

# 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 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



**A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR 4th & 5th GRADERS**  
February 20-21, 2015 @ ORU Mabee Center

Total Cost: \$105

Includes hotel, meals, Sky Zone, and all events pass  
\$55 deposit due Jan. 18. Balance & release forms due Feb. 15.  
Space is limited so register early.

Questions?

See Sheree Jordan. 918-396-1565 or jordaqsnc@sbcglobal.net

## DAD 'n' CHILD

# "BUILD IT DAY!"



**Saturday, January 25**  
**9:00-10:00 am**  
**South Campus Gym**

## THIS WEEK AT FBC SKIATOOK

SC=South Campus WRC=West Rogers Campus

### SUNDAY, December 28

8:00 am—Prayer Time (WRC)

8:30 am—Classic Worship (WRC)

9:45 am—Sunday School (SC & WRC)

11:00 am—Contemporary Worship (SC)

2:00 pm—Transition Team Meeting (WRC)

NO EVENING SERVICES



Over the next few days if you don't catch someone at the office we will always be available by text or phone... please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff with any need. Our deacons are available, too.

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Jordan Lauffer (580)334-9581

Sheree Jordan (918)697-1800

Bill Linton (918)798-1353

Gary Butler (918)520-3109

Mike Earp (918)694-0479

Bruce Goodrich (918)798-0974

Dennis Harrison (918)798-6999

Judd Jordan (918)724-4013

Mike Mullins (918)277-3063

Earl Rozell (918)694-2111

Kevin Paslay (918)698-0264

Gary Yarbrough (918)857-6231

## A GLANCE AT LAST WEEK

### Numbers for December 14 & 21

	December 14	December 21	To Date 2014
Budget Projected	\$ 14,676.54	\$ 14,676.54	\$ 748,503.54
Budget Received	\$ 21,968.64	\$ 14,363.92	\$ 765,586.49
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,995.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 309,893.38
Spent to Date			\$ 723,153.27

### COOPERATIVE MISSIONS TO DATE

BGCO To Date \$ 76,658.50

WOBA To Date \$ 15,306.55



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

## CONTACT US

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For e-mail addresses for staff members see our web site at:  
[www.fbcskiatook.com](http://www.fbcskiatook.com)



Sunday, December 28, 2014

# Happy New Year!



**NO SERVICES TONIGHT OR**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

## ATTENTION TRANSITION TEAM!

Per vote of the church, the original Transition Team is to reconvene before year's end to form a recommendation for the next step in our Pastoral Search process. This is to be presented to the church in January. As such, the deacons would like to meet with the Transition Team

**TODAY @ 2:00 PM (WRC)**

If you have questions please contact Mike Mullins.

Scott Neighbors  
Pastor of  
Worship & Discipleship

Jordan Lauffer  
Pastor of  
Youth Ministries

Sheree Jordan  
Director of  
Childhood Ministries

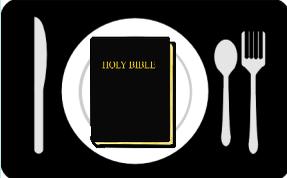
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**ONE SACRED EFFORT**

FIND YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S STORY

**The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
for International Missions**  
**2014 CHURCH GOAL: \$8,000**  
**Received to Date: \$6,725.<sup>07</sup>**

**Taste and see that the LORD is good!** Psalm 34:8



**January Dinner &  
a Bible Study  
Sundays @ 6:00 (SC)**

The four Sundays in January we will have our Dinner and a Bible Study with dinner for all ages at 6:00; then we will break at 6:30 pm for graded Bible studies until 7:30. On January 4 we will shorten our Bible study to allow for a presentation by our Transition Team at a  
**SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 4 / 7:00 PM / South Campus**

**THANK YOU!** We would like to thank our church family for the prayers we received during our recent surgery and illness and for the wonderful care we received when Carol got home from the hospital! God is good and we are blessed to serve Him and such a loving church family. You really helped to rescue our holiday!

*Scott & Carol Neighbors*

**Last Call for 2014!**  
**CHARITABLE GIVING**

**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](http://www.bfok.org).

**Spring Mission Trip**

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.



For more details come to our  
**Mission Trip Info Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 18 @ 5:00 pm (SC)**



**CALLING ALL ADULTS!**  
**Paint Day in the Youth Building**  
**Saturday, January 3!**

**See Jordan for details!**

**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. (sneighbors@sbcglobal.net)