

## Senior Adult Fellowship

October 18, 11 a.m.  
 Calling all senior adults - join us for a couple of hours of fellowship and fun. Our meal of Chicken Fried Steak (or hamburger option) will be catered by our kitchen hostess Holly Wells.

Sign up in your Connection Hour or call the church office at (580) 355-6190.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

**New Studies Begin October 19 at 6 p.m.!**

### Two Sides of Love, Room 121, Doug Passmore

This study will help you achieve the balance between tough love and tender love. You will have a better understanding of people and it will enhance your relationships and allow you to respond in Christ-like ways.

### No Other Gods, Room 123 (Women), Adrienne Caveny

In this video-driven study, you will learn to identify the gods you may be unknowingly serving and the lies they tell you. As you dethrone your modern-day idols, you will be set free for more the abundant life Jesus gives. Materials are \$15.

### The Prodigal Son, Room 124, Troy Taylor/Trey Smart

This Bible study over a familiar story, will help you see the progression from temptation to sin and learn to avoid it, realize that sin is an utter waste of time, accept what it truly means to be loved and forgiven by Jesus and see how God draws wandering and wayward believers to Himself. Materials are \$5.

## Ladies Weekend

November 4-5

In The Bunker

Cost:

\$40 by 10/23

\$45 after 10/23

Registration fee covers 3 meals, materials and t-shirt. Registration Envelopes are to the left of the video board at the Connection Center. This is for all ladies of FBE and their guests!



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

[www.firstbaptisteast.com](http://www.firstbaptisteast.com)

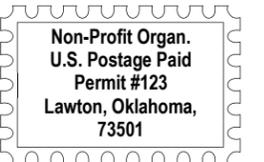
### OUR SERVICES

**Sunday**

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

**Wednesdays**

5:00 p.m.: Meal Service  
 6:00 p.m.: Power Up/Power Up Friends  
 6:00 p.m.: Adult Discipleship  
 6:15 p.m.: Adult Choir  
 6:30 p.m.: Wednesday Live (The Bunker opens at 6 p.m.)



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Students

### Wednesday Live is back!

School is back in session and so is Wednesday live. Be sure to join us on Wednesday nights as we start the school year fresh. The Bunker is open from 6:00-8:00 throughout the school year.

### Stay Connected!

Keep an eye out for upcoming events on our Social Media Platforms. IG: fbebunker - Facebook: FBE Bunker



**THE HOT SEAT**  
 is Back!  
 November 16th @ 6:00



## Children & Families

### Fall Fling



**October 30, 4-6:30 p.m.**

Our New Fall Fling will feature:

- ◆ Trunk-or-Treat
- ◆ Escape Rooms
- ◆ Hay ride
- ◆ Petting Zoo
- ◆ Games
- ◆ Inflatables
- ◆ S'mores

And much, much more!



<https://www.facebook.com/FirstEastChildren/>  
[https://twitter.com/FBE\\_Children](https://twitter.com/FBE_Children)

### Follow us on:



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

3302 SE Lee Blvd., Lawton, OK 73501

**October 1, 2022**



- Family Bonfire
- Connection Hour
  - Worship
  - Fall Fling
- Wednesday Nights

*These are just a few ways you can allow God to impact you and others in October!*

## From the Pastor

I know it doesn't seem like fall, but they tell us it is on the way. With fall comes a lot of opportunities to reach people in our communities.

Zach will be leading a group of our people to Houston to work among a group of people from Afghanistan. They will be trying to have a gospel conversation with them. Pray for these eleven who will be going on this trip October 20-23.

Then we will have our Fall Fling. This has been changed up from what we have had in the years past. We

have added a lot of new ideas. We will have escape rooms, petting zoo, s'mores, inflatables and more. Our Trunk or Treat will be open the whole time, which is from 4-6:30 p.m. October 30. That is a Sunday evening. We will be having only 18 trunks — so sign up early. We will need a host of workers. But, what we really need is for you to invite and bring your neighbors and friends. This is a great way to introduce our church to them.

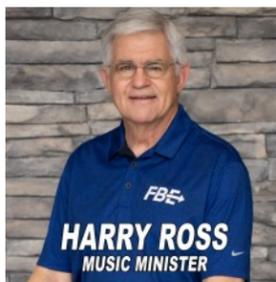
I'm excited as I see us beginning to grow. We had our largest quarter

during the summer for 2021-2022. The summer has never been the largest in a quarter. So — I see that as a great thing for the days ahead.

—Bro. Doug



**DOUG PASSMORE**  
LEAD PASTOR



**HARRY ROSS**  
MUSIC MINISTER

## ADULT CHOIR IS BACK!

Adult Choir is back! Rehearsals have begun for some special Sunday morning presentations AND also for this year's Christmas musical, "The Majesty of Christmas." There's still room for you AND it's not too late to join! Adult Choir is for college age thru Senior Adults. Rehearsals are on Wednesday's at 6:15. Child care is provided for every rehearsal. Join us!

## Music

## Ministry Outside Sundays

Three weeks ago I was having a cup of coffee with another pastor when he began to tell me a story about his missionary friend in Turkey. This brother in Turkey was meeting with a Muslim man who was an attorney. The man had agreed to read through the gospel of John with the missionary, and one day in the midst of their study, this attorney said with a great deal of frustration, "I just want to know if Jesus is really God or if He is not!" In response to that the missionary said, let's pray right now and ask Jesus to show us. After they prayed a blue flame appeared about 6 inches above their bibles. The two men sat and stared. When the flame went away the attorney hit his knees and professed Jesus as God and Lord.

Whenever I left there I began to be troubled with the question of whether or not I had that kind of faith, faith that asks Jesus to show Himself on the spot. The story is really cool when He does, but what about when He doesn't respond that way? Typically I enjoy arguments and debates over the validity of the Bible and the personhood of Jesus, or the problem of sin. And though the Bible absolutely tells us to be ready to give a defense for the hope that we have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15), I wonder if we have become more prone to rely on ourselves than on Christ? Why not stop and pray instead of walking into a theological debate?

This month a group of us will be going to share the gospel with Afghan Muslims, and other Muslims in the area. And while I know that everyone can't go on this trip, everyone can pray for it, and everyone can share the gospel right here at home. So the question is, when you share the gospel, who are you more dependent on?



**ZACH FOLEY**  
OUTREACH & MOBILIZATION PASTOR

## Education

### Opportunities Await Us Through Connection Hour

Pandemic. Masks. Social distancing. Sickness. Death. Fear. Uncertainty. You might think I am describing recent months in our world. But, in reality, this describes another time - 1918-1919 when our country experienced a pandemic known as the Spanish Flu. Much of what was experienced in those days, we have lived through over the past two+ years.

One of the things that happened coming out of the Spanish Flu over 100 years ago was a focus on Sunday School - or what we call Connection Hour. It was during this time that a simple formula for growing a church's disciple-making ministry.

This strategy has been used since that time to assist churches in reaching people for Christ. It is not difficult - know your possibilities, enlarge the organization, enlist and train workers, provide space and resources and go after people. That is it. And, while that formula was conceived over 100 years ago, it is still an effective way to reach, teach and minister to people today! Let's hope the days ahead in recovering from COVID will be like the days following the Spanish Flu and we can see our church continuing to move forward!

### Away for A Time!

I will be away for the month of October for our sabbatical that you so graciously provide for us every five years. We are extremely grateful for the time to step away for a bit and will look forward to being back with you on October 30! If you need assistance, contact our new administrative assistant, Adrienne Caveny and she will assist you.



**TREY SMART**  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

**Connection Hour is a strategy to connect people to Jesus, His truth, His mission and His community.**

## For Your Information



### Praying Through Hebrews!

**October 2, 5 p.m.**  
Main Auditorium

Join your church family for prayer and worship. This month's focus will be to pray through different parts of the book of Hebrews and you will do it in a unique way! We will also spend some time of reflection and adoration. Child care will be provided for preschoolers and children through third grade.



**Coming October 9!**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
North of The Bunker  
Free hot dogs & s'mores!

Join us for a great evening of fellowship and fun for all ages! Bring your lawn chairs and consider inviting someone to this event!

**No Activities on**  
**Wednesday, October 12**



### Monthly Recap

Average Attendance (September)	
Connection Hour Average Attendance	319
Monthly Giving (September)	
Monthly Budget Requirements	\$ 123,339
Year to Date Budget Receipts	\$ 1,001,448
BFHG (September)	
BFHG Year to date	\$ 148,210
Additions (September)	
By Baptism	3
By Letter	0
By Watchcare/Statement	0



**Serving from**  
**5 to 5:45 p.m.**

Text Holly at 580-695-2595 to make or cancel a reservation. Permanent or week by week reservations can be made.

Adults: \$4;  
Children 5th grade and under: \$2

**October 5: Tacos**  
**October 12: NO ACTIVITIES**  
**October 19: Salisbury Steaks/Hamburgers**  
**October 26: Pulled Pork**  
**November 2: Chicken Tenders**

### With Sympathy...

The pastor and church family extend Christian sympathy to the family of **Charles Echols** in his death; to the family of **Nancy McKenzie** in her death; to **Kenneth Rogers** on the death of his nephew; to **Julie Young** on the death of her mother; to **Linda Dillingham** in the death of her cousin; to **Chuck Hicks** on the death of his brother; and, to **Brenda Brown** on the loss of her brother-in-law

### Memorial Contributions

We have received memorial contributions from the Adult 2 Connection Hour Department in memory of **Becky Miller**.

### October Magazines

Be sure to pick up copies of our monthly magazines (Home Life, Parent Life) at the display in the south foyer, the west entry or in the church office during office hours.



### Volunteers Needed in ETC!

We are looking for more volunteers to serve preschoolers during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. See Linda Dillingham for more information about how you can serve in this vital ministry!