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This Is My Story...
First Baptist Church, Eufaula, OK.
Love God, Love People, Serve the World!






First Baptist Church is excited about what God is doing through His church in Eufaula. We want to share our stories with you. We hope that they will encourage and uplift you. Each story is from the heart, and I hope that they will show you the great things God has done and is doing today!

Know that you are loved!

J. Ingram, Senior Pastor

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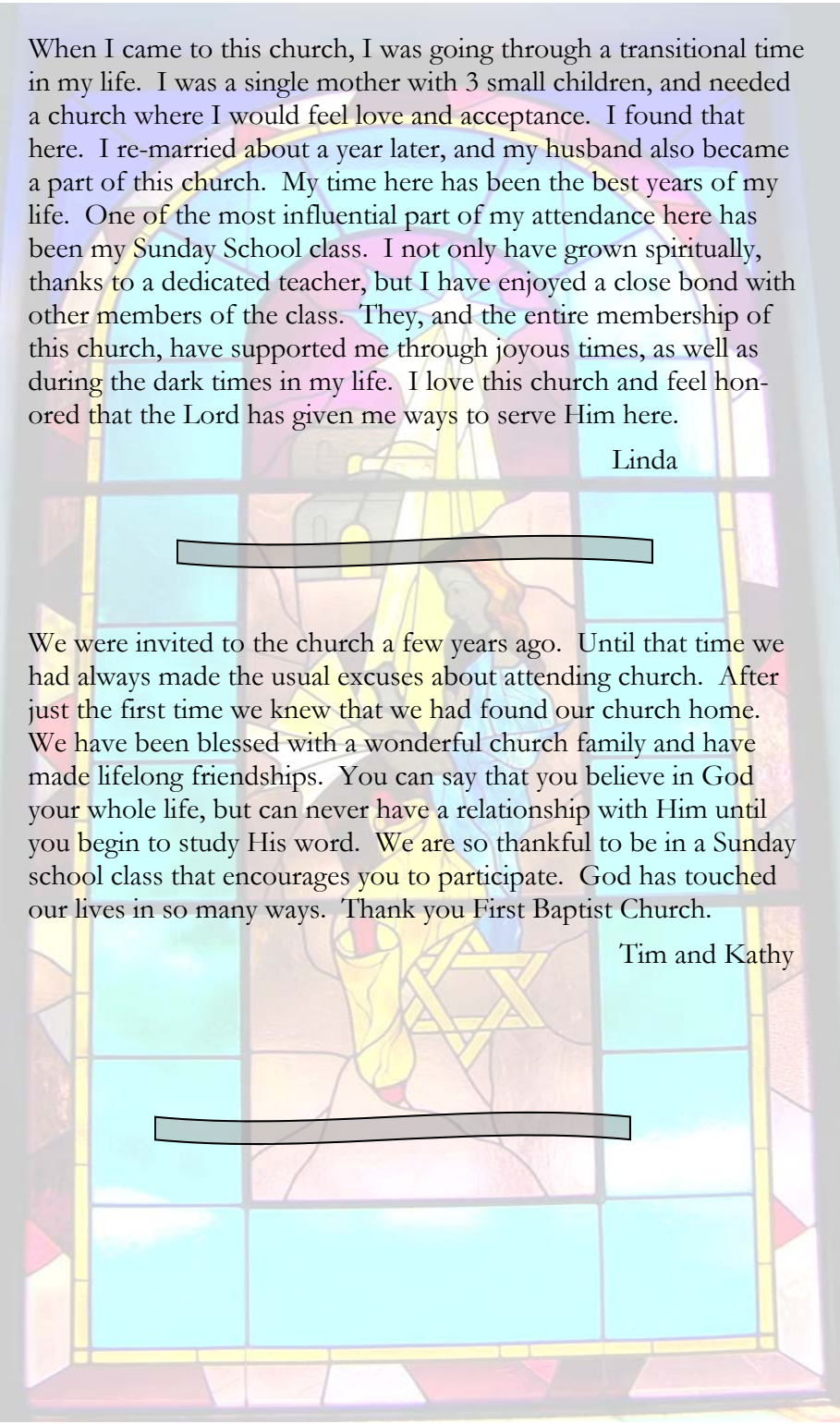


Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. ***Never be lacking in zeal***, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Roman 12:9-13

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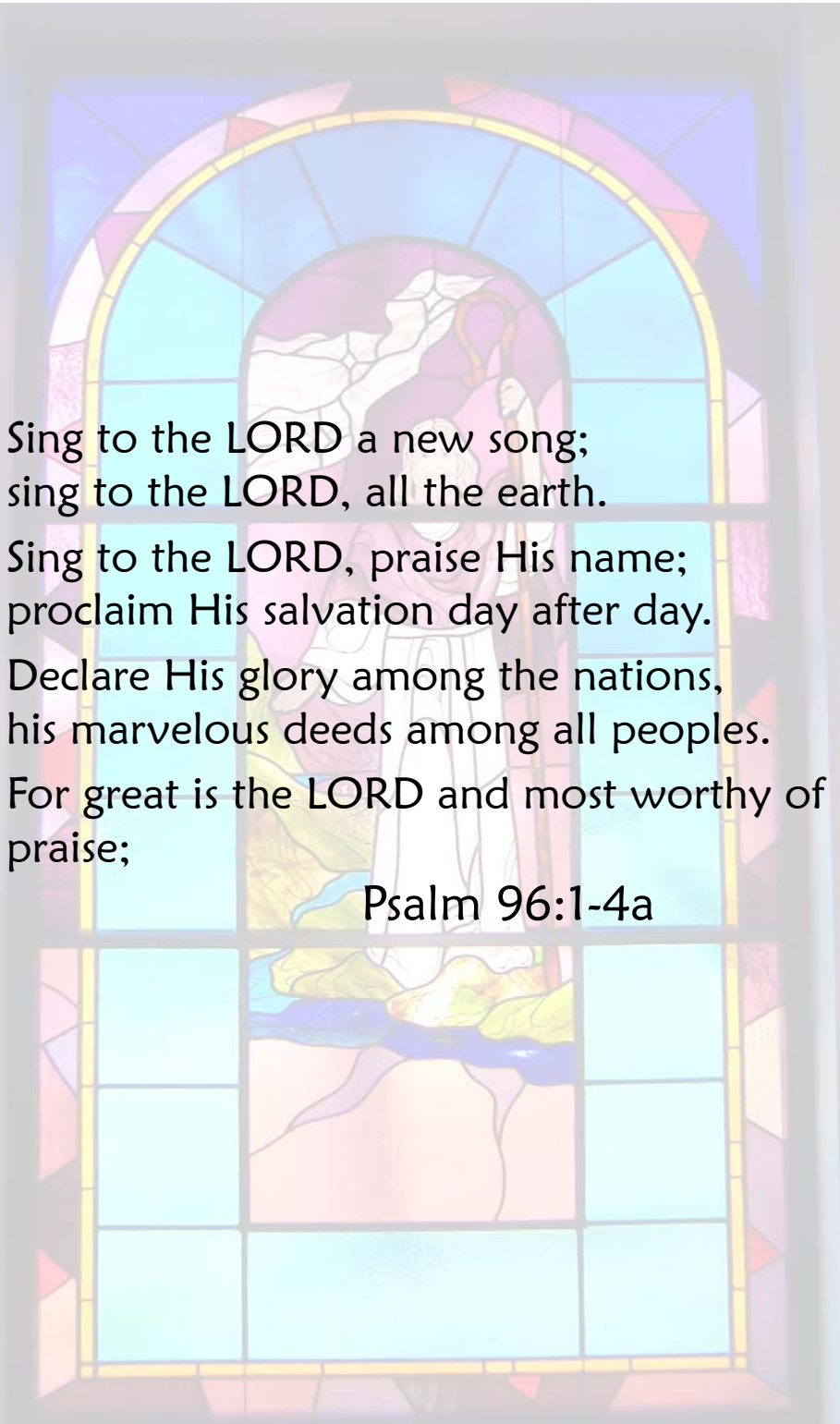


When I came to this church, I was going through a transitional time in my life. I was a single mother with 3 small children, and needed a church where I would feel love and acceptance. I found that here. I re-married about a year later, and my husband also became a part of this church. My time here has been the best years of my life. One of the most influential part of my attendance here has been my Sunday School class. I not only have grown spiritually, thanks to a dedicated teacher, but I have enjoyed a close bond with other members of the class. They, and the entire membership of this church, have supported me through joyous times, as well as during the dark times in my life. I love this church and feel honored that the Lord has given me ways to serve Him here.

Linda

We were invited to the church a few years ago. Until that time we had always made the usual excuses about attending church. After just the first time we knew that we had found our church home. We have been blessed with a wonderful church family and have made lifelong friendships. You can say that you believe in God your whole life, but can never have a relationship with Him until you begin to study His word. We are so thankful to be in a Sunday school class that encourages you to participate. God has touched our lives in so many ways. Thank you First Baptist Church.

Tim and Kathy



Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

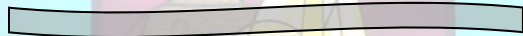
Sing to the LORD, praise His name;
proclaim His salvation day after day.

Declare His glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

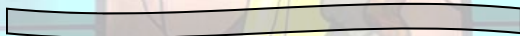
For great is the LORD and most worthy of
praise;

Psalm 96:1-4a

"There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord." This is how I would describe First Baptist Church of Eufaula. The church I attended all my life, until moving to Eufaula in 1999, consisted of about 1/4 of my family members. I was always surrounded by family so it was hard for me when joining FBC only knowing one person. I have gone through many trials in my life and have been here during the fire, flood and other trials which the church has experienced, but each one has helped my faith grow. I find FBC to be a strong tower, a shelter to come to, and a kind and loving church. I have been blessed with a great family and a wonderful church family. - Carole

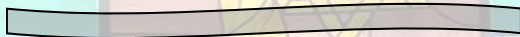


My Church and my church family has been a blessing and has been there when needed. - Bobbie



Our lives have taken many different paths but the one consistency has been our involvement with a church. Although our church families have changed over a period of time, the remarkable thing is that each church has been there to minister to our needs. This church is no exception. We love the people and their willingness to serve. From a wonderful Bible Study class to a new minister, who is so enthusiastic and knowledgeable, we are truly being blessed. Thank you F.B.C. of Eufaula.-

James and Linda



In 1945 I was baptized in the old church. Kind, loving and caring people and the Companion Class is great. This is home to me.

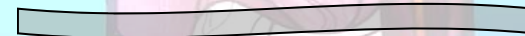
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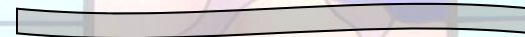
FBC Eufaula has provided a wonderful place for our children to grow and learn about God. They are both strong in their Christian faith due to the excellent Sunday School teachers that have provided them with guidance and knowledge from God's Word. We appreciate all the love and support that our family received during my dad's open heart surgery. All the prayers made his recovery much quicker and easier. This is a place we will always feel loved and always consider home. Denny, Diana, Eric, and Kyla



'In 2006 when Jim was facing open heart surgery the people of First Baptist showed their love for us with prayers, visits, and phone calls. We feel truly blessed to have these wonderful people as our church family. Jim and Gerry



I accepted Jesus and was baptized at First Baptist Church of Eufaula 54 years ago. Before and since then this church family has supported my continuing education in God's Word. I was married to Johnny Powell 44 years ago in this church. I have seen both my children, Lori and Chris accept Jesus and baptized in this church. Our church family has lovingly prayed for and supported us through all our trials and triumphs. God's love is truly shown here at First Baptist Church. Carol



May 7 would have been mine and Jim's anniversary, instead he is spending our special day with the Lord. Although I remember this day, I also remember how sick Jim was this time two years ago. How can I remember those days and not remember how blessed we were too? God set a wonderful Sunday class in our lives about the time he was diagnosed. Actually, I should say he sent wonderful people into our lives. Through the experience of building a home with Marshall as our contractor, we did not know God was preparing a new family for us. As we started the path of fighting cancer, our Sunday school class took the path with us. The support we received was beyond description. Bob B. loved Jim and they developed a wonderful friendship. When the trips every 8 hrs. to McAles-ter for treatment wore me down, Bob wouldn't take no for an answer. He came every night to take Jim for his midnight injections. He mowed our lawn every week and came and sat with Jim so I could work some. How do you repay someone for that thoughtfulness? Then there was Glenda R. that knew Jim's favorite soup was potato soup and prepared it often. She also brought chocolate chip cookies and hydrangea arrangements from her own bushes for me. How those flowers boosted my day. There was Fred that didn't understand why Jim was blessed with Job's story but shared the scriptures at Jim's service. There were the ones that moved us into our house while I stayed at the hospital with Jim. I cannot name everyone that had an impact on my life at that time, but I can say I don't think I would have made it at times if it weren't for my church family. I'll forever be thankful to God and my spiritual family for bringing me through the most difficult time in my life. What a testimony of love! Everyone that new Jim knew how much he loved coming to Sunday school. When he could no longer climb the stairs, the class came to him. Someone would always help us with the wheelchair (mostly David R) and I'd watch him trying to be tough when there is only softness that flowed from him. It just proves God puts teddy bears in massive bodies. I want to say thank you to everyone. May God bless you all exceedingly and abundantly above all you ever thought or imagined.

Diana

I have been a member of this church for most of my life. I wanted to find a word that would express how I feel about this church and congregation. The word that comes to mind is kindness. Here I have been given the opportunity to serve God in many ways. The response of the church to anything I have done, whether it was done well, done poorly or somewhere in between, was kindness. In Christianity we call that Grace. What a thrill to be part of a church that is accepting of all who wish to serve God here and to accept them with Grace. - Fred

This church has had a tremendous impact on my life in the 35 years that I have been a member. As a young adult, I was challenged and inspired by great Bible teachers that came for summer Bible studies. Our children were forever influenced by the teaching and nurturing they received in this church. I have experienced special moments of worship in the simplicity of beautiful candle-light services on Christmas Eve. But, most of all, members of this church have drawn a wonderful picture for me of Christian faithfulness. Through the years, I have watched some very special individuals in this church continue to joyfully serve, worship, and minister to others even when they are experiencing deep sorrow, hardship, or illness themselves. They have each been an inspiration and a great blessing to my life. I love this church and will be forever grateful to God for the blessings it has brought me. - Nancy

We love this church, especially our wonderful teacher and members of our Sunday School class. - Jim & Charlene

We have been attending First Baptist Church for over 60 years and have many fond memories...of the big cedar Christmas tree covered with candy sacks in the "old church" to our now present beautifully decorated sanctuary during the Christmas season. The most important memory of our church are the "special people". They have been faithful to us during all the seasons of our lives. Always ready to pray with us in times of need and laugh with us in times of joy. We feel that we could call on anyone of our church family and they would never hesitate to give us immediate help and prayers. This fact has been proven over and over through the years. First Baptist Church and these "special people" have shown to our family a constant source of God's love in the past and will continue to be our strength for the remainder of our lives.—

JoBeth and Roger

God's impact on our lives through the church poured through the people and prayer. Their faithfulness during troubled times in the church and prayers during a heart surgery and the death of a child in our family. It helped us realize through prayer and love that God is always there for us. -

Houston & Connie

Robert Shaw once said "Music is not a luxury, it's a necessity". I feel listening and singing hymns is instrumental to a pastor's Sermon. I've had the honor and privilege of being First Baptist Church pianist for 45 years (9 years in Checotah, 36 years here at our church). Playing for my Lord and His people has made a big impact in my life. -

Marguerite

I was not born and raised in this Church; I am a relatively new member. I don't look like anyone else and I don't dress like anyone else, but that's ok. FBC is not about what you look like or what you own, it's about the people. I wasn't aware of the relationships I was missing until I made friends here. These friendships are more precious than gold, I can always count on the people here. This church offers more than acceptance, it offers love, there is nothing greater than this.

Crystal

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; and weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15) At First Baptist Church, we have found a group of people who's lives beautifully reflect this passage. We find ourselves in the midst of those who fiercely love, and who compassionately comfort. It's a bond that has been formed over time and through unwavering trust. Together, we have faced the deepest sorrows and have celebrated the richest blessings. We have learned that "as one" we are stronger, more committed, and better able to serve. We are inspired by the examples we see in those around us who desire to be more Christ-like in all that they do.

David & Glenda

'After moving to Eufaula, our family tried several area churches and as soon as we found FBC we knew it was a "perfect fit." Since we began attending FBC this church has become a tremendous blessing to our family. Our family joined in June 2006 and Ray and Carter were baptized together in July 2006. We were welcomed from the first day and have developed many close friends. Thanks to my wonderful wife who encouraged me to attend Sunday School with her in the Adult II class. It has been a life-changing experience. Our class is interesting, educating and we have fun while studying God's word.'

Ray and Fran

I was just a small boy when this church was built at this location. Growing up, I didn't attend any church, but whenever I thought about "religion", this church came to mind. Little did I know, that one day I would accept Christ and become a member here. As a member of this church I have had the privilege to serve here. I have had the freedom to find my purpose, to seek God, search out His will for my life, and JUST DO IT!

Marshall

We moved to Eufaula from Texas in 1994. From the very first time we visited this church, we felt like we had come home. It's the prettiest church building in town, but the building is not the reason we're here. The people are very loving and caring, and feel like family. We have beautiful music, thanks to Glenn, the praise team, the choir, and the musicians. We feel that the church is very progressive, and not afraid to try something new. We have enjoyed working in the kitchen and making good friends with the others who work with us. Our Sunday School Class has always been special to us because of the great people in the class, and the super teachers we've had. We are excited about our new pastor, and hope that he and his family will want to stay here for a very long time. We love our church!

Hubert & Jerri

My birth family and relatives were never a real close family and I felt like I was missing something in my life. I joined the First Baptist Church, let Christ take back over and with the loving fellowship of this church, I have that feeling back.

Vicky

Since Sam and I began going to church many years ago, it has been an important part of my life. I worked in the children's program for several years. The church and the people have been very good to me, especially during time of sadness. I enjoy attending the church services and fellowship as often as I can.—

Nadine

A few years ago I had the misfortune of being extremely ill for a number of weeks. The cards and prayers I received from the people in this church were awesome. Mail time was the highlight of my day in ICU. I am sincere when I say, "I could feel the prayers".

Chris Jones

Everyone needs a safe loving place to call home. We have had these needs fulfilled at FBC for the past 50 years. You as a caring church family have celebrated and rejoiced with us in the good times and supported us with love, encouragement and prayers during our challenges. We are so fortunate to have the love and friendship from those in our Sunday School class and a group of true friends with a giving spirit. Our pastor "J" and Lisa go above and beyond in caring for their flock. THANK YOU GOD FOR THE CONTINUED BLESSINGS.-

Don & Sally States

We were greeted by a great Sunday School Class and welcomed to the church by a loving and friendly church family.

David & Carol

Shortly after moving to Eufaula my husband died and my life was greatly changed, but during this time the pastor ask me to play the organ. To play the fantastic, beautiful organ at this church was so great. This has turned out to be one of the greatest blessings in my life.

Betty

In 2000, we lived in San Antonio. Our grandson was born with severe health problems. My brother and sister-in-law's (Jim & Charlene) Sunday School Class here at FBC was one of the many places faithfully praying for our grandbaby and for our family. Our prayers were not answered as we wanted, but God blessed our family in many other ways. When we moved back to Oklahoma and to Eufaula in 2002, it was only natural we come to FBC, a praying and caring body of believers. We have been here ever since.

Eddie & Linda

After much prayer I felt led by God to unite with First Baptist Church with a letter from a sister church. At the time I was dealing with some issues and the FBC family help me to accept and move on with my life. A friend and deacon at the time gave me some good advise, trust God and give your worries to Him and it will be ok. I am grateful and blessed to be a part of FBC family. The Companion Sunday School Class has always given me strong support.

Charlotte

The friendly Christian fellowship and loving support from our First Baptist Church family and Sunday School Class has encouraged us in our faith and our love for God through the years. We truly feel blessed.

Jerry & Beverly

When Carolyn and I first moved to Eufaula we visited several churches. We had our favorite TV church we watched every Sunday morning (and still do). We questioned whether or not we even need to belong to a local church. After a while we felt a void or loneliness that is hard to express. People need a church family. We feel sorry for those who do not realize that. People need to know there are people who care about them. We feel very blessed to have found such loving and caring brother and sisters in Christ to share our lives with.

Larry & Carolyn

I could fill pages on how the FBC and church family have helped me thru these last several years. The Lord is always in my heart and attending worship service is what keeps me connected to God. When I lost my husband, Don, in 1989, I could not have gotten thru the loss as well as I did if not for the church widow/widowers support group. Everyday living is much easier for me knowing I have church and church family in my life. FBC is a great church, the church family is great and we're now blessed with a great pastor and family. I'm blessed to be a part of all of this.

Nellie

How can you say what God has done in your life through our church? We won't even try. We will say our church has been a comfort and balm to our family in the loss of our mother and sister. It has been our joy singing praises to God in the choir. Our greatest pleasure has been watching the youth of our church grow to become a credit to their parents, their church and their community through God.

Stan & Joyce