

# SKIATOOK WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 16, 2022

### **CHAD THOMPSON**

LEAD PASTOR

After high school, I went to Northeastern State University (NSU). I tried out for their baseball team and made it. The only freshman on the team, I was very intimidated by the other guys. Early on, a few of them spoke to me, but it was tough. I felt alone quite a bit of the time until one eventful practice.

That day, our coach divided us up into two teams, and we began a series of games to see which one would come out on top. The series was tied, and it all came down to the final game. The other team had its ace pitcher on the mound. He was a giant junior who threw about ninety miles per hour.

It was almost my turn to face him. The two batters ahead of me both hit home runs, and the pitcher was noticeably unhappy.

I stepped up to the plate, determined to make it three homers in a row. The first pitch was a hard-thrown fastball, way inside, which brushed my jersey. The pitcher went through his windup and whizzed the next ball right at my head. I tried my best to get out of the way, but the ball hit me square on the inside of my bicep. My arm immediately clenched shut and I couldn't move it. Since my teammates knew he plunked me on purpose, they cleared the bench. No fight broke out, but they came to my defense. Finally, I was one of them.

Think about all that Christ has done through FBC Skiatook. You've served alongside one another, worshiped together, and ministered to this community together. Many new people have come recently and are "trying out". Will they be welcomed as part of our team? In order to be effective, everyone must do his or her part. But so much will be determined by how you help them feel accepted. Will you commit to getting to know someone today? In order to achieve unity, you must be humble, selfless, and have the same goal for ministry.

### STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Numbers for January 9, 2022 Small Group Total: 254

Worship Total: 350 + 108 Online

		Jan 9	10 Date 2022	
<b>Budget Projected</b>	\$	17,572.08	\$	35,144.16
*Budget Received	\$	19,998.11	\$	29,229.64
Capital Campaign	\$	725.00	\$	1,075.00
Spent to Date			\$	19,503.65

#### COOPERATIVE & WORLD MISSIONS TO DATE

BGCO To Date \$ 2,922.96 WOBA To Date 584.59

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



Current Loan Balance \$ 286,562.39

ADVANCE CONFERENCE A STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

Jan 24-25,2022 First Moore Baptist Church 301 NE 27th St, Moore, OK

Formerly known as the State Evangelism Conference, this conference is designed to inspire and encourage you to carry the Gospel to your friends and neighbors as you engage and listen to pastors and evangelists from Oklahoma and across the nation.

> Visit oklahomabaptists.org For more info and details

# SCOTT NEIGHBORS EXECUTIVE PASTOR



#### WRONG WEAPONRY

From my youth days I remember evangelist Bobby Smith singing a song that said, "It's a battlefield, brother, not a recreation room. It's a fight and not a game. So, run if you want to, run if you will...but I came here to stay."

I was reminded again this week at our Tuesday morning prayer group that we are in an epic battle. War was declared on us in the garden when Satan propagandized mankind with his perverted way of thinking...a philosophy that refuted, rejected and rebelled against the very sovereignty of God; and we have been fighting that war 24/7/365 ever since that day.

But God also reminded me that we all too often bring the proverbial "knife to a gunfight." Furthermore, the reason we've packed the wrong weaponry is that we've misidentified our enemy. Paul said in Ephesians 6 that we "wrestle not against flesh and blood...but against spiritual wickedness in high places." Paul does reference "rulers" and "authorities" of darkness, but they are not "flesh and blood." That means my foe is not the opposing political partisan; it's not the professor who "follows the science;" it is not the co-worker that espouses an amoral lifestyle. It is "the lie" and the father of that lie. Did Jesus say, "You shall know military dominance and that dominance shall set you free?" Not in my Bible. John 8 actually says, "You shall know the TRUTH and the TRUTH shall set you free." Since day one, ours has been a battle against the lies of Satan and the only weapon that will defeat a lie is TRUTH. Paul goes on to say we will be protected in battle by the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith and the shoes of the Gospel. But the one weapon mentioned...the only means by which we actually inflict damage on the enemy...is "the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God." Fittingly, when not wielded in battle, it hangs on our "belt of truth." (Eph. 6)

The knowledge and skillful mastery of truth comes from two sources: the study of the Word (be it under someone else's teaching or individually...preferably both) and the illumination of the Holy Spirit through prayer and meditation on the Word. Let me encourage you, as I was encouraged this week, to prepare each day for battle. Don't sharpen your knife or polish your gun. Rather, read the Word, think on it, pray about it...then go live it. It's a spiritual battle for the souls of mankind and that requires spiritual weaponry.

Giving Statements are available at the WRC Welcome Center this month.

Ones that are not picked up by Jan 30 will be mailed out.







D-NOW stands for 'Disciple Now'. Events like these had a profound impact on me in my young walk with Jesus. It was at a D-NOW where I really learned the importance of a daily quiet time and the beauty of God's Word. A D-NOW is a weekend

where students hear the Word taught, worship together, have opportunities to fellowship with one another, play games together, stay in host homes (church member's homes), and ultimately have an opportunity to pull away from the world's distractions to hear from the Lord.

We will having a D-NOW in February and we invite your student(s) to join us. Our theme for the weekend is to learn what it means to walk and live "By the Spirit" (Zechariah 4:6).

Here are some of the details of the D-NOW:



When: February 11-13
Where: FBC Skiatook
Who: for students
from 6th-12th grade
Cost: \$25 per student

If your student wants to attend this weekend, you can have them sign-up in the youth room or contact me via email (dposada@fbcskiatook.com) or cell phone (405-650-3551). Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.



DREW POSADA

### SHEREE JORDAN

**DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL** 

Through a series of miracles, God had delivered His people from bondage in Egypt.

The Israelites headed into the wilderness on their way to the land of promise. Their journey, however, was not just to move from one place to another; it was also to be a time when their hearts were to be moved in worship for their God, their true Rescuer.

Preschoolers will be learning that worship is celebrating the greatness of God and Psalm 95:6, "Come, let's worship and bow down, let's kneel before the Lord our Maker." Use the verse and big picture question in your family devotions this week.



Come, let's worship and bow down; let's kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Psalm 95:6

### What is worship?

Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.





# SUNDAYS at the 11:00 SERVICE

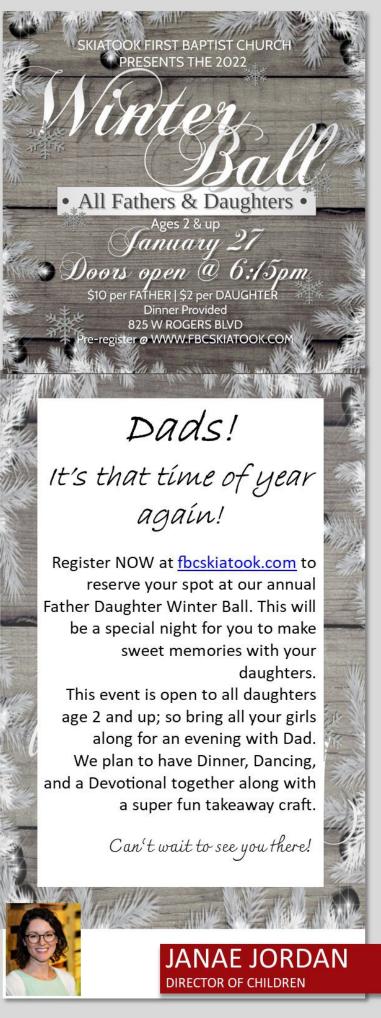
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CHILDREN

Kiryous Lee

PRESCHOOL:

Gary & Noonie Yarbrough January 23 Kerry Jordan Destri Weed & Leah Minshall



## FBC Schedule

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM (Live at West Rogers Campus)

Kid's Worship @ 11:00 service Live streaming is still offered as an option

### SMALL GROUPS

SUNDAYS: 9:30 -10:30 AM

Median & Senior Adult (West Rogers Campus)
Preschool, Children, Youth & Young Adults (South Campus)



**WEDNESDAYS: 6:30-8:00 PM** 

(South Campus)

Youth | Games, Food, Worship & Bible Study Young Adult Small Group BLUEPRINT | Preschool & Children



### TUESDAY @ 6:30AM & WEDNESDAY @ 6:30PM

Gather with us Tuesday mornings or Wednesday evenings at the West Rogers Campus.

### FBC STAFF / OFFICE

CHAD THOMPSON Lead Pastor
SCOTT NEIGHBORS Executive Pastor

DREW POSADA Pastor of Students / Worship

JANAE JORDAN Director of Children's Ministries

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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





Make it EASY to put GOD in your finances.

easyTithe fbcskiatook.com
and click the
Online Giving tab.

# 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.

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Keni Kennedy
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**FBC DEACONS**