

**Looking For Volunteers
to Care For Preschool-
ers During Worship!**

Are you looking for a ministry that helps young adults? Maybe you would like to explore working with preschoolers.

If either of those statements are true, the perfect place for you to serve would be in Extended Teaching Care at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. You can volunteer for any age group and you can volunteer once a month or once every two months. This helps both the preschooler enjoy an experience just for them and aids parents to concentrate on worship. See Linda Dillingham for more information about how you can serve. Materials are provided.

Prayer Visitation Coming Sunday, January 7
....Dozens of volunteers needed to make phone calls!



We will be doing our annual prayer visitation to start us off on the right foot in the new year! We will be calling this year and hoping volunteers will text you before calling so you can answer the unfamiliar number. We will be recruiting callers in December and if you are asked to serve, please say yes! We will be calling from about 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and each caller may have eight to 12 calls to make. Training will be at 2:30 p.m. Your help is needed for this very important effort in our church.

Giving Electronically Is Easy!
...sign up now to begin giving online!

Giving to our church has never been easier! You can get a REALM account and give online! Visit www.firstbaptisteast.com and click the REALM button, then click give online, then click Sign Up for Realm. If you have any problem, call the church office at 355-6190. Plus, there are other benefits to having an account. Sign up today! If you prefer to use offering envelopes, you can put the offering in the black boxes located in the auditorium or in south foyer!



Students

Hello church family,

We had a great November and are looking forward to a great December. Here are some events that are coming up:

December 6th we will be having our Christmas party

December 13th we will have a study hangout to allow students to study for semester tests or just relax a little.

December 16th we will be going to the Chickasha Lights. Sign-up is in the Bunker & you must have a student release form. Limited spots are available so you must sign up.

We are also selling youth sweatshirt pre-orders. It is a grey crewneck for \$25. Deadline is December 13th, order envelopes can be found in the Bunker or church office.

Thankful for all everyone has done to help me out in my first 4 months.

Justin Smart
Student Pastor



Children & Families

What's happening?

Power Up is happening on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. This is for children grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Connection hour starts at 9:00 am on Sundays. I would love to see you there! Children's church is for Kindergarten through 3rd graders during service.

Our church gingerbread house competition will be on Sunday Dec. 10 at 5! The Power Up Store will be during Power Up on Dec. 13. This will be the final Power Up until 2024. We will not have Connection Hour on Dec. 24 or 31. I am so excited to see what the month of December will bring for our church!



Have a Merry Christmas!

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OUR SERVICES

Sundays

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.)



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December 1, 2023

Christmas at FBE!



**Join Us For These
Christmas Celebrations!**

Adult Choir Musical
December 10, 10:30 a.m.



December 24
10:30 a.m.

(no Connection Hour December 24 & 31)



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

From the Pastor

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Our family got away on a 5 day trip. We had a great time. It was good to spend time with the kids and grandkids.

I am looking forward to our Christmas production called "A Christmas Prayer". It is a moving Christmas experience. Plan on being here and bring your friends on December 10.

one of us will be on mission for Jesus during the Christmas Season.



Now we move into the Christmas season. We will be taking our Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. Every penny will go to help send missionaries all over the world. We now have over 6,500 missionaries. We will take this offering between now and December 31.

Then our annual candlelight/Lord's Supper will be observed on Sunday morning, December 24. This is a beautiful inspirational time.

God bless each one of you.

—Bro. Doug

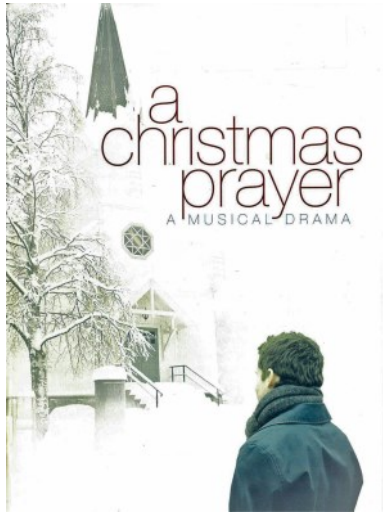
I can't believe another year is slipping away. I'm looking forward to ending 2023 on a high note. I hope that each



Music

"A CHRISTMAS PRAYER!"
SUNDAY, DEC. 10TH

Sunday morning, Dec. 10th, at 10:30 a.m., our Adult Choir, Drama, and Media Teams will present "A Christmas Prayer." Invite your family and friends to hear the powerful message in music and drama for every prodigal, vagabond, and servant! There's something for everyone-join us!



For Your Information



Here's some of the ways your offering helps: \$30 rents out a local café for gospel conversations in Europe. \$200 completes two Bible story videos for the deaf in Central Asia. \$450 buys gospel-focused teaching materials for an ESL class in Asia. \$1,000 funds one week of evangelism by local believers.

In 2022, the IMB reports 67 new people groups and places were engaged with the gospel and 728,589 people heard the gospel with 178,177 coming to Christ resulting in 102,417 baptisms. There were 21,231 new churches started. Make your Lottie Moon offering your best gift this year!

2023 FBE Goal: \$12,000

....this offering will be received through December!

Every penny of this offering goes to the work of over 6,500 missionaries supported by the International Mission Board enabling gospel transformation among the unreached of our world.

Currently, there are 3,072 people groups in the world that are unengaged with the gospel. A total of 59% of the world's population are considered unreached. There are 800 million people living in Europe and only about 1% are evangelical Christians. One-third of the world's Muslim population live in South Asia. Pray about what you can do to help make a difference in sharing the gospel around the world!

Education

Christmas Time Is Time For Families & Community!



Christmas is always a great time of celebration for families as we think about the coming of Christ that set off a plan of redemption for mankind. Many of you will get together with families, and some of you will make trips to be with family on or near Christmas.

There are some people, however, that will not be able to travel to family members or some that do not have family with which they can celebrate. They have great memories, but that is all.

This is where community comes in for our Connection Groups. Building community is one of the four connection points in our mission statement for our groups. This time of year is when the value of community in our connection groups really makes a difference. It is good for kids to be with other kids. It is good for students to be with other students. Adults need each other during this time.

A Connection Group can help meet this need! So as we approach the end of the year and the beginning of a new one, make a commitment to be part of your connection group and enjoy not only great Bible study but also community. You will be glad you did! Connection Groups meet Sundays at 9 a.m., but groups do not meet this month on December 24 & 31.



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

For Your Information



Coming on Wednesdays Beginning January 3!

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability - and gain solid support each step of the way. The group will be led by Jim McGuire and will meet in Room 125 at 6 p.m. each week.

Other Groups Start January 3!

Watch for further information about other discipleship opportunities that will be 10 weeks in length. One of those will be a course called "Faith Under Fire" which is a study on apologetics. We will have a women's group and one other group and those will be announced soon. Make Wednesday night a priority for you in the new year!

In Sympathy...

The pastor and church family extend Christian sympathy to the family of Lavern Robinson on his death; to Lorrie Barnes on the death of her father; to Donna Wright on the death of her brother-in-law; to Kathy Carnahan on the death of her mother; to the family of Maxine Ledford on her death; to Harlan Hendy on the death of his sister; to the family of Perry Woods on his death; to Linda Dillingham on the death of her aunt; to Stacy Robinson on the death of her mother; to Tommy Lowder on the death of his sister-in-law; and, to Hope Lindsey on the death of her sister-in-law.



A thank you note has been received from the family of William "Leon" Lindsey and also from Bill & Maxie Tenopir.

Memorial Contributions

A memorial contribution to the Ann Beadles Falls Creek Fund has been made in memory of Don Johnson by the Adult 2 Connection Hour Department.



December 24 & 31:
No Connection Hour
December 20 & 27:
No Wednesday activities



A Reminder About Social Media
When you see a post on the church social media pages about coming events or Sunday activities, be sure to share it on your page to help us get the word out!

Wednesday Night Meals



Adults: \$5 Children: \$3
(no more than \$25 per Household.)
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.
December 6: Salisbury Steak
December 13: Beef/chicken tacos
December 20: No meal
December 27: No meal
January 3: Baked Potatoes



MEDICAL OR SAFETY TEAM

We are 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,
580-512-7622
SAFETY: Call Michael Wright,
580-704-5005

December 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.