



F B C  O K C
EST. 1889

First Connect

November 2025

Letter from Sarah



A Letter of THANKS-GIVING

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. To borrow the words from the Apostle Paul, written to his beloved congregation in Philippi as he remained in prison in Rome, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, *being confident of this, that HE who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*"

Church family, it is an honor to serve the Lord with you every day. As we come to this month of Thanksgiving, I want to offer you my heartfelt gratitude. Thank you for all the ways you serve the Lord through this church and give of yourself to further the Kingdom of God. We are not a perfect church, but we are authentically and passionately striving to be faithful to who God has called us to be. You are Christ-centered, driven by love, covered in grace, and faithful disciples. You are authentic and generous. You are living examples of our calling to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples. I am in awe of you! What a joy it is to be a small part of this kingdom-building place.

Because of your faithfulness and generosity, we have been able to do remarkable things this year that we pray will have a lasting impact on the kingdom of God. This year we have walked through the entire book of Luke, and we are nearing the end of our study in the book of Acts. We've rejoiced at the birth of the newborn king, we've wandered in the wilderness with Jesus for 40 days, and stood with him as he proclaimed in his hometown that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him and had anointed him to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, and to set the oppressed free. We've answered the call of all the disciples to come and follow him. We've worshipped Jesus as he healed the man with leprosy, knowing that miracles don't always come. We've come to the table with Levi the tax collector, and watched as the fishermen learned to forgive and become brothers with this one who had extorted them. We have listened and considered which type of soil we might be as the seed is sown into our lives.

We've bent down low with the good Samaritan to help the wounded man left for dead and realized that is exactly how Jesus cares for us. We have been the prodigal son and the older brother all at the same time. We've shared in the Last Supper with the disciples and eaten the bread and drank from the cup. We wept at the crucifixion on Good Friday, recognizing our own sin that was laid upon him, and rejoiced at the resurrection on Easter Sunday morning.

Then, beginning in June, we've been a part of that first apostolic church as God unleashed his Spirit upon them and sent them out into the world with his presence and his power. At every turn, the Spirit was breaking through barriers to reach more and more people because Christ came for all. He is the Good Shepherd who leaves the 99 to chase after the one lost sheep. Hopefully, throughout this year, we've remembered that we are a part of that very story right now. We are a part of the ongoing work that began with Christ and was entrusted to his followers. What a thing it is to be loved, called, and equipped by Christ!

This year, I have watched as visitors became familiar faces. I have rejoiced as friends found freedom from sin and addiction. I have been inspired by our deacons and lay leaders through their wisdom and faithfulness. Perhaps the most profound thing about this year for me is this. When we gather on Sunday mornings for worship, there is a real sense in the room that God is there with us. I have come to expect the Spirit to move because it's so often the case.

An important aspect of being a disciple and an active church member is supporting the mission and ministry of the church. We do this by volunteering our time to serve on committees or ministry areas. We also support the church through prayer. There is perhaps nothing more important that we can do as a church family than pray for our church. Did you know we have a prayer room at FBCOKC? It is newly updated! You are invited to come and use this peaceful space to study or pray throughout the week or on Sunday mornings. We will dedicate the entire month of January to this most important aspect of discipleship.

Lastly, we are called to support the mission and ministry of the church financially. This is part of our act of worship. We bring our offering to the Lord. It reminds us that all we have comes from the Lord. Through giving, we are a part of something bigger than ourselves. We are participating in the work God is doing as we bind together as the body of Christ.

As of the beginning of October, our giving was at 90%. That is up from 81.5% at the same time last year. Thank you so much for giving! We are a financially healthy church that doesn't rely on any one individual to support our ministry budget, but rather our giving comes from all of us giving the Lord what we can and trusting God to multiply it for his purposes. Would you consider helping us finish the year strong? We are a small congregation with a very large, beautiful church building.

We have such an incredible opportunity to be the presence of Christ in our community. Our building has become a haven for the community. We are receiving more opportunities each year to partner with other kingdom-building ministries through the use of our building. These partnerships help support the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church.

I want to thank all of you for sacrificially giving to the church. God is working through your giving. Brad and I give to the church because we want to be a part of what God is doing in this place. We believe in this church and its future. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9, *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."* It is both a sacrifice and a deep joy to give to the Lord. For our family, giving is also about putting our trust in God that he will provide for our needs as well as the needs of the church. We lay it down and trust God with the rest.

If we never talk about giving, we miss out on learning about an important part of our faith and obedience to Christ. As I read through the Old Testament this year, I read about the beauty of all the people bringing what they had to build the Tabernacle in the wilderness. They all got to be a part of building the dwelling place for God, the place to worship and make sacrifices. They were a part of something bigger than themselves, something heavenly. I remember feeling that way when we made our commitment to give to Renew First 18 years ago. (For those who are newer, Renew First was a capital campaign done by FBCOKC in 2007 to renovate and update parts of our church building.)

It meant something to me to be a part of the work God was doing here at FBCOKC. That was the first time Brad and I started giving consistently to a church.

It did something for my relationship with God to give to the church. It was this important act of obedience, a loosening of my tight grip. I think I was even a little proud that we were giving when we had so little, as though I had done something special. Then, over time, something shifted in me. The more I came to understand the weight of God giving his own Son to rescue us from our sins, the more my small gift seemed, well, small. God has given me everything and everything I have comes from Him. God wasn't asking me to give because he needed it. He was asking me to give generously because I owe him everything and this was an important part of remembering that everything I have comes from God. All of it.

There have been times in our lives when the bills were bigger than our paychecks (particularly medical bills in our case). Somehow, in those moments, by God's grace and the generosity of others, we always had enough. We always had food on our table, a roof over our heads, and money to pay the medical bills. What is money to God? Could he not multiply loaves and fish to meet all our needs? It's just that money has a way of wrapping its tentacles around us and pulling on us. It was always about giving our hearts to God and freeing us from the love of money. What God has always been after is our heart! It makes me think of that beautiful Christmas song we sing each year, *In the Bleak Midwinter*.

"What can I give him? Poor as I am. If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. But what can I give him? I'll give him my heart."

That is what God has desired all along! As we enter the season of Advent in the coming weeks, let's look with hopeful anticipation to the celebration of the birth of Christ. Church family, you are incredible servants of the Lord. You live out your faith every day. Thank you. Because you gave to the ministry of First Baptist, we were able to do so much good for the Kingdom of God. This is a letter to tell you thank you. Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents. Thank you for investing in kingdom work.

Because you gave...

- We bought teaching materials for Sunday morning Bible studies for children, youth, and adults. Throughout our church, on Sunday mornings people are studying God's word, asking great questions, growing in their faith, and challenging one another. Thank you!
- We were able to continue our small group ministries that meet throughout the week all over the city. We have more groups than ever before!
- This year, we were able to use our building to host these congregations: Trinity Chinese Baptist Church, Redeemed Presbyterian Church, and Sudanese Christian Fellowship. Beginning December 1, we will welcome another congregation to worship in our church on Sunday afternoons. The Apostolic Lighthouse of Oklahoma will worship in our Theater each week, a young and growing congregation with both male and female leadership!
- We also host The Academy of Classical Christian Studies and have an incredible partnership with them as we use and restore this great facility. They are currently doing a canned food drive to support Care-ForOKC.
- We partner with Crossings Community Clinic to offer medical and dental services to our community through this free and charitable clinic.
- We hosted a national writer's conference called Poets Painters and Prophets, which welcomed guests from all over the country. We hosted a city-wide worship service in January and the state-wide Neighbors Conference in March. This weekend, we will host another conference on church revitalization through using church property for kingdom building purposes! That's us!
- We hosted the YMCA summer camp and this winter we will host the YMCA basketball league.
- We hosted Bright Music for their concerts throughout the year, a blessing to both organizations!
- We host countless children and youth sporting events and practices for different organizations in our community. Our gym is a tremendous blessing!

- We were able to serve our community through CareForOKC all year long. Because you gave, we fed hundreds of people who might otherwise go hungry and clothed those in need. This ministry is the heartbeat of our church, and it is only possible because so many people volunteer their time week after week. We are currently collecting coats and blankets to help our neighbors stay warm throughout the coming winter months. Thank you!
- We hosted an amazing community event this fall in the dining hall called Trunk or Treat. We welcomed hundreds of people from the Oklahoma City community and let them know that this is a church that cares about our community.
- Kids Off Broadway was a tremendous success with children and teenagers experiencing God's love and growing in their faith. Thank you!
- We were able to hire a new Administrative Assistant, who is completely fantastic at her job. This paved the way for Brad Stewart to step into his new role as our Missions Pastor and Toni Adams to add Minister of Discipleship to her responsibilities. They are able to do more ministry because Miranda is so great at taking care of the administrative responsibilities. What a blessing!
- We are able to offer bags to the homeless in our community throughout the week which include food and water. Through your donations, FBCOKC has supported our Missions Partner Restore Schools, through a school supply drive, grilling food for the distribution pickup at MLK Elementary, and providing dinner for the teachers at MLK Elementary during Parent Teacher Conferences.
- We were able to support our Missions Partner Hope is Alive Ministries by supporting one of their women's houses here in OKC, known as W2. We were able to continue providing a Finding Hope Support Group. Thank you!
- We continued to develop our partnership with CBF Field Personnel Elket Rodriguez. We now serve as his Encourager Church and support his ministry to our neighbors living on the border. We sent our first mission team down to the border just a few short weeks ago! Be on the lookout for more mission opportunities in the coming year.
- Many, many other ministry opportunities were possible because YOU gave: First Family Feasts, Children's and Youth Camps, Children's and Youth Retreats, a Women's Retreat, Rooted Ministry Events, and a Thanksgiving Feast with our partner churches in our building!

Thank you! You made all this possible. Blessings to you all this Thanksgiving. ~Sarah Stewart



Upcoming Events

Coat & Blanket Drive

Please consider participating in our coat and blanket drive for those in need! Items can be placed in the Commons for distribution by our CareForOKC team.

100th Birthday Celebration for Bill Ashford, November 9 at 1pm in the parlor

Join us as we celebrate Bill's 100th birthday! All are welcome to join.

Rick's Cafe - Sunday, November 9 at 6:00pm

Do you have any questions about the Bible, faith, or what it means to follow Jesus in our world? Rick Johnson, a seminary professor and member of FBCOKC, will be hosting "Rick's Cafe" in the Parlor on Sunday, November 9 at 6:00pm. Come with your questions for Rick as we learn and grow together in faith! Childcare available.

First Family Thanksgiving Feast, November 16 after service

Come and give thanks by sharing a wonderful meal with our congregation, and visitors from the Sudanese Christian Fellowship, Trinity Chinese Baptist, and our new building partner, Apostolic Lighthouse of Oklahoma. We will be serving turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, and an assortment of pies. A donation of \$10 is requested. Hope to see you there!

Bright Music, November 18 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary

Join us as Bright Music performs their program entitled "Hungarian Rhapsody"
Tickets are \$20 each (students and active-duty military free with ID)

Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas, November 23

We will decorate after service. Please bring work gloves to fluff garland if you want to help! We would love to have volunteers who can climb a ladder to assist with hanging decorations.

Annual Business Meeting, December 3

Join us in the Dining Hall at 5:30pm for a light meal and business meeting.

Sounds of the Season, December 14

Join us for a special morning of worship on December 14th as our Sanctuary choir leads us in a Christmas worship service. They have been hard at work preparing for this incredible day. Invite your friends and family to join you for a meaningful Christmas service.

"Rooted" Holiday Cookies & Bingo Day, December 16 at 11am in the dining hall

Toni will bring the pizza. Please bring your favorite holiday cookies to share! We will play bingo and laugh a lot. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Feast, December 21

Save the date for this upcoming feast where we will eat and enjoy fellowship. Details coming soon.

Taste of Christmas & Christmas Eve Service, December 24

Join us for Taste of Christmas, a time of fellowship in the Commons at 5 pm on Christmas Eve. Bring your favorite Christmas goodies to share. At 6 pm, we will have our family-friendly candlelight Christmas Eve service with a living nativity from our children.



Kids and Youth

Youth Retreat, November 14-16

Save the date for the youth fall retreat! We will be learning why everyone needs grace, the cost of grace, and how to extend grace to others. This is a weekend long retreat. The cost is \$35, which covers meals and a shirt! Be looking for the signup sheet on the youth bulletin board! UPDATE: We had a generous donor pay for the youth to be able to go, so it is free for the youth!

Kid's Choir sings in Worship, November 23

Join us in worship and hear the FBCOKC Kid's Choir sing songs of thanksgiving to our Lord.

Elementary Christmas Party, December 12

Christmas Party for kids grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Bring a \$10 funny gift for white elephant! We will meet from 6-9pm. Dinner provided. Drop off and pick up in the Youth Center. Treat this like a Christmas themed Kid's Night Out!

Little's Christmas Party, December 13

Christmas Party for Pre-K and younger! The party will take place from 6-9pm. We will have fun crafts, watch a Christmas movie, and get into the Christmas spirit!

Youth Christmas Party Lock-In, December 19-20

Yes, you read that right...A youth Christmas party LOCK-IN. Drop off in the gym at 7pm and pick up in the gym at 7am. Bring a \$10 funny/gag gift for White Elephant and your favorite snacks/beverages to share! No need for blankets or pillows because sleep is for the weak!

Meet the Nursery Teacher, Roxane Jensen

Favorite Bible Verse?

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand."

Why do you love Kid's Ministry?

Little people are future big people and need guidance and love from their beginnings. I am blessed and learn from them as they grow and develop their own personalities and relationships. God has a very special love for children and intends for them to know him.



Trunk-or-Treat

Trunk-or-Treat was so much fun! We had to move it indoors because of the potential for rain, but that did not deter people from coming out! I think we had around 500 people come into our building during Trunk-or-Treat! We had a line out the south door for the first hour and people just kept coming.

I had the privilege to stand at the south door and greet every single person that came in. The kids were jumping up and down, so excited for candy. The parents, maybe a little tired, were thankful for a place to take their kids. Many asked about our building and what happens in it. I had several ask when our church services were. Everyone thanked us on their way out for a fun and safe activity for their kids. One lady told me that every single person she encountered was so nice! That just warmed my heart.

We had a great turn out from our church members! We had a crew working on hotdogs, chips, and drinks for all. We had a group passing out candy to the kids. The trunk (table) decorations were so amazing! We had Harry Potter, Star Wars, Stranger Things, Where's Waldo, Bubble Gum Machines, and more! They were interactive and fun and the kids had a blast! One volunteer told me that kids were constantly saying how much fun they were having! That is what we were going for.

I want to thank you church for donating your time, prayers, candy, and more to Trunk-or-Treat. It is always a blast, but a lot of work goes into it. There needs to be safe and fun places people can take their kids and I am so thankful our church can be one of those places. We had a wonderful time and thank you again!

~Ariel





Missions

Loving Our Neighbors At the Border – Report from Mission Trip to Harlingen, TX

Our mission team of Pam Dunbar, Toni Adams, Joey Clifton, and Brad Stewart departed from OKC on Tuesday, Oct. 21 and returned to OKC Sunday, Oct. 26. We traveled to Harlingen, Tx to minister with Elket Rodriguez. FBCOKC is an encourager church for Elket who is the Global Migration Advocate for CBF Global Missions. His mission is to welcome, protect, and empower migrants at the U.S. – Mexico border. We were also privileged to work with Caly Fernandez who is the Executive Director of a non-profit called The House of Love and Justice. Elket and Caly asked if we would be able to bring hygiene kits and hats for the migrants when we came. And through the generosity of our FBCOKC church family and Wings OK, we were able to deliver 500 hygiene kits and over 100 hats!

A lot of their mission work takes place near Harlingen in small border communities called the Colonias. In Edinburg, a Colonias community 40 minutes from Harlingen, we helped install insulation and dry wall on the home of an elderly couple named Lorena and Jose. They live in a tiny trailer house and learned recently that their granddaughters living in Iowa needed to come live with them because of a family crisis. So Elket, Caly, and the rest of their team began building an addition to the home to create space for the granddaughters to stay.

In addition to acts of service like working Jose and Lorena's home, our team was also given an education on what is happening at the border and how Elket and Caly are ministering to the needs of those communities. We visited the Alice Wilson Hope Park in Brownsville and got to see the border wall. As we talked with Elket about the scope of his mission and the desperate needs of the people he serves, I (Brad) asked him how he doesn't get overwhelmed by all of it. Here's a paraphrase of his response:



I can't help everyone and I can't fix everything. I started out trying to do it all and to act as some type of savior. But I quickly realized that I'm incapable of that. I was burned out spiritually, physically, and emotionally. And it was only when I reached that point that God's grace reminded me that I can't carry all that weight. Only Jesus can. And all I can do is love and be fully present to the person standing right in front of me. If I can love one person, one family, at a time, and to see in them the image of God. If I can do that, it's enough.

Our mission team has plans to share more about trip in the weeks to come. Stay tuned for an opportunity to hear more about what God is doing through the mission and ministry of Elket and his friends!

What are the Colonias?

The Colonias is a community along the U.S.-Mexico border that typically was created with the illegal subdividing of property without basic infrastructure. The homes in a colonia may lack running water, sewer systems, and often don't have paved streets or drainage. When there is rain, flooding is a problem. There are no basic services like garbage pick-up. Accessing emergency services is a challenge because there are no official street addresses. An estimated 500,000 people live in thousands of colonias along the Texas-Mexico border. Largely established between the 1950s and 1980s, state laws have been passed to try to prevent new colonias from sprouting up. But because of today's affordable housing crisis, colonias are seeing a comeback. Scan the QR code or click the link to learn more. Let us pray for these communities and continue supporting the work of Elket and others who are being the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors.



<https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/texas-matters-struggles-life-border-colonia>

Serving Opportunities



What is CareForOKC?

CareForOKC is our church's community ministry. It's located on the Ground Floor of FBCOKC and serves clients on Monday afternoons from 4-6pm. We have a food pantry which is like a tiny grocery store. Canned vegetables, meats, produce, milk, eggs, pastas, bread, desserts, and a lot more. Clients get to shop for groceries. We also have a clothes closet that has clothes for women, men, and children. If you've never been to CareForOKC, we'd love for you to come down and take a tour. We serve over 75 families every single week.

Who does CareForOKC serve?

CareForOKC serves the working poor, those experiencing homelessness, immigrants and refugees new to Oklahoma City, folks who may have lost their jobs or are in another life transition, victims of domestic violence, the disabled, and many more.

How does CareForOKC provide this service to the community?

We have an incredible lay team of volunteers that serve clients on Monday nights. Volunteers check in clients, assist them in the food pantry and clothes closet, and help people get their food/clothes loaded into their vehicles. In addition to Monday afternoons, we have drivers who pick up food donated from Wal-Mart and bring it to CareForOKC, we have other volunteers who come up during the week and restock the food pantry shelves or process clothes in the closet.

Where Does the Food Come From at CareForOKC?

CareForOKC has partnerships with a local Wal-Mart where we pick up donated food twice a week and deliver it to the church. We also have a partnership with the Regional Foodbank of Oklahoma that enables us to buy bulk food items at a discounted cost. Occasionally, we will receive free items from the foodbank in addition to the goods we buy. In addition to Wal-Mart and the Regional Foodbank, we receive food and monetary donations from our FBCOKC church family and the community.

How is CareForOKC responding to the end of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) as a result of the government shutdown?

CareForOKC has the volunteers and resources to feed up to 75 families per week. Nearly every single week, we have to turn away clients. But the number of those not receiving help has continued to grow in the last month. Last week, we had to turn away 42 individuals/families that were still in line after we had given out our 75 tickets for the week.

Over half a million Oklahomans receive SNAP benefits. The majority of recipients are families with children, while a significant portion also include families with disabled or older adults.

Here is what CareForOKC is doing to respond to this crisis. In addition to our regular Monday food distribution serving 75 families, we will give 50 cards for individuals/families to return on Thursday mornings to receive a box of food. \$500 will provide 50 boxes of food for 50 families. Through the generosity of our church family, we already have three weeks funded! Praise be to God! Here's what we're needing in the way of volunteers:

- We need 2-4 people to shop for groceries
- We need 3-4 volunteers who will help us divide up the bulk meat and pack it
- Small groups will pack boxes on Wednesday nights. We already have groups for the first two weeks!
- We need 2 volunteers to help us distribute the boxes on Thursday mornings.

To provide this additional food distribution, our biggest need right now is financial donations to CareForOKC. Those resources enable us to purchase extra food for the 50 boxes each week. Click the link or use the QR code below to help us be the presence of Jesus to our neighbors in this difficult time.

<https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/FirstBaptistChurchOklahomaCity/GiveNow>





Senior Adults & Discipleship

October was filled with activities for our senior adult ministry. We had an art project day where we came together to create a Mod Podge angel project. We had a wonderful time in our fellowship, and it was interesting how everyone's project turned out differently.



Also, this month we had a time to gather for our “Rooted” Luncheon in the fellowship hall. We had wonderful food provided by Ron Staples, David Swenson, Tricia Stephenson, and Jeanie Lemons. Donna Gatewood provided table decorations. Holly Murphy and Stephanie Pena entertained us with music from the '50s to the '70s. Everyone loved the time together. Thank you, senior adults, for supporting this ministry with your attendance and participation.

You are the best!

**Save the Date:
“Rooted” Holiday
Cookies & Bingo**

**December 16 at
11am in the dining
hall!**



Connect

Bible Study at FBC/OKC

I believe the single most important tool to spiritual growth is reading and studying God's word. It helps us discern between right and wrong, provides wisdom, strengthens our faith, gives us comfort, and encourages us to keep on keeping on.

Bible Study at FBCOKC is a small group coming together from all levels of Bible knowledge to discuss passages. A few classes use a Bible Study guide that provides material for students to study throughout the week. Some classes choose a passage or topic from the Bible that a teacher introduces, which is then studied and discussed. I am amazed when God's word is read and studied, it is relevant today as it was some 2000 years ago. God's word is alive, true, encouraging, challenging, and builds us up as believers in Christ. These Bible study groups require no prior Bible knowledge, so it doesn't matter how much Bible knowledge you have, because God can take a little and use it to nurture and grow us in our faith and walk with the Lord. Truly, this can happen.

Please take the step to join a Bible study class and see how God will use His Word to change your life. I would love to introduce you to a class. The classes are listed below. **Toni**

Small Groups at FBCOKC

We also offer small groups at FBCOKC to grow together in faith and friendship. While we will do lots of learning and growing in our faith, a small group is not meant to be an in-depth bible study like we offer with our Bible study groups on Sunday mornings. While we will still be engaging with God's word, we will be intentionally focused on building community, growing in friendship, and learning what it means to walk together as followers of Jesus. **Toni**

Join a Bible Study Group: Sundays at 9:15am

Kids@First

Who: Babies – 5th Grade

Where: 1st Floor Children's Area

Contact: Ariel Koerner

Youth

Who: Grades 6-12

Where: Youth Center (Ground Floor)

Contact: Ariel Koerner

Young Adult Group

Who: 20's and early 30's (Singles and Couples)

Where: 1st Floor across from Office

Contact: Brad Stewart

Middle Ground

Who: 30's and 40's

Where: Ground Floor

Contact: Victoria Malony and Rick Johnson

Higher Ground

Who: 40's - 50's (Singles and Couples)

Where: Parlor (Ground Floor)

Contact: Brenda Cline

The Collective

Who: All ages; singles and couples

Where: Coffee Shop (Ground Floor)

Contact: Marie Davis, Joey Clifton, David Pennington

Chapel Class

Who: All ages; singles & couples

Where: Library (First Floor)

Contact: Toni Adams

Good Shepherd Class

Who: All ages

Where: 1st Floor across from Office

Contact: Alan Hicks

Birthdays



Hayley Goodspeed—11/1

Becca Wilson—11/2

Erik Wilson—11/3

Spencer Lankford—11/3

Gary Williams—11/4

Jerry Barnett—11/4

Maddie Rankin—11/6

Maddy Malony—11/8

Aaron Stephenson—11/9

Alice Tillinghast—11/9

Ron Staples—11/11

Marie Davis—11/13

Jennifer Nath—11/14

Susan Carns Curtiss—11/16

Trisha Stephenson—11/17

Kenneth Beasley—11/18

Billie Beal—11/19

Jarret McConnell—11/21

Ezra Capraro—11/22

Betty Muzny—11/24

Dolores Young—11/24

Brian Carmack—11/25

Sabrina Davis—11/25

Kristina Cook—11/25

Year in Review



January



February



March



April



May



June



July



August



September



October

Year at a Glance

November

November 14-16 Youth Fall Retreat
November 16 Building Wide Gratitude Feast
November 18 Bright Music Chamber Ensemble
November 23 Decorating for Christmas
November 30 First Sunday of Advent

January

January 16-18 Youth Mission Trip
January 18 Committee Kickoff
January 23 Kid's Night Out

December

December 3 Annual Business Meeting
December 12 Elementary Christmas Party
December 13 Littles Christmas Party
December 14 Sounds of the Season
December 16 Rooted Holiday Cookies & Bingo
December 19-20 Youth Christmas Party Lock-In
December 21 Christmas Feast
December 24 Christmas Eve Service

***Please note:** *Activities are subject to change*

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

All of the shoeboxes have been taken, and some have already been returned! If you intended to get a shoebox, or perhaps another one, please contact Mary Ray (405-517-3340). We can get more, and we have a couple more weeks to finish the project. Thanks to everyone who has participated so that children around the world can learn about Jesus. Here are a few more things to remember:

- When your shoebox is full and you have attached the label, secure it with the big rubber band and return it to the table in the commons or to the church office. Refer to the informational brochure for instructions about inclosing a \$10 gift to help with shipping & handling costs.
- You may also want to register your box online in order to be notified about where your shoebox is delivered. You can also include a picture of yourself and a personal note with your address if you would like to correspond with the child who receives your box.
- Continue to pray for the child who will receive your box. Remember that your gift may be the first gift that the child has ever received, and also the first time that he or she has ever heard about Jesus.
- Deadline for returning shoeboxes to our church is Sunday, November 16. If this is a problem for you, please contact the church and we will make arrangements to get your box within the next week. All of the shoeboxes from Oklahoma will be shipped to the warehouse in Grapevine, TX. at the beginning of Thanksgiving week. From there, they will be shipped overseas for Christmas.

Love God | Love Other | Make Disciples

Service Times

Sunday Mornings

Bible Study at 9:15am

Worship at 10:30am

Wednesday Evenings

Small Groups and

Children's Activities at 5:30pm

Choir at 7:00pm

FBCOKC Ministers and Staff

Sarah Stewart, Pastor

Brad Stewart, Missions Minister

Toni Adams, Minister for Senior Adults & Discipleship

Ariel Koerner, Minister for Young Families

Steven McConnell, Minister of Music

Don Clothier, Pianist

Justin Keiser, Facilities Manager

Miranda Fryer, Administrative Assistant

(405) 232-4255

info@fbcokc.org

1201 N Robinson Ave.

Oklahoma City, OK 73103

