



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 28, 2024

CHAD THOMPSON
LEAD PASTOR



Empty Promises

Jesus was asked, "what is the greatest commandment?". He answered by saying, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:37-40). Satan, has taken the hearts of the people and turned them away from the one true God. He has done all that he can to get people to worship and serve false gods. He has been doing this throughout history. Putting false gods in the place of the one true God, it is called the sin of idolatry.

False gods promise what only the true God is Faithful to Provide. For example, money is a popular false god. Money promises that if you have enough, you'll be happy and secure. That's what many people believe about the false god of money. But the reality is, once you get enough money and someone says, "You have cancer and you are going to die in thirty days," you realize it doesn't matter how much money you have. It doesn't make you secure. It's a false promise. If one day you find you've lost a close family member, there's no amount of money that can buy your happiness in that moment. It's a false promise. It's a false god. It promises something that it does not provide.

In the life of Elijah, many people were living idolatrous lives. They were worshipping and serving false gods. Elijah was called by God to confront a very evil king named King Ahab, who was married to the wicked woman, Jezebel. Scripture says that he did more evil in the eyes of God than anyone before him, so he was the worst of the worst, and of all his long list of sins and wickedness, the worst thing that he did was, he continued turning the hearts of the people away from the one true God toward the false gods of Baal and Asherah. The false gods promised, "If you worship me, we'll make your crops grow. If you worship me, then you'll have a better life."

What have you been pursuing instead of loving the Lord your God with all of your heart soul mind and strength? Have you been listening to the false promises of money, success, popularity, self-image, or the thousands of other false gods. What has distracted you from seeking and spending time with God? Identify and put to death the false gods/idols in your life and seek the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Numbers for January 21, 2024

Small Group Total: 289

Worship Total: 378

	Jan 21	To Date 2024
Budget Projected	\$ 21,963.15	\$ 65,889.45
Budget Received	\$ 21,107.25	\$ 112,352.72
Spent to Date		\$ 42,886.33

COOPERATIVE & WORLD MISSIONS TO DATE

BGCO To Date \$ 11,235.28

WOBA To Date \$ 1,824.91

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

FBC Women's Ministry
Galanture's Night
A Night to Warm Your Heart
THURS
FEB 8 | 6-8PM
West Rogers Campus

Bunco fun, food, and donations for John 3:16 Ministries/gloves, hats,& socks

Donations for John 3:16 Ministries will be collected.

Youth ladies—gloves

Young & Median ladies—stocking hats

Senior Ladies—warm socks

Sign up at the Welcome Center

SCOTT NEIGHBORS

EXECUTIVE PASTOR



LEGACY DECISIONS

It's early Saturday evening in 1965. At 806 S. "C" St., 5 kids ranging in age from 5-16 are in PJ's watching TV in their living room. The youngest boys just finished their Saturday night baths (something you had to schedule out when you had 5 kids and one 20-gallon hot water tank.) The girls finished theirs earlier so they could get their sponge rollers in...you want that hair to be curly! The boys have brought their dress shoes to Dad so he can polish them. As soon as "Flipper" and "Get Smart" are over, they will head to bed. Nothing has been said about tomorrow, but there is no doubt what the family will be doing...it's Sunday...they're going to church...all of them. Saturday evening was preparation for Sunday morning. And that was my early upbringing.

In just a few years, we all became teenagers or young adults...schedules got busier, options more plentiful. But that decision impressed upon us in our formative years continued to guide our attitudes toward the Sabbath through those tempting times and has stayed with us until today. We protested it occasionally if a really tempting option presented itself; but, it was most often for nought. Even if allowance was made, it was the rare exception and not the rule. That's why I headed to college sporting an 11-year Sunday School perfect attendance pin. There were probably a dozen absences for illness, vacations, etc. in those 572 Sundays. But, I always completed the "make-up" requirements. It wasn't a legalism thing; rather it was an acknowledgement that Sunday was a priority and missing church had spiritual, social and familial consequences.

I am thankful for that firm guidance. But I was reminded this week that this decision was in place long before I was born. In an "Everyday Hero" piece Channel 6 did on my dad, he was recounting the moment in WWII when, at age 18, his ship was blown apart by a kamikaze plane. He said, "I survived...and so many others didn't...so I figured the Lord had a reason for me to survive. So, I listened to Him the rest of my life and did what He said to do." Most certainly, being in the house of the Lord was something God commanded (Heb. 10:25), He meant for us to enjoy (Ps. 122:1) and our Savior practiced faithfully (Luke 21:37). I also know, from family lore, that his father made a similar decision when Dad was young that changed the course of his family's Christian upbringing.

Dave Ramsey of "Financial Peace" fame, speaks of "legacy decisions" that can change the financial fortunes of a family for generations to come by equipping them with a solid foundation and skills to avoid financial bankruptcy. Like my Dad, and his before him, we can also make legacy decisions that will help our families avoid spiritual bankruptcy.

I hope you will join us each month as we talk about these decisions as part of our *"Equipping Our Homes"* emphasis.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

1st THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FEBRUARY 1
7:00pm LOCATION VARIES

James Breeding (918) 695-3925

PRAY FOR OUR TEAM HEADING TO SURINAME FEB 16-24

Chris Weed, Roy Rozell,
David Dugan, Connor Raines,
Charlie Hess, and
Chad Thompson, Julia Raines

DNOW 24

MARCH 1-3

Friday-Sunday

DNOW (Disciple Now) is a weekend retreat for our youth ministry. Our hope is to point students into a deeper relationship with Jesus and relationship with their peers by bringing the Gospel into their lives.



\$50 PER STUDENT

6th-12th graders

Deadline Sun, Feb 25

REGISTER NOW on Realm or
fbcskiatook.com/students



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STUDENT & WORSHIP PASTOR

SHEREE JORDAN

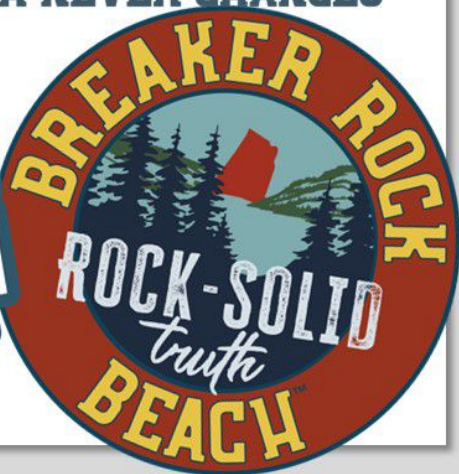
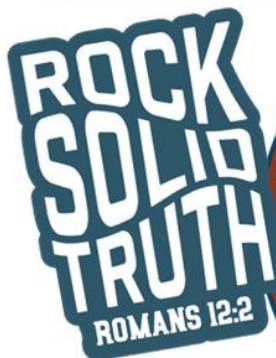
DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL



We are getting ready for Spring Break VBS, March 18-22. This year we will learn what the Bible says about some of the lies the world tells us such as; being a good person gets you into heaven, there are many ways to heaven, truth can be different for different people, and do what makes you happy. Preschoolers are not sheltered from the lies; they need to know the Bible is rock solid truth that never changes. I know you will agree that our children need the knowledge of the Bible and as leaders, and influencers, we can give them the needed truth. Currently, we have many opportunities for our people to serve in VBS. You must be a member of FBC, complete a ministry application, and certification training, and pass a background check. We look forward to Spring Break VBS and teaching our children that God's Truth is Rock Solid and Never Changes.



GOD'S TRUTH NEVER CHANGES



Equipping our homes, our families, our lives with the gospel to be better followers and witnesses of Christ

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
5:00 PM | SC GYM**

Dinner & Childcare Provided

TOPIC:

**Social Media, Mental Health
and the Home**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Kent Choate



**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A
WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**
ROMANS 12:2

VBS 2024 IS COMING!!

**MARCH 18-22 \ SPRING BREAK
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 - 3PM**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

FOR KIDS & VOLUNTEERS

JANAE JORDAN

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN



**SUNDAYS at the
11:00am SERVICE**

JAN 21

JAN 28

CHILDREN:

Whitney McIntire
& Sloane McIntire

Krystal Corley

PRESCHOOL:

Dana Johnson
& Isabella Nix

Janelle Forbes
& Jennifer Voss

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)



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>
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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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CONNECTING WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP**



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