



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 14, 2024

CHAD THOMPSON
LEAD PASTOR



What is the Septuagint?

In *Hebrews 1:4-14*, the writer quotes 7 Old Testament passages. The language that he is writing in, like the rest of the New Testament, is in Greek. He quotes the Old Testament which was mostly written in Hebrew (though there are parts that are in Aramaic, the language of the Babylonian Empire). The Greek Translation of the Hebrew Old Testament is called the Septuagint.

The Septuagint (also known as the LXX- Roman Numeral for 70) is a translation of the Hebrew Bible into the Greek language. The name *Septuagint* comes from the Latin word for "seventy." The tradition is that 70 (or 72) Jewish scholars were the translators behind the Septuagint. The Septuagint was translated in the third and second centuries BC in Alexandria, Egypt (traditionally dated to the reign of Ptolemy II Philadelphus of Egypt (285-246 BC). As Israel was under the authority of Greece for several centuries, the Greek language became more and more common. By the second and first centuries BC, most people in Israel spoke what is known as Koine (Common) Greek as their primary language. That is why the effort was made to translate the Hebrew Bible into Greek—so that those who did not understand Hebrew could have the Scriptures in a language they could understand. The Septuagint represents the first major effort at translating a significant religious text from one language into another.

As faithful as the Septuagint translators strove to be in accurately rendering the Hebrew text into Greek, some translational differences arose. But the fact that the apostles and New Testament authors felt comfortable, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, in using the Septuagint should give us assurance that a translation of the original languages of the Bible is still the authoritative Word of God. *(Information mostly taken from gotquestions.org)*

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Numbers for April 7, 2024
Small Groups: 276
Worship Total: 459

	April 7	To Date 2024
Budget Projected	\$ 21,963.15	\$ 285,520.95
Budget Received	\$ 23,341.65	\$ 321,955.32
Spent to Date		\$ 278,409.58

COOPERATIVE & WORLD MISSIONS TO DATE

BGCO To Date	\$ 32,195.53
WOBA To Date	\$ 6,439.11

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



LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER KAIYA PENNINGTON

Sunday, April 14

Immediately following service (12:30)

Come join us for a chili lunch to help Kaiya raise funds for her mission trip to Lira, Uganda where she will be serving with Project Hope Worldwide at the Calo Me Lare Orphanage.



3rd Sunday of every month

EQUIP
THE HOME

Guest Speaker:
Ricky Chelette with
Living Hope Ministries

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
9:30AM & 5:00 PM

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TOPIC: Understanding Gender Development in Children

SCOTT NEIGHBORS

EXECUTIVE PASTOR



KNIT TOGETHER, WONDERFULLY!

If you grew up with black and white movies you might know the name Johnny Weissmuller...a 5-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer who became the best known of the early actors who played Tarzan. He immortalized the line, "Me Tarzan, you Jane." You may not be familiar with the name Johnny Sheffield, but if you know Tarzan, you probably also know Sheffield's character. For 8 years, Sheffield played Tarzan's adopted son, "Boy." Now, when we're born, the "gender reveal" is a big part of the celebration. But if 8 years later, your parents still identify you simply as "Boy," you might be wrestling with some real identity issues.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:13-14 (ESV)

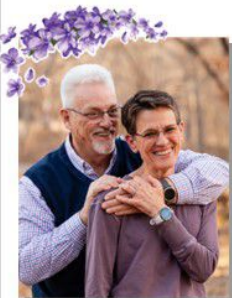
On Sunday, Bro. Drew mentioned that our Advance Youth Ministry is beginning a focus on "identity in Christ." Certainly, there is a big and important emphasis today on the gender identity issue and one we need to get a Biblical perspective on. We're offering some big help on that on April 21st (check out the ad in today's newsletter). But there is so much more to our identity in Christ than just male or female. Look at the last 6 words of the verse above; "my soul knows it very well." This tells me the aforementioned "inward parts" are more than just bone and muscle. God's divine knitting was physical, mental and spiritual. That's why Jesus said the greatest commandment is equally all-inclusive.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Mark 12:30 (HCSB)

Truly finding our identity in Christ certainly involves a clear understanding of His purpose in creating male and female; but it is also in learning how He uniquely knitted together my total being. To my soul He gave salvation and spiritual giftedness; to my body He gave physical abilities. To my mind He gave the ability to reason how to perfect and use those gifts and to my heart He gave a passion to serve Him. Finding your identity in Christ means understanding how fearfully and wonderfully you have been knit together and how the greatest facet of your being is an eternal soul that was formed in His image and, thus, only happy and complete in Him.

This understanding of identity is not the result of a sermon series or a book study. Rather, it's a lifetime of discovery; the byproduct of discipleship.

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me. Galatians 2:20 (NASB77)



**We would love for you to join us at the celebration of our marriage
April 27, 2024 @ 10:00 am
First Baptist Church
West Rogers Campus**



Our Equip The Home will look a little different for April. Sunday, April 21, Ricky Chelette with Living Hope Ministries will be with us at our 8:00am &

11:00am services. He will lead a session during our small group time at 9:30am in the WRC sanctuary and will lead his final session at 5:00pm Sunday evening in the SC gym.

ALL SMALL GROUPS WILL MEET TOGETHER AT THE WEST ROGERS CAMPUS @ 9:30AM

*-Kids will have Small Group time in the WRC gym
-Youth & Adults will meet together in the WRC Sanctuary*

Understanding Gender Development in our Children

Sunday APRIL 21

EQUIP THE HOME

GUEST SPEAKER: Ricky Chelette, Living Hope Ministries

Understanding the components of sexual identity is key to helping people embrace God's design for sexuality

Class of 2024

SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, April 28

11AM Service

We take a Sunday every year to celebrate our awesome high school graduates and pray for them as a church. If you want your Senior to be recognized and prayed over, email Drew the following:

- 1. A picture of your senior**
- 2. High School attended and any accolades you want mentioned (athletics, academics, extra curriculars, etc.)**
- 3. Future plans of Senior**

Please get these to Drew by Wednesday, April 24.

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If you have any questions you can contact Drew by email or phone 405-650-3551



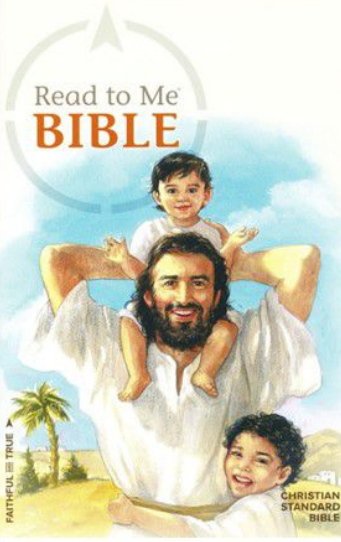
DREW POSADA
STUDENT & WORSHIP PASTOR

SHEREE JORDAN

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL



Preschool teachers and parents have the opportunity to introduce preschoolers to the Bible, God's special book. This is accomplished through the use of the Bible in the classroom, verses and phrases- portions of Bible verses restated using words preschoolers can understand. Repeating Bible verses and phrases while preschoolers engage in everyday activities is a way teachers and parents can help children become familiar with the Bible. Don't be afraid to let your preschoolers use a Bible, bring their Bible to church. Bible storybooks are good, but will not have all the stories that we tell in the classroom, this can be confusing for a young child. Let's begin building Bible skills with our preschoolers!



HIS little feet
International Children's Choir

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
8am & 11am Services

DONE **KIDS CAMP 2024**

understanding the completed mission of Jesus

May 29 - June 1
3rd to 5th graders

Registration open now!!

Register at fbcskiatook.com or in Realm

BLUEPRINT
FBC FIRSTKIDS!

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OUR LAST NIGHT OF BLUEPRINT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
SNOWCONES, GAMES, FRIENDS, FUN!

BLUEPRINT
PINEWOOD DERBY

RACERS READY
ON YOUR MARK

PRESCHOOL DERBY || WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
ELEMENTARY DERBY || WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!

Our Blueprint Pinewood Derby Races are this week and next! Join us for a night of family fun as we celebrate all the hard work our racers put into their cars. Hotdogs and chips will be available for attendees.

Preschool & Children's Worship

SUNDAYS at the 11:00am SERVICE

	APRIL 14	APRIL 21
CHILDREN:	Kaydan Scheihing	Jennifer Kennedy & Jackson Bearden
PRESCHOOL:	Isabella Nix & Janelle Forbes	Sherrie Beyen & Betty Welwood

Elementary races this Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30-8pm
Families welcome to attend!



HI ROY!

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) - **LAST NIGHT MAY 1***

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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SHEREE JORDAN	<i>Director of Preschool Ministries</i>
KELSEY LLOYD	<i>Lead Pastor Admin. Assistant / Media</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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