



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 15, 2022

CHAD THOMPSON
LEAD PASTOR



WHY CHURCH PLANTING?

The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for

- 1) the numerical growth of the body of Christ in any city,
- 2) the continual corporate renewal and revival of the

existing churches in a city.

So, why is church planting so crucially important?

1. We want to be true to the biblical mandate.

Virtually all the great evangelistic challenges of the New Testament are basically calls to plant churches, not simply to share the faith. Leading missiologist C. Peter Wagner said, *"Planting new churches is the most effective evangelistic methodology known under heaven."*

We see that Paul's whole strategy was to plant churches. He went into the largest city of the region (cf. Acts 16:9,12), and second, he planted churches in each city (cf. Titus 1:5).

2. We want to be true to the Great Commission.

Dozens of studies have confirmed that the average new church gains most of its new members (60-80%) from the ranks of people who are not attending any worshipping body, while churches over 10-15 years of age gain 80-90% of new members by transfer from other congregations.

3. New churches challenge other churches to self-examination.

The "success" of new churches often challenges older congregations in general to evaluate themselves in substantial ways. Sometimes it is only in contrast with a new church that older churches can finally define their *own* vision, specialties, and identity.

4. As an exercise in Kingdom-mindedness.

Our attitude to new church development is a test of whether our mindset is geared to **our own institutional turf, or to the overall health and prosperity of the kingdom of God** in the city.

Summary

New church planting is the only way that we can be sure we are going to increase the number of believers in a city and one of the best ways to renew the whole body of Christ. In the end, a lack of kingdom-mindedness may simply blind us to all this evidence. We must beware of that.

Taken from an Article written by Tim Keller on January 9, 2012 (Acts 29)

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Numbers for May 8, 2022

Small Group Total: 317

Worship Total: 495 + 18 Online

| | May 8 | To Date 2022 |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Budget Projected | \$ 17,572.08 | \$ 333,869.52 |
| *Budget Received | \$ 20,643.38 | \$ 371,419.45 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 445.00 | \$ 8,155.00 |
| Spent to Date | | \$ 305,243.40 |

COOPERATIVE & WORLD MISSIONS TO DATE

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| BGCO To Date | \$ 37,141.96 |
| WOBA To Date | \$ 7,428.39 |

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



Current Loan Balance
\$ 277,330.95

Class of 2022

SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, May 15
11AM Service

small groups

LEADERSHIP

TRAINING

May 22 | 5 PM

SCOTT NEIGHBORS

EXECUTIVE PASTOR



BACK IN MY DAY...

I went to my grandson's high school band concert this past week in Woodward. I walked around his school...checked out the facilities...took note of their pre-concert regimens. I'd love to have a dollar for every time I said, "When I was in band..." or "back in my day..." I was pleased to see some of the traditions they had; but they, of course, paled in comparison to the way we did it "back in my day."

We often desire to teach our kids about "our day," and certainly heritage is an important part of training up our children in the way we want them to go. However, we must never lose sight of the fact that "our day" and "our way" are exponentially inferior to His day and His way. Whether it was 1974 or 2022, it was and is "the day the Lord has made." (Psalm 118:24) It is His day, made in His way, for His glory and our enjoyment. The sooner that we recognize that and realize that all of our traditions and trophies are secondary to His perfect will, the better off we will be, both now and in the decades to come.

So remember your Creator in the days of your youth: Before the days of adversity come, and the years approach when you will say, "I have no delight in them."

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (HCSB)

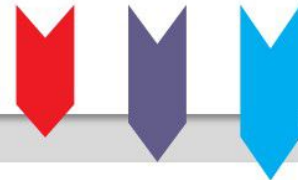
This time of year, with its graduation events, always makes me a bit nostalgic for my 30 years as a youth pastor. That Ecclesiastes admonition from Solomon was a staple in my teaching/counseling repertoire. I think back to those kids I invested in...some pliable and a joy to lead; others a bit more challenging. I occasionally get to sit and reminisce with a few of these now 40 and 50 somethings. Regardless of whether they were a joy or a challenge "back in the day," it is obvious when you see those who not only learned, but embraced Solomon's admonition early on. Their lives are not carefree; but their outlook is hopeful. Their life experiences include the same diseases, disasters and departures as their classmates; but their faith is not shaken like many of their friends. And best of all, I have hope for their kids.

Back in my day I had a lot of good experiences and meaningful traditions. But I am most thankful for parents, teachers and a church who taught me to "remember my creator in the days of my youth." That is a proper tradition for every day, in every era and for every life.



Sponsors needed!!

See Drew's Article Below



We had an awesome night at our Fall's Creek sign-up party last night. We had around 70 students sign up and/or pay to go to Falls Creek! Just to give you a reference, we took 65 total students to camp last summer and we had more than that sign up in one night. With that being said, we are going to need more volunteers at Falls Creek this year. If you would like to come be a sponsor with us this summer we would love to have you.

Just some information about being a sponsor:

- Sponsors go free to Falls Creek
- Sponsors lead small group discussion with students throughout the week
- Sponsors build relationships, love on our students, and encourage them throughout the week
- Jesus took naps, so we encourage our sponsors to take naps throughout the week
- Sponsors have more fun than the students do!

The Lord wants to do incredible things in our students this year at Falls Creek and we would love for you to be a part of it! If you have any questions or if you want to sign up as a sponsor please contact me. My email is dposada@fbcskiatook.com and my cell phone number is (405) 650-3551.



DREW POSADA
STUDENT & WORSHIP PASTOR

SHEREE JORDAN

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL



JOY Kindergarten Graduates



Jenson Henley

When I grow up I want to be a electrician. My favorite thing about kindergarten is being with my friends and learning. My favorite verse is Psalm 91.

Lily Selman

When I grow up I want to be a police officer. My favorite thing about kindergarten is coloring. My favorite verses is Psalm 77:14.



Addi Okerson

When I grow up I want to be a firefighter and doctor. My favorite thing about kindergarten is playing with my friends. My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 95:6.

Ona Pillers

When I grow up I want to be a nurse. My favorite thing about kindergarten is recess. My favorite verse is Psalm 77:14.



Kysen Jordan

When I grow up I want to sell puppies. My favorite thing about kindergarten is learning a lot. My favorite verse is Romans 6:23.

Dakota Bierman

When I grow up I want to be a Walmart worker. My favorite thing about kindergarten is coloring and crafts. My favorite verse is Psalm 77:14.



Billy Thibodeaux

When I grow up I want to be a zoo worker. My favorite thing about kindergarten is going to recess. My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 19:1.

Braden Adams

When I grow up I want to be a construction worker. My favorite thing about kindergarten is being with my friends. My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 77:14.



Steffen Wisnoskie

When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian. My favorite thing about kindergarten is Mrs. Smith. My favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:13

Kylan Smith

When I grow up I want to be a police officer. My favorite thing about kindergarten is center time. My favorite Bible verse is John 3:16.



Nevalee Petty

When I grow up I want to be a groomer. My favorite thing about kindergarten is spending time with my friends. My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 77:14.



**SUNDAYS at the
11:00 SERVICE**

May 15

May 22

CHILDREN

Gary Yarbrough

Kiryous Lee

PRESCHOOL:

Misty & Stephen
Cooper

Noonie & Gary
Yarbrough

FBCSKIATOOK.COM/FIRST-KIDS/

VBS 2022
JUNE 26-JULY 1
6PM-9PM
FBCSKIATOOK.COM



**CREATED
IN CHRIST
DESIGNED
FOR GOD'S
PURPOSE**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SKIATOOK

FRIDAY-VBS TALENT SHOW
FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY



FBCSKIATOOK.COM
FOR DETAILS

TUESDAYS DURING JUNE & JULY

ASSOCIATIONAL CHILDREN'S CAMP

3rd-5th
GRADERS

JUNE
1-4
@ FALLS CREEK



FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST. LUKE 19:10

Online registration is available

or you can sign up in person with Janae Jordan at the Children's Worship check-in desk on Sundays.

**PARENT & CAMPER
MEETING**

MAY 18 @ 6:30PM
YOUTH SANCTUARY

**PRAYER NIGHT
FOR CAMP**

MAY 22 @ 6pm
**FOLLOWING THE SMALL GROUP
LEADERSHIP TRAINING**



JANAE JORDAN
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN



A Big
**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you to
*Janae for 2 years &
Kelsey for 5 years* of
service at FBC!
We appreciate you!!



Celebrating our 2022 Seniors!!



Jacob Crow



Spencer Deckard



Kylee Goodell



Annabelle Bumgardner



Caleb Stephens



Joshua Stephens



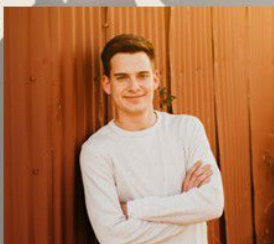
Ethan Stout



Kendra McDermott



Luke Boswell



Caden Boswell



Grace Boswell



Sarah Zelenske

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



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

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

FBC STAFF / OFFICE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| CHAD THOMPSON | <i>Lead Pastor</i> |
| SCOTT NEIGHBORS | <i>Executive Pastor</i> |
| DREW POSADA | <i>Pastor of Students / Worship</i> |
| JANAE JORDAN | <i>Director of Children's Ministries</i> |
| SHEREE JORDAN | <i>Director of Preschool Ministries</i> |
| KELSEY LLOYD | <i>Lead Pastor Admin. Assistant / Media</i> |
| MARTHA HOFFMAN | <i>Financial / Membership Secretary</i> |
| RANDALL TATUM | <i>Facilities Manager</i> |
| JESSE JORDAN | <i>South Campus Facilities Manager</i> |

CONTACT / LOCATION INFORMATION

South Campus (Main Office for all correspondence)

940 W. Oak, Skiatook, OK 74070

Ph: 918-396-1565

Web Site: fbcskiatook.com

E-mail: info@fbcskiatook.com

Chad: cthompson@fbcskiatook.com

Scott: sneighbors@fbcskiatook.com

Drew: dposada@fbcskiatook.com

Janae: jjordan@fbcskiatook.com

Sheree: sjordan@fbcskiatook.com

West Rogers Campus (Worship Center)

825 W. Rogers Blvd, Skiatook, OK

OFFICE HOURS

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



**TITHES & OFFERING
BOXES CAN BE FOUND ON
THE WALLS AT THE BACK
OF THE SANCTUARY.**

Look for the Sign

Make it **EASY** to put
GOD in your finances.

easyTithe

Sign up today for online
giving! Go to

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.

Jared Basey
Mike Earp
Stephen Goodell
Dennis Harrison
Judd Jordan
Keni Kennedy
Kelly Maddoux
Michael McQuay

Mike Mullins
Micah Nix
Scott Robinson
Earl Rozell
Jeremy Stout
Gary Yarbrough

FBC DEACONS