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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 3, 2022

## CHAD THOMPSON
LEAD PASTOR

INDIA
People Groups Unreached- 2,135 (90.0%)
Population in Unreached- 1,332,045,000 (95.1%)

OVERVIEW:
Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government seeks to forcibly unite India under Hinduism despite the country's great diversity of languages, cultures and religions. Although Prime Minister Modi has publicly said his government will not tolerate religious discrimination, his actions have proved otherwise. Vague policies such as laws forbidding the conversion of Hindus have passed in several Indian states, and the push for a similar federal law has gained support. These state anti-conversion laws have long been used against pastors, church planters and evangelists.

The main persecutors are well-organized Hindu extremist groups, local governments and nationalist Hindus who seek to "purify" India by making it entirely Hindu. They seek to appease Hindu deities by eliminating Christians, and they view Christian converts as traitors to the Hindu homeland.

Churches have been demolished and burned, worship gatherings have been disrupted, crosses in graveyards have been vandalized, and Bibles and other Christian literature have been confiscated and burned. Many pastors have been beaten and jailed, and several are martyred each year. Christians are often arrested and held for up to three weeks after being falsely accused of forcing Hindus to convert to Christianity.

Pray for the Persecuted Church:
Pastor Kuriachan; his wife, Selin; and their assistant pastor, Manikanta, were beaten and arrested the evening of May 17, 2022. The attack occurred after they had visited another Christian's house in a nearby Hindu village. The three believers have been released on bail, but their case is still ongoing. Pray for their safety and wellbeing, and pray that God protects the villager they were visiting as well. Pray that the case against them is overturned, and pray that as these Christians grow in their faith, the gospel continues to advance in the village where the incident took place.

Information from The Voice of The Martyrs and Joshua Project

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

**Numbers for June 26, 2022**
**Small Group Total: 294**
**Worship Total: 389 + 10 Online**

| | June 26 | To Date 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Budget Projected | $ 17,572.08 | $ 456,874.08 |
| *Budget Received | $ 16,556.99 | $ 541,347.05 |
| Capital Campaign | $ 450.00 | $ 11,865.00 |
| Spent to Date | | $ 424,111.87 |

**COOPERATIVE & WORLD MISSIONS TO DATE**

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|---|---|
| BGCO To Date | $ 54,134.73 |
| WOBA To Date | $ 10,826.95 |

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

JOURNEY of FAITH Capital Campaign

**Current Loan Balance**
**$ 274,095.35**

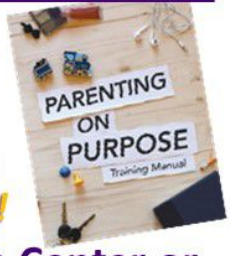
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SKIATOOK

# PARENTING ON PURPOSE

SUNDAYS IN JULY

**July 10, 17, 24, 31.**

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am
and Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm
(with dinner & childcare included)




*Invite your parent friends!*

**Sign up at the Welcome Center or**
**See Scott Neighbors**
**sneighbors@fbcskiatook.com**

# SCOTT NEIGHBORS
EXECUTIVE PASTOR

CARPE DIEM

If you saw the 1989 hit "Dead Poets Society" you'll remember their rallying cry... "Carpe diem!" Translated "Seize the day!" it has been applied to countless endeavors and scenarios, most generally efforts of monumental importance. I mean, we rarely stand at the McDonalds menu board shouting, "Carpe diem!" hoping to spur on our friends to make a life changing selection (although a few times when they were taking <u>way</u> too long I wanted to shout "Carpe jugulum!" – "Seize the throat!") It is important, however, that we are careful about what we dismiss as unimportant.

This week we experienced Vacation Bible School. We saw 250-300 children and volunteers sing, play, eat, fellowship and, most importantly, spend time in The Word discovering God's will for their lives. It was a Herculean task to pull off, but certainly not "Carpe diem!' worthy. Or was it?

I saw a question online asking, "Is 'carpe diem' biblical?" If they mean, "Did it come from the Bible?" then the answer is probably "no" since it is literarily attributed to the Roman poet Horace. The actual quote is "carpe diem quam minimum credula postero," or "harvest this day and trust not the future." Hmm? The words may be Horace's, but the thought is certainly biblical.

As for not "trusting the future," James 4 says,

***Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.***

The Old Testament underscores that in Proverbs 27,

***"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."***

And as for "harvesting this day," Paul warned the Corinthian church not to miss the most monumentally important day in any person's life,

***For He says: I heard you in an acceptable time, and I helped you in the day of salvation. Look, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2 (HCSB)***

In June of 1963, in Stillwater, OK, on an ordinary day of VBS, my parents "seized the day!" They harvested the seeds of Truth they had been planting in me for years. The loss of two brothers in war and a child at birth and the near loss of another, told them that a long future is not guaranteed. So, when the day of salvation came calling for me, they seized it! They answered my questions, pointed me to Christ and started me on a journey of trusting not the future, but the One who holds my future. It was a monumental day for me!

So, thank you, VBS workers! May you continue to "carpe diem!"

## MISSION TRIP
with Mobile Missions in Tulsa

We will be loving on our communities in the Tulsa metro area

Open to all; Students, Families, Adults

Pick up an info packet at the Welcome Cener

**JULY 24-29**

Drew Posada
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## SUNDAY, JULY 17 // 5PM
## small groups
## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

# Pray for our students and Sponsors leaving for Falls Creek on Monday

CHOOSE '22 FALLS CREEK

DREW POSADA
STUDENT & WORSHIP PASTOR

## SHEREE JORDAN
DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL

# J.O.Y.
## KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SKIATOOK, OK

Singing, dancing, laughter, running,
and exploring with friends.
We would love to have your
Preschooler join us on the adventure.

Enrollment is open,
But classes are filling quickly.
Contact Sheree Jordan at
sjordan@fbcskiatook.com
To enroll your little one.

Classes for Ones-Kindergarten
K5-four day, Ones-K4 are two & three day

## SUNDAYS at the 11:00 SERVICE

| | July 3 | July 10 |
|---|---|---|
| CHILDREN | Sloane McIntire | Leah Minshall |
| PRESCHOOL: | Sherri Beyen<br>Betty Welwood | Sara Spurgeon<br>Stephanie Thomas |

# THANK YOU
# To ALL of our Volunteers who helped make VBS a successful week!
# We appreciate you!

## JANAE JORDAN
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN

# 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*

LIVE STREAMING

## 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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SKIATOOK

**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 1st 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.

## FBC DEACONS

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