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We have FBC long-sleeved T-shirts (\$10) and Hoodies (\$15) available in the Church office. Get yours today and wear it proudly!!! You will also get a free FBC Sticker with your purchase.



Progressive Dinner!

FBC Ladies In Fellowship Together (L.I.F.T) will have a Italian Progressive Dinner beginning with appetizers at the Church at 5:00 p.m. February 24th.

Salads will be served at Dane Unterkircher's - 1400 Tiffany Lane
Main Course will be served at Jodie Marriott's - 1403 Country Club Drive
Dessert will be served at Sherri Powell's- 805 Oakview Road

Meet at the church at 5:00 and we can ride together in the church vans to the host homes.

We started FFK aka 'snack bags' in 2008. If u recall we started with only Creek Village elementary aged children. Week #1 we did 19 bags. Fast forward 10 years - Okmulgee and Preston schools plus all the kids at the Creek Village = 33,458 sacks shared. Give or take a few. Last Friday we shared 157 bags. Good job church! And community!

Healthy Churches

Not all churches are healthy. The church is a living organism and like living things they can develop health issues. What does a healthy church look like? As you might guess it is made up of healthy members who are joined together by Christ in his body. This coming together will be marked by 5 things that help us define healthy believers and healthy churches.

1. Healthy bodies reproduce. They are evangelistic and lead others to Christ. They multiply themselves. Churches reproduce other churches, as we are helping do in Mexico and have done in the past here. Groups give birth to other groups. People lead other people to Jesus. When was the last time you shared Jesus to help someone find Christ?
2. Healthy bodies minister. They help each other and other people with needs. They extend grace. Ministry is where share the love of Christ with the world in a very visible way. This is exemplified most when we love and care for those for whom no one else cares. Jesus talks about what reward do we have when we love those who love us, but the nature and challenge of the church is to go to the outcast, those nobody else values and to care for them as Jesus did and does!!!
3. Healthy bodies mature. They grow spiritually to reflect Christ as he cherishes, nourishes and purifies his bride. It is not healthy when God's people act and speak like the world. It destroys the work and witness of Jesus. John tells us that anyone who has the hope of heaven in them purifies themselves in this world.
4. Healthy bodies fellowship. This means they share and care. The Holy Spirit is at work to unify and help them be as one. Each is made to feel and be a part. The real test of fellowship is the ability to incorporate new people and help them be included.
5. Healthy bodies worship God. A lot that happens in worship is not the worship of God. When we are fussing over music style, volume, dress attire, length or etc. our worship is not about God but us!!! Worship happens when we center completely on God and lose ourselves in the adoration and celebration of what God in Christ has done for us.

See you in Worship and Bible Study this week,

Dennis

The Ladies Home Group Bible Study meeting at Trenace Casey's home
(18898 Gun Club Road—the corner of Gun Club and Hwy 52) Sunday evenings at 4:00 p.m.
began a new study this past Sunday called, "Uninvited."
Trenace and Brooke Provence are leading the study, and would love to
invite women of all ages to join them.
**GOD WANTS US TO LIVE LOVED
WHEN WE FEEL LEFT OUT, LONELY, AND LESS THAN.**

Lysa TerKeurst digs deep into God's Word to help you explore the roots of rejection, the way other relationships get tainted because of a past rejection, and the truth about what it looks like to live loved. With biblical depth, gut-honest vulnerability, and refreshing wit, Lysa will take you on a visual journey in the Holy Land to some of the places where people of the Bible such as Hannah, David, and even Jesus lived and walked.

Lysa will help you and your group to enter a place of healing and new perspective, as well as a time for you to go to new places with Jesus and experience him like never before. Uninvited reminds us we are destined for a love that can never be diminished, tarnished, shaken, or taken—a love that does not reject or uninvite.

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**YOUTH RALLY—FBC, OKMULGEE
6:00 PRE-GAMES 6:30 RALLY
FREE DRAWING FOR GIFT CARDS**

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The View from Here.....

Last month in my Newsletter article I talked about change and how it causes us to grow mentally and spiritually....well this month let me tell you about some of the changes that we are making in our Worship and Music here at FBC.....beginning in March we will be expanding our Praise Teams. We will have four different Praise Teams that will rotate every two months, in addition we will also be using our Youth Praise Team to lead our worship services at different times of the year. Another new addition to our Praise Teams will be a "Multi-Generational" Praise Team that will sing once a quarter and will also sing a Choir Special with our Children's, Celebration and Senior Adult Choir....Our Palm Sunday Musical this year will also be a Multi-Generational musical using our Children's, Celebration and Senior Adult Choir....We are looking forward to the opportunity to minister and worship our Lord in a greater way in 2018....

Bro. Monty

A WORD FROM JOSH

FBC Okmulgee Family,

Our first month of 2018 is coming to an end. Can you believe it?! January has flown by, but this month has been a really great start for the youth.

This month, we did a sermon series called "Suited." We went over and learned how to put on and use the armor that God gives us so that we can take a stand and push back our enemy as we started off 2018. Each week, we went over a specific piece of armor that we can find in Ephesians 6:14-17.

When you hear the phrase "full armor of God," most of you know exactly what I'm talking about, so I won't go into any detail of what we discussed. However, there are two things that I discussed with the youth during this series, and I would also like to share them with you!

The first thing (which everyone should know) is that we have an enemy. And his sole purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. He will do anything and everything is his power to either make us not enter into the kingdom of Heaven, or to put Christians into hiding by feeding us lies of discouragement; making sure that we never live out our full potential as Christians and spread the gospel. Our enemy is also a master illusionist. He wants you to think that the reason why you're having a hard time in this life is because of the people around you, and not him. That our battle is between flesh and blood. And lastly, we can find in scripture that Satan is referred as a lion on the prowl, ready to attack its prey.

The second thing is that we are sheep. The Bible refers to us as sheep. SHEEP! Of all the animals God created, we are referred to as a weak, non-cool, dumb sheep! And we are referenced as sheep 200 times in scripture! But here's the thing, the main reason why the Bible refers us to sheep 200 times is not to call us ignorant or weak, but to let us know that we are in DESPERATE need of a shepherd. And our shepherd is Jesus Christ.

Church family, there are three things I would encourage you guys to do. One, cling to Jesus. He is our guider and our protector. We cannot overcome the attacks from our enemy alone. Two, as we continue through 2018, put on the full armor of God. Let's not just put on the full armor of God, but let's go to war. We can't just put on armor and not go to battle. And the way we fight is through prayer. Let's push back darkness together. And three, keep praying for our students. God's been moving up on the fourth floor, but continue to pray for hearts to be broken and lives to be changed.

I love you guys! I can't wait for what God has in store for us in 2018!

-Josh Donato

You may contribute to Food for Kids anytime!!!

**There are many children in our own community who are hungry.
This ministry allows us to share food with some of them on the weekends when they
are not receiving free lunches.**

Simply mark your contribution envelopes "FFK."

Okmulgee's First Baptist Church

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 am -4:00 pm
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Sunday Morning Worship may be viewed Live on fbcokmulgee.org each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Mission Statement:
To glorify God by leading people to become mature believers in Christ.



If you would like to share a prayer request with our email prayer chain, please call the Church office or send a request to jayme@fbcokmulgee.org

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February 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 Youth Football Party—4th floor 5:00 p.m.	5 B.A.L.L. Group Program/ Covered Dish 11:00 a.m.	6	7	8	9	10
11 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day Youth Rally 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17
18 Fellowship Brunch 8:30 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23	24 LIFT PROGRESSIVE DINNER 5:00 Begins at the Church
25	26	27	28 Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.			

FEBRUARY EXTENDED SESSION

BABIES - ONES

TWOS

THREES & FOURS

4	Don & Beverly Henson	Kim Priegel	Janet Taylor & Erin Howell
11	Ginny Holder & Lawana Giddings	Janet Taylor	Linda Ragain & Muriel Siegenthaler
18	Gael Nichols & Kris Siegenthaler	Janet Taylor	Mandy Flanary & Claire
25	Laura Talbot & Taylor Dawn	Janet Taylor	Marilyn White & Joyce Thomas

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