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NEWSLETTER

FIRST MOORE BAPTIST CHURCH



LET'S GIVE THANKS...
BUT LET'S ALSO
GET TO WORK



A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

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Friday, June 24, 2022, will go down as a monumental day in the fight for the sanctity of life. The Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* was a huge win in the fight to end abortion, that many of us wondered if would ever happen. While this should be considered a victory and should be celebrated, it is by no means the end. For one thing, abortion is still allowed in much of the United States. Time will tell how this decision will affect the decisions that states make concerning outlawing the killing of innocent children. While we're fortunate in our state to have strict laws concerning this, we must continue to pray that other states will follow.

Without a doubt, this decision will lead to the birth of more children. While this is indeed a blessing, it will also create new needs which bring along ministry opportunities. First, how will we minister to mothers who now have a child or another child and are in difficult situations? How will we come alongside them and walk with them through what (for many) will be a scary and difficult time in their life? We cannot ignore them and fail to minister to them and serve them now that they have kept their child. We must work to find ways to care for those who are hurting and alone.

Sadly, the need for foster and adoptive homes will increase as well. This is another calling for the church to step up and get to work. As I write this, according to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, there are 6,886 children in DHS custody in Oklahoma. There is currently a need for 805 foster families in the state. Right now, 441 children need to be placed. These numbers will, without a doubt, increase in the future. Let that sink in before you dismiss it. 441 children right now are out of their homes, away from their families, not knowing where they will spend the night and many of them are without a place for them to go. This has and will continue to be a need that the church is capable of helping with. We cannot talk about the sanctity of life, yet neglect life that needs help. We who have been adopted by God, through Jesus Christ should understand this more than anyone.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Freedom Celebration & Mission Fundraiser

Join us this coming Sunday, July 3 from Noon-1:30 as we enjoy a great meal together, celebrate our freedom, and raise funds for our student mission trip. Our meal is Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, and Potato Salad from Van's Pig Stand. The meal is free if you RSVP before July 3 and \$5 at the door. If you are bringing a dessert for the auction please drop it off in the Atrium between 8:15am-9:30am.

VBS Preview Night

Start VBS early by attending our VBS Preview Night on Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30pm in the Atrium. Kids and VBS volunteers will be able to receive and tie-dye a free VBS shirt. Kids and their parents will get to experience some VBS music, a VBS video, and enjoy a popsicle.

VBS 2022

Vacation Bible School is moving back to our main campus this summer! Monday, July 11 through Thursday, July 14, from 9:00am-12:00pm, children who have completed Kindergarten thru 6th grade are invited to join us at "Spark Studios". More info and registration is available at www.firstmoore.com/vbs.

VBS Donations

You can be a part of VBS by donating snacks. See the full list at www.firstmoore.com/vbs. Please bring donations to church campus by Wednesday, July 6.

VBS Family Night

On Thursday, July 14 we will celebrate a great week of VBS on the sports fields at 6:30pm. There will be hot dogs and inflatables and we will also recap what we all learned at VBS.

Student Mission Trip

July 16-22, our Student Ministry will go to New Orleans on a Mission Trip. They will be serving through the Mission Lab at New Orleans Seminary. Please be in prayer for our team of 17 that will be going.

Baptism Celebration

Are you ready to take the next step of obedience in your faith by following in believers baptism? We would love to talk to you about being a part of our baptism service on Sunday, July 31. Begin the conversation at www.firstmoore.com/baptism.

Church Family Meeting

On Sunday, July 31 we will gather in the Atrium for our Quarterly Family Meeting. We will celebrate many great things and give ministry updates. The meal will be a "Tour of Tuscany" provided by Primo's Italian in Yukon, and will include salad, breadsticks, Alfredo Penne, Pomodoro Penne, Italian Sausage, Herb Grilled Sliced Chicken, and Meatballs. Cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 family max if you register before July 31 or \$10 per person with a \$30 family max on July 31. RSVP at www.firstmoore.com/familymeeting.

Tee-off Tuesdays

Every Tuesday night, we have a group of people who gather on the First Moore Disc Golf Course at 6:00pm for friendly completion and spiritual encouragement. If you would like to join in, please contact Bruce at bruce.weathers@firstmoore.com. Disc golf experience is not required.

For the Future Campaign

Towards the end of 2021 our church launched a stewardship campaign to help us accomplish some improvements to our church campus which includes remodeling the Worship Center. Through the above and beyond sacrificial giving of the people of First Moore we have been able to raise \$273,353.48. If you want to learn more and join us please visit firstmoore.com/forthefuture.

Weekly Jam Session

Do you play an instrument and enjoy jamming with others? Noel Phillips leads a weekly jam session on Thursdays at 5:30pm in the West Leadership Center and he would love for you to join him some week.



SUNDAY MORNING STATS

	<u>June 5</u>	<u>June 12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 26</u>	<u>YTD AVG</u>
LifeGroups	629	622	574	640	609
Worship Attendance	775	740	775	798	800
Offering/Tithe	\$69,429.96	\$64,084.18	\$48,702.59	\$55,636.85	
For the Future	\$6,487.00	\$8,724.00	\$2,907.50	\$5,468.00	



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This is personal to me. My family has had over ten foster placements in our home. Our youngest daughter was adopted through foster care. Many of our friends have children who have been adopted out of DHS custody. I have seen firsthand the difficult situations that women, children, and families find themselves in. First Moore, what will we do to help? Who will answer the call in our church to meet the need and how will we as a body serve them? May we give thanks for a step that leads to the end of the needless killing of children, but may we also get to work in caring for the children and families that are with us today.

On a final note, it is right for us to hate abortion and fight against it. It is wrong for us to hate others who are advocates for it or who have participated in it. I am ashamed of some of the ways I see Christian people talking to and about this topic on social media. We must be careful that in hating murder, we do not become guilty of it as Jesus taught in Matthew 5, when He said that if you hate another person, you are already guilty of murder in your heart. May we love continually and be agents of reconciliation in the world.

For His glory and your joy,
Pastor Charlie



WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

SUMMER BREAK-NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

June 2022

Casey Bratten(Letter)
Shelly Graumann(Statement)
Eddie Jones (Letter)
Steve McCord (Letter)
Shelley McCord (Letter)

Interested in becoming a member?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of First Moore, 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
3 Freedom Celebration Lunch & Mission Fundraiser	4 Independence Day Church Building Closed	5 10:00am Women's Summer Bible Studies	6 6:30pm VBS Preview Night	7	8	9
10 Noon-Singles Sunday Lunch	11	12	13	14	15	16 Students leave on Mission Trip
VBS 2022 "Spark Studios"						
17	18	19	20 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Noon-Church Family Meeting & Lunch						

Office Hours

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

Sunday Schedule

9:15am - All LifeGroups

10:30am-Worship Service (In Worship Center)

Preschool Ministry, ARK Worship & Kids Worship

Mondays

10:00am-1:00pm Care Center-Food Pantry

5:30pm-7:00pm Care Center-Food Pantry

Wednesdays

10:00am Midweek Bible Study

6:15pm Embrace Group Options

Next Gen Ministry

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6:30pm Worship Choir Practice

Thursdays

6:30pm Celebrate Recovery