

June
2022

First Southern
Baptist Church



The Voice!

**Our Summer
Worship & Ministry
Schedule**

Masks are strongly encouraged
if you haven't been fully
vaccinated

Sunday

9am ~ Bible Study for All Ages

10:30am ~

Worship Service
with Children's Church

Wednesday

2-6pm ~ Prayer Time

5pm ~ Fellowship Meal

6—7:30 pm ~ AWANA ~

(AWANA follows
School Calendar)

6pm ~ Youth 6pm

Pastor Josh's Study—

Worship Center & on

Facebook

Thursday

11:30am ~ God's Masterpiece

Lunch Bunch

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Your Staff

**Joshua Hargett**

Senior Pastor ~

**Andrew Denton**

Worship Leader

Thoughts from Pastor Josh Hargett  
A Note from Andrew Denton

News and Family Celebrations



**Hey Church!**

God is at work at First Southern! What a fun season of growth and change we are in! We've seen Him bless in so many ways- take a moment to think about the last couple of months...



- **Prestonwood Christian Academy** came and served with us, helping us to tear down the old fence in our alley, do some clean up around the church and meet some of our neighbors by passing out donuts and coffee.
- **We came together** as a church and rebuilt the fence in the alley.
- **For the Springs Week** was fantastic. Our church prayed together every day, we got to see how we can better serve with two of our partner ministries in the city, we gave donuts to our neighbors, washed their cars, made Easter invites, had a party in the park to meet people and got to watch our Student Ministry lead out in serving our city!
- **First Baptist Ponca City, Oklahoma** came and served with us, helping us catch up on some huge projects in our Sanctuary and preparing us for Easter.
- **Nearly 300 Easter invites** were passed out.
- **Our first Good Friday** service was a great time to prepare to celebrate Easter and reflect on the work Jesus accomplished on the cross.
- **God answered our prayers** for musicians and Andrew Denton has done a fantastic job integrating them into our worship team.
- **Easter was awesome!** We got to see a huge group of people come together and celebrate the risen Savior.
- **Two brand new families** joined our fellowship the Sunday after Easter!
- **Secret Church** was great as we studied what the Bible says about who we are as humans created in the image of God.
- **"The Truth Project"** was launched as a Sunday morning Bible study opportunity and has been great!
- **Awana** had another fantastic year, with great leadership and wonderful volunteers. We celebrated with a super fun cookout!
- **We got to celebrate** lives made new with baptisms!

And these are just a few of the great things we've got to see God do in and through our church! If there was ever a time to praise the Lord for His work, the time is now! It is also a time to not sit by and do nothing, it is a time to continue to step on the gas! Here is how we are going to do that.

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Over the next several weeks and months we are going to begin to go through all of the pieces and ministries of our church in order to fine tune and improve each and every area of our body. By putting everything on the table and having really fun but at times really hard conversations we are being good stewards of the resources God has given us! Through this change will come and our church will continue to grow. As God blesses, we will be prepared for what is to come! A healthy church in 2022 doesn't look like a healthy church did in 1952, 1972 or even what one looked like in 2012! Growing things change and I'm excited to see what God does as we work and pray towards a healthy, vibrant church!

It has been a couple of years, but Vacation Bible School is BACK!! Save the date now for July 10-13, from 6-8 pm for an awesome week themed around John 7:38 and "Making Waves" for the Kingdom of God. I'm excited for this week as we continue to work to reach the next generation with the gospel and to mobilize our church. If you would like to register a child or sign up to serve, you can stop by the VBS table in the lobby of the church any time! If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Nan Hargett at [joshandnan@gmail.com](mailto:joshandnan@gmail.com).

You might ask, "Why only 4 days? Or, "Why is VBS in the evening?"... Well, I'm glad you did! Our goal is to make those quick 4 days as action packed as we possibly can while not exhausting our limited volunteer base. It is also our goal to see everyone possible be able to serve as we can! By holding VBS in the evening we open up the opportunity to serve to those who work during the day. It is going to be a great week, here are a couple of ways you can pray: 1) Pray that God would do a great work and we would see children come to know Jesus. 2) Pray that God would be glorified as we work together on this event. 3) Pray how you will be involved! This is an "all hands on deck" event and there is a spot for you to serve!

For the next couple of months as a church, our goals are what I've mentioned above - 1) Celebrate and praise the Lord what He has done so far. 2) Begin the process of peeling back the layers of our church and having honest conversations about who we are, why we do what we do and what the most effective ways are for us to reach out community. 3) Prepare for Vacation Bible School! Once we get to July we will start ramping back up and make a huge push to "relaunch" a brand new First Southern on August 14th! Several of our partner churches are going to play a large role in helping us with that, but YOU need to be involved with this too! We'll have a super full time of ministry in our city during July and August- stay tuned for a full itinerary and list of ways you can be involved, but here is a sneak peak as to what is coming!

- June 26: Broadmoor Baptist, from Shreveport, LA will be with us! They are bringing their choir to do an outreach concert. This will be a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to hear some awesome music and the Gospel!
- July 20-24: FBC Ada, OK will be with us to help with follow-up from VBS and to help us do ministry in the city.
- July 30 - August 5: The Liberty Baptist Association from South Arkansas will be with us to help us do ministry in our city!
- August 8-14: FBC Ponca City, OK will be back with us! This time they will be helping us do one more outreach push into our city as we prepare to launch back into the school year!

Details are beginning to take shape on the ministry these teams will be doing with us, so save the dates and plan on being a part of what God is doing at our church!

Whoa, that was a long article and a lot of information! Thanks for taking the time to read it all! God is doing some great things, please continue to pray that He will bless! As you pray, here are a couple of specific things you can pray for :

- 1) Pray that we will stay a unified church! Change is hard, but necessary.
- 2) Pray for me and my family! Pray that I would have wisdom and would lead well during this season. Pray for my family and my marriage! Pray that the Lord would sustain us and that He would keep us from the attacks of the evil one.
- 3) Pray that we would see growth, change and blessings at our church that can only be explained as God showing up!


It is a privilege to be your Pastor and I'm excited to see what God does in our lives in the coming days!

Josh Hargett

### A Note from Andrew

Hey everyone,

I hope your summer is going well. I wanted to do something a little different in this article and highlight a song that we sing often in church but has a special place in my heart. "His Mercy Is More" is co-written by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa and the title of this song is also its overarching theme. Based on inspiration from a John Newton sermon, its many scriptural truths and lyrical honesty of our fallen condition and God's great love are why this song is a great choice for our worship on Sundays. Newton's excerpt, which states "our sins are many, but His mercies are more: our sins are great, but His righteousness is greater: we are weak, but He is power." gives us insight to a God that fills in the gaps to our spiritual and physical shortcomings. I would encourage everyone who worships with us on Sunday to praise God first but to also give weight to the words that we sing as we direct our hearts toward Christ. We serve a God who wants relationship with us. We worship Him for how He loves and cares for us. We lift up the name of Jesus because He willingly and obediently went to a cross to bear the world's sin. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit which groans the aching of our hearts to a listening Father. I would encourage you to continue your worship outside of Sunday morning. If a song has touched your heart in a special way, I would love to hear how. Please contact me through my email. Thank you and enjoy your summer!



### Wednesday night fellowship meals begin at 5pm

**Meal Prices:** FREE ~ 0-3 years of age,  
\$4 ~ 4 years - 13 years old  
\$7 ~ 14 years old - Adults  
\$22 per family

Then Join Us at: 6-7:30 PM  
for **Summer Kids Event**, Youth,  
or 6pm ~ Pastor Joshua's teaching  
In the Worship Center or  
on our website ~ [fsbc.org](http://fsbc.org)

**Please PRAY for  
Upcoming events  
at our church!**

**Concert** June 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm-  
presented by  
**Broadmoore Church of**  
Shreveport LA.  
**VBS** ~ July 10-13,  
and our  
**Annual Church Picnic** ~  
Aug 7<sup>th</sup>.

You won't want to miss  
anything! Please continue  
to pray for our Pastor as  
he leads us to  
**REACH** our Community!

On-Line giving  
is available at our  
Website **www.fsbc.org**

### June Birthdays

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| Pat Graham       | ~ 6/04 |
| Sue Wilfong      | ~ 6/05 |
| Rick Eskew       | ~ 6/06 |
| Annie Wade       | ~ 6/08 |
| Leah Wade        | ~ 6/08 |
| Peter Mandry     | ~ 6/12 |
| Gloria Tropp     | ~ 6/12 |
| Kinsley Chambers | ~ 6/12 |
| Wendy Murray     | ~ 6/21 |
| Bill Mosley      | ~ 6/24 |
| Brenda Longo     | ~ 6/24 |
| Charles Ransom   | ~ 6/25 |
| Ed Hernholm      | ~ 6/25 |
| Amy Hull         | ~ 6/28 |
| Conner Dozeman   | ~ 6/29 |

### Vacation Bible School is BACK!!! July 10-13 from 6-8 pm

we will have an  
action packed, gospel centered  
week learning how we can

### “Make Waves” for Jesus!

You can register children and  
volunteer to serve.  
in the Church lobby!



### Praises and Prayer Requests

Hull/Wallace ~ Carolyn sudden passing away  
Rosie Miller ~ Health  
Bill Bo Mosley ~ Health  
Sunny Cabell ~ Upcoming Back Surgery  
Burlin & Harriet Fayne ~ Health  
Ed & Shirley Hernholm ~ Health  
Hal and Margaret Seagraves ~ Health  
Dorothy Merkle ~ Health  
Beverly Wright ~ Health  
Mary Slayter ~ Health  
Jeanne & Charles Ransom ~ Health  
Ukraine ~ Peace in their country  
Our Nation and our leaders  
Our First Responders

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Our Church Goal Is

**\$2,000.00**

**Received to date**

**~ \$1932.00**

Be in Prayer about what you will give.

**ANNIE  
ARMSTRONG**  
EASTER OFFERING  
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**UNITED**

**North American  
Mission Board**



Sign-up “On –Line” for

King Soopers Community Rewards Program

and Earn money for our Church

“First Southern Baptist Church of Colorado Springs”!

For King Soopers Stores - go to

<https://www.kingsoopers.com/topic/king-soopers-community-rewards>

Put in your King Soopers Loyalty Card number, and

Search for Our **Church Name** or put in our

**CODE of HB669** then click enroll.

If you need help contact the Church Office.



**Grief Share**  
**Wednesday's 3-5pm**  
**This is a 13 week class.**

**But feel Free to join  
this important class anytime.**