

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.

DECEMBER 21:

CHRISTMAS TOGETHER: 10:30 AM (WRC)

BABIES (Room 306): Mike & Cheryl Earp
 ONES (Room 408): James & Kendl Breeding
 TWOS (Room 304): Andrea Hudson & Kelsey Hudson
 THREES/FOURS (Room 305): Audean Landis & Bailei Losey
 KIND-3RD GRADE (Room 101): Sheree & Judd Jordan

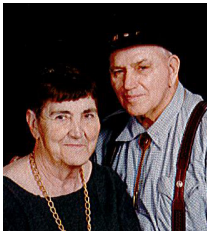
DECEMBER 28:

Classic Service: 8:30 AM (WRC)

BABIES, ONES & TWOS-Scott & Dana Nemecek

Contemporary Service: 11:00 AM (SC)

BABIES-Misty and Whitney Eastman
 ONES & TWOS-Kristy and Lena Kannegiesser
 THREES & FOURS-Kristan and Amanda Foster
 KIND-3RD GRADE-Worship with Parents



THANKS, JOHN!

On a rainy Sunday morning in 1961, the FBC Skiatook pastor, having overslept, showed up late in his pajamas. He tossed the keys out his car window to one of the men huddled on the porch of the church, and said, "Unlock it! I'll be back!" When the gentleman returned the keys to the pastor, he was told just to hang on them and he could be in charge of unlocking from now on since he was always there early.

Last Sunday, after several surgeries on knees, hips, shoulders and much more, John Jolley turned in those keys he's used faithfully for 53 years. Along with that job he has made countless pots of coffee and more as he has served the church selflessly. Those who have taken the time to stop and talk to John have undoubtedly heard the stories of his long life of hard work that included his days as one of the last true cowboys of Oklahoma.

When John got saved, he didn't miss the part about servanthood and today we honor him for living out Mark 9:35 (HCSB)...

Sitting down, He called the Twelve and said to them,

"If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

John will continue to make coffee on Wednesday nights for the AWANA crowd, but today he is hanging up his Sunday morning duties and becoming a church-going cowboy.

Thanks, John, for taking care of us!

THIS WEEK AT FBC SKIATOOK

SC=South Campus WRC=West Rogers Campus

SUNDAY, December 21

8:30 am—Prayer Time (WRC)
 9:15 am—Sunday School (SC & WRC)
 10:30 am—Worship Together (WRC)
 6:00 pm—Christmas Outside the Walls (WRC)

WEDNESDAY, December 24, 5:00 PM: CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLELIGHT



Our office is currently 2 people short and over the next 7-10 days our staff will need to be on in & out of the office due to the holidays and some personal / family medical procedures. During this time we will always be available by text or phone... please do not hesitate to contact us with any need. Our deacons are available, too.

*Scott Neighbors (918)693-5306	Dennis Harrison (918)798-6999
*Jordan Lauffer (580)334-9581	Judd Jordan (918)724-4013
*Sheree Jordan (918)697-1800	Mike Mullins (918)277-3063
*Bill Linton (918)798-1353	Kevin Paslay (918)698-0264
Gary Butler (918)520-3109	Earl Rozell (918)694-2111
Mike Earp (918)694-0479	Gary Yarbrough (918)857-6231
Bruce Goodrich (918)798-0974	*=Pastoral / Staff

**NO SERVICES ON
 SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 28 OR
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

A GLANCE AT LAST WEEK

Our financial secretary was out for medical leave this week, so we will have financial figures for year end next week.



Current JOF expansion loan balance
\$ 1,289,164.76

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Sunday, December 21, 2014



CHRISTMAS OUTSIDE THE WALLS

Join us tonight at 6:00 pm at the WRC as we gather and pray and then go outside the walls to spread the joy of Christmas. Some of us will be visiting shut-ins, others assisting diners and shoppers at local businesses.



Scott Neighbors Pastor of Worship & Discipleship	Jordan Lauffer Pastor of Youth Ministries	Sheree Jordan Director of Childhood Ministries
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FINAL SUNDAY

TODAY IS OUR LAST SUNDAY OF OUR

“ADVENT: CHRISTMAS TOGETHER”

NEXT WEEK OUR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE WILL RETURN TO

8:30 am: CLASSIC WORSHIP (WRC)

9:45 am: SUNDAY SCHOOL (SC/WRC)

11:00 am: CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (SC)

Our preacher for December 28 will be Gary Butler.

Next week we will print the preaching schedule for January.

ATTENTION TRANSITION TEAM!

Per vote of the church, the original Transition Team that met this past September was asked to reconvene before year's end to recommend the next step in our Pastoral Search process. The deacons would like to meet with the ORIGINAL TRANSITION TEAM (note: this is NOT the current Identity Team) to discuss a motion for presentation to the church in January. They would like to meet:

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2:00 PM (WRC)

If you have questions please contact Mike Mullins.



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 BGCO):

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 2015 that is enclosed in an envelope that is postmarked in December 2014, you should include the contribution on the donor’s 2014 contribution statement. However, a member who contributes a personal check to your church in an offering on January 1, 2015 cannot claim a 2014 deduction, even if the check is backdated to read “December 31, 2014.” You must report such a check on the member’s 2014 contribution statement. The same would hold true for checks written in 2014 but not delivered to the church until 2015. As noted above, the critical factor is the date of delivery except in the case of checks postmarked but not delivered in 2014.

The bottom line is, if you want giving to be included on your 2014 contribution record, we need to have the donations given (or postmarked) before December 31, 2014. 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.

Spring Break 2015

How about Colorado in the spring? Spend four days working with Clay Ross and GrassRoots Church in Colorado Springs followed by three days of recreation with options including shopping, sight-seeing & skiing! All ages welcome.

Contact Jordan for more details



GRASSROOTS
GOSPEL COMMUNITY MISSION



2015 MAB VOTE

Today, at the close of the service, we will take a brief moment to allow our members to cast their vote on the 2015 Ministry Action Budget which was presented last Sunday night. This will only take a moment. Thank you for your consideration.



OVERSIGHTS

During last Sunday's 2015 MAB presentation we failed to identify the Stewardship Team who worked hard to put together the budget. Forgive this oversight. They are:
Dennis Harrison Kelly Maddoux Jeremy McMahan
Meshell McCuen Laura Paslay Rebecca Vaughn

One other item on the Personnel Team report that does not affect the MAB bottom line but got overlooked was a change in designation for Sheree Jordan. When the new budget is printed, she will no longer be listed under “Support Staff” but “Pastoral Staff.” Again, this does not change the numbers, but does more accurately reflect the scope of her work.

ATTENTION MINISTRY TEAMS!

Our Ministry Enlistment Team will begin soon to fill the rotating vacancies for the 2015 Ministry Teams. As soon as possible, we need each ministry team to submit the name of their team chairperson for 2015. If you do not have one elected, please select one from those team members who will be returning in 2015 and submit it to the church office or Bro. Scott.

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ONE SACRED EFFORT

FIND YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S STORY

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
for International Missions
2014 CHURCH GOAL: \$8,000