



December 2021

NEWSLETTER

FIRST MOORE BAPTIST CHURCH



A Time to Honor and Recognize

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to give recognition to those who labor among you and lead you in the Lord and admonish you, and to regard them very highly in love because of their work. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a

Scripture gives us a clear command to recognize and show proper honor to those who have labored among us. Those who have given their lives to serve and lead the body of Christ should be shown a special love and appreciation. Because of this, I want to take the opportunity to publicly thank and express my appreciation of Doug Dees.

Doug has served First Moore on two different occasions, in two different capacities. First, he served as the Minister to Singles and next as the Associate Pastor of Equipping and Discipleship. In each of those areas, he showed clear love and Christlikeness as he led people to follow and pursue Jesus above all else. Doug has been a friend and encouragement to many in the body, but his faithfulness goes beyond this local church and expands to the greater Kingdom of God. Sure, he has served in several local churches spanning several decades, but even when he wasn't on staff at a church, he was still involved in building the Kingdom. That is why this retirement isn't really a retirement, but is as he puts it, his "fourth quarter". Just because his employment at the church may end, his call to ministry and faithfulness to that calling will not. I have no doubt that Doug will continue to be a disciple-maker once his time on our staff is over. This should serve as an encouragement and example for us all.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Lottie Moon International Missions Offering

In the month of November, \$31,370.37 was given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. That brings us to a total for this budget year of \$36,820.92. These funds will go directly to help people share the Gospel around world.

Bibles & Bacon- Men's Breakfast

Men of all ages are invited to join us for a great breakfast and challenge on Saturday, December 4, at 8:00am. Breakfast will include bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy, and custom omelets. Cost is \$5 per person. The guest speaker will be Dr. Todd Fisher.

City of Moore Christmas Spectacular

Our worship ministry team will be performing at the Christmas Spectacular on Saturday, December 4 at Moore's Central Park. The event starts at 7:00pm and will have food trucks, Mini Merry Market, and much more. This will be a great event to come and connect with our community and support our worship team.

The Link Family Christmas Concert

On Sunday December 5, The Link Family will lead us during our morning worship service. They will be in concert that evening at 6:00pm in the Worship Center. The Link Family's mix of modern bluegrass, Americana, and classic sounds will have all ages tapping their feet and humming along.

Doug Dees – Celebration of Ministry

Join us on Sunday, December 12 as we celebrate the ministry of Doug Dees. At the end of 2021, Doug will be retiring from First Moore and entering his "4th quarter" of ministry. We will be having a come-and-go breakfast reception from 8:30am-10:15am in the Atrium and then we will honor Doug during the 10:30am service. We would encourage you to bring a note or gift of appreciation for Doug on this date.

First Moore's Christmas Gathering

Kick-off your Christmas week with us on Sunday, December 19. We will begin with a pancake and sausage breakfast in the Atrium. We will be serving breakfast between 9:00am and 10:00am. At 10:30am we will gather in the Worship Center for a special time of music from our choir, worship band, and others. We will not be having on-campus LifeGroups on this Sunday, but there will be age-specific ministry available for babies through 1st grade.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We will gather together on Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We will sing songs together, be encourage by God's Word, and share the Lord's Supper together. The service will begin at 6:30pm in the Worship Center.

Sunday, December 26

On Sunday, December 26, we will gather together for worship at 10:30am. There will be no on-campus Lifegroups at 9:15am. There will be age-specific ministry available for babies through 1st grade.

For the Future Campaign

On Sunday, December 19, we are going to launch a new campaign to help us advance the Gospel today and in the future. Information packets will be mailed out on December 6.

Wednesday Nights in January

Wednesday nights will kick-off in 2022 on January 12. We will continue to serve dinner between 5:00-6:00pm. There will be Next Gen ministries at 6:15pm. In addition to our ongoing Embrace Groups, we will have a couple of new Equipping Groups for adults.



SUNDAY MORNING STATS

	<u>Oct 31</u>	<u>Nov 7</u>	<u>Nov 14</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>Nov 28</u>	<u>YTD Avg</u>
LifeGroups	632	692	711	591	589	634
Worship Attendance	855	867	935	830	934	862
Offering/Tithe	\$55,111.08	\$89,528.94	\$50,376.36	\$70,239.51	\$33,290.75	
Prepare the Way	\$4,094.00	\$10,390.00	\$5,134.00	\$4,182.50	\$2,031.00	

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While I could go on about Doug's time in ministry and his future plans, I want to express how much I appreciate Doug's example of finishing well. We will all finish our various races in various ways at various times, but sadly we will not all finish well. I have been in ministry and church life long enough to see many ministers and believers who stop prematurely or don't finish the race strong and well. Doug has run this stage of his race with perseverance and true Godly character, and he is finishing this lap in a way that is an example to us all, (especially me, who still has some laps to go). Thank you, Doug, for laboring among us and finishing in a way that honors the Lord and encourages His church. I also want to thank his wife Karen, who has been by his side in the highs and lows of ministry. A minister's wife gives in many ways that go unnoticed and she spends many Sundays getting the kids ready for church on her own. Karen's service is commendable as well. Please join me as we honor Doug and his wife Karen on December 12th.

For His glory and your joy,
Pastor Charlie

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.

December 1

Creamy Chicken
Pasta
Green Beans
Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

December 8

Chicken Tenders
Mac & Cheese
Salad
Roll
Dessert

December 15

Chick-Fil-A
Sandwiches
Chips
Eileen's Cookies

December 22 & 29

CHRISTMAS &
NEW YEAR
No Meals



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

October-November 2021

John Barry (Letter)
Nelda English (Letter)
Harrison Freeman (Baptism)
Debra Jennings (Statement)
Matt Lopez (Letter)
Veronica Gambon-Lopez (Letter)
Hannah Lopez (Letter)

November 2021 (Cont.)

Jim Neugent (Letter)
Sally Neugent (Letter)
Dwight Peters (Letter)
Terry Peters (Letter)
Keith Tinsley (Letter)

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.



December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 5:30pm- Parent's Night Out firstmoore.com/pno	4 8:00am Bibles and Bacon Men's Breakfast 9:00am Deacon's Meeting
5 Noon- Personnel Meeting 6:00pm The Link Family Christmas Concert	6	7	8 10:00am Midweek Bible Study & Christmas Lunch	9	10	11
12 8:30am-10:15am A Celebration of Ministry for Doug Dees 12:00pm Singles Christmas Lunch	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:00am-Breakfast and Christmas Gathering No LifeGroups	20	21	22 Church Offices and Campus Closed No Wednesday Eve Activities	23 Church Offices and Campus Closed	24 6:30pm Christmas Eve Service	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
26 No LifeGroups	27	28	29 No Wednesday Eve Activities	30 Church Campus Closed	31	

Office Hours

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

Sunday Schedule

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

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
 Embrace Group Options
 Adult Equip Group Options
 6:30pm Worship Choir Practice

Thursdays

6:30pm Celebrate Recovery