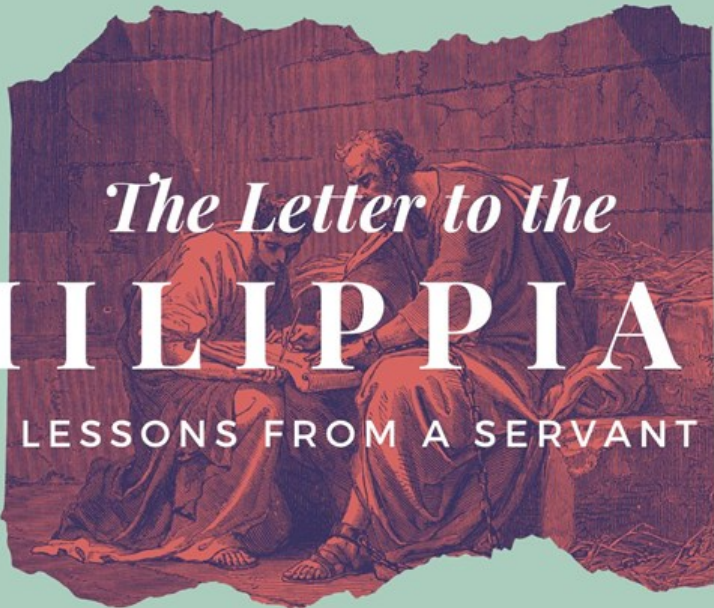




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The Letter to the
PHILIPPIANS
LESSONS FROM A SERVANT

*"I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." **Philippians 1:6***

What an encouraging scripture! The verse above describes what I call "gospel optimism." As believers we can be eternally optimistic about our lives, our church, and the mission God has called us to participate in because of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the unfailing work of a faithful God, and the very Spirit of God that lives within us leading, guiding, and sanctifying us. *He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus!*

As we focus joyfully giving ourselves to God's work in the world and for the benefit of others, what we are really after is for every one of you to partner with us for the gospel of Jesus. Partnering for the gospel can look a lot of ways. It might look like serving in our church in some capacity, or it might look like serving people outside our church—neighbors, friends, family, coworkers, etc. It might look like giving and tithing to the church so that we have resources to do the work. It might look like praying for others, especially those heading out on mission to Africa March 10-20. It might look like all of these! How it looks is less important than doing it! How are you serving the Lord?



Upcoming Events & Opportunities



Women's Retreat

April 21-22, 2023

Falls Creek Conference Center

Register now at

oklahomabaptists.org/women

Speakers: Elizabeth Woodson, Jamy Fisher, Mary Wiley, Sandy Wisdom-Martin, Lauren McAfee

Ladies Bunco

Our next Bunco night is Friday, April 14. we will have a great night at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall! We always have a great time and you are welcome to bring a friend.

Just wanted to say that we had a great time with the guys on the last Bunco night so we may have to do it again sometime. Thank you WEM Ladies for such yummy food and a great time!

Mother's Day Brunch

The Women's Enrichment Ministry will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 13 from 10am to 2pm. Please add this to your calendar.

Midweek Bible Study

On Wednesday mornings at 10am, we meet in the Church Café for a Midweek Bible Study. We want to invite anyone who would like to come and join us.



April 28-29, 2023

Register with oklahomabaptists.org/men

The Men's Retreat is an annual event that reaches men from all backgrounds and interests. These differences are what sets the men's retreat apart from other men's retreats around the country. It is one of the only retreats where you will see a biker, cowboy, hipster, gamer, and businessman standing together in worship as the greater tribe of Christian men.

OUR DEACONS FOR 2023

FBCER Active Deacons

Ray Apple
Rocky Carter
Cory Charmasson
Garland Delk
Wayne Dickerson
Ronnie Ezell
Ronnie Funck
Rick Hopkins

Terry Howard
Jay Kindsvater
George Knott
Bob Lee
Jesse Lesperance
Jason Looper
Jason McClure
TJ McCullough

Scott Miller
Ty Payne
Darin Pepper
Harold Petree
Bill Reeves
Brian Shafer
Curtis Steffler
Jack Tillery
Julio Trejo

Deacon Emeritus

Otis Bruce
Lucky Eisenhour

Jack Hunt
Jim Phariss

DeWayne Wood



This Month's Serve Teams

03/05/2023

Nursery Team 1

Tasha Couch
Hope Fuell
Harper Looper
Emily Smith

Parking Lot Team 1

Jeffrey Davis
Bobby Mixon
Julio Trejo

Welcome Team 1

Jason Looper
Merry Fisher
Kevin Gibbons
N'Lisa Havener
Freda Moffat
Karen Nance
Malachi & Lyndzee
Sherman

Bus Driver

Chris Steffler

Coffee Bar

Brandon Adams

03/12/2023

Nursery Team 2

Debra Steffler
Janice Palmer
Jaimie Wardlaw
Michelle Whetstone
Alfredo Estrada

Parking Lot Team 2

Ronnie Ezell
Nick Niles
Parker Avendano

Welcome Team 2

Jennifer Davis
David Harris
Mary Kay Hokett
Carla Holsted
Toni Irion
Christine Orr
Amy Wells
Jerry Zucksworth

Bus Driver

TJ & Sheryl
McCullough

Coffee Bar

Malachi Sherman

03/29/2023

Nursery Flex Team

Alissa Wells
Emercyn Looper
Donna Eisenhour
Judy Scott

Parking Lot Flex Team

Olson Johnson
Jaron McClure
Elijah Shafer
Zach Johnson

Welcome Flex Team

Jessica & Rusty
Shamblin
Shirley Goodman
Jeanne Koos
Dan & Delpha
Miklautsch
Tamara Sears
Joan Tubbs

Bus Driver

Curtis Steffler

Coffee Bar

Rusty Shamblin

03/26/2023

Nursery Team 4

Kim Eisenhour
Dianna Spott
Scotti Charmasson
Brantlie Charmasson
Kristy Pepper

Parking Lot Team 4

Cory Charmasson
Ronnie Funck
Jason McClure
Darrin Pepper

Welcome Team 4

Cathy Knott
Christopher & Chanda
Burdine
Karen Chadwick
Judi Corwin
Cleta Mullin
Jackie Ogilvie
Robin Robinson
Bob & Debbie Stutler

Bus Driver

Tonya Pope

Coffee Bar

Christopher Burdine



We believe that part of our sharing our life with God and others is evidenced in our generosity. We believe that everything we have is a gift from God and not only should we give to God with our "first fruits" (tithing) but that we should be looking to go above and beyond with our generosity. Join us on our mission by giving today. Go to fbcelreno.com/give to find out all the ways you can give!



Sunday Morning Stats

	<u>February 5</u>	<u>February 12</u>	<u>February 19</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Small Groups	253	257	264	281
Worship Attendance	348	314	317	323
Offering/Tithe	\$18,018.52	\$10,157.10	\$10,956.74	\$16,437.50
Building Fund	\$453.00	\$375.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,285.00



March

			1 10am Midweek Service 6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies	2	3 Office Closed	4
5 9am Small Groups 10am Worship	6	7 SH Open	8 10am Midweek Service 6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies	9	10 Office Closed 9am - Africa Mission Trip Super Start-----	11
12 Daylight Savings 9am Small Groups 10am Worship	13	14 SH Open Diaper distribution 11am-1pm Bykota Class	15 10am Midweek Service 6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies	16	17 Office Closed	18
Africa Mission Trip						
19 9am Small Groups 10am Worship 11:45am Finance Com. 12pm Bylaws Com. 6:30pm Foster care	20	21 SH Open 6pm Dental Clinic	22 10am Midweek Service 6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies	23	24 Office Closed	25
26 9am Small Groups 10am Worship	27	28 SH Open	29	30	31	

Coming in April -

Annie Armstrong Offering
Easter Sunday
1st Quarter Business Meeting

Women's Retreat
Men's Retreat
Women's Bunco