



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 19, 2023

CHAD THOMPSON
LEAD PASTOR

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS CONVENTION

On Monday and Tuesday, I attended this year's state convention. Such a great time of encouragement. One of my favorite parts is to hear the updates about the many ministries. I will let you know about Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children.



Homes
for CHILDREN

During the 2022 year Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children were blessed to serve 153 children on our campuses and 37

mothers through Children's Hope. Our Hope Pregnancy Centers served almost 3,000 clients, and One Such Child assisted churches in foster care ministry. The number that drives all of what OBHC does is the 77 people who came to Christ and the numerous Gospel conversations beyond them.

Christ-Honoring. In the way that we work together and walk together; in how we talk to each other and about each other. This spirit is more evident in what people see than in what we will say.

Child-and-Family-Focused. The mission will drive the organization. OBHC's mission is to demonstrate God's love through empowering children and their families to follow Christ.

Church-Connected. When the Baptist Churches of the Oklahoma Convention and the Indian Territory convention joined together to establish what was then named the Baptist Orphans' Home in 1903, it was an act of compassion and a step of commitment from the churches. It would be difficult, if not impossible, for any church to do the work of OBHC, but OBHC cannot do that work without the church working together.

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Numbers for November 12, 2023

Small Group Total: 276

Worship Total: 378

	Nov 12	To Date 2023
Budget Projected	\$ 18,970.15	\$ 872,626.90
Budget Received	\$ 19,222.43	\$ 939,010.09
Spent to Date		\$ 886,139.91

COOPERATIVE & WORLD MISSIONS TO DATE

BGCO To Date \$ 93,901.01

WOBA To Date \$ 18,780.20

(Includes funds received in house, by USPS and through Realm.)



SCOTT NEIGHBORS

EXECUTIVE PASTOR



Plain & Simple

"I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

The origin of that statement is about as certain as the statement itself, but suffice it to say, both are the epitome of precise ambiguity. I'm a self-described wordsmith who appreciates a good "turn of phrase," and often times we can use such to our advantage...i.e. the deteriorating shack in the woods is described by the realtor as a "rustic cottage nestled in the pines." But, more often than not, the attempt to be clever or erudite can often obscure the power of a simple phrase. [Dieter Uchtdorf](#) said, "There is a beauty and clarity that comes from simplicity that we sometimes do not appreciate in our thirst for intricate solutions." This is particularly true when the simple phrase is alluding to an indescribable, mystical event that defies explanation. The German philosopher, Schopenhauer, once wrote, "One should use common words to say common things." I would not consider either of these men to be "Christian philosophers," yet their sentiments would be aptly applied to the opening words of the Holy Bible,

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. We love to debate how He did it, how long it took, why He did it, etc. But in our "thirst for intricate solutions" we must never lose sight of the central truth...in the beginning **He** did it.

That's why I like Paul's reminder in Corinthians. Though Paul was an excellent communicator, he realized the power of his message was not the clever turning of a phrase, but in the power of the Truth and presence of the Holy Spirit in the message. While not a literal translation, I love The Message's paraphrase of that speech...

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (MSG)

You'll remember, friends, that when I first came to you to let you in on God's master stroke, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did—Jesus crucified. I was unsure of how to go about this, and felt totally inadequate—I was scared to death, if you want the truth of it— and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God's Spirit and God's power did it, which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God's power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else.

Plain and simple... 'nuf said.

FBC Women's Ministry

Christmas Fellowship

ONE BIG CHRISTMAS EVENT

THURS FOR NOV & DEC

NOV 30 | 6-8PM

West Rogers Campus

Wrapped ornament exchange!
Cookie decorating, ornament making, & food
Sign Up at the Welcome Center

Celebration

SUNDAY

December 17

Join us in celebrating what the Lord has done this year

1 SERVICE & LUNCH TO FOLLOW

YEC

YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

January 14-15

Registration will open soon



DREW POSADA
STUDENT & WORSHIP PASTOR

SHEREE JORDAN

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL



Here in the New Testament crucifixion accounts, we read of Christ taking to the cross on our behalf. In this place where Jesus was stripped of His dignity, we find ourselves clothed in His righteousness by faith.

Teach your kids that on Calvary's hill, as darkness fell upon the earth, we got to experience the life that could only come from the death of God's own Son. He who knew no sin experienced the depths of separation from the Father so that we would not have to endure such darkness. Christ took on the feeling of forsakenness so that we would never have to know what life is like without Him; this is our invitation to everlasting life that is only received by faith alone.

FAMILY TALKING POINTS

We deserve to die because of our sins, but God loves us and sent Jesus—who never did anything wrong—to die in our place. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and gives us life with Him forever.



Cereal & a Christmas Movie

4th & 5th graders

Movie: Home Alone

December 1

6-8pm | WRC

Register on Realm or
fbcskiatook.com



Preschool & Children's Worship

SUNDAYS at the 11:00am SERVICE

Nov 19

Nov 26

CHILDREN:

Kaydan Scheihing

Bethany Coburn

PRESCHOOL:

Sarah Spurgeon
& Stephanie Thomas

Dana Johnson
& Kerry Jordan

BREAKER ROCK BEACH
ROMANS 12:2

FBC Skiatook exists to connect people to Jesus, His Truth, His Family, & His Mission. One of the biggest outreaches at our church for the city of Skiatook is Vacation Bible School. As you may recall, 2023 welcomed major adjustments for us in this specific outreach as we changed from summer nights to Spring Break days for VBS. We trusted as God lead, and what a journey it was! We are filled with hope again as we start planning for Spring Break 2024. Will you join me in praying over the planning process and asking God what *your* part will be in the big picture of this outreach to our community?

GOD'S TRUTH NEVER CHANGES

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

SANDCASTLE Cove

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



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

Youth | Games, Food, Worship & Bible Study (SC)

BLUEPRINT | Preschool & Children (SC)

Adult Small Group (SC)

Celebrate Recovery (WRC)

Time of Prayer (WRC)

TIME OF
PRAYER

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>
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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 stay connected!

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/ OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE / TITHING /
CONNECTING WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP**



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and Scan the QR code
to request to join**



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