

At First Glance

FIRST BAPTIST NORMAN



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I look forward to Sunday, June 7, when we gather at 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary to worship. It will be wonderful to see many of you again. As we anticipate that day, your ministry team has been planning and preparing. *Below are the guidelines put into place so that we can come together in as safe a way as possible.*

RSVP FOR WORSHIP

Please go to our website or call the church office to let us know you are coming and how many will be worshipping with you. We will practice social distancing in the sanctuary as we sit by households or individually. We believe we can accommodate everyone in a single service, but need to know our numbers beforehand. Unregistered guests will need to register at the door and may be delayed entering the sanctuary.

DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 A.M.

We are working to provide a "No Touch" entry into the church and sanctuary. Please check-in at the office or breezeway entrances and make your way to the sanctuary. We will seat the sanctuary from back to front, sitting in designated pews. Seating in the balcony will be available on the second and fourth rows, skipping three seats between households. A limited number of pew chairs will be available for those with specific seating and mobility needs. Ushers will help you find your seat and please understand that you may not be able to sit in your usual seat.

FACE MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

We ask everyone to wear a face mask upon entering and exiting the church and when in the hallways and restrooms. Also, there has been much concern expressed surrounding choral and congregational singing. Thus, we will delay the return of our choir and orchestra in worship and ask that during the music portion of worship the congregation wear face masks. We will not be seating in the section immediately in front of the

platform so that those on the platform will be able to lead without their face masks.

FAMILY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

No Preschool or Children's Programming during worship.

Children's Worship Kits will be provided.

Please accompany your children to the restroom.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS

No worship programs/bulletins.

All items have been removed from the pew racks.

Offering boxes will be available to put your offerings in before/after worship.

Water fountains and coffee stations will not be available.

Sanitary wipes will be provided in restrooms.

Hand sanitizers and face masks will be readily available.

Basement, children's, preschool and youth areas will be closed.

Worship service will be less than 1 hour. We will dismiss by row after worship.

Please gather outside after worship for fellowship, maintaining social distance.

LIFEGROUPS

At this time, we will not resume LifeGroups at the church on Sunday morning. We encourage you to continue to meet by Zoom and connect with each other as you are able. Individual LifeGroups that would like to begin meeting again at the church can call the church office and make a reservation for a limited number of rooms that are being prepared to accommodate social distancing.



DR. WADE SMITH

ONLINE WORSHIP

We will continue to have online worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We encourage those over 65 and with underlying health issues to continue to be patient, stay at home and worship online.

In addition to resuming worship on June 7, please know that Summerscope is underway for another summer of ministry and that the FLC is open with limited hours, taking reservations for those wishing to use the walking track, game room and fitness room. The playground is open in the evenings. Children's and youth ministries are resuming as well. Evening Prayers is each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. through Zoom. We look forward to more things starting back up over these weeks of summer.

Over the past year we have spent a great deal of time focusing on our Lord's command to "love one another as He loved us." As we come together in worship and ministry, we have the opportunity to model this love as an example to our community — they will know we are Christians by our love for one another. So, let us continue to be patient and care for one another, practicing these safeguards as acts of love and hospitality.



JUNE 7 • 10:30 A.M.

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Reservation Only Policy Reopens Family Life Center

What beautiful spring days we are having in the midst of this unusual season!

My prayer and hope is that everyone is doing well and making the time count, such as cleaning out closets, finding new hobbies, reconnecting with friends or family, cleaning out the refrigerator, finding creative ways to reach out to others, reading that book you have planned to read, and most of all, spending some quiet time with Him.

I do feel the Lord moving among us these days, giving us hope and promise. He tells us to not be dismayed and that He will not leave us or forsake us. As we claim those promises I pray that you find joy each day in Him!

ADULTS 55+ AND

FAMILY LIFE CENTER UPDATES

Pickleball is back on Monday evenings from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Three courts are available, and we will limit 25 individuals. Please contact the Family

Life Center to make a reservation. If you would like to reserve a court at another time, please contact me or Mendi.

Gymnastics Camp is coming July 13-16 and Chef's Camp is coming August 10-13. New this year is a virtual Chef's Camp June 29-July 1. For more information and to register, visit fbcnorman.org.

If you love to read and love to read from actual books, the FLC Bookshelf is just for you.

We have a list of books available at the FLC that you can check out, pick up curbside, or have delivered to your home.

The next Curbside Bookshelf will be June 5 from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Contact me or Mendi for a list of books.



VICKIE RIGGS

In June, the Family Life Center is open abbreviated hours for members: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 4:00-6:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The FLC is closed Wednesday and Friday after 2:00 p.m., and closed on Saturday. The fitness center, pickleball courts, gym, walking track, and game room are available with limited numbers.

You are invited to our Tale-Gating Party at the FLC and you never have to leave home. Here is how you participate.

- Share a story from a trip or family experience
- Write about an act of kindness
- Share a story about your childhood
- Write about a place you have visited
- Tell a funny story. Be creative

Then come to the party by emailing your story to vickier@fbcnorman.org or mendid@fbcnorman.org.

NOW open

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

BY RESERVATION ONLY

CALL 405-360-5300

5 WAYS TO SAY "HI" TO YOUR FRIENDS

HI 5

- JUNE 3 — BEACH BLANKET BLAST
- JUNE 10 — COOKING CLASS
- JUNE 17 — TABLE TENNIS
- JUNE 24 — CERAMIC CAFE
- JULY 1 — SUMMER SPLASH

COST IS \$5 PER CHILD FOR EACH ONE HOUR WEDNESDAY SESSION

EMAIL [SUZETTE@FBCNORMAN.ORG](mailto:suzette@fbcnorman.org) FOR A REGISTRATION LINK!

VIRTUAL CHEF'S CAMP

JUNE 29- JULY 2

CAMP INCLUDES

- INGREDIENTS
- CHEF'S HAT, APRON, T-SHIRT
- INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SET A TABLE
- 4 DEMONSTRATION VIDEOS
- 12 RECIPES
- PHOTO CONTEST

REGISTER AT FBCNORMAN.ORG

\$50 PER CHILD

Thank you

TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE
GRADUATION PARADE A SUCCESS



COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEEDS

FOOD PANTRY

- SALTINE CRACKERS • PEANUT BUTTER TO GO PACKS
- TUNA PACKS • VIENNA SAUSAGES
- SNACK BOXES OF TUNA OR CHICKEN SALAD
- FRUIT CUPS • INDIVIDUAL CEREAL BOXES
- CANNED TUNA • MAC AND CHEESE MICROWAVE CUPS
- BOXES OF CEREAL • BOXES OF JELLO OR PUDDING

FBC MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

*Quintin and Kim Ratliff
are your missionaries through
the International Mission
Board — serving in North
Thailand.*

Our work in Northern Thailand for the past 19 years is among the Khon Muang People group of 7 million.

We have been leading and mentoring other IMB team members and Thai nationals to share Christ among those who have never heard of a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Our approach to ministry is developing relationships in villages, college campuses, schools by providing physical needs through Community Development — which have then opened doors that allow us to teach English using Bible stories, leading people to Christ and starting small groups of new believers worshipping the One True God.

We are so grateful and thankful for the Mission House First Baptist has provided to Missionary personnel like us from all over the world.

This is the only Mission House in Norman and has allowed us to have a home to be near our family and connect with churches in the area. It's also a place of refuge for us to rest and regain some needed spiritual and physical strength before we go back to serve overseas.

Thank you First Baptist for your dedication and vision to keep this house and be used for the Kingdom of God.

Forever Grateful!
Quintin & Kim Ratliff

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1: Charles Burris, Junie Chenoweth, Tony Gardner, Wanita Salyer, Amy Williams

June 2: Mike Beery, Jay Jimerson

June 3: Vi Nguyen

June 4: Richard Buchanan, Pamela DeVoss, Benton Ladd, Jenny Roby, Ben Warren

June 5: Pat Dickinson, Marilyn Lassetter, Beverly Theige

June 6: Sue Allison, Melisa Lesser

June 7: Tom Hackelman, Gavin Keen

June 8: Lin Copelin, Sheri Johnson

June 9: Jerry Dickinson, Carol Halley, Rhonda Wood

June 10: April Buffington, Jane Callison, Chance Walker

June 11: James Price

June 12: Galen Chen, Brock Wright

June 13: Hazel Bennett, Kathryn Malthaner, Whitten Mullinax

June 14: Keith Strevett

June 15: Leslie Salazar, Maeve Upchurch

June 16: Ed Freeman, Donna Henson, Spencer Love, Judy Osburn

June 17: Alan Cheshier, Virginia Odell, Joe Windes

June 18: Kenneth Estes, Loynita Spillmeier, Fransisca Wijaya

June 19: Margaret Barbour, Norma Brown, Mittie Durham, Judy Hixon, Kevin Murphree

June 20: Tollie Bibb, Billy Busse, Kenny Womack

June 21: Laney Jo Mullinax

June 22: Delayne Dye, Inara LeBlanc

June 24: Jim Drennan, Gay Smith

June 27: Ronald Elkin, James Hall, Lydia Haworth, Warren Klima, Amberly Lee, Dave Lewis, Dale Sullivan

June 28: Cheryl Jones, Barbara McGuckin, Jeff Sullivan, Harold Woods

June 29: Phillip Conley, Jeannie Hitchcock, Steve Scott,

June 30: Daniel Rhea

SYMPATHIES

The First Baptist Church family wishes to extend sympathies to:

Nancy DeGraff at the passing of her aunt, Wendy White

Jose, Jenny Smiley, Isabella and Anna Nava, at the passing of their mother and grandmother, Ana Isadora Aguilar

Carlos and Mary Elwell at the passing of her cousin, Scott

Kevin Sharp at the passing of his mother,

Sandra Sharp

Jamie & Leon, Brittany and Brandon Raglan at the passing of their father and grandfather, Wayne Steely

Andrea Karmid at the passing of her cousin, Tarek Karmid

Gary, Rhonda and Garrett Wood at the passing of their mother and grandmother, Margaret Wood.

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DEAR FIRST BAPTIST...

Dear First Baptist,

Thank you for all your support and gifts of caring every year and especially this year. Your gift cards and goodies were so appreciated and will be put to good use this next year as we explore our new theme, Lincoln is Magical.

Michale Gentry and Lynn Susanto,
Third Grade Teachers
Lincoln Elementary

Dear First Baptist,

We just wanted to express our deepest thanks for letting us stay at the FBC Mission House for the month of April.

Thank you for all you did to get the house set up and for the generous gift card.
Josh and Becca Terndrup

Dear First Baptist,

I just want to let you know how much your partnership with Lincoln means to us. Your church always helps provide our school with things we need to have a successful year.

I especially appreciate the mentors who spend their time to help our students.

Debbi Grensky,
First Grade Teacher
Lincoln Elementary

Dear First Baptist,

Thank you so much for the Teacher Appreciation bags you put together for our Lincoln staff. We appreciated every single item!

Katie Messner

Dear First Baptist,

Thank you so very much for the gift certificate to Copelins. It will certainly help me prepare for next year!

Beth Gilberg,
Reading Interventionist
Lincoln Elementary

Dear First Baptist,

I wanted to give my biggest thank you to First Baptist Norman for their overwhelming love and support.

I am beyond thankful for my gifts and being loved on during Teacher Appreciation Week!

Erin Crimmins,
Resource Teacher
Lincoln Elementary School