



At First Glance

First Baptist Church



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Are you familiar with the *One Another Passages* in the New Testament? They are mostly found in Paul's letters, but the prominent and central passage is found in John 13 where Jesus offers a new commandment to His disciples: *To Love One Another!* In fact the way His disciples love one another is to be their distinguishing characteristic in the world.



DR. WADE SMITH

On September 1 we begin the *To Love One Another* worship series. Over the next weeks we will be reminded that love is not just a noun. Neither is love simply an emotion or feeling. In biblical understanding, love is a verb. Love is not authenticated through our words, but through our actions. Paul writes that we are to *restore one another* and to *carry one another's burdens*. Additionally, we are to *serve one another*, *forgive one another*, and *teach and admonish one another*. Could it be that these *One Another Passages* offer insight and instruction into what Jesus meant when He commanded us *To Love One Another*?

I am thankful for our Deacon Ministry Team and look forward to

the ordination of three new deacons: Myles Deering, Chuck Lawrence and Anne Lawrence. Join us in worship on September 15 for this special service as we set apart three from our congregation to serve and lead as deacons.

I was reminded a couple of Sundays ago how the Kingdom of God is bigger than we often imagine and that occasionally God opens a window for us to see our connectedness with believers and ministries beyond our immediate awareness. The Body of Christ is local, but it is also universal, and we have the incredible privilege of being part of both.

Let me share this story. One of our college students was able to secure our University Ministry a table at the OU Involvement Fair to welcome incoming freshmen on the Friday before school started. They met a young man from Columbia and invited him to join us for worship that Sunday. He arrived with his sister for worship Sunday morning. She mentioned that she and her husband were part of a ministry in Columbia. I shared that we had a ministry partner (Roberto) in Columbia that we support through our FBC Mission efforts and that I would like to connect them. Through e-mail I introduced them to one another on Monday. Roberto emailed me back to say that they had several mutual friends in ministry

throughout Latin America and that he was looking forward to making the contact. I was filled with gratitude for the Lord, thinking of how all the small parts came together at our church, giving us the privilege of connecting two ministers in Colombia with one another. Join me in praying that this introduction will have significant Kingdom impact in Columbia and Latin America. God is good!

TO LOVE ONE *Another*

SEPTEMBER 1
TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

SEPTEMBER 8
TO RESTORE ONE ANOTHER

SEPTEMBER 15
TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER

SEPTEMBER 22
TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

SEPTEMBER 29
*TO TEACH AND ADMONISH
ONE ANOTHER*

Pickleball craze hits FBC Family Life Center

The Family Life Center invites everyone in the community to *Have a Ball This Fall*.

For several years, the FLC has been home to racquetball, Upward Basketball, walleyball, and volleyball and starting September 23 the FLC will

introduce Pickleball.

"Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to

a Wiffle Ball, over a net," Vickie Riggs, Minister of Community Impact/Adults 55+, said. "If you're unfamiliar with this recent sporting craze, we will have an instruction night from 6:00-8:30 p.m. on September 23 at the Family Life Center. Make plans to join us!"



LIVING PROOF

live



with **BETH MOORE**
WORSHIP with **TRAVIS COTTRELL**

OCT. 11-12
OKLAHOMA CITY

TO REGISTER, CALL OR VISIT
THE FBC CHURCH OFFICE

GAME DAY PARKING

FOUR HOURS BEFORE KICKOFF

SEPTEMBER 1
2:30-6:30 P.M.
HOUSTON
FLC/COMMUNITY MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 7
2:00-6:00 P.M.
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
YOUTH MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 28
4 HOURS BEFORE KICKOFF
TEXAS TECH
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION BENEFITS FLC MINISTRIES

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

DINNER
with friends

REGISTER IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR AT FBCNORMAN.ORG

HANDS FOR HARVEY

CORPUS CHRISTI & REFUGIO, TEXAS
OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 2

**SEPTEMBER 29 IS THE DEADLINE
TO REGISTER IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

COST IS \$125 IF YOU STAY IN THE DORM WITH THE TEAM

\$75 IF YOU STAY AT A HOTEL AT YOUR EXPENSE

PLEASE SEE ROY JOE HAM IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

FOUNDATIONS
WITH MIKE WILSON

JUDAISM,
CHRISTIANITY,
ISLAM:
THE ABRAHAMIC
FAITHS?

SUNDAYS BEGINNING SEPT. 8
5:30 P.M. ROOM B20

SUMMER @ FIRST



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

TAILGATE SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 1
WEAR YOUR TEAM'S COLORS

BREAKFAST
8:30-9:15 A.M.
HALLOCK HALL



Hymns of our Faith

CONCERT

6:00 P.M. • SEPT. 29
FIRST MOORE BAPTIST CHURCH

FEATURING CHOIRS
FROM FBC NORMAN
AND FBC MOORE

Mentoring program starts 11th year

This school year marks our 11th year in partnership with Lincoln Elementary, primarily through our Kid's Hope USA mentoring program.

Our mentors work one-on-one with students who struggle academically, socially, and emotionally by devoting one hour a week to their student. This faithful attention to the student makes a difference in their future success as a student, which in turn helps them gain the skills and relationships to be a healthy adult.

Eight of our Kids Hope students from last year have returned and those mentors will start meeting again the week of Labor Day.

We are working with Lincoln teachers to identify more students in need of mentors and would love to have more trained mentors ready to match with



Robbi Mullinax is pictured with her Kids Hope USA student at Lincoln Elementary School.

students.

Our Kids Hope information packet and application are available in the magazine racks outside the library, room B18, and the FLC.

SEPTEMBER FLC FUN

COME PAINT WITH ME
MOTHER/DAUGHTER NIGHT
6:00 P.M. • SEPTEMBER 30
\$15 PER PERSON

KINDRED SPIRITS
LUNCHEON FOR WIDOWS
11:30 A.M. • SEPTEMBER 16

NANAS AND GRAMPIES DAY
PICNIC AND FUN AT THE ALPACA FARM
SEPTEMBER 21 • COST \$7

SENIOR SEMINARY
9:30 A.M. • SEPTEMBER 13 • COST \$5

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1: Wanda Blake, Frank Gatewood, Alana Turley

September 2: Naomi Nakamura

September 3: Al Bass, Barbara Ferris, Chuck Lawrence

September 4: Greg Alexander, Olivia Bedwell, Mary Nipper

September 5: Katherine Brooks, Greg Ferguson, Emmaline Sullivan

September 6: Maddie Farris

September 7: Luke Edge, Elijah LeBlanc, Marilyn Naylor, Haley Price, Susan Warren

September 8: John Antonio, Brandon Arrington, Elizabeth Clancy, Connie Doss,

September 9: Kerrie Hudson, Blanche Johnstone, Morgan Rogers, WhitneyRose Upchurch,

September 11: Lorraine Baugh, Carol McDade-Conley, Connie Norton

September 12: Leslie Haxel, Mike Lang, Steven Sheldon

September 14: John Lesser, Amos Nunnally, Alicia Turley

September 15: Bill Conner

September 16: M'Lynn Emanuel, Dennis

Schwabe, Wilson Smith

September 17: Brad Badgett, Jan Hodges, Leanne Warren, Colton Wirth

September 18: Courtney Singleterry

September 19: Dino Koutsoukos

September 20: Sandra Brown, Shirley Glitsch, Payton Henson, Traci Mullinax

September 21: Janie Dilks, Mary Hale, Hannah Jones-Harp

September 22: Arya Buffington, Mary Hartsock, Jennifer Marcum, George Wilson III

September 23: Addy Deering, Linda Dill, Mary Ann Gardner, Al Graham, James Odell

September 24: Sally Wade

September 25: Carl Ketner

September 26: Marco Fisher, Chester Ketner, Shelba McGowen, Olivia Nees, Elmer Roberts, Charissa Smith

September 27: Judith Conklin, Cheryl Love, Katie Love, Sue Matheny, Betty Northcutt

September 28: Nina Patterson

September 29: Johnny Blaul, Sue Carrell, Amen Holman, Nolan LeBlanc

September 30: Christianne King, Kin Pirtle

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK STARTING SEPTEMBER 4

FAMILY MEAL

5:15 p.m., Hallock Hall

\$5 Adults • \$3 Children
• \$20 Family Max

AMP WEDNESDAYS

6:00-7:30 p.m.:

Ages 3-5th Grade

AGES 0-5: First Floor

Preschool Area

Grades K-5: Second Floor

Children's Area

YOUTH WOW

6th-12th Grades

6:00-7:30 p.m., Youth Hall

EVENING

PRAYERS

6:00 p.m., B26

WOMEN'S

BIBLE STUDY

Laughing in the Dark

6:15-7:30 p.m., B20

Led by Gay Smith

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

6:30 p.m., B22

Led by Kelly Henderson

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:30 p.m., Choir Room



DEACON ORDINATION SEPTEMBER 15

JOIN US AS WE
WELCOME

- MYLES DEERING
- CHUCK LAWRENCE
- ANNE LAWRENCE

SYMPATHIES

The First Baptist Church family wishes to extend sympathies to:

Hazel Jensen, Buzz and Connie Jensen, Josh, Lisa, Luke and Cole Edge at the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Lester "Bear" Jensen.

Mary Louise Symcox at the passing of her husband, Don Symcox.