



# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 LG Leadership Training   12pm   Atrium Smith Baby Shower   1:30pm   FC	5	6 National Night Out   7:30-9:30pm   Warren Theatre	7	8	9	10
11 Promo Sunday Next Gen Skate Night   5-7pm   Skate Moore	12	13	14 MWBS Lunch Wed. Activities Resume   5:30-7:30pm	15	16	17
18 Finance Comm. Meeting   12pm   WLC	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Parents' Night Out   6-9	31

**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

**WEDNESDAYS**

10:00am - Midweek Bible Study  
No Dinner - Summer Break  
6:30pm - Next Gen Ministry  
Choir & Adult Ministries



## How to Care for Those in Need

“we can all make a difference by being used by God..”



### A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

**HOW DO WE CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED?**

A few weeks back, in our study of 1 Timothy, we saw the responsibility of the church to care for widows in need. As we looked through Scripture, we saw that God truly cared for widows, orphans, and sojourners who represented a class of people who were often unable to care for themselves and sadly exploited because of their situation. As such, God called on His people to do the same.

One of the greatest needs in our culture is in terms of “orphan care.” The modern-day orphan is typically a child who has found himself as a ward of the state, which we call foster care. While most of the time these children's parents are living, they are often unable to be cared for safely and properly in their homes. This forces the state to step in and take action, removing them from their homes. A simple look at statistics would tell you this need is in epidemic proportions. At any given time, there can be over 6,500 children in Oklahoma state custody, with close to 500 needing a home to stay in.

The question I have been asked from multiple people is, “How can we help?” Let me offer some real ways that Christ can use you to help with this huge need.

1. Be a foster family. This is clearly close to my heart as my family has had over ten foster placements over the years and our youngest child was adopted through foster care. There is a serious need for families to take in children who are in custody. The 1-1-1 Project is a faith-based non-profit that started on the basis that if every church had just one family fostering there would not be a need for shelters and there would not be any children without a home. This calling is not easy but rewarding. My

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### For the Future

We continue to prepare for the future through your faithful above and beyond giving. Since December 2021, over 1.5 million dollars has been given to our campaign. We invite you to continue to give to For the Future for the remainder of 2024 as we work to pay off the money spent on the Worship Center.

### Life Group Leader Lunch & Training | August 4

This training is for all Next Gen and Adult Life Group Leaders. We will be having a Qdoba build-your-own bowls. Please register everyone in your party who will be attending the lunch. We will meet for lunch in the Atrium following the 10:30 service. Children over 4 will stay with their parents for the duration of the lunch and training. Childcare is provided for children under 4. Register at [firstmoore.com/training](http://firstmoore.com/training)

### Smith Baby Shower | August 4

Our Director of AVL, Justin, and his wife, Beth, will be having their first child in late August. We plan to celebrate their new addition with a come-and-go baby shower August 4 from 1:30-3:30pm. To view their baby registry: [firstmoore.com/babyshower](http://firstmoore.com/babyshower)

### Moore Schools Staff Convocation | August 5

On Monday, August 5, Moore Public School will use our building to have district-wide meeting for their faculty. We will be blessing the educators with a gift bag from our church.

### National Night Out | August 6

NNO is a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). It is scheduled for Tuesday from 7:30-9:30pm in the Warren Theatre parking lot. As a community partner, we will have tents set up to greet our community. This is a unique outreach opportunity for us to invite our community to connect with us! If you would like to help us connect with others for an hour shift, please email [kenzi.bradshaw@firstmoore.com](mailto:kenzi.bradshaw@firstmoore.com)!

### Promotion Sunday | August 11

All grades and ages will be promoted into their new classes during their Life Group hour (9 am)! Those entering 1st grade and 7th grade, please keep an eye out for special instructions for that morning!

### Next Gen Skate Night | August 11

Free roller skating for the family from 5-7pm to celebrate the start of the new school year! Meet your Next Gen team at Skate Moore for a night of fun and fellowship.

### Wednesday Nights Resume | August 14

Our Wednesday Night Activities are starting back on August 14! Dinner will start at 5:30pm and all other activities will start at 6:30pm. There will be ministry options for all ages! GriefShare is the only group not starting on the 14th. They will begin on the 21st. We can't wait to see you back on Wednesday nights! [firstmoore.com/wednesdays](http://firstmoore.com/wednesdays)

### Parents' Night Out | August 30

Join us for Parents' Night Out from 6-9pm on August 30! Kids will get to eat dinner, play games, and watch a movie while parents get to go out! \$5 per child, \$20 max per family. Ages: Infant - 6th grade and Special Needs. Registration ends August 28: [firstmoore.com/pno](http://firstmoore.com/pno)

### Save the Date: Upcoming Fall Events

Women's Tuesday Bible Study Resumes | September 3  
FBC 101 | September 8  
Red Bricks Night of Worship | September 15  
Band of Brothers Men's Event | September 29  
Church Family Meeting | October 20  
Trunk-or-Treat | October 27  
Parenting Focus Sunday | November 3



## SUNDAY MORNING STATS

	JULY 7	JULY 14	JULY 21	JULY 28	YTD
<b>Life Groups</b>	581	589	710	722	703
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	833	935	970	911	907
<b>Offering/Tithe</b>	\$66,822.00	\$48,340.68	\$75,826.63	\$41,571.75	
<b>For the Future</b>	\$20,158.00	\$8,139.00	\$5,721.50	\$3,582.40	



## A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

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recommendation is to find an agency that can assist you with the process and we have several families in our church who have fostered and can be a resource to you. Pray about how your family can meet this need.

2. Adopt. The next step is being willing to adopt a child or children who are in custody. The church should lead the way in adoptions as we know what it means to be adopted in Christ. Adoption is not easy and requires a lifelong commitment, but Christians should be at the forefront of meeting this need.

3. Support families who are doing the work. Not everyone can be a foster family or adopt, but we can all help families who are. Childcare, meals, helping with items such as clothing and diapers, and of course encouragement and prayer are ways we can help those who are doing this important work. What if you strived to "foster a foster family?" This is proof that we can all do something.

4. Help a family before they lose their children. Everything up to this point has been about helping children after things go wrong. What if we, as the church, strived to help families before it got to that point? I know this is easier said than done, but helping a family before their children are displaced is a great way to stop the problem. Several families work with a group called "Safe Families" to help parents get their lives in order, so they do not lose their children. They do this by being a resource family that provides short-term childcare for the family in need so they can get their lives together. We have families who would love to tell you more if you are interested.

The bottom line is that we can all make a difference by being used by God to help children and families in need. Where is God leading you to help? What is one way you can make a difference today?

For His glory and your joy,

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## WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

Join us for Wednesday night dinner from 5:30pm-6:15pm. 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.

August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Summer Break No Dinner	Chick-fil-a Sandwiches, French fries, Brownies	Chicken Tenders, Potatoes, Gravy, Salad, Brownies	Hamburgers, Chips, Baked Beans, Dessert



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### JULY 2024

Chad Coleman (Letter)  
Rachel Coleman (Letter)  
Brynlee Coleman (Letter)  
Brooklyn Coleman (Letter)  
Tanner Stokes (Statement)

Jordynn Price (Baptism)  
Blake Fowler (Baptism)  
Jackson Tait (Baptism)  
Harper Grady (Baptism)

### 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](mailto:stephanie.gaches@firstmoore.com)