

First Kids - First Church

If you have questions on this, need to make changes, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Sheree Jordan @ 396-7859.

November 29th: 10:30 am (WRC)

Babies: Tanya Anderson & Anni Nix
1's & 2's: Craig & Tonia Watson
3's & 4's: Jared & Lori Basey



MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM PLANNING MEETING

Today @ 4:00 pm (WRC)

For more info see Micah Nix



Once again our church and JOY Preschool will be serving as the hosts and presenting sponsors for the Chamber of Commerce's "Santa's Workshop" following the annual **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Friday, December 11, 7:00 pm

Bottom line is, we need an army of volunteers to handle the crowd of well over 600 that we hosted last year. We need greeters, cookie makers / distributors, hot chocolate / coffee station volunteers, craft table helpers... if you can be there we can use you! To sign up or for more information see Sheree Jordan or Bro. Scott.



**DECEMBER
BIBLE STUDY &
FELLOWSHIP**

**Thursday, December 3, 7:00 pm
West Rogers Campus**

THIS WEEK AT FBC SKIATOOK

SC=South Campus WRC=West Rogers Campus

SUNDAY, November 29

8:00 am—Ensemble Rehearsal
8:30 am—Prayer Time (WRC)
9:00 am—Sunday School (SC & WRC)
10:30 am—Worship Service (WRC)
4:00 pm—Missions Ministry Team Meeting (WRC)
6:00 pm—One+One Discipleship (WRC)

TUESDAY, December 1

6:30 am—Men's Prayer Time (WRC)

WEDNESDAY, December 2

7:30 am—Women's Prayer Time (SC)
6:00 pm—Youth Cafe
6:30 pm—Adult Bible Study (WRC)
6:30 pm—Youth Bible Study (SC)
6:30 pm—AWANA Clubs (WRC)
6:30 pm—Praise Ensemble Rehearsal (WRC)

THURSDAY, December 3

9:00 am—First Mom's Monthly Meeting (SC)
7:00 pm—Men's Ministry Bible Study (WRC)

FRIDAY, December 4

6:30 pm—Children's Ministry Workers Christmas Party (SC)

A GLANCE AT LAST WEEK

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the newsletter was printed before all of the contributions for last week were counted. A report for Nov. 22 & 29 will appear in next week's newsletter.



Capital Campaign

Current JOF expansion loan balance
\$ 912,048.77

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Bro. Heath Tucker, Lead Pastor

Sunday, November 29, 2015

The Lottie Moon
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
for International Missions



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The 2015 LMCO WEEK OF PRAYER
November 29-December 6

A part of the
FBC SKIATOOK WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING
Sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the world!

Scott Neighbors
Pastor of
Worship & Discipleship

Sheree Jordan
Director of
Childhood Ministries



LANDON & AMY WARREN HERE DEC. 6th

Next Sunday Landon Warren will be with us in view of a call as our Minister to Students. Landon and his wife, Amy, are newlyweds and both graduates of Southwestern State University in Weatherford. Landon is 24 and currently serves as the Student Minister at First Baptist of Arapaho, OK. He and Bro. Heath have served together on staff once before. He will meet with the staff on Saturday and then will meet in Sunday School with the youth; in the morning service he will share his testimony and then a brief message at ChristmaSing that night. Following ChristmaSing we will vote concerning his call. Please be in prayer for the Warrens during this important time of decision for them and our church.



THE "LEGALESE" OF YEAR-END GIVING

For many the transition from Dec. 31 to Jan. 1 is like any other day. For others, however, it is the beginning of a new fiscal year and an important deadline for taking care of financial matters. That often includes making sure that all potential tax deductions for the current year are properly accounted and accredited. Contributions to charitable and religious causes fall into this category, so it may help to avoid misunderstandings in your annual contribution records to remind you of the legal guidelines established for year end contributions.

As stated in the Baptist Regional Tax Seminar notebook (based on tax law as interpreted by legal / tax experts of the BGC0):

Many church members make larger contributions at the end of the year. Some mail their checks to the church, while others deposit their "year-end check" in either the last service in December or the first Sunday in January. Here are the rules that apply. Charitable contributions must be claimed in the year in which they are delivered. One exception is a check that is mailed to a charity—it is deductible in the year the check is postmarked, even if it is delivered early in the next year. If you receive a check in the mail in the first week of 2016 that is enclosed in an envelope that is postmarked in December 2015, you should include the contribution on the donor's 2015 contribution statement. However, a member who contributes a personal check to your church in an offering on January 1, 2016 cannot claim a 2015 deduction, even if the check is backdated to read "December 31, 2015." You must report such a check on the member's 2016 contribution statement. The same would hold true for checks written in 2015 but not delivered to the church until 2016. As noted above, the critical factor is the date of delivery except in the case of checks postmarked but not delivered in 2015.

The bottom line is, if you want giving to be included on your 2015 contribution record, we need to have the donations given (or postmarked) before December 31, 2015. Also, as you plan your year end giving, remember there are many other creative ways to give which would not only help the church, but could help the giver if he/she is looking for charitable deductions. Appreciated stocks, bonds and mutual funds which you have owned for 12 months or longer often can be donated in such a way as to get a deduction on the full market value of the securities while avoiding a capital gains tax. Real estate / personal property may also carry the same advantages when appreciation has occurred. Donors would need to obtain an appraisal before making the gift as the church cannot serve as an official appraiser. If you would like information on the best methods to contribute "non-cash" gifts, or to get help on establishing living trusts, wills, etc., your Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma is a great place to start. You can call them at 1-800-949-9988 or check them out on the web at www.bfok.org.



We need 3-4 volunteers who can give a morning or two each week in the church office to help answer the phones during weekly staff meetings and/or help with some weekly office tasks. Even if you can't do it weekly, we'd love to have a list of folks to call on as needed. Basic phone and filing skills are needed and computer skills could be utilized depending on the skill level.

Also we regularly need people who can drive a church van for short trips. These occur at random times but some happen during the day when a lot of our members are at work, making finding drivers more difficult. If you would be interested in being on a "when available" call list, please let Bro. Scott know. It does not require a CDL, but for insurance purposes you are required to be a church member, at least 21 years of age and have a clean driving record.

The Facilities Ministry Team is preparing a list of general upkeep projects that need to be completed around the church. These range from simple (some general clean up and organization) to more labor intensive (painting, light carpentry) to skill specific (electrical, mud & tape, etc.). If you or your class would like to help with any of these, please notify Bro. Scott or Sue Park.



Please note these special Christmas services & events and invite your friends and families to join us as we celebrate together...

"The Reason for the season!"

Sunday, November 29:

Advent Observance begins in morning services

Sunday, December 6:

Children's Christmas Party @ 5:00 pm (WRC)

ChristmaSing Service @ 6:00 pm (WRC)

Angel Tree names will be distributed at this service.

Sunday, December 13:

Ministry Action Budget Presentation @ 5:00 pm (WRC gym)

Annual J.O.Y. Christmas Program @ 6:00 pm (WRC)

Great fun, fellowship and an outreach opportunity to our JOY families.

Sunday, December 20:

Christmas Outside the Walls @ 6:00 pm

In addition to our acts of kindness performed in the community, we will also have the dinner and wrapping party for our angel tree families.

Thursday, December 24:

Annual Christmas Eve by Candlelight @ 5:00 pm (WRC)

Bring family and guests! What better way to celebrate Christmas than with His family at His house! We will conclude by 6:00 pm to allow you to attend your individual family Christmas Eve observances.



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DECEMBER EVENTS!

- **MONTHLY MEETING**
Thursday, December 3, 9:00 am-12:00 (SC)
With Christmas Lunch @ 11:00 am
- **SHEPHERD'S CROSS LIVING NATIVITY**
Friday, December 11 in Claremore
Meet there at 10:00 am
- **FIRST MOMS CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Saturday, December 12, 6:00 pm (SC)
Wear ugly sweater ~ Bunko ornament exchange
Bring a favorite dessert
- **RHEMA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**
Tuesday, December 15, 6:00 pm
Meet there at 6:00 pm

For details see Mary Ann Phillips or Sheree Jordan