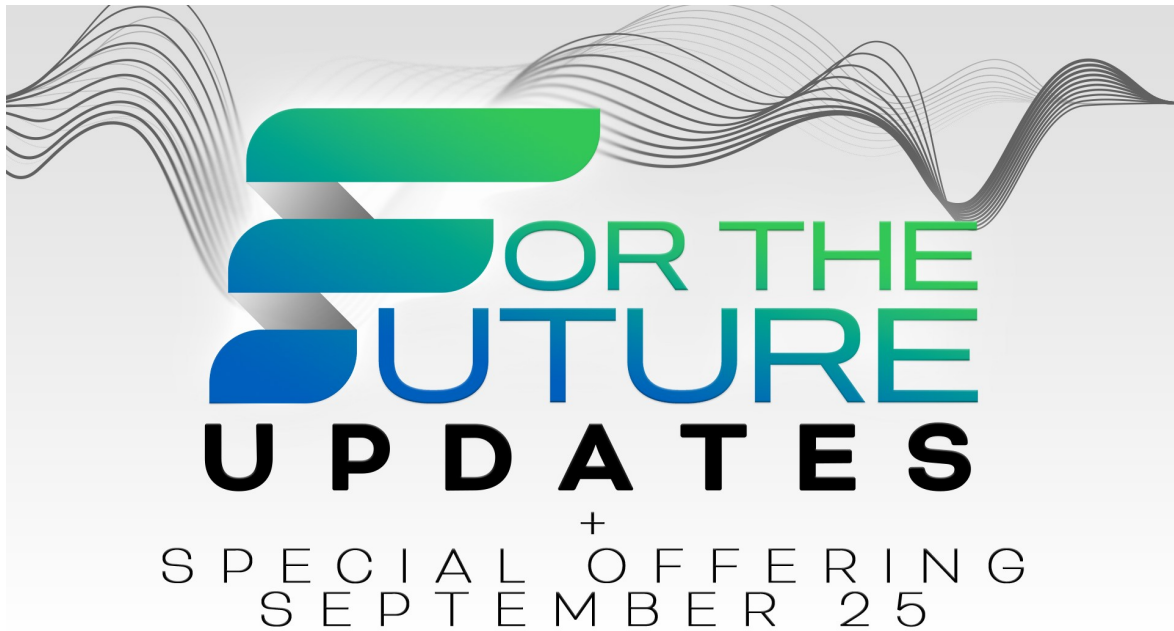




NEWSLETTER

FIRST MOORE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 2022



A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

For the Future Update

At the end of 2021, our body affirmed moving forward with a proposal to complete the replacement of the HVAC equipment on our church campus. This means that all of our HVAC units have been replaced in the last five years. Many of these units were failing and in dire need of replacement. Our church approved borrowing up to 1.5 million dollars to complete this project. I am glad to report to you that the units have been replaced, and the project only cost \$1,356,707.00. Through your generous giving, we only have a debt of \$800,000.00, which means we have paid nearly half a million dollars of these expenses with funds on hand! (We do have a remaining balance of \$68,000.00 that we will pay once the project is complete.) We are thankful for how you have given up to this point and ask that you would continue to generously give to help us pay off the remaining balance.

At the same time, our body affirmed moving forward with a much-needed update and remodel of our worship center. We have been patiently waiting for the architectural firm that began drawing the plans in 2018, to help us re-engage the project and bring it to completion. We are pleased to share with you that at the end of September, Church Leadership and the Steering Committee will begin meeting with the firm again to finish the design and complete the plans. This is exciting and important for the future of our church. Not only is our worship center dated in its appearance, but much of our current audio-visual equipment is beginning to fail and is unable to meet the needs of our church today and into the future.

I share all of this with you to keep you informed of where we are in the process and to assure you that we are still working, albeit at a slower pace than we had originally hoped. We will bring proposals and recommendations for church affirmation in the future, when the time is appropriate, so we can move

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

State Missions Offering

September is a month of prayer and emphasis on Oklahoma Missions. Please join us in praying for all the work done through Disaster Relief, Collegiate Ministry, Summer Camps, and more. If you want to give a gift to Oklahoma Missions you may do so now or through our Missions Banquet Offering in November.

The Amazing Race

Our Next Gen team is putting on a great night of fun and fellowship on Sunday, September 4. Families or groups of people are invited to form a team and be a part of our friendly competition. Learn about and RSVP for this free event at firstmoore.com/race.

Fuse Soccer

A five week soccer league for kids in Kindergarten through Sixth grade, \$65 per child. Practices will start on Monday, September 26, with the first game being Saturday, October 1, and the last game on October 29. Each team will practice on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday night. Register at firstmoore.com/fuse.

Band of Brothers – Men’s Event

Men, on Friday, September 16th, you will have an opportunity to partake in some Van’s Pig Stand BBQ, hear from Jeff Struecker, and have a chance at winning some door prizes. If you register before the event, tickets will cost \$10 or you can pay \$15 at the door. Invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker to this night of good food and fellowship. Register at firstmoore.com/bandofbrothers

Kingdom Families Weekend

Dr. Richard Ross will be with us on Sunday, October 2nd. He will meet with our parents at 9:15am and then preach in our worship service at 10:30am. If you are a parent of students, we encourage you to join us for this great opportunity to hear and share a lunch with Dr. Ross! firstmoore.com/kingdomfamilies

For the Future Special Offering

On Sunday, September 25, we will be receiving a special “For the Future” offering. We are asking everyone to pray and seek the Lord about giving above and beyond their regular tithes and offerings to the “For the Future” campaign during September.

For the Future Campaign

Thank you for your above and beyond sacrificial giving to our “For the Future” campaign. We have been able to raise \$358,727.98 . If you want to learn more and join us, please visit firstmoore.com/forthefuture.

Follow Jesus by Serving

We believe that everyone who calls First Moore home is called to be a part of the action through serving. There are several ways that a person can serve at First Moore, from once a month, to weekly, on Sundays, Wednesdays, Mondays and more. If you are interested in finding your place to serve, go to firstmoore.com/serve or send an email to stephanie.gaches@firstmoore.com.

Oklahoma Worship Choir - Night of Worship

The OWC is made up of eight churches from around the state of Oklahoma. Join us on Sunday, Oct. 2nd at 6:00pm for a powerful night of worship, as we premiere brand new arrangements of new and familiar worship songs from our recently recorded album, Worthy Of It All. firstmoore.com/choir

Upcoming Equip Group Options Starting Sept. 14

Men’s Group - Revelation- Paul Tanguay
Women’s Group - Trustworthy- Lysa TerKeurst
Coed Group - Ministry IQ- John Wilkerson



SUNDAY MORNING STATS

	<u>July 31</u>	<u>August 7</u>	<u>August 14</u>	<u>August 21</u>	<u>August 28</u>	<u>YTD AVG</u>
Life Groups	637	671	744	694	737	616
Worship Attendance	802	848	893	806	860	802
Offering/Tithe	\$50,520.00	\$78,343.48	\$54,209.92	\$40,718.08	\$34,247.05	
For the Future	\$5,480.00	\$8,526.00	\$7,362.00	\$3,026.50	\$2079.00	



A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

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forward with the project. Another reason I share this with you is because we are taking up a special offering on Sunday, September 25th, to go toward the elimination of our current HVAC debt and to put us in a good financial position to start the remodel project.

We are aware that the current economic times are difficult for all of us and extremely difficult for some of us. We trust that you will give as you are able and feel led. Our request is that you give as the Lord leads, out of a spirit of generosity (which looks different at different times in our lives) and cheerfully, while not under compulsion, which is the way the Bible requires.

I appreciate you all and the loving and generous ways you approach the needs of our church body. Our hope is to keep our facility cared for in a way that prepares our church for an exciting future and enables us to minister to our community both now and in the years to come, as First Moore has a history of doing.

For His glory and your joy,

C. Blount



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 each week online or through the Realm Connect App.

September 7

Pulled Pork
Corn on the Cob
Mac & Cheese
Bread
Dessert

September 14

Chicken Parmesan
Buttered Pasta
Steamed Vegetables
Salad
Bread Sticks
Dessert

September 21

Beef & Cheese
Enchiladas
Charro Beans
Chips and Queso
Salsa
Dessert

September 28

Spaghetti
Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Salad Bar
Garlic Bread
Dessert



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

August 2022

Laticia Chavez (Statement)
Charles Lamb (Statement)
Mary Scism (letter)
Braydon Upshaw (Statement)
Heather Vellers (Baptism)

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

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 5:00pm- The Amazing Race	5 Labor Day Church Campus Closed	6	7 Next Gen Worship Arts Begins	8	9	10 8:30am Deacon's Meeting
11 Noon-Singles Sunday Lunch FUUSE Soccer Deadline	12	13	14 11:00am- Midweek Bible Study Lunch	15	16 6:00pm- Band of Brothers	17
18 Noon-Finance Committee Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 For the Future Special Offering	26	27	28 6pm- Student SYATP Rally Off-campus	29	30 Mission Team Leaves for Spain	

Office Hours

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

Sunday Schedule

9:15am - All Life Groups

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

Tuesdays

9:30am Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays

10:00am Midweek Bible Study

5:00pm Dinner

6:15pm Next Gen Ministry

Embrace Group Options

Adult Equip Group Options

6:30pm Worship Choir Practice

Thursdays

6:30pm Celebrate Recovery