

# NEWSLETTER

FIRST MOORE BAPTIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2023





## A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

For the Future... It's more than a remodel

We all know that we are getting closer to the remodeling of our worship center. February 5th, we will reveal the renderings and budget for the much-needed renovation of the primary place we gather for worship. The project will include much-needed AVL upgrades, updates in seating, carpet, and a stage facelift, as well as expanding the restrooms in a redesigned foyer. This space hasn't been upgraded in nearly 40 years and is in need of attention and repair. It would be easy to see this project as merely another building project, but I believe it is much more. For the Future is an investment in continuing the legacy of what God has done at First Moore. It is a visible picture that First Moore is committed to reaching future generations just as it has been committed in the past. First Moore's legacy doesn't exist because the members sit idly by doing nothing. It exists because they were willing to step out in faith and trust where God was moving to make an impact for the gospel. For the Future says First Moore isn't just interested in preserving the past.

We all know that the last decade has been a time of decline in the life of our church. This is a

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

## For the Future Banquet

We are excited to present our latest Worship Center remodel plans and budget at our For the Future Banquet on Sunday, February 5 at 5:00pm. We will begin with a tasty meal and move into our special called time of business around 5:30pm. Meal tickets are available for \$10 each and a max of \$30 per household. firstmoore.com/banquet

### For the Future Week of Prayer

We will not ask the church to affirm the remodel design and budget at our For the Future Banquet. Instead, we will enter into a week of prayer as we seek the Lord for the right heart and understanding of this project. A daily prayer and devotional guide will be available at the banquet or online at <a href="firstmoore.com/forthefuture">firstmoore.com/forthefuture</a>.

#### **Night of Prayer**

During our Week of Prayer, we will have a church-wide Night of Prayer in the Worship Center on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:15pm. Students in 7th grade and above will be in the prayer meeting the entire time; 2nd-6th graders wil join the meeting towards the end. Preschool and Kids ministries will be available for infants through 6th grade.

#### **Church Affirmation Vote**

After our Week of Prayer, on February 12, we will gather for another special called time of business to have a vote of affirmation for the Worship Center remodel. We will meet at the conclusion of our 10:30am Worship Service and Life Group hour at 11:45am in the Atrium.

#### **Tuesday Women's Bible Study**

On Tuesday, February 7 our Women's Ministry will enjoy breakfast as they introduce three new options for the Tuesday Bible Study. Options include Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkin, He Speaks to Me by Priscilla Shirer, and Precepts: James by Kay Arthur. They meet at 9:30am in the East Leadership Center.

#### Parents' Night Out

On Friday, February 10 from 6-9pm your kids will have an evening of fun & dinner with other kids here at the church building. If you want a night with your spouse, register by Tuesday, February 7! \*For babies through 6th grade. Cost is \$5.00 per child, \$20 family max.\* firstmoore.com/pno

#### **FBC 101**

On February 12, FBC 101 will take place in the Fellowship Center from 12-2pm. We will help people understand what we believe as a church, what we expect of our members and how a person can be a part of First Moore. Please RSVP at

firstmoore.com/fbc101.

#### **Pews Available**

As we move forward with the remodel of the Worship Center, there is an opportunity for people to have one of the current pews for a donation of \$50. Sign-up to be on the list to get a pew at <a href="firstmoore.com/pews">firstmoore.com/pews</a> or by calling 405-793-2600. Pews must be removed and picked up between February 13 and 17.

## **New Equip Group Options**

We have three Equip Group options beginning on Wednesday, February 15. There will be a Women's Group working through "Share Jesus without Fear". Pastor John will be leading an Interactive Bible Study in Mark. Pastor Tyler will be leading Godly Financial Stewardship. There is an optional book for the finance group; sign-up and purchase your book at firstmoore.com/finance.

### **Special Friends Valentine's Party**

We are hosting a Valentine's Party for those with special needs on Wednesday, February 15 from 6:00-7:30pm. For more information, contact <u>tara.kerby@firstmoore.com</u>.

## 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 \$530,647.28. If you want to learn more and join us, visit firstmoore.com/forthefuture.



## SUNDAY MORNING STATS

	JAN. 1	JAN. 8	JAN. 15	JAN. 22	JAN. 29	YTD
Life Groups	NA	734	708	708	718	601
Worship Attendance	787	907	846	906	762	788
Offering/Tithe	\$14,816.45	\$80,404.01	\$65,106.40	\$50,767.84	\$39,695.97	
For the Future	\$2,191.00	\$6,182.00	\$4,791.00	\$4,301.50	\$5,270.00	



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defining moment where we can either move forward and say we still have great years of engaging our community ahead of us as a church or settling and deciding to simply continue to exist. I, for one, am not okay with existing. I want First Moore to be a church where God is clearly moving, and lives are being changed, and I believe most of us do too. Let's be clear, a worship center remodel won't do this. It is just a tool; God will have to do real work through us. But upgrading and updating our primary place of worship is a way of saying that we are committed to doing what it takes to reach both current and future generations with the gospel. I am excited about the future of First Moore. I believe we have the staff, the membership, and the power of the Spirit of God coupled with the Word of God, which is all we need to be effective. The tools are there. Do we have the desire to step out and work instead of wait, engage instead of simply exist, and be intentional instead of indifferent? By God's grace and power, I think we do, and I think we will do it for the present and For the Future.

For His glory and your joy,





## 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.

February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Weather Cancellation	Raising Cane's Chicken Tenders Mac & Cheese Texas Toast Brownies	Hamburgers Chips Baked Beans Ice Cream Bars	Soft Tacos Chips and Queso Lime Rice or Spanish Rice Snickerdoodle Cookies



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

## **JANUARY 2023**

Kevin Eggleston (Statement) Jamie Eggleston (Statement) Aubrey Ellis (Statement)

#### 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, to begin the conversation.

stephanie.gaches@firstmoore.com



## **FEBRUARY**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Ignite 5-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Conference 9am-4pm
5 For the Future Banquet 5-7pm	6	7	8 Night of Prayer 6:15pm	9	10 Parents' Night Out 6-9pm	11
Worship Center Remodel- Vote of Affirmation FBC 101 Fellowship Center	13  Pew	Pick Up	New Equip Groups Special Needs Valentines Party 6-7:30pm		Singles - Dinner & Movie - 6:30pm	18
19	20	FLC - Donuts with a Dude 8:30am & 9:30am	22	23	24	Atrium Setup Volunteer Opportunity 10am
26 Finance Meeting West Leadership Center - 12pm	Associational Winter Bible Study 9am-4pm Atrium	28				

## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00am- Life Groups and Worship Gathering (Atrium)
Preschool LGs, Kids LGs, Student LGs
10:30am- Life Groups and Worship Gathering (Atrium)
Preschool Ministry, ARK Worship & Kids Worship

## **MONDAYS**

10:00am-1:00pm Care Center-Food Pantry 5:30pm-7:00pm Care Center-Food Pantry

## **TUESDAYS**

9:30pm-11:30am 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