

At First Glance

FIRST BAPTIST NORMAN



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A sign is an object, quality or event whose presence or occurrence indicates the probable presence or occurrence of something else. In other words, a sign is something that points to something beyond or greater than itself.

In the *Gospel of John*, the miracles of Jesus are described as signs that point us to the truth that Jesus is the Messiah. The Christmas story is filled with signs that point us to the truth that Jesus is *Immanuel, God with us*. Our theme for Advent 2019, which begins December 1, is *The Signs of Christmas*.

One of *The Signs of Christmas* that occurs at First Baptist is the *Parade of Nations* on the first Sunday of November. During November our sanctuary is adorned with the flags of the nations, reminding us that *God so loved the world that He gave His only Son*. *The Great Commission* calls us to make disciples of all the nations. God is not a provincial God, but the God of all the peoples of the world. His love and grace are for every person. The flags serve as a sign, pointing us to

this truth and the responsibility we have to support and pray for the work of the gospel in all nations, to consider our own opportunity to go, as well as the opportunity to support missionaries who have committed their lives to live and minister cross-culturally.

The 2019 *Parade of Nations* will be November 3. As we worship over these next weeks, may the flags of the world point us to more fully commit ourselves to the task of sharing and living out the gospel of Jesus for the glory of God and the salvation of the peoples of the world.

Our World Missions Offering supports our missionaries through the *Lottie Moon* and *Global Missions* offerings of our denominational



DR. WADE
SMITH

partners. These missionaries serve in many of the nations represented by the flags. *Our 2019 goal to support their ministry is \$66,000.* May God bless and multiply the generosity of our gifts.

Make plans to join us on Sunday, November 17 for our next fellowship lunch and church conference immediately following worship. This is our year-end conference where we will approve our 2020 Ministry Plan (budget) and the recommendations from our Committee on Committees for committee and ministry team leadership.

Even as many churches move away from congregational polity, we continue to practice congregational life and decision making together as an expression of our distinctively Baptist heritage and theology that honors the Priesthood of All Believers and the Autonomy of the Local Church. This is one of the reasons I consider it a blessing to serve as your pastor. See you at lunch on the 17th.

Pastor Wade

The Signs of Christmas

ADVENT SEASON BEGINS DECEMBER 1
WITH HANGING OF THE GREEN
DURING 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

Sixth Hands For Harvey mission trip underway

When you receive this newsletter you will be participating as a church family in our sixth Hurricane Harvey recovery trip.

It was 26 months ago that Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas coast with all its fury, devastating the landscape from Port Aransas and Rockport inland to Victoria, back out to the gulf and headed to Houston, Port Arthur and on into Houston.

Thirty-one of your fellow church members, family, and friends from Norman, Duncan, Kerrville Texas, San Angelo Texas, and Ingleside Texas, will be representing you in this journey

of faith, service, and rebuilding.

Please pray for safety, strength, and wisdom on how we work, grace in the presentation of the Hands of Jesus, hope for those we work with and a great spiritual impact for us and those we work with.

This week we are working on a few of the 200-300 homes that have not been touched since the hurricane.

Families are living in the best part



**ROY JOE
HAM**

of their homes that have had rain inside because roofs have not been replaced. Mold is growing in many areas of their homes, and yet they still live in them.

Thank you for your support in encouraging those going, for your financial support, for your cooking meals, and making quilts, and all that you do to make these trips a blessing for those who have gone as well as to all we go to serve.

**WATCH FOR
UPDATES**

FOLLOW THE CREW'S
PROGRESS ON
THE FBC NORMAN
FACEBOOK PAGE



OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER
Birthday Bash Lunch
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
11:30 a.m., Family Life Center
ALL ADULTS 55+ ARE INVITED!
LUNCH IS \$5 FOR THOSE NOT CELEBRATING
AN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER BIRTHDAY
MAKE RESERVATIONS AT THE FLC, 360-5300



**KINDRED SPIRITS
WIDOWS
Luncheon**
**November 18
11:30 a.m.**
Family Life Center
**Special Musical Guest
Sarah Getto**
Make Your Reservation at the
Family Life Center or Church Office

Mentor program off to a good start

Starting this month, we will have 18 mentors working with students at Lincoln Elementary in our Kid's Hope Mentor Program. Thank you so much for your prayers and willingness to participate in this ministry.

The first nine weeks has ended and we would love to have more mentors join our team. Our trained mentors meet with a child for one hour a week during the school year,

helping the child develop stronger academic, social and emotional skills

Contact Angela Atkins at angelaa@fbcnorman.org if you would like more information.



★ **A SALUTE TO
VETERAN'S LUNCH** ★
Friday, November 8
11:30 a.m., Family Life Center
VETERANS AND SPOUSES ARE INVITED
MAKE RESERVATIONS AT
THE FLC OR CHURCH OFFICE



**CHURCH
CONFERENCE
AND LUNCH**
NOVEMBER 17
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER 27
CHURCH OFFICE AND FLC CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 28-29

SIDEWALK PROPHETS



6:00 p.m. • November 10

First Baptist Church

PURCHASE TICKETS AT FBCNORMAN.ORG

THANKSGIVING BASKET PARTY

6:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 25

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

DONATIONS NEEDED

HAVE DONATIONS
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY NOVEMBER 24

- CANNED SWEET POTATOES
- CAKE MIX AND FROSTING
- INSTANT SCALLOPED POTATOES
- CANNED PIE FILLING
- WHOLE BERRY CRANBERRY SAUCE
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- CHICKEN BROTH • STUFFING MIX
- BOXED PIE CRUST MIX
- CANNED GREEN BEANS AND CORN

FINANCIAL DONATIONS
ALSO WELCOME

WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS
THE DAY OF THE EVENT

THE JOY OF *Giving*

**DECEMBER 7
9:00 A.M.-NOON**

AGES 3 TO GRADE K (\$15)

GRADES 1-5 (\$20)



REGISTRATION BEGINS
NOVEMBER 1

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

DON'T FORGET TO



FALL BACK

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 3

Parade OF NATIONS

NOVEMBER 3

10:30 A.M.



GAME DAY PARKING



NOVEMBER 9
NOVEMBER 23

\$10 DONATION INCLUDES RIDE TO THE STADIUM

UNDIVIDED FALL FALLOUT 2019 NOVEMBER 15-17 YOUTH 6-12TH GRADES



REGISTER ONLINE
FBCNORMAN.ORG

OU CIVIC *Orchestra*

NOVEMBER 17

3:00 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST SANCTUARY
FREE CONCERT

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1: Jean Campbell, Lisa Raiber, Hayley Redwine, Ronald Williams

November 2: James Hale, Mary Ruth Higgins, Al Silkey

November 3: Nathan Moss, Kallie Smith, Steve Wilson

November 5: Nick Foster, Annette Valentino, Chalres Van Horn

November 6: Dan Baily, Joe Bob Weaver

November 7: Johannes Buyten, Amy Cherry, Jeanette Dubois

November 9: Stephen Callison, Anna Grace Nava, John Reddell, Pat Shafer

November 10: Jack Harp

November 11: Sandy Lewis

November 12: Annetta Brown, Jake Haxel, Staci Koutsoukos, Marian Lalli, Paula Morton

November 13: Michael Raiber, Gary Schaffner, Phil Warren

November 14: Eric Fredericks, Allen Moore

November 15: George Durham, Greg Ellis, Philip Redwine Jr., Lucas Warren

November 16: Dianne Daniels, Janice Masters

November 17: Elaine Hale, Kimberli Hester, Jacob Reddick, Dominic Strevett

November 18: Fran Burgess, Nancy Gardner, Patty Jimerson, Mack McGuckin

November 19: Roy Blasius

November 20: James Callison, Sam Garner, Mark Lassetter, Bill Marley, Dennis Ross, Sammie Theige, Drew Wright

November 21: Marie Hunter, Lisa Portwood

November 22: Denise Wright

November 23: Cathy Adams, Jacob Foster

November 24: Betty Burris, Leela Golden-Wade, Vicki Stewart, Scott Storm, Carl Wimberley

November 25: Joslin Rigney, Charlie Smith, Beth Wilson

November 27: Chandra Harris, Joyce Filipski, Gail Moore

November 28: Kenneth Smith

November 29: Gail Schwabe

November 30: Carlos Elwell, Liv Harper, Paige Hudson, Bradley Pettijohn, Frank Small, Gary Storm

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Norman, OK 73069
Address Service Requested

DEAR FBC...

Dear FBC,

Thank you for your \$200 sponsorship to support the Cleveland County CROP Walk to Stop Hunger.

Your gift helps support the services of Food and Shelter of Norman and

the global hunger-fighting and relief efforts of Church World Service.

Becky LeClair,
CROP Walk Committee

prayers, cards and caring thoughts for the loss of our son, Barry.

He will always be close in our hearts.

Dear FBC Family,
We appreciate your

In God's Love,
Dale and Judy
Sullivan

NOVEMBER 17
Giving TREE
KICK OFF



Look for trees outside the church office and media library

UPWARD BASKETBALL

EVALUATION DATES
NOVEMBER 6: 4:00-6:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 8, NOVEMBER 11
6:00-8:00 P.M.

REGISTER AT FBCNORMAN.ORG,
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR FLC

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS NOVEMBER 29

SYMPATHIES

The First Baptist Church family wishes to extend sympathies to:
Ed Freeman at the passing of his mother-in-law Jo Looney.

Tracy & Tish Foor; Jeremy & Gordon Foor and Raymond & Laurie Foor; Terry & Kevin Foor at the passing of their mother and grandmother, Mary Lee Foor.

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