

# Tahlequah's First Baptist Church

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Reaching...  
Upward  
Inward  
Outward

From your pastor,

If you watched the news this week, you heard all the talk about Obama's decision to endorse gay marriage. This past week the President affirmed his support of gay marriage. This week's "Newsweek" has a picture of Obama on the front cover and has labeled him the "First Gay President." The news media has put homosexuals on the same level as African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics, and so forth. I want to remind everyone that no where in the Bible does it say being African American, Native American, Hispanic, short or tall is a sin. Being born a certain race or color doesn't make you a sinner. Homosexuality though is a choice and it is sin. The Bible clearly teaches homosexuality is a sin in Genesis 19, Romans 1:26-27, and I Corinthians 6:9-11. The Bible is God's truth and it is the standard on which we must base our faith and morals. Just because the President has endorsed gay marriage doesn't make it right. It is still sin. I've heard many homosexuals recently say that their lifestyle is their choice and they have a right to make that choice. Finally, many of them are getting it right. Yes, they do have the right to make that choice, but it is still sin. As Christians we are to love the homosexual and show them Christ's love, but we are not to embrace their sinful lifestyle. We must continue to speak the truth in love. In so doing, hopefully many of them will recognize their sin, confess, repent and turn to God. Hopefully those that are idolaters, adulterers, thieves, greedy, drunkards, slanderers, and swindlers will do the same. In other words, all sinners must confess, repent, and turn to God. Anyone who continues to live in a sinful lifestyle day in and day out must confess, repent and turn to God. The problem we have today is that the President, the news media, and others are trying to paint homosexuals as being just like people of other races and nationalities. That is a lie from the devil and he wants us all to buy into it. As Christians, we must stand on the truth and support those who stand for the truth and follow God's ways. Let us continue to be salt and light in a world that is headed toward moral decay. That is our calling.

I will see you Sunday as we honor our graduates.

Bro. Buddy

**New Class for Retiree's**  
Beginning this **Sunday, May 20th** there will be a New Class for Retiree's. If you are retired and not currently attending a Sunday School class come check this one out! At FBC we want everyone to find a class that fits their needs!

**Sunday Morning, May 20th**  
We will be honoring our high school and college graduates

**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 20th**  
**5:00 PM**  
**In the Chapel**

**BACCALAUREATE**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 20TH**  
**6:00 PM AT PAC**  
**NO EVENING WORSHIP**  
**SERVICE AT FBC**

Adult Sunday School  
Leadership Meeting

Sunday, May 20th  
at Noon  
*Lunch will be provided  
for you and your family.*  
*I'm looking forward to this  
time of fellowship. Bro. Ed*

- VBS will be June 11-15 from 9:00 - Noon
- Everyone knows children to invite to VBS, there are enrollment forms and invitations in the lobby, take all you want, we can make more! (They are over by the t-shirts.)
- VBS T-Shirts are not only for VBS workers! They are \$10 - \$12 for anyone who wants to promote FBC and God's Awesome power!



- VBS Positions that need to be filled: 10 assistants to help in classrooms or recreation this can be youth or adults. Also people to drive the vans or shuttle from 8:30-9:00 and 12:00-12:30.
- May 31, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm is VBS preview day. All VBS workers are encouraged to attend. 1st - 6th graders bring your friends! Everyone is welcome!
- VBS teachers the supplies you requested are in room 106. Please come by and help yourself asap!

## **SINGLES MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP**

**MONDAY, MAY 21ST  
6:30 PM**

**IN THE NORTH BUILDING**

**BRING YOUR  
FAVORITE POP AND  
DESERT, SANDWICHES AND  
CHIPS WILL BE  
PROVIDED.**



**Hey don't forget...  
There will be no  
evening service on  
May 27th and the  
Church office will be  
closed on the 28th!!**

## **Kids Mission Adventure Camp (KMAK)**

July 16-19 at Tulakogee  
For kids who have completed  
3rd thru 6th grade  
Cost is \$120



Registration forms are in  
their Sunday School  
classrooms, foyers  
and the church office



**\*CHURCH FLOAT TRIP \* COOKOUT \* WORSHIP SERVICE\*  
ON THE ILLINOIS RIVER - SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD**

WE...  
FLOAT AT 2:00 \* EAT AT 5:00 \* WORSHIP AT 6:00  
SIGN UP IN THE FOYER NOW!!!

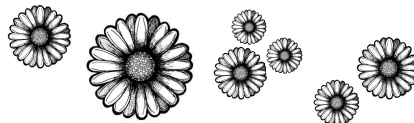


FLOAT TRIP IS FREE COURTESY OF WAR EAGLE FLOATS



### **May Schedule**

<b>May 20th</b> 8:15 and 10:45 Graduate Recognition Sunday <i>No PM Worship Service</i>	<b>May 27th</b> 8:15 and 10:45 Memorial Day Worship Service <i>No PM Worship Service</i>
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**There will be Sunday School at 9:30 am  
each Sunday in May.**

**Wednesday, May 30th  
Summer Schedule begins!**

*Wednesday Activities and Prayer  
Meeting will be from 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
No Wednesday Night Meals*

**falls creek**

**JULY 9th - 14th**

**Register your teen now!**

**The cost for camp this year  
is \$120.00.**

**The Middle East Mission Trip Team is doing  
the Wednesday night meal on May 23.**

**The menu will be Summer Sandwich Sampler**  
(for those who are wondering... We will have at least 5 different  
kinds of sandwiches, 3 kinds of cookies, veggie platter,  
watermelon, deviled eggs and chips.)

**Jayna is still looking for donations  
for the following items:**

- \* Used electric skillet**
- \* Used DVD player with a remote**
- \* Used Christian Christmas Cards**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 13TH**

Preschool	44	S.S. Total	358
Children	57	Worship AM	479
Youth	38	Worship PM	---
Adults	219		

### **FINANCES**

Weekly Budget Rec'd	\$14,431.89
Weekly Budget Req'd	\$18,865.88
Debt Retirement Rec'd	\$720.00
Debt Retirement Req'd	\$961.54
Weekly Called to Commit	\$230.00
Weekly "WMO" Rec'd	\$890.00
YTD Budget Rec'd	\$378,896.87
YTD Budget Req'd	\$377,317.60
YTD Debt Retire. Rec'd	\$20,911.94
YTD Debt Retire. Req'd	\$19,230.26
YTD Called to Comm. Rec'd	\$15,843.93
YTD World Mission Offering	\$9,748.00

**Deacon of the Week  
David McClain  
5/27/12 - 6/2/12**

My 1 is a scholarship program to help our youth reach out to their UNCHURCHED friends to allow them to experience Falls Creek. The cost for each scholarship is \$120.00, this will pay the way for a teen to Falls Creek and allow them to participate in something great! See Nate or sign up in the main foyer!

