



July 2021

NEWSLETTER

FIRST MOORE BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 25

WORSHIP SERVICE-10:30AM
FELLOWSHIP MEAL- NOON
FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING-12:30PM

[FIRSTMOORE.COM/FAMILYMEETING](https://firstmoore.com/familymeeting)



A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

Being One...

I want to take a moment and share my heart with you. I thank God for calling me and my family to be part of First Moore. While the first year has presented challenges for us, with little things like a pandemic, it has been a joy to be among you and I consider it a privilege to pastor this body. Through the opportunity to lead our two services and many personal conversations, I have had the incredible joy of getting to know many of our people, ranging from some of the oldest saints to some of our newest additions, born in the last year. I thank God that we have people from multiple generations as well as different backgrounds. I believe this speaks to the power of God to unite us through His Gospel and Spirit. We are not a perfect church, but we have a great church! This leads me to a burden that I experience on many Sunday mornings. As I move from one service to another, I cannot help but notice that we are separated in some ways. It is not just the time or location that separates us, but it seems that we are most commonly separated by age and worship style. I leave one service that is predominantly our older generations, where we worship together and go to another that is full of our younger generations doing the same. While each of these times of worship are encouraging to my heart, I can't help but feel that we are missing out on the mutual benefit of being together, as each group has so much to offer the other. I can't help but think that our preferences that lead to fragmenting us fail to tell the story of a Gospel that is capable of uniting us in Christ. When I read through the New Testament, I cannot help but see a group of people divided by so many worldly criteria yet are somehow supernaturally united in the Gospel. As your pastor, my heart longs for us to be one.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Pray for CrossTimbers

Join us in praying for our kids and sponsors going to CrossTimbers on July 5-8. You can grab a prayer packet on Sunday, July 4.

Christmas in July- Toy Drive

Move over Hallmark Channel, First Moore is celebrating Christmas in July by collecting toys for local families in need. We are working to provide a local organization called Sharing Tree with plenty of toys for the annual Christmas Connection.

Check out their Amazon Wish List at firstmoore.com/toydrive or pick up a paper copy at the Connection Hub or Worship Center Foyer. Place your newly purchased toys underneath the Christmas trees in the foyer or atrium.

4th of July Concert

Celebrate freedom with us on July 4 at a church-wide concert with Blake & Jenna Bolerjack. The concert will start at 6:00pm in the worship center, followed by an ice cream social in the atrium. (There will be six different flavors of Braum's Ice Cream available) Everything will wrap up in plenty of time for you to step into the east parking lot or head someplace else to watch fireworks.

Church Family Meeting

On Sunday, July 25 we will be having a special day of worship and fellowship for our church family. We will all gather together at 10:30am in the worship center. After that, we will move to the atrium for a meal, as well as a time for church business and ministry updates.

Buy tickets for the meal at firstmoore.com/familymeeting, the Connection Hub, Media Room or the West Desk (during the week). Cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 family max.

VBS 2021

VBS in the Park

We are excited to take the Gospel to our community again in 2021 with VBS in the Park. We will be hosting VBS at six different parks around Moore on July 26-29 from 9:00am-11:00am. Sign your kids up at firstmoore.com/vbs.

VBS Launch Team

Help us get the word out about VBS. Visit the VBS tent in the west foyer for promo materials, like personal invite cards you can use to invite neighbors and friends.

VBS Launch Night

On Wednesday, July 21 we are going to be preparing to launch VBS by hosting an event at each of the six parks where we will be having VBS. We will be there from 6:00pm-8:00pm. There will be hot dogs, we will pray together, and even spend some time canvassing the neighborhoods around the parks. This night is for all people of First Moore even if you can not serve at VBS.

August Sermon Series

During the month of August we will be having a special emphasis on the church. We will all meet together in the worship center at 10:30am and LifeGroups will meet at 9:15am. We will have to temporarily change where some LifeGroups meet during August. More details coming soon.

Engage Opportunity- Fuse Soccer

We are planning to start Fuse Soccer toward the end of August. There will be a great opportunity to serve through this engage ministry by coaching, refereeing, and more. Please contact Sarika at Sarika.crosslin@firstmoore.com if you would like be involved.



SUNDAY MORNING STATS

	<u>May 30</u>	<u>June 6</u>	<u>June 13</u>	<u>June 20</u>	<u>June 27</u>	<u>YTD Avg</u>
LifeGroups	581	647	588	578	620	564
Worship Attendance	626	716	744	773	758	676
Offering/Tithe	\$44,452.84	\$81,947.47	\$65,766.75	\$42,903.65	\$69,160.13	
Prepare the Way	\$5,560.00	\$4,912.00	\$3,223.50	\$2,783.00	\$11,574.50	



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That is why starting July 25th, we are going to spend six weeks together in one service. There are several reasons for this. First, we need a time to celebrate and fellowship together. On July 25th, we will have our Church Family Sunday where we all worship together at 10:30 am. During this time, we will witness the baptism of new believers and share in the Lord's Supper together. After the service, we will have a meal together in the atrium followed by our first Church Family Meeting (hopefully of many), that will replace our traditional quarterly business conferences. In this meeting, we will still give out important information that the body needs to be aware of, but even greater we will celebrate all that God has been doing in our church, while highlighting important future ministries. I implore you to make this date a priority. Second, we need to be on the same page. In August, we will continue to be in one service. We will break from Luke to have a sermon series that looks into God's Word to see the importance of the church, church membership, and our responsibilities to the Lord and one another as members of the family of God. Our Life Groups will meet and all study the same book together for six weeks. This book will help us understand what it means to be a church member. Finally, we need to be unified. In a time and place where there are so many things that can divide us, it is of utmost importance that we, as followers of Christ Jesus, be all the more unified. Being in one service together doesn't guarantee unity, but it is a way for us to show that it is important.

For this to happen, we must all give up some of our preferences. Location for some of us will change. Time of services and Life Groups will change. Stylistic preference in worship will change for us all. Rather than focusing on what we give up, it is important for us to think about what we will gain. We are going to gain a time of fellowship and worship as one family, representative of many differences, yet united in One Spirit, on faith, one baptism, and one Lord. It is time for us to be ONE!

For His Glory and Your Joy,
Pastor Charlie



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

May 2021

Bo Bradshaw (Letter)

June 2021

Zach Erickson (Letter)

Valerie Erickson (Letter)

Caleb Jones (Letter)

KrisCinda Jones (Letter)

Mary Rachel Densman (Letter)

Scott McCaulley (Statement)

Kerrie Young (Statement)

Interested in becoming a member?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of First Moore please contact our Director of Connections, Stephanie Gaches, at stephanie.gaches@firstmoore.com to begin the conversation.



CALENDAR

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Church Office Closed	2	3 11:00am- Students Return from Falls Creek
4 6:00pm- 4th of July Concert Ice Cream Social to Follow	5	6	7 6:15pm- Men's Ministry Leadership Meeting	8	9	10
CrossTimbers Kids Camp, July 5-July 8						
11 12:30pm- Singles Lunch VBS Leadership Lunch	12	13	14 11:00am- Midweek Bible Study-Lunch 6:45pm- Next Gen Water Night 6:45pm- Steering Committee	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 6:00pm- VBS Launch Night	22	23	24
25 10:30am- Combined Worship Service Noon- Fellowship Meal 12:30pm- Family Business Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	31
VBS in the Park, July 26-July 29, 9:00am-11:00am						

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ABOVE)

Office Hours

8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Thursday

Sunday Schedule

8:15am Adult LifeGroups
 9:30am All Ages LifeGroups
 Blended Worship (In Worship Center)
 11:00am Adult Life Groups
 Modern Worship (In Atrium)
 Preschool Ministry, ARK Worship & Studio 26

Mondays

10:00am-2:00pm Care Center
5:30pm-7:00pm Care Center

Wednesdays

10:00am Midweek Bible Study
6:30pm Worship Choir Practice

Thursdays

6:30pm Embrace Ministries
Cancer Companions
Celebrate Recovery
Survivors of Suicide