



September

NEWSLETTER

FIRST MOORE BAPTIST CHURCH



A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

Gathered to be Scattered

By now, you have probably heard that there is a more permanent change to our Sunday morning schedule. Moving forward, we will continue in one service at 10:30am with Life Groups meeting before at 9:15am. Six weeks ago, we began meeting in one service as we discussed what it means to be the Household of God. This was intentional, as I felt that it was necessary for us to talk about being the church as the church gathered together. My hope was that it would ignite a desire in us for unity that would possibly lead to uniting our services and breaking down the barriers of age and preferred musical style in our church. I am a firm believer that the gospel unites, and our two services didn't seem to tell that story. I did not know when we began the response would be so great that we would feel the need to stay in this schedule permanently. Each of our services (and generations) has willingly given up something to unite us together as one people. My 19-year-old daughter's sentiment echoes what I've heard many say when she said, "I prefer the music in the second service, but I would rather us all be together." Each of us has put aside preferences for something greater, the Spirit of unity in our church. This is what the Household of God is all about.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

New Church Schedule

After much prayer and consideration we announced that we would continue having LifeGroups at 9:15am and Worship at 10:30am until God leads us to do otherwise. Beginning on September 5, we will be offering Kids Worship for 2nd-4th graders during the 10:30am service in Studio 26.

Church Covenant

As we wrapped up our special emphasis on the church on Sunday, August 29 we took a time to covenant together as a body. If you were unable to be with us last week, but would like to covenant together with us, you can get a covenant online at firstmoore.com/covenant or copies will be available in the Connection Hub and Connection Point.

Next Gen Amazing Race

On Sunday, September 5 we are having a fun time of fellowship for our Next Gen families (and anyone else in our church) with The Amazing Race. We will gather in the Atrium at 5:00pm for pizza. After dinner, teams (individual families or groups of friends) will begin a fun, puzzle-solving race around Moore. At the conclusion of the race our teams will meet back at the Atrium for awards and ice cream.

Fuse Soccer

We are excited to offer an opportunity for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade to be a part of a soccer league this fall. Practices will begin the week of September 13 and the league will conclude on October 30. Each team will practice one night a week and play a game on Saturday. The cost is \$65 per child. Register your child at www.firstmoore.com/recreation.

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 to serve in this ministry.

Next Gen Worship Arts

Beginning on Wednesday, September 15 we will be offering Next Gen Worship Arts for all interested kids (K-6th) and students (7th-12th) at 5:30pm. More info and RSVP can be found at firstmoore.com/nextgenworship.

A Night of Remembrance

On Sunday, September 26 we are having a special night for us to remember and celebrate the lives our lost loved ones. The service will feature music from our Worship Ministry and an encouraging word from grief specialist and sculptor, Bob Willis. If you have a loved one that you would like to memorialize, let us know at firstmoore.com/remember.

Chonda Pierce– Live in Concert

First Moore is the host location for an upcoming Chonda Pierce concert on Friday, October 1. Tickets can be purchased online at firstmoore.com/chonda or at the west desk Monday through Thursday.

LifeGroup Room Clean Up Day

As we adjust to our new Sunday morning schedule, we are setting aside a day to give some TLC to our East Education building on Saturday, October 2.

Church Family Meeting

Please mark your calendars for our next Church Family Meeting on Sunday, October 24. We will have LifeGroups at 9:15am and Worship 10:30am, followed by a meal at 11:45am and our meeting beginning at 12:30pm.



SUNDAY MORNING STATS

	<u>August 1</u>	<u>August 8</u>	<u>August 15</u>	<u>August 22</u>	<u>August 29</u>	<u>YTD Avg</u>
LifeGroups	629	621	699	681	690	578
Worship Attendance	885	889	920	893	924	708
Offering/Tithe	\$62,149.03	\$59,097.49	\$56,081.60	\$37,683.50	\$46,109.67	
Prepare the Way	\$5,085.00	\$3,185.00	\$2,891.50	\$1,121.00	\$3,006.00	



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As we have talked about defining church in a Biblical way, we've seen that we are a people who have been called out by God, set apart by God, to gather and assemble for the worship of God, while then being sent out into the world to proclaim God's Gospel that others might believe and be gathered with us. In a very real sense, we are a people who are both gathered and scattered (or sent out). I think this picture is imperative for us to remember if we are going to be effective Kingdom Builders. We are to gather for the exaltation of God, the equipping of the saints, and the embracing of one another. But our focus is not just inward. It is to be outward as well, as each week we are sent out into the world with a clearly defined message and mission: imploring others to be reconciled to God.

I pray that this spirit of revival that is moving in our church would be one that doesn't end with a renewed sense of unity and closeness in our body, but one that moves us out into the world with compassion and hope that others may experience the joy we have as the Household of God, because Jesus has made reconciliation with God and each other a reality. May we strive together, abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing our labor is not in vain.

For His glory and your joy,

Pastor Charlie



WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

Join us for Wednesday night dinner from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Cost is \$5 per person with a family max of \$20. You can sign up and pay for the meal online each week online or through the Realm Connect App.

September 8

Grilled Pork Chops
Au Gratin Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Salad & Bread
Dessert

September 15

Barbecue Brisket
Smoked Pulled Chicken
Baked Beans
Potato Wedges
Rolls and Butter
Dessert

September 22

Chopped Steak in Mushroom Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Ranch Beans
Salad and Dressing
Rolls and Butter
Dessert

September 29

Sliced Ham
Sliced Turkey Breast
Baked Potato
Peas and Carrots
Rolls and Butter
Dessert



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

August 2021

Judy Baker (Statement)
Marcial Cruz (Statement)
Cassidy George (Baptism)
Kevin King (Statement)
Madelyn Nelson (Letter)
Melissa Pienaar (Statement)
Ruan Pienaar (Statement)

August 2021 (Cont.)

Ben Woodson (Statement)
Meredith Woodson (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

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 5:00pm The Amazing Race	6 Labor Day Church Offices and Building Closed	7	8 10:00am Midweek Bible Study & Lunch	9	10	11
12 Noon Singles Lunch	13	14	15	16	17	18 8:00am-Noon Fuse Soccer
19 Noon Finance Committee Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25 8:00am-Noon Fuse Soccer
26 6:00pm A Night of Remembrance Memorial Service	27	28	29	30		

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ABOVE)

Office Hours

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

Sunday Schedule

9:15am All LifeGroups
 10:30am United Worship Service (In Worship Center)
 Preschool Ministry, ARK Worship & Studio 26

Mondays

10:00am-1:00pm Care Center
 5:30pm-7:00pm Care Center

Wednesdays

10:00am Midweek Bible Study
 2:00pm GriefShare
 5:00pm Dinner
 6:15pm Next Gen Ministry
 Adult Group Options
 6:30pm Worship Choir Practice

Thursdays

6:30pm Celebrate Recovery