

Online Study Opportunities Available!

Our church has available two different opportunities for you to participate in individual studies through a couple of different websites. Many of you have made use of Right Now Media, which not only has adult studies, but also children's programs that would be of benefit to your family. You need an account and if you will provide an email address to us, we will make sure you get one if you do not already have an account. Once you establish your account, you have access to dozens of different studies.

The other service is through Grace Ministries. You can go to their website at www.grace101.org and click library at the top. It will ask you for a password and user name and both are firsteast. Then, click on any of the studies you might be interested in. One of the top studies is Crisis 101, but there are others available. Now is the perfect time to take advantage of these opportunities!

Prayer Visitation Report & Special Request

Our annual prayer visitation looked a little different this year, but we had 29 volunteers that attempted over 300 calls and wrote over 70 cards. Many families were prayed with over the phone. If you did not receive a phone call, it probably means we do not have your most up-to-date phone number. Would you take a moment and call the church office and update your phone number or do it through your REALM account or set up a REALM account and provide the updated information.



Online Giving Available!

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving. Ministry continues during this time! You can go to our website to give. When you reach our website click on "Give" and follow the instructions. Make sure you select the fund to which you would like to give. You can also mail your offering to: 3302 SE Lee Blvd., 73501 or you can place it in the offering boxes at the entrances to the auditorium or near the video board in the south foyer.

Our Website:
www.firstbaptisteast.co

First Baptist East Church
3302 SE Lee Blvd.
Lawton, OK 73501
580-355-6190

OUR SERVICES

Sunday
9:00 a.m.: Connection Hour
10:30 a.m.: Worship

Wednesdays
6:00 p.m.: Power Up!/Power Up Friends
6:00 p.m.: Wednesday Live!
6:00 p.m.: Adult Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m.: Adult Bible Studies

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Students

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE !!!!

It's not too late to join us, INFLUENCER, a four week series on WISDOM, only 2 weeks left.

January 27: Live Small (and dream big)

Feb 3: Tell God's story (not just their own)

Whether it's on Instagram, YouTube, TV or movies we are constantly surrounded by "influencers." But in reality, we are all influencers because we all influence others in some way, whether we mean to or not. We are all influencers but the question is, "What kind of influencers will we be?"



Tim Martin
Minister to Students

www.firstbaptisteast.com



Due to Covid we will not be having Souper Bowl on February 7, Donations from Souper Bowl helped fund the Youth Mission Trip to Memphis, Tennessee, 2020. Due to NO Souper Bowl we are asking for donations to help fund the Youth Mission Trip this June.



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS,
HIS COMMUNITY, AND HIS MISSION!

3302 SE Lee Blvd., Lawton, OK 73501

January 27, 2021

Children & Families



Kevin Slough
Pastor to Children &



Family Night

at Power Up

March 3

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Power Up kids bring your parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters. We'll meet in the Auditorium to hear Bubba Wright and see his awesome feats.



Then we will dismiss to the Fellowship Hall for snacks. Invite your friends!



<https://www.facebook.com/FirstEastChildren/>
https://twitter.com/FBE_Children



Thank you for demonstrating your love for your church by your faithfulness!

From the Pastor

I am so excited to see a lot of our people coming back to church. We have gone from 140 in the last of October to 250. Yet, it is not just the numbers. It is the joy of seeing people on Sunday and being able to fellowship with them. That is so important for us as Christians. We desperately need that fellowship and that encouragement. Hopefully more and more will get the vaccine and feel more comfortable in coming back to worship with us.

I am looking forward to the days ahead as we get to be able to minister to our

people. If you know of people in your Connection Group that need help, please let us know.

This has been a long difficult ten months but I believe we are starting to see a turn. Our goal now is not to just get through this virus but is to begin to thrive in the midst of it. Our God is still in control. We don't have to cower in fear. We need to be wise in what we do but we need to be courageous in God's power. There is still a world out there that needs a Savior more than we need a cure for a virus. We

need to start looking around us for people who need Jesus.

Bro. Doug



Doug Passmore
Pastor



Harry Ross
Minister of Music

Music

TRUSTING IN THE ONE WHO HOLDS TOMORROW

Just last week someone asked me when we were going to start Choir again. I jokingly said, "I will tell you as soon as I find my crystal ball!" All kidding aside, we have ALL experienced the frustration of not being able to do the things that are "normal" for us. Or, not being able to put something on the calendar and feel confident that we would be able to do what we planned. It's a season unlike anything we have ever experienced before.

James 4:13-16 reminds us that **WE** can make our plans, but only God knows what tomorrow will bring. Certainly this scripture was true pre-Covid, but during these trying times we can emphatically place a couple of exclamation points behind it. Yes, only God knows what the future holds, but also, God is the only One who holds the future in His hands! I find security and peace in Him! At a time when so many feel like their world has been turned upside down, we can confidently declare to them that we know a God who is loving and good, AND holds them in His hands. God IS good, and God IS faithful, and GOD LOVES YOU! So, what will happen tomorrow? I don't know, but I'm trusting in the ONE who holds tomorrow in His hands!



Zach Foley
Minister of Outreach
& Mobilization

Ministry Outside Sundays

One of my favorite authors and pastors (now retired) is Tim Keller. Keller was a Presbyterian pastor who God used to establish an incredible church in the heart of New York City. In addition to reaching 10's of thousands in New York City, Keller's church also planted 400 churches in 18 years. In a paper written by Keller, he identifies 6 characteristics of a missional church: 1-its members love and talk positively about the city; 2-they speak in a language the world can understand, not in what I will call "christianese"; 3-they apply the gospel to the core concerns and stories of the people in the culture; 4-they are obviously interested in and engaged with the literature, art and thought of the culture and are able to discuss it appreciatively and yet critically; 5-they exhibit concern for the poor and generosity with their money and purity and show humility toward people of other races and cultures; 6-they do not bash other Christians and churches. The way Keller ends these characteristics is with this: if these marks are not there (the church) will only be able to include believers or traditional, "Christianized" people.

Here is the application for us: do we love our city? Do we show people how the gospel is good news for their concerns and their stories, or is our evangelism only rooted in them being a sinner in need of a Savior? Do we engage with the lost, or retreat to our Christian huddles? Do we love all people around us? And do we tear down other believers and churches? How did you do with the list? What changes need to be made so that others will embrace Jesus? What characteristics do you already model that you can share with others?

Education

Connection Hour - Our Primary Way to Fulfill The Great Commission

There are lots of different thoughts about the purpose of Connection Hour, but at the top of the list is connecting people to Jesus and discipling them - this is also at the top of the list in Matthew 28 that Jesus left for us!

While our efforts in gathering have been somewhat hampered by the environment of our day, nothing really changed with our responsibility to connect people to Jesus, His truth, His mission and His community. We must still see the masses of people that do not have a relationship with Jesus all around us. We should safely make ourselves available to the study of God's Word. We still have the responsibility to focus on our mission and ways we can do that. And, we really need to be in community. Hopefully as you feel safe in doing so we will be faithful to focus on our responsibility - as an individual and as a group!

Connection Hour Leadership Rally Sunday, February 21 ...right after the morning service!

We will enjoy a brief meeting, enjoy a light lunch and pick up literature for the spring and your ministry and prospect lists for your group. We will meet first and then have the meal. Family members are welcome. All Connection Hour leaders should make this a priority.



Trey Smart
Minister of Education

Connection Hour is our primary strategy to connect people to Jesus, His truth, His mission and His community.

For Your Information



Ladies Weekend, February 19-20 The Bunker

Registration: \$35

Registration deadline: February 14

Join the women of FBE for a great weekend of fellowship, inspiration and fun. Cost includes meals, materials and t-shirt. Registration envelopes are at the video board in the south foyer. This weekend study of "Fear & Faith" by Trillia J. Newbell uses scripture and stories from women who have struggled themselves with worry to point to the character of God as the reason that fear can be replaced with faith. Contact Holly Wells at (580) 695-2595 for more information.

With Sympathy...

The pastor and church family extend Christian sympathy to Mike & Emily Beadles & Sara Keele on the death of his brother-in-law and their uncle; and to the family of Judy Gorski in her death.

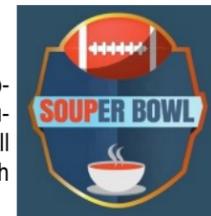
Memorial Contributions

We have received memorial contributions to the Ann Beadles Falls Creek Scholarship Fund from Ron Graham, Robert Bond, Phyllis Swagerty, Rick & Julie Young and Jennie Heater.

Souper Bowl Event Will Have Different Look This Year Meal Is Canceled

Offering For Summer Trip Will Be Taken

This annual event has been canceled, but you will have opportunity to be part of supporting upcoming mission trips by giving to the special offering to be received on February 7. Mark any envelope "Souper Bowl" or designate it on your giving on REALM. All money received will go to the scheduled student trip to Memphis coming up in the month of June.



Monthly Recap

January Average Attendance Thru 1/24	
Connection Hour Average Attendance	226
Discipleship Average Attendance	N/A
January Monthly Giving Thru 1/24	\$ 84,024
Monthly Budget Requirements	\$ 117,507
Year to Date Budget Receipts	\$ 84,024
January BFHG	\$ 1,138
BFHG Year to date	\$ 1,138
January Additions	0
By Baptism	0
By Letter	0
By Watchcare/Statement	0

PRC Looking for Volunteers!

If you would like to be involved in a life-affirming ministry and serve our community, consider volunteering at the Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Oklahoma. Call 580-536-4040 for an application or to receive more information. Training will be provided.



Help Needed!

We are looking for one or two people to man the Connection Center on Sunday mornings beginning at 8:45 a.m. and before and after the worship service. See Trey Smart if you are interested in serving!



Serving from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Text Holly at (580) 695-2595 to make or cancel a reservation.

Adults: \$4

Children 5th grade and under: \$2

February 3: Baked Potato

February 10: Ham

February 17: Baked Chicken

February 24: Salisbury Steak

February Magazines

Be sure to pick up copies of our monthly magazines (Home Life, Parenting Teens, Parent Life) at the Connection Center or in the church office.