First of All

Thank you for choosing to worship with us at First Church.

Let's worship the Lord together with...

"Days of Elijah" Worship First Family Fellowship Baptism Worship "Victory in Jesus" "New Doxology" "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" "Come, Holy Spirit" Prayer "Give Thanks" Offering "Be Thou My Vision" "Small Distance, Big Difference" Message Closing "Thank You, Lord"

First Step

The most important thing that can happen to you is asking Jesus into your heart. It's as simple as ABC...

Admit that you have sinned

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

Believe that Jesus died for you

"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Confess that Jesus is Lord of your life

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. It is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

Romans 10:9-10

If you followed these steps and asked Jesus into your heart, please let Pastor Bobby know.

First News

Prayer Gatherings

Two weekly Prayer Gatherings are held in the chapel: 8:30 AM on Sundays and 6:00 PM on Wednesdays. You are encouraged to attend one or both of these.

Children's Department Meeting

There will be a very short meeting in the chapel following this morning's service for all parents, children's department workers, and anyone interested in working in the children's department from nursery through 6th grade!.

PT Cruiser Luncheon

Meet for lunch at Shotgun Dan's, 4203 E. Kiehl in Sherwood, this Friday, February 14, at 11:30 AM. Contact Ron (425-3236) or Connie (425-3235) by Wednesday, Feb. 12, to give them your meal order and to let them know if you need a ride.

SoAR District "Gathering of the Girls"

The 2020 retreat will be held at NLR Friendly Chapel on Saturday, March 7, with breakfast from 9:00 - 9:45 and the retreat from 10:00 - 2:00. The speaker this year is Mrs. Diane Estep from the Kansas City District. The cost (breakfast & lunch included) is \$25. All registrations are due by Feb. 29. Sign up in the foyer; make checks payable to SoAR SDMI. An optional bonus night dinner (your expense) will be held Friday, March 6, at 6:00 PM at Panda Garden in Shackleford Crossing.

Teen Luncheon

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 23, and plan to stay for lunch. The menu will be tacos, beans, rice and desserts. The cost is your donation to our teens.

First Serve

<u>Helpers Today</u>: <u>Next Sunday, February 16</u>

Greeters: Sue Daniel, Keith Williams Randy Foshee

Babies: Kelly Williams Toddlers: Tessa Watson

First Fruits			
<u>February Giving</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Tithes/Offerings	\$38,183	\$ 6,295	\$31,888
Faith Promise - Missions	\$ 5,173	\$ 585	\$4,588

First Impression

We welcome you to First Church! Here are a few things that we would like you to know about our Church...

Denomination

The Church of the Nazarene is a holiness church that shares roots with the Methodist Church. With over 2.2 million members worshiping in over 29,000 congregations in 159 world areas, we are a part of something much bigger than ourselves.

Worship

It has been said that, "Worship changes the worshiper into the image of the One worshiped." To achieve that transformation, First Church is willing to use everything from drums to organs and everything in between.

Youth and Children

"It's a race to the heart of a child and the first one there wins." First Church is trying to outrun world influences with various programs to "train a child up in the way they should go."

Adults

We are big enough to serve you and small enough to know you! Whether you are single or married, working or retired there is something for you at First Church.

Missions

We believe that the mission of the church is Missions. First Church is a going, sending, praying and paying church so that the whole world may hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Community

First Church cares for our neighbors. We want "our light to shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

First Word

February 9, 2020



"Small Distance, Big Difference"

John 21:1-14

Jesus knows us even when we don't know Him.

Even if Jesus can't be seen, He can be heard .

If we obey, <u>success</u> is not far away.

First Glance

Sunday, Feb. 9: 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Gathering (Chapel)

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Family Worship)

11:30 a.m. - Children's Department Parent & Worker Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Brookdale Senior Living Center Service

Wed., Feb. 12: 6:00 p.m. - Prayer Gathering - Chapel

6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) 6:30 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Classes

6:30 p.m. - Ladies' Bible Study ("God of Covenant" last study)

6:30 p.m. - Nursery Care, Children's & Teen Activities

7:35 p.m. - Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 13: 6:30 p.m. - Church Board Meeting

Friday, Feb. 14: 11:30 a.m. - PT Cruisers' Luncheon, Shotgun Dan's (Sherwood)

Sunday, Feb. 16: 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Gathering (Chapel)

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service / Children's Missions

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