

MAY 2019

FIRSTIES NEWSLETTER

Following Jesus Together.



May means **SUMMER PREPARATIONS!**

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help people become fully committed followers of Jesus Christ.

We are people who believe that we are given the unending **GRACE** of God. We are people who believe that we are called to **LOVE**, and in doing so, change our community and the world for the better. We are people who are called to **GO**, responding to God's call to action with gratitude, obedience, and integrity.



Meet Thad!

HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Thad has been the director of High School Ministries at First for a little over two years. He was in Memphis, TN prior to this job doing youth ministry. He is married to the love of his life, Meredith. Thad loves Tulsa and his favorite thing about living in Tulsa is the pride people have that live here. Thad also enjoys riding his bike on Riverside.

Favorite Tulsa restaurant:
Nieve's Mexican Grill

Favorite Disney Film: Lion King

Favorite book other than the bible: Bear Town by Fredrick Backman

Favorite fictional place you would like to visit: Hogwarts or Wakonda



Upcoming High School Events

Attention Field Focus Participants!

Field Focus group hike is scheduled on Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m. at Turkey Mountain. Students will meet at the lower parking lot. This is the last scheduled hike, so if your student has not joined us on our two April hikes, they are required to attend this one.

Mission Tour

2019 Mission Tour to Memphis, TN will be June 1-8.

Field Focus

2019 Field Focus to Wyoming will be June 13-22.

Camp Friendship

2019 Camp Friendship is June 24-27. We are still looking for counselors for this camp. If you are interested, please register at fumctulsa.org/youthmissions.



Upcoming Middle School Events

8th Grade Grad Night

Wednesday, May 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Shiflet home (1908 E 38th Street | Tulsa). To RSVP for this event, contact Katie in the youth office by May 6.

Junior High Summer Kickoff Event

Our annual JH Summer Kickoff Event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5. More details to come.

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Promotion/Bridge Sunday

Promotion/Bridge Sunday will be on Sunday, June 2, during the 9:30 Sunday school hour. We are asking all middle and high school students to arrive that morning between 9:00-9:10 a.m. to line the bridge and help welcome the upcoming 6th graders into the youth department!



Wednesday Nights

No Wednesday night programming during the month of May.

Stay tuned for our summer programming information!

Parent Seminars



Upcoming Parent Meetings

2019 Mission Tour Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Assembly Room.

2019 Field Focus Parent Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the High School Assembly Room.

Sunday, May 5
10:00 a.m. | Junior High Assembly

Guest Speaker: Amanda Morris
Topic: Raising Resilient Teenagers

Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. We use these social media outlets to update you about upcoming events or to notify you of any program changes or cancellations.

Follow us

 [instagram.com/firstties_tulsa](https://www.instagram.com/firstties_tulsa)

 [facebook.com/Firstties](https://www.facebook.com/Firstties)

Reminders:



Registering for Upcoming Mission Trips

To register for any of our upcoming mission trips, visit fumctulsa.org/youthmissions.



Register to Serve at Camp Friendship!

Counselors and Counselors-in-Training needed. Find out more at fumctulsa.org/youthmissions.

Spotlight

Mission Tour

Mission Tour is one of my most favorite times of the year. We are so excited to be going to Memphis, TN this year. The heart of Mission Tour is come to Jesus, Come to Community, and Come to Serve.

Come to Jesus: The Lord works in unbelievable ways on Mission Tour. I've seen kids come into Mission Tour as one person and leave as another person because they encountered Jesus.

Come to Community: People weren't meant to do life alone. Jesus Christ did life with 12 people, so how much more do we need community?

Come to Serve: We are partnering with some incredible organizations to serve a community that desperately needs the hope that Jesus offers.

For High school students this is an unbelievable opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I hope that you would join us as we venture to Memphis this summer.

Thad Ernst





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