Dr. William H. “Bill” Cook to be Pulpit Guest

Dr. William H. “Bill” Cook served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, for more than 20 years. He then served both as a Vice-President of Ouachita Baptist University and also as a Professor of Bible and Christian Ministries, and served as Interim Pastor in various churches. He retired after 12 years with the University and has since served as Intentional Interim Pastor and Transition Pastor in Arkansas and Oklahoma churches.

Dr. Cook has authored a new publication, The Chase - Success, Motivation and the Scriptures, which will be available September 1 through amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and in bookstores this Fall. The book contains endorsements by John Maxwell, Jack Graham, Lloyd Minter, and other professional leaders and CEO’s.

The Cooks have 3 children and 10 grandchildren. Camille (Mrs. Rod Minor) is the wife of the pastor at Anderson Mill Baptist Church in Austin, Texas; Pam (Mrs. Jim Moorhead) is wife of the Executive Pastor at Central Baptist, Round Rock, Texas and Dr. Craig Cook is a physician with Hillcrest South Hospital in Tulsa. Bill and Rachel reside in Bixby (greater Tulsa).

Patsy and I want to express our deepest and most heartfelt thanks for the retirement reception you provided for us last Sunday evening. You "made a memory" for us with an occasion we will remember with gratitude and delight for the rest of our lives. We know so many people had a hand in putting it all together that it would be impossible to thank each one by name. So, to all who worked so hard so that we could have a special time with our entire church family, we want to say THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU EVERY ONE!!

The fellowship hall and table decorations were just perfect. The meal we shared together was absolutely delicious. The personal comments and encouragements about our 17 years of ministry together were so uplifting. The hundreds of notes, cards and letters affirming your love for us were, and are, overwhelming. The program for the evening was a home-run for us and our family. And, your generous gifts to us were touching and humbling. Your thoughtfulness was simply amazing. Again, thank you for everything from the depths of our hearts.

Yes, we had a wonderful time, looking back with you at our life and ministry together over the past 17 years. But, our God is always out in front, going before us, pointing the way into His future for us. And, while none of us know exactly all that His future holds, we do know it will be "good, acceptable, and perfect." Therefore, we do not fear, but look ahead with great expectations.

Patsy and I covenant to pray for you as you will be praying for us. Let's all stay in touch as we are able. And, we'll see you later, either on this side or the other side. That's because Christians never say goodbye for the last time!

Bro. Joe and Patsy
ADMINISTRATION

This is your invitation to participate in a new program designed to simplify giving by our congregation.

E-Giving will enable you to make church donations using electronic funds transfer (EFT) from your checking or savings account, or debit card giving. Either can be used for a regular schedule of payments, a one-time gift, or to pay for camp fees and/ or activity fees.

There is no cost to you for this new giving option. But there are several advantages to you and the church!

- **Convenience** - No need to write checks. Giving to FBC is as easy as paying bills. Service is available 24/7 and is available on our website [www.bfbc.net](http://www.bfbc.net)

- **Security** – You, the “Contributor”, exclusively control your activity. No one but you will have access to your confidential information.

- **Savings** - Save time and the cost of writing and mailing checks.

If you have questions about this new option, please contact Cherri Johnson in the church office, or email to cjohnson@bfbc.net.

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BIRTHS

Virgil & Susan Rhodes and Ron & Cindy Pruitt announce the birth of their granddaughter Nora Jane Pruitt on Wednesday, August 8. Parents are Stephanie & Mike.

Jess & Ashley Kane announce the birth of their daughter Samantha Linn Kane on Thursday, August 9.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

FALL MUSIC MINISTRY AWAITS YOUR PARTICIPATION!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL ARE:

- **ONE VOICE Ladies Ensemble**  Begins Wed., Aug. 22
- **Preschool and Children’s Choirs**  Begins Wed., Sept. 5
- **Hand bells**  Begins Sun., Sept. 9
- **Joyful Praise Ladies Ensemble**  Begins Wed., Sept. 12
- **Young At Heart Senior Adult Choir**  3rd Monday Each Month
- **First Family Choir**  Wednesdays
- **Instrumental Ensemble**  Sunday Mornings
- **Adult Praise Ensemble** (Auditioned Group)  Selected Sundays

For more information on any of these groups, contact the Music Office at 918-336-6172.

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Financial Peace University (FPU) consists of a 9-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey—that incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship. Financial Peace University is an informative class with financial advice and biblical messages. Contact the church office for more information.

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2012 BPSD Employee Appreciation Tailgate Party

**Friday, September 7 before Bruin Varsity Football game.**

FBC members are encouraged to donate a gift card from Bartlesville restaurants or retailers for the Prize Table. Collection will end Friday, August 31. All donations can be dropped off at the staff offices of the Family Life Center.

Contact Josh Quigley to volunteer. Thank you for your continued support!!!
**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

WOW! Can't believe it's back to school time. Last week was exciting as we saw our VBS Mission Project come to completion. A special thanks to Kathy Hixon for leading this VBS mission project. To help the Washington County Pack the Backpack Drive, our VBS children donated money and school supplies, and also made salvation bracelet packets for the backpacks; many area children and families were helped with the monies and supplies we raised. A special thanks to our boys and girls and their families for ministering in this special way.

**PARENTS — dates you need to make notice of:**
- **Promotion Sunday** is this Sunday, August 19! Postcards have been mailed with your new SS class assignments. This year we have combined Grades 3 & 4 and Grades 1 & 2 classes, so please watch for your class assignment postcard.
- **KidStyle Worship** (Children’s Church) begins this Sunday in Room 110 during morning worship service. Can't wait for us to be together again.
- **Parent Meeting** - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 22 Room 110. Please plan to attend this informative meeting regarding our Wednesday Night fall programming.
- **Fall Kick-off:** **Wednesday Night ROCKS**, August 29, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

A special thanks to Stephanie Hixon and Angela Sung who made SOFA's fun this summer. We pray y'all have a great year back at college!

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**READ THE BIBLE THROUGH:**

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**FBC Women on Mission**

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

FBC Women on Mission are sponsoring “Christmas in August” to benefit the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Montana Tech University in Butte, MT. Mark Arbaugh, the Director of the BCM, has an extensive ministry with foreign as well as local students on campus. Financial gifts, rather than supplies, are encouraged to avoid shipping costs. Make checks payable to BCM, put in a plain envelope marked Montana Tech BCM and drop in the financial slot in Room 117. **Please remember: checks must be made payable to BCM.**
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First Friday has a new look, a new night, a new time
and a new name…it is now…

KIDS’ NIGHT OUT
Mark your calendar for these dates September 14, October 12, November 9, February 8, March 8, April 12

Children ages 6 weeks through grade 5 will have a great time during our Kids Night Out as they eat pizza dinner, play, create art, hear God’s word, make new friends and have a snack. Registration is required for children to participate. You may register by calling the office or signing up on the clipboards by the Wednesday night prior to the Friday of Kids’ Night Out. Babies through Pre-K classes will be in our Early Education Suite and Kindergarten through 5th meet in the FLC.

Please make a note of our time changes: The doors will open and we will accept children between 5:45-6:00. In order for your child to have the best night, we ask parents to pick up between 8:15 and 8:30. For your child’s safety, doors will remain locked from 6:00 to 8:15. Doors will open for you to pick up your child at 8:15. We request all parents to please take note of these security changes. They are in affect for safety and for the overall benefit of your child. If you need further clarification of these changes, please see Angie.

Monday, August 20
Social time begins at 10:00 a.m. Young At Heart Choir rehearsal is in the Choir Suite at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and a program at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Kay Little, retired elementary school teacher, homeschool teacher, wife of former mayor Harvey Little and, until recently, Bartlesville Area Museum volunteer will present the program “Bartlesville Then and Now”. She will show and narrate photographs of early down-town Bartlesville and contrast them with current down-town photographs and information.

Contact George and Rachel Blevins at 918-214-7703 for lunch reservations or transportation

Kansas City/Jamesport Trip
Only 2 spots left! Contact Travel Tours at 800-331-3192 or George Blevins at 918-214-7703 for more information.