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Opportunities for the Entire Family!

- 5:00-6:00 p.m.: Meal Service - see information elsewhere in this newsletter
- 6:00 p.m.: Power Up and Power Up Friends
- 6:00 p.m.: Adult Bible Studies - watch for information in your Connection Groups about upcoming groups
- 6:15 p.m.: Adult Choir
- 6:30 p.m.: Wednesday Live (Youth) Doors open at 6 p.m.!

Regular Wednesday Night Activities Return August 16!



Power Up Seeking Help!

In order to continue our quality ministry to kids, we need help with the following:

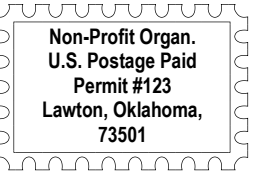
- Bible Study Rotation Leader
- Recreation Leader
- Bible Skills Leader
- Volunteers to help kids with memory work and to rotate with groups!
- Contact Trey Smart if you can help!

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OUR SERVICES

- Sunday**
9:00 a.m.: Connection Hour
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- Wednesdays (starting August 16)**
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

Weekly Meeting Times

We meet two times each week:

1. Wednesday nights in The Bunker from 6:00-8:00 throughout the school year.
2. Sunday mornings in The Bunker from 9:00-10:05 for Connection Hour.

We would love to have you join us!

No Wednesday night activities scheduled for August 9.

Text "FBESTUDENTS" to 1-833-323-8398 to get all the latest info. Data rates may apply. Text STOP to opt out

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

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August 1, 2023

Children & Families

No Wednesday night activities scheduled for August 9.

There will be no Children's Church on Sunday, August 6. Children's Church will resume on August 13!



Power Up Resumes August 16
6-7:30 p.m.

Power Up is for kids Kindergarten– 5th grade. Kids check in at the Children's Wing on the west side of the building.

Activities include Bible study, Bible skills, recreation and snacks.



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https://twitter.com/FBE_Children

Three Big Events!

SWITCH SUNDAY

Sunday, August 13
Students and kids will meet their new teachers at the end of Connection Hour!

YOUTH MINISTER CANDIDATE

Sunday, August 13
See inside for more information as a prospective youth minister comes in view of a call!

FULL WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE RESUMES

Wednesday, August 16
Great opportunities for every member of the family! Check for information on page 4 about all the activities!

From the Pastor

It's hard to believe the summer is almost over and school is starting back. We have gone through some struggles these past few months but it is time to put that behind us as we seek to minister to our community.

But, let me thank you for all the cards and encouragement. Bev and I could not have made it without your love and support. I've said through the years it has been a joy to be your pastor and it still is. I don't know how much longer God will

leave me here, but I want to be used by Him in every step of the way.

Pray for us as we continue to look for a children's minister. I know God has someone out there just for us. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find an update about our search for a youth minister.

I want to thank several of you who have stepped up to teach as we had several teaching positions open up. Already, some of these new classes have begun to grow. I believe we have some great

days ahead of us and pray God will use us to reach our community and our world with the Gospel. Pray we will know how we can do our part.

Thank you for letting me be your pastor.

—Bro. Doug



Music

ADULT CHOIR IS BACK! STARTING AUGUST 16!

Calling all singers! Adult Choir returns August 16 @ 6:15 in the Choir Room. We'll be working on music to share on Sunday mornings PLUS this years' Christmas program music. The main requirement for all of our singers is simply the desire to sing and praise our glorious Lord! Musical training is definitely a plus, but not a requirement. If you've been in choir before come back and join us. Or, if you're new to the group, come and check it out! We'd love to have you!

For Your Information



August 20
prior to the worship service

In order to participate in the baby dedication, parents must attend the "What Does Baby Dedication Mean?" class on August 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Deadline for registration is August 13. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Dillingham.



Senior Adult Fellowship
August 22, 11 a.m.

All senior adults are invited to the Senior Adult Fellowship. Meal will be meatloaf or hamburger patty provided by Holly Wells, Kitchen Hostess.

Come for the food, come for the fellowship!

Seeking Help With These Areas

VAN DRIVER:

We are in need of a driver to serve in this ministry every other month at a time. We are seeking someone with a CDL license (with a "P" endorsement) who can drive the people mover. Contact Bro. Doug or Trey for more info.

MEDICAL OR SAFETY TEAM:

We are also in need of additional volunteers for both our Medical and our Safety Team. These teams volunteer on a rotating basis. For more info call the numbers below:

MEDICAL: Call Brent Kephart at (580) 512-7622
SAFETY: Call Michael Wright (580-704-5005)



Education

New Year & New Start!

On Sunday, August 20, we will begin a new year of ministry, outreach and teaching through Connection Hour. It is a perfect time for you and your family to get plugged in to a group.

Not only do our groups of all ages provide Bible study, but it gives opportunities for individuals to build relationships with people in similar life stages or ages. That is one of the many reasons we call our groups Connection Groups to help people be connected to other Christians.

Our groups are also urged to work together to reach the lost and unchurched. Many of our groups are involved in ministry to the community or others around them.

If you have not been attending Connection Hour, now is the time!

Connection Hour Year Kickoff Switch Sunday

On August 13 at the end of Connection Hour, children and students will move to their new areas to meet new teachers!

Leadership Kickoff Rally

August 13 at 5 p.m. all leadership for the new year will meet. This includes a snack supper and door prizes! Plus, helpful information for the new year!

Connection Hour Leader Training

August 20 at 5 p.m. all leadership are urged to attend this training event that will equip you and motivate you for the new year.



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

For Your Information



Coming In View of a Call
August 13
Our committee will present Justin Smart for our next Minister of Youth!

Here's the schedule for the day...

8:30 a.m.: Question and Answer for any adults in The Bunker

9:00 a.m.: Youth Connection Hour with Justin

10:30 a.m.: Justin will share his story and a vote will be taken at the end of the service

Please pray for this important day!

Staff Search Report

Our staff and committee are continuing to search for our next Minister of Children/Families. We have been collecting resumes for this position and hope to have more news later.

We are also now searching for a new Media Director after August 13. Pray for this search as well.

Wednesday Night Meal RESUMES
August 16

Adults: \$5 Children: \$3
(no more than \$25 family)

Reservations can be made week by week or permanently by texting Holly Wells at 580-695-2595.

Serving from 5 to 5:45 p.m.
August 16: Chicken Fried Steak
August 23: Steak or Chicken Fajitas
August 30: Spaghetti
September 6: Chicken Tenders

Help Wanted

We currently have an opening for a part-time janitorial job working approximately 17 hours a week during the day. For more information, contact the church office. This is a paid position.

Looking For Volunteers to Care For Preschoolers During Worship!

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. Materials are provided. You can choose the age-group you would like to work with and you can volunteer once a month or once every two months! ETC stands for Extended Teaching Care and during this time each Sunday morning the preschoolers are engaged in a teaching time that goes along with the Connection Hour lesson. This is a great ministry to preschoolers as they enjoy time in a caring environment with other preschoolers in their age group. It also allows the parents to focus on worship time. This lets the family get the most out of the worship hour.

We have lost several volunteers because of moves and other circumstances, so we need new volunteers to help with this important ministry.



Monthly Recap

Average Attendance (July)	
Connection Hour Average Attendance	251
Monthly Giving (June)	\$ 110,736
Monthly Budget Requirements	\$ 124,141
Year to Date Budget Receipts	\$ 685,816
BFHG (July)	\$ 1,340
BFHG Year to date	\$ 9,367
Additions (July)	9
By Baptism	9
By Letter	0
By Watchcare/Statement	0

August Magazines

Pick up copies of our monthly magazines (Home Life, Parent Life) in the south foyer, the west entry or the church office during office hours.

Our Newest...

Congratulations to **Greydon & Ashton Buhlig** on the birth of their daughter, Landry Marie, on July 7, 2023.

In Sympathy...

The pastor and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Don Johnson** on the loss of his sister and **Harriett Robinson** on the death of her sister.