still time to commit to going with us
- Provide financially so we can purchase materials for the work to be done
- Pray for the families we are called to go work with
- Pray for the team for safety and strength to accomplish the hard work we are asked to do

If you have questions, please see a Hands for Harvey member and ask them about their experience, or see me for more details.



## OCTOBER 6-27

LOOK FOR  
SHOEBOXES IN THE  
CHURCH LOBBY AND  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

# A BOO-TIFUL EVENING

5:15 P.M.  
OCTOBER 30

WEAR YOUR COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR A FREE EVENING OF  
DINNER, TREATS, PUMPKINS AND CUPCAKE DECORATING

## LIVING PROOF *live*

### BETH MOORE

WORSHIP with TRAVIS COTTRELL

OCTOBER 11-12, 2019

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

COX CONVENTION CENTER

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE • COST \$59  
REGISTER IN THE FBC CHURCH OFFICE OR AT [FBCNORMAN.ORG](http://FBCNORMAN.ORG)







NOVEMBER 15-17

YOUTH 6-12TH GRADES

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

## Thank you Adopt-A-Shelf partners

Thank you for your continued support of our FBC Food Pantry through Adopt-A-Shelf

### ADOPT-A SHELF PARTNERS

**Crosswinds:** Spaghetti and other pasta, spaghetti sauce

**Changing Season:** Peanut butter and jelly

**Discover Now:** Canned green beans

**Friendship Class:** Granola/cereal bars

**On The Threshold:** Soup, peanut butter and jelly

**Saved to Serve:** Canned fruit

**SALT:** Mac & cheese

**Circle of Friends:** Granola/cereal bars, cheese/PB crackers, other

### Primetimers:

Financial donations

Not an Adopt-A-Shelf Partner? You can support our food pantry through donations of: Canned peas, beans, and fruit; canned chili, tuna, and chicken; pre-packaged meals; single serving ready to eat meals (pop top); feminine hygiene items.

### CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

SOCKS

JEANS

HOODIES

ATHLETIC SHOES

BACKPACKS

SLEEPING BAGS

TOWELS

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

### UPWARD BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION BEGINS  
OCTOBER 1

REGISTER ONLINE  
AT [FBCNORMAN.ORG](http://FBCNORMAN.ORG),  
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE  
OR FAMILY LIFE CENTER

## Young Women's

*Life* GROUP

BEGINS OCT. 6



## BEST FRIENDS NIGHT

### COME PAINT WITH ME

OCTOBER 15 • 6:00 P.M.  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

REGISTER AT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

\$15 PER PERSON




## MEN'S GOLF FELLOWSHIP

### OCTOBER 25

#### 8:00 A.M.

EARLYWINE PARK  
GOLF COURSE

\$55

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

TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS • LUNCH TO FOLLOW

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**October 2** Debbie Davis, Kim Marks, Parker McMillen

**October 3** Joshua Cater, Jennifer Chen, Polly Dvorak, Michelle Foster, Ross Legg

**October 4** Isaac Atkins, Sophia Cho, Morgan Smith, Sharon Vinson, Von Worten

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

**October 6** Kelsey Couch, Robby Hare, Kate Koutsoukos

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

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

**October 9** Ronald Hammons, Jack Lane

**October 10** Nathan Sheldon

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

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

**October 13** Aileen Allison, 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, Bryce Hester, Tim Newville, Randy Praytor

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

**October 19** Jim Yeager

**October 21** Mason Reddell

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

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

**October 24** Peter Bowles, Barbara Hunt, Julie Lesser

**October 25** Keith Hale Jr.

**October 26** Sue Green, Lavene Nunnally

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

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

**October 29** Charles Anderson

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

**October 31** Gary Bryant, Sheila Ex, Don Masters, Denise Upchurch

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## DEAR FBC...

**Dear FBC Family,**

Thank you church family for the prayers, cards and visits when Bear was so ill. He loved his friends so much. Then the prayers, flowers, food and giving to the children's ministry at his passing.

Also, thank you to all those that participated in

his celebration of life. This was greatly appreciated.

You showed and followed God's word as in Galatians 5,1, 13-14.

May God Bless you,  
Hazel and The Jensen  
Family

**Dear FBC Norman,**

Thank You for pulling

weeds and the cute and fun summer tote with goodies.

Also, thank you for your help around our campus and the great cookout you provided us with.

Sincerely,  
Wynn Cottage Residents  
at Oklahoma Baptist  
Homes for Children

## SYMPATHIES

The First Baptist Church family wishes to extend sympathies to:

Phil and Peggy Moss; Nathan Moss; Hayley, Chris & James Price; Leslie and Amsie Singer at the passing of their brother and uncle, Jim Moss.

Al Bass at the passing of his sister-in-law, Janie Bass.

Jackson Love at the passing of his great aunt, Lucinda Gage

Tracy & Zac Ratzlaff, Maci Roesler, Olivia & Ryane Ratzlaff at the passing of their mother and grandmother, Carlene Standerfer

Marva Meador at the passing of her husband, Howard Medor.

The Family and Friends of Bob Summers, at his passing

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*Service of Hope*

**10:30 A.M. OCTOBER 27 WITH LORD'S SUPPER**

*To encourage one another in light of the loss and grief of the past year*