



VBS is right around the corner!!!

Director's Meeting Sunday, March 8 Immediately following the morning worship service!



GREETERS, MEDICAL OR SAFETY TEAM

We are in need of additional volunteers for our Greeters, Medical and Safety Teams. The greeters & medical team serve on Sunday morning, while the Safety Team serves on Sundays and Wednesdays. These teams volunteer on a rotating basis. For more info call the numbers below:

- MEDICAL:** Call Brent Kephart, 580-512-7622
- SAFETY:** Call Michael Wright, 580-704-5005
- GREETERS:** Larry Keplinger, 580-351-8339



Sundays 8:20-9 a.m. & 10:10-10:25 a.m.

This service is available to anyone (under 12 must have a parent) and is by DONATION. It is not free and proceeds go toward various needs. Get here early so you can be in your area before 9 a.m.! The March donations, after expenses, will go to the North American Mission Board (NAMB).

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OUR SERVICES

Sundays
 9:00 a.m.: Connection Hour
 10:30 a.m.: Worship
 5:00 p.m.: Discipleship
 5:00 p.m.: Children's Choirs

Wednesdays
 5 p.m.: Meal Service
 6 p.m.: Power Up/Power Up Friends
 6 p.m.: Wednesday Live!
 6 p.m.: Adult Bible Study
 6:15 p.m.: Adult Choir



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Students

Hey Church! February flew by!

On Wednesday nights, we went through a series on relationships and how we can make much of Jesus in both our dating relationships and friendships. In today's culture, if the Church doesn't address topics like this, the world will. We wrapped up the series with a Q&A night where students submitted questions about relationships. It was a great time of honest conversation.

If you'd ever like to hear what your students are being taught each Wednesday night, you can find our messages anywhere you listen to podcasts by searching **FBE Students**.

Sunday nights have also been exciting as we've kicked off our **Faith Talks** series on how to share the Gospel. Students are engaged, asking thoughtful questions, and it's been encouraging to see their desire to boldly share their faith.

Looking ahead to March, here are a few important dates:

- **March 18** – No Wednesday Night activities
- **March 22** – Mission Trip application and \$50 deposit deadline

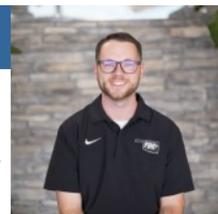
We are headed back to Omaha, Nebraska, and I am really looking forward to this trip. We'll be doing a fundraiser soon to help offset costs. If you would like to give toward the mission trip, just mark your gift "**Youth Mission Trip**."

Lastly, we welcomed our baby girl, **Merrit Jane Smart**, and we are so thankful. We've been incredibly blessed by the prayers, texts, and encouragement from our church family.

I'll be out a couple of nights, and I'm grateful for Tucker McKee and Ethan Silva stepping in to teach on Wednesdays, and my dad teaching Faith Talks on Sunday nights while I'm away.

God is doing big things. Please continue to pray for our students.

Justin Smart, Student and Recreation Pastor | First Baptist East, 580.512.3996 | justin@firstbaptisteast.com



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CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS, HIS COMMUNITY, AND HIS MISSION!

3302 SE Lee Blvd., Lawton, OK 73501

March 1, 2026



Children & Families

Power Up is for 1st-5th graders, Wednesday nights 6:00-7:30

Connection hour starts at 9:00 am on Sundays. I would love to see you there!

Children's church is for Kindergarten through 2nd graders during service. Kids Church is for 3rd-5th graders during the service.

What's happening?

We had a great February! We will not be having Power Up on March 18 because of Spring Break. We are taking a trip to the OKC Zoo on March 18! Go to our Facebook page or call the church office to sign up. VBS and Crosstimbers are both coming soon. There will be more information in the days to come.

Libbey Crowder Children's Director



FirstEastChildren



March 22 Special Service, For Such a Time as This, Esther 4:14

From the Pastor

Last year we realized we could not keep paying \$120,000 for insurance. So we decided as a church to self-insure. In order to do that we needed to raise \$1 million to help us offset any damage done. We began a Legacy of Faith program where each person in our church asked God what He would have them give above and beyond their regular giving. We had a great turn out. We had over \$160,000 pledged for one year. That year ends March 29th. It looks like we may get in about \$200,000. We will need one more year to reach our goal of one million dollars. So on March 29th we will again give a letter to explain more in detail in a couple of weeks. Thank you for your faithfulness.

We are seeing a lot of guests. Please take time to introduce yourself and make them feel at home. One of the things I hear over and over is "Your church is so friendly." Lets keep that up. It is a great privilege to be your Pastor. I look forward to the days ahead.

- Bro Doug



Discipleship / Missions

Spring is just around the corner, and as I get older, it amazes me how quickly the seasons come and go. While only God has control over the four seasons spring, summer, fall, and winter, He graciously allows us the privilege of walking through seasons in our own lives.

As I reflect on growing older, I realize that the closer I draw to Him, the more I appreciate even the smallest blessings. And somehow, the more bearable the hard times become.

I truly consider each of you a blessing in my life, and I am excited to share in the next season of our lives together.



Music

COME SING WITH US IN THE EASTER CHOIR!

Our Easter celebration will be here very soon, and our Adult Choir is busy preparing great music to aid in our worship. We're always looking for more singers and this would be a

great time for you to join! We meet at 6:00 PM in the Choir Room every Wednesday night. Come join us as we celebrate our Risen Lord!!



For Your Information

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY!! Wednesdays, 6pm, Portable 1

If you are college-aged thru 20's, you're invited to the Bible Study group with Richard & Nikki Gulik on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. They meet in Portable #1.



Giving Electronically Is Easy! ...sign up now to begin giving online!

Giving to our church has never been easier! Visit www.firstbaptisteast.com and click the REALM button, then click give online, then click Sign Up for Realm. If you have any problem, call the church office at 355-6190. Sign up today! If you prefer to use offering envelopes, you can put the offering in the black boxes located in the auditorium or in south foyer!

March Magazines

Pick up copies of our monthly Home Life magazine in the south foyer near the entry to the auditorium or the west entry.

Keep Our Preschool Safe, Secure

Just a reminder that if you do not have a preschooler to pick up or drop off, you are asked to not use the preschool hallway. Your cooperation with this is appreciated!



SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON MARCH 24 @ NOON "Cyber Security"

Come enjoy a delicious meal followed by our special guest speaker who will be sharing tips on Cyber Security. This expert will be sharing ways to protect yourself and your finances from scam artists.



Men's Breakfast Mar. 14th 8 a.m., The Bunker

Mark your calendar for this great opportunity for men to gather to fellowship, enjoy a great meal and inspiration. Jose Rodriguez from the Gideons will be the guest speaker

Monthly Recap

Average Attendance (February)		
Connection Hour Average Attendance		320
Monthly Giving (February)	\$	162,262
Monthly Budget Requirements	\$	109,892
Year to Date Budget Receipts	\$	312,841
BFHG (February)	\$	1,730
BFHG Year to date	\$	2,610
Legacy of Faith	\$	9,555
Legacy of Faith Year to Date	\$	44,730
Additions (February)		
By Baptism		1
By Letter		0
By Watchcare/Statement		0



Adults: \$5 Children: \$3
Or \$25 per Household
Reservations can be made week by week or permanently by texting: Holly Wells at 580-695-2595.

Serving from 5 to 5:45 p.m.
March 4th: Chicken Fried Steak
March 11th: Pulled Pork
March 18th: Spring Break
March 25th: Chicken Strips
April 1st: Spaghetti

Spiritual Enrichment Materials Available to You for Free!

Here's three opportunities for you to further your growth using your electronic devices!

Right Now Media

Go to the "Resource" tab on our church website and select Right Now Media. You can download the app for your devices. You will need to create an account.

Grace 101 (www.grace101.org)

Click on login and use firsteast as both the password and user name.

Sampson Resources

(www.sampsonresources.com)
Go to and click on "start streaming". Click on the resource you want to watch and enter the password: 36715SAP.