



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 18, 2020

GUEST PREACHERS

OCTOBER 18 DR. MARK DANCE

In October 2019, the BGCO hired Mark Dance as director of pastor development/ regional ministry partner for east-central Oklahoma.

Dance most recently served at LifeWay Christian Resources as director of pastors and is a noted writer and conference speaker. He has pastored numerous churches in Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee and holds a Doctorate of Ministry from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as well as a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In his new role with Oklahoma Baptists, Dr. Dance will serve our region on the newly created Church Relations Group.



OCTOBER 25 MONTY HALE

Director of Missions
Washington-Osage Baptist Association

THIRD SUNDAY SMALL GROUP TRAINING



October 18 / 5:00 PM

- ♦ Youth and adult small group leaders will meet at the South Campus.
- ♦ All Blueprint workers & families will be having their annual fall planning meeting at the Chapman Ranch. (RSVP to Sheree 918-697-1800)

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Numbers for October 11, 2020

Small Group Total: 102
(no Wednesday small groups-Fall Break)
Worship Total: 340 + 76 online

	October 11	To Date 2020
Budget Projected	\$ 17,692.31	\$ 725,384.71
*Budget Received	\$ 15,721.27	\$ 738,040.12
Capital Campaign	\$ 180.00	\$ 45,263.00
Spent to Date		\$ 643,753.22

COOPERATIVE & WORLD MISSIONS TO DATE

BGCO To Date	\$ 73,804.02
WOBA To Date	\$ 14,760.81

(* Includes funds received in house, by USPS and through Easy Tithe online.)



Current Loan Balance
\$ 345,459.92



Three important
"choosings" were
announced at

FBC Skiatook last week.

- ♦ **CHOSEN FOR ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY.**
Drew Posada will be ordained to the Gospel ministry next Sunday, Oct. 25. More details inside.
- ♦ **5 MEN CHOSEN TO BE NEW DEACONS**
Stephen Goodell Keni Kennedy
Michael McQuay Micah Nix Jeremy Stout
Be watching for details on an ordination service date.
- ♦ **PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE CHOSEN**
Mike Earp Dennis Harrison Judd Jordan
Kim Linton Kelly Maddoux Laura Paslay
Gary Yarbrough

Be in constant prayer for this group of people you chose to serve. Also be watching for the date/times of "listening sessions" to be able to give your input into the work of this committee.

SCOTT NEIGHBORS EXECUTIVE PASTOR



Last Sunday evening I saw a beautiful living portrait of our church at its best. 200+ of us gathered at The Chapman Ranch for our annual fall picnic. There were guests, long-time members, new members, babies, toddlers, children, youth, young adults, median adults, senior adults, families, singles...all the "cycles" of life.

This diverse body announced that they had elected a committee of trusted, long-term church member-leaders to search for our new pastor; a group with over 165 collective years of membership at FBC Skiatook and over 400 years of life experience.

Then they announced that this same diverse body had also chosen a group of 5 men to become deacons; men in their 30's & 40's and most of them relatively new to FBC Skiatook. There is truly a place at the FBC table for every season of life.

We elected these men and women to carry us forward as we said goodbye to a beloved pastor and his family, sending them to a new field of ministry. A sad but inevitable turn of the page in life's book.

I sat watching all of this and then began to, in the words of Jethro Bodine, "cypher." In 64 years of life...57 as a Christian...46 as a minister...I have attended / served in 16 churches, had 22 different pastors and countless deacons, Sunday School teachers and other Christian influencers in my life. Through the highs and lows of life, the constant foundation of my life has been Christ...His Word, His comforting presence, His power...expressed so often to me through His earthly body, the church. How blessed can one man be?

Two favorite thoughts came to mind in that time of "cyphering." I invite you to reflect on them with me this week.

- 1) *"We all must plant trees in whose shade we will never sit, for we all enjoy the shade of trees we did not labor to grow. We are paying forward to our children a debt we owe to those who have walked this path before us."*
- 2) *How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! Psalm 133:1 (HCSB)*

THANK YOU, LORD, FOR MY CHURCH FAMILY!

Skiatook
First Baptist Church

Trunk or Treat

31 OCT 5:00-7:00pm

fbcskiatook.com
825 West Rogers Blvd

Wanna help? Register on our website under featured events at the bottom of the home page

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Child Dedication

Child dedications are a time for parents to commit themselves to raising their child God's way

November 15
10:45am
Service

Parents are REQUIRED to attend ORIENTATION on OCTOBER 27, 6:30 pm, South Campus

PLEASE REGISTER @
sjordan@fbcskiatook.com
BEFORE OCT 25
SPACE IS LIMITED

918-396-7859 sjordan@fbcskiatook.com

Ordination Service

ORDAINING DREW POSADA TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 5:00 PM / WRC
(All ordained men are invited to be a part of the ordaining council at 4:00)
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
Anybody willing to provide cookies for the reception, please contact Martha Hoffman.

It is an incredible honor and privilege to have been recommended to be ordained here at FBC Skiatook. I have heard from many mentors and friends that they will always remember their ordination because of the gravity and the sweetness of the occasion. An ordination happens when

- 1) someone has been called by the Lord into the ministry and
- 2) the church recognizes and affirms God's call in this person's life.

In Acts 13, we see an ordination of Paul and Barnabas. Paul and Barnabas were called by the Lord, the church then gathered together to pray for and affirm their call; then afterwards the church sent Paul and Barnabas out to the ministry the Lord has called them to. I know that I have been called to ministry and even though I am already serving as a pastor, nothing would mean more to me than having our church affirm this call the Lord has placed on my life. My family and I cannot wait to share this experience with our church family here!



DREW POSADA
STUDENT & WORSHIP PASTOR

SHEREE JORDAN

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL



The religious leaders despised Jesus. He was a threat to their power, and they didn't believe He was the Messiah. The Jews decided to confront Jesus with questions. Perhaps He would misspeak, and they could trap Him with His words. The Pharisees' disciples asked Him, "Teacher, is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

As far as these men were concerned, Jesus could not give a satisfactory answer to this question. If Jesus said God's law required them to pay taxes to Caesar, they could get the Jewish people—who hated paying taxes to the Romans—to turn away from Jesus. If Jesus said God's law did not require them to pay taxes to Caesar, they could convince the Romans to arrest Jesus. But Jesus answered wisely: "Give ... to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21). The men were speechless, and they left.

Then an expert in the law asked Jesus which command in God's law is most important. The Pharisees knew the law well and felt prepared to argue. Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 6:5: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Then He emphasized a second command: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18). These commands summarize the rest of the law, and the Pharisees could not object.

Jesus turned the tables and asked the Pharisees about the Messiah: "Whose son is he?" The Pharisees recognized the Messiah as the son of David. Jesus referred to Psalm 110, in which David calls the Messiah "Lord." Why would he do that? The Pharisees had no answer. As fully man, Jesus is the son of David. But as fully God, He is greater than David; He is Lord. No one dared to question Jesus again.

This week's family devotion discussion questions.

- Some teachers tried to trick Jesus.
- Jesus told the people He is the Messiah, the Son of God.
- Jesus spoke with wisdom that comes from God.
- Jesus died to rescue us.
- What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.



Operation Christmas Child boxes are available at the WRC with the collection date November 16-22. This is a great holiday mission project for families, small groups or individuals. Low cost / high impact!

More details on what and how to pack a box will be available at the OCC table and in coming newsletters.



WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 pm
South Campus
Preschool/Childrens Bldg.

FOR KIDS BIRTH THRU 5TH GRADE

BIBLE STUDY, BIBLE SKILLS, MISSIONS, GAMES & MORE!

Check in at the welcome desk when you arrive.

Save time and pre-register your kids at

<https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=56203>

Small group Bible studies available for parents, too!



SUNDAYS at the 10:45 SERVICE

If you would like to volunteer to help either age group on a rotation basis, contact Sheree Jordan or Janae Jordan.

COMING UP	OCTOBER 18	OCTOBER 25
CHILDREN:	Destri Weed & Leah Minshall	Julie Crow & Christy Hubble
PRESCHOOL:	Keni & Jennifer Kennedy	Janelle Forbes & Misty Cooper

This week in First Kids we are discussing the Last Supper, a very familiar text for many of us. Jesus and his disciples come together to celebrate Passover, as God had instructed. His people were to gather once a year to celebrate how God rescued the Israelites from the final plague on Egypt by passing over the houses marked with lambs blood spread on the doorposts. Luke 22:20 is where Jesus explains this is the NEW COVENANT between us and God. One that is reliant on Jesus' perfect and willing sacrifice for all mankind. 1 Cor. 11:23-26 explains that we partake in communion as a remembrance of Jesus each time. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." What a beautiful way to remember our Savior! I want to prompt you to discuss this with your kids THIS WEEK. Ask them questions about the story. See what is difficult to understand, or see what they already comprehend. It's a great story and it is worth your time and discussion.

LOOKING AHEAD...

To celebrate the extra hour we get with DST ending on 11/1/2020, First Kids is hosting a Glow in the Dark Worship experience for all kids @ 10:45am at WRC.

Be sure to be here on that day!



JANAE JORDAN

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN

NEW SCHEDULE!

Most of us are getting used to the new times, but there are still many members just returning from quarantine that aren't aware of the new times and locations. So, please, pass the word!

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM (Live at West Rogers Campus)

- Kid's Worship @ 10:45 service
- Live streaming is still offered as an option for those not ready to venture out.



SMALL GROUPS

SUNDAYS: 9:30 AM-10:30 (West Rogers Campus)

Median & Senior Adults only.

No Sunday small groups for Preschool-Young Adults

WEDNESDAYS: 6:30-8:00 PM (South Campus)

Preschool, Children, Youth & Young Adults.

Contact the office, staff or your small group leaders more information and room locations.



TUESDAY @ 6:30 am—EVERYONE INVITED!

Gather with us Tuesday mornings at the West Rogers Campus.

FBC STAFF / OFFICE

SCOTT NEIGHBORS

DREW POSADA

JANAE JORDAN

SHEREE JORDAN

MARTHA HOFFMAN

KELSEY LLOYD

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Lead Pastor

Executive Pastor

Pastor of Students / Worship

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Director of Preschool Ministries

Financial / Membership Secretary

Lead Pastor Admin. Assistant

Facilities Manager

CONTACT / LOCATION INFORMATION

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West Rogers Campus (Worship Center)

825 W. Rogers Blvd, Skiatook, OK

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm



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and click the

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**If you need help setting up your online giving just call
the church office at 918-396-1565.**

NOTE: Donations to the church are deposited in the general operations account of the church. Contributions to existing designated accounts are welcome. The church is not bound to honor specific suggestions for that fund.

Should the church vote to close a fund, the remaining balance will be redistributed for ministry or church expenses at the discretion of the church or stewardship team.

FBC DEACONS

Active Deacons:

Dennis Harrison

Kelly Maddoux

Mike Mullins

Scott Robinson

Judd Jordan

Earl Rozell

Mike Earp

Gary Yarbrough

Jared Basey

Mickey Michalec