

At First Glance

FIRST BAPTIST NORMAN



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March is the month of **Spring Break** and Spring Break means Converge.

Converge is a fun filled weekend with family and friends that brings all ages of the church family together to enjoy worship, fellowship, service and learning.

Jimmy Dorrell, the co-founder and President of Mission Waco-Mission World, will be our guest speaker and will offer insights into his ministry and work among the poor.

Jimmy and his wife, Janet, offer an incarnational presence as they live and share their lives among the poor, bringing good news through relationships and empowerment opportunities. I pray that we will be encouraged and challenged in our lives and ministries.

Converge is March 13-15 and you can register online at fbcnorman.org.

Spring Break also offers the reminder that summer is near. As your family makes plans for this summer, please get a copy of the **2020 Summer Highlights for Kids** brochure. It's not too early to register and mark your calendar for FISH Camps, SMAK, Kid's Week (VBS), Summerscope, and all the other camps and opportunities for your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors this summer.

As such, it is also not too early to be thinking about ways you can be involved in serving and helping our children and youth this summer.

Gay and I have already signed up for Falls Creek to cook (Gay) and keep the kitchen clean (Wade). Contact Suzette and Clint for ways you can get involved. And, be sure to sign up when the call for volunteers and sponsors

comes.

March 2020 is also the heart of the Lenten season. Lent is an unfamiliar season for many, but simply refers to the time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The Norman

Lenten Lunch

series is one way we prepare for Easter and reflects our recognition and participation in the Body of Christ in Norman. Yes, we have our differences in theology and practice, but at the Cross of Christ, we gather together to worship our Lord Jesus.

We will host the Lenten service on Wednesday, March 11. Rev. Terry Wilson, pastor of the Everlasting Life Baptist Church, will be our guest pastor. Let us be gracious hosts as we welcome our neighbors to our church. And, let us be faithful to attend as other churches host the Lenten services.

Our weekly preparation for Easter Sunday continues with the *Jesus 20/20* worship series. Over these next weeks we will see Jesus with a towel, on the cross, and at the tomb. Let us come expectantly to worship each Sunday as we offer our adoration to God and make ourselves available to the saving power of God.

Sunday, March 29, will be a significant day in the life of our church as we celebrate the retirement of Rev. Roy Joe Ham. Roy Joe and Lydia have served our church faithfully for the last 12



DR. WADE SMITH

years and their impact on our lives will continue in many ways. They will be missed!

Roy Joe will preach on the March 29 and we will gather for a lunch fellowship immediately afterwards. We encourage each of you to bring your cards and notes of appreciation and blessing for the Hams as they move to be near their children and grandchildren and as Roy Joe initiates a new disaster relief ministry to serve the Lord and others through *The Carpenter's Hope*.

I look forward to this season of life and ministry with you. The Lord is doing a new work among us. Let us respond in faith. Let us rejoice!

JESUS 20/20

WORSHIP SERIES

MARCH 1

SEEING JESUS ON THE MOUNTAINSIDE

MARCH 8

SEEING JESUS WITH A TOWEL

MARCH 15

JIMMY DORRELL, PULPIT GUEST

MARCH 22

SEEING JESUS ON THE CROSS

MARCH 29

ROY JOE HAM, PULPIT GUEST

Looking back on 12 years of FBC ministry

Time is running short as I close out my ministry among you at the end of March. Thank you to so very many who have indicated deep appreciation of my ministry here over the past 12 years. After giving all I had to give, and at times more, I look back to see the vast ways that God has worked among you in our time together.

For those who have opened your heart and allowed Lydia and I to minister to you directly in times of illness, death of loved ones, or just going through tough times, know that we do not take those times or situations for granted. It is rare to have so many of you share your life experiences the way you have with us and for that, we have been blessed.

For your support and encouragement for and during the many projects that God has allowed us to accomplish together, thank you! Do you realize that God allowed us

to work on 18-plus major projects in these 12 years?

Hands for Harvey: Who knew 2 ½ years ago what this team would do and how much you have come to mean to us? We have worked really hard together, (sometimes maybe more than you would have liked to), we have built a community here as well in Refugio, you have blessed so many and for many of you God has done some amazing things in your lives. We have been blessed to be a part of it.

For those who worked with me on committee after committee, the long meetings and difficult decisions we had to make, thank you!

As for us, we have sold our home



**ROY JOE
HAM**

and will be moving to McKinney, Texas, and continue to work on the creation of The Carpenter's Hope, dedicated to long term disaster recovery. Of course, we will be able to enjoy our daughters and their families a little more often.

Pray for us as we make this major transition in our life and that God will bless this new call to serve, with volunteers to join in the work of recovery, and finances to support the work.

Church family, please know how much we love you and appreciate you. You have created a spot in our lives to last a lifetime. As we go, please remember that God still has great and mighty things to do right here in this place as well as through you in Norman, and to the uttermost parts of the world. Continually seek the face of God, be willing to listen to His call, and be obedient in your response.

CONVERGE 2020

Bringing Generations Together

MARCH 13-15
SPRING BREAK

A FUN FILLED WEEKEND
WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS
AT FBC THAT BRINGS
ALL AGES OF THE
CHURCH TOGETHER

REGISTER IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR AT FBCNORMAN.ORG

WITH GUEST SPEAKER
JIMMY DORRELL



• CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT
OF MISSION WACO MISSION WORLD

• PASTOR OF CHURCH UNDER
THE BRIDGE SINCE 1992

• TEACHES CLASSES AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
AND TRUETT SEMINARY IN WACO

• AFTER RECEIVING HIS DEGREE FROM
SEMINARY, HE AND HIS WIFE TRAVELED
THE WORLD TO WORK AMONG THE POOR
• MOVED TO WACO, WHERE THEY BEGAN THEIR
CALL TO INCARNATIONAL MINISTRY

FRIDAY - SUNDAY
(ALL-INCLUSIVE)
FAMILY \$110 / SINGLE \$55

FRIDAY ONLY
INCLUDES DINNER, WORSHIP,
AND GAME NIGHT
FAMILY \$25 / SINGLE \$15

SATURDAY ONLY
INCLUDES BREAKFAST,
SPEAKER SESSIONS 1 & 2,
LUNCH, AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES,
DINNER, WORSHIP TIME,
AND MOVIE NIGHT
FAMILY \$85 / SINGLE \$45

SUNDAY
INCLUDES CHURCH-WIDE
GATHERING IN HALLOCK HALL

Please Join us for a lunch reception for

ROY JOE
and
LYDIA HAM

29TH
SUNDAY
MARCH

HALLOCK HALL

11:30
IN THE
MORNING

PLEASE BRING CARDS AND NOTES OF APPRECIATION

NEW@FIRST
LUNCH

MARCH 8
11:30 A.M.
HALLOCK HALL

KINDRED SPIRITS
WIDOW SUPPORT LUNCHEON



MARCH 23
11:30 A.M.
**FAMILY LIFE
CENTER**

FBC Missions Spotlight

Did you know that 11.5 percent of everything given to the general ministry plan of FBC Norman is used for Missions? Here's where your 11.5 percent goes:

- .5 percent to Baptist World Alliance
- 1 percent to Union Baptist Association
- 5 percent to our denominational partners (Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Cooperating Baptist Fellowship of Oklahoma)
- .5 percent is set aside for members and others affiliated with FBC Norman to use to go on Mission Trips.
- 4.5 percent funds specific FBC Missions including: the Community

Minister's salary, our Mission House (\$350/month), Logistics/Support Account – used by ministers for expenses related to mission activities (\$500/month), and the remainder is divided between our community ministry (46 percent) and other Mission Partners (54 percent).

Our other Mission Partners vary from year-to-year but in the past have included: Reaching Souls International, Elam Ministries, Uttermost Sports, Pioneer Bible Translators, Jeff Jimerson (NAMB), Talsi Christian School, Friendship International, Hands for Harvey, and more.

Learn more about your FBC Missions each month in our FBC Missions Spotlight!

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 3

WMU

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

MARCH 4

LENTEN SERVICE

Noon-1:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

MARCH 6

LAUREN DAIGLE CONCERT

5:00-11:30 p.m.
Chesapeake Energy Arena

MARCH 8

NEW AT FIRST LUNCH

Following Worship
Hallock Hall

MARCH 11

LENTEN SERVICE

Noon-1:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church

MARCH 13-15 CONVERGE WEEKEND

MARCH 18

LENTEN SERVICE

Noon-1:00 p.m.
First Christian Church

MARCH 23

KINDRED SPIRITS LUNCH

11:30 a.m.
Family Life Center

MARCH 25

LENTEN SERVICE

Noon-1:00 p.m.
McFarlin United Methodist

MARCH 29

ROY JOE HAM RETIREMENT
LUNCHEON

Following Worship
Hallock Hall



TOGETHER AT THE CROSS

2020 NORMAN LENTEN SERVICES

Words From The Cross

ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT NOON
A \$5 LUNCH IS SERVED AT 12:35 P.M.

<p>MARCH 4 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 555 S. UNIVERSITY BLVD.</p>  <p>GUEST SPEAKER JUSTIN WESTMORELAND TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</p>	<p>MARCH 11 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 211 W. COMANCHE ST.</p>  <p>GUEST SPEAKER TERRY WILSON EVERLASTING LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH</p>	<p>MARCH 18 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 220 S. WEBSTER AVE.</p>  <p>GUEST SPEAKER MIKE BUMGARNER NORMAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL</p>
<p>MARCH 25 MCFARLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 419 S. UNIVERSITY BLVD.</p>  <p>GUEST SPEAKER ROY JOE HAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NORMAN</p>	<p>APRIL 1 ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH 100 STINSON ST.</p>  <p>GUEST SPEAKER RUSTY TUGMAN ALAMEDA CHURCH OF CHRIST</p>	<p>APRIL 8 ALAMEDA CHURCH OF CHRIST 801 ALAMEDA ST.</p>  <p>GUEST SPEAKER JEFF MCMILLON OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY</p>

AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH WORSHIP SERVICE
AN OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN FOR KALEIDOSCOPE GRIEF SUPPORT, A LOCAL NON-PROFIT
THAT OFFERS GRIEF SUPPORT TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO EXPERIENCE THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1: Darline Burris, Alicia Danner, Mary Hedrick, Peyton Smith

March 2: Peyton Beery, Jim Harp, Deborah Linn, Jerry McConnel

March 3: Fred Queen, Janet Schaffner

March 4: Bart Wharton

March 5: Brady Newville

March 6: Chesca Baily, Lydia Ham, Allison Lassetter, Brooke Redwine, Lauren Rigney

March 7: Joe Provine, Dick Weaver

March 8: Suzette Mason, Addison Mullinax, Emerson Mullinax, Trish Rigney, Pam Deering

March 10: Sybil Foster

March 11: Harold Brooks, Ray Brown, Vickie Riggs, Ellen Simpson

March 12: Wallace Conerly

March 13: Don Allen, Jeff Harp

March 14: Dean Brown, Meg Newville, James Smiley, Janann Yeager

March 15: Steve Sewell

March 16: Josie Armstrong, Patricia Garner, Kay Pirtle

March 17: Jennifer Bowles, James Callison, Jordan Heatly, Janette Marks

March 18: Sarah Pool, Rebecca Vanderburg, Dan Wade

March 20: Marilyn Bedwell

March 21: Philip Redwine

March 22: Sonya Ketner, Taylor Lovell, Jim Spearman, Ellen Wood

March 23: Bobby Barnard, Kathy Greb, Elizabeth Windes

March 24: David James, Phillip Reed, Madeline Smith, Pat Wilson

March 25: Omeda Lawson

March 26: Larry Varner

March 27: Palla Henderson, Pati Huffman, Fran Sexton

March 28: Dana Heatly

March 29: Tim Martin, Gynonne Smith, Jenny Storm, Andrea Womack

March 30: Robb Royse

SYMPATHIES

The First Baptist Church family wishes to extend sympathies to:

The Family & Friends of Lois Merritt at her passing

Judy Estes & Family at the passing of her uncle, Merle Crouse

Terry Taylor at the passing of his wife, Laurie Taylor

Kate, Wayne, Nicole, Philip, Colleen Parrish at the passing of their brother and uncle, Tom Foster

Jenny Roby at the passing of her grandfather,

Johnny Roby

Al Bass at the passing of his uncle, Earl Holtschneider

Evelyn Smith at the passing of her father

Wanda and Sarah Blake at the passing of their son and father

Jeff & Sandy Dismukes at the passing of his mother, Faye Dismukes

Mendi Dawley at the passing of her cousin, Kailah Muessig

COMPASSION LIVE PRESENTS



A NIGHT WITH
The Chapmans

STEVEN CURTIS AND
MARY BETH CHAPMAN

WITH
JILLIAN EDWARDS



6:00 P.M. • APRIL 26 • GET TICKETS AT FBCNORMAN.ORG

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First Baptist Church
211 W. Comanche St.
Norman, OK 73069
Address Service Requested

HANDS FOR HARVEY LEADERSHIP TEAM

is in the very early stages of reforming a lay-led disaster recovery team. It will be renamed with a larger focus. In the process they have set a time for one more trip to Refugio to be the Hands for Harvey.

SAVE THE DATE

October 25 – October 31

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