



CALENDAR

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 KWA Musical 6:30-7:30pm Atrium	2 Equip Leader Lunch 12-1pm WLC	3	4
5 FBC 101 12pm - FC Senior Sunday	6	7	8 Midweek Bible Study Lunch 11am Atrium Embracing Gen Game Night 6:30-7:30pm	9 Women of Worth Game Day 12pm ELC	10	11
12 Happy Mother's Day!	13	14	15 Next Gen Summer Kickoff No Equip Groups - Summer Break	16	17 Singles Dinner & Movie 6:30pm FC	18
19 Finance Mt. 12pm - WLC Connection Team Training 12pm ELC Red Bricks Worship Night 6pm Courtyard	20	21 Pray for Nicaragua Mission Team/ Trip May 21-28	22	23	24	25
26 Singles Sunday Luncheon 12pm FC	27 Memorial Day Offices Closed	28	29	30	31	

OFFICE HOURS

8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Thursday

MONDAYS

10:00am-1:00pm - Care Center-Food Pantry
5:30pm-7:00pm - Care Center-Food Pantry

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

6:30pm - Next Gen Ministry
Choir & Adult Ministries

WEDNESDAYS

10:00am - Midweek Bible Study

5:30-6:15pm - Dinner

6:30pm - Next Gen Ministry
Choir & Adult Ministries



NEWSLETTER

FIRST MOORE BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 2024

LESSONS FROM TAYLOR SWIFT



A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

In all honesty, I would consider myself a bit of a Swiftie. Over the years, I have found her songs clever, thoughtful, and catchy. More than a few times, my daughters and I have turned up the radio and sung her hits in the car together. Recently, she has once again been the topic of discussion with her latest album release, "The Tortured Poets Department." This album continues the trend of a darker side to her music and, sadly, has been in the news due to the darker content, the more frequent use of profanity, and even anti-Christian/blasphemous themes. As Christians who live in the world but are not to be part of the world, we often struggle to know what to do with things like this. Let me interject some thoughts about lessons we can learn from situations like this.

DON'T EVER BE SURPRISED WHEN THE WORLD ACTS LIKE THE WORLD

First, we must always remember that the world will always act like the world. This shouldn't surprise us. Before our regeneration, we, too, were lost and lived accordingly. Sin manifests itself in different ways in individuals' lives, and we should never be caught off guard when an unbeliever is okay with things God says are wrong. There is a difference between the standards of believers and unbelievers, and we should never be surprised when Taylor Swift or any other unregenerate person is okay with things that we know to be counter to what God says. Remember, though, that as Christians, we are indeed called to different standards, and we are no longer to live according to the world. Therefore, we should not be okay with these practices.

BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR INFLUENCES

This leads us to make sure that we are careful about who and what we allow to influence our lives. If you have been to a Taylor Swift concert (or any concert for that matter) or watched her Era's Tour film, you can tell how much influence she holds, especially over ladies and young girls. We all must be careful with who we allow to hold influence over our lives, and music and media are some of the things that can influence us most greatly. Words have power; what we listen to and allow to speak into our hearts and minds holds power in our lives. All of us, especially parents, need to be mindful about what we and our children are allowing to have sway over their thoughts and beliefs. Let me encourage you to evaluate regularly what and who you are allowing to influence you and your family. Is it pointing you to Christ or away from him?

One of the things I have been concerned about with many of Taylor Swift's lyrics, beyond her more frequent use of profanity, is her seemingly constant internal problems and struggles. The name of this album speaks of being internally tortured. We already have an epidemic of mental health issues, especially among our young people, and I am concerned that things like this might make it worse,

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

For the Future: Fill the Floor

Through the generosity of God's people, we have officially filled the bottom floor of the worship center through the Fill the Floor Challenge. The response to this challenge has been so strong that we have shifted our focus to filling the balcony floor. \$504,719.38 has been given to date, bringing our total number of chairs funded to 1382/1526 chairs.

Kids Worship Arts Musical - May 1

Join us to enjoy "The Big Inning," the musical in the Atrium after our Wednesday meal starting at 6:30pm.

Equip Leader Lunch - May 2

All leaders in the church are invited to meet on campus for lunch from 12-1 on the first Thursday of each month. Join us for training about leading life groups and making disciples! Register at firstmoore.com/equiptraining.

FBC 101 - May 5

Have you recently become a member of First Moore? Are you interested in becoming a member of First Moore, or do you have questions about what membership is? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then we would like to invite you to join us for FBC 101 on Sunday, May 5th. Please register at firstmoore.com/fbc101.

Men's Cookout - May 5

On May 5th from 5-8pm, the Men's ministry will be hosting a cookout at the Shuman's house: 17200 Midwest Blvd OKC, OK Hamburgers, Hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, and tea. Guest: Blake Green, Assistant Moore Police Chief. He will be talking about gun safety and cleaning. He will bring a few tactical weapons from Moore PD. Blake will also share his testimony. Register at: firstmoore.com/cookout

Embracing Generations Game Night - May 8

Our Embracing Generations Game Night is a night where all ages come together and simply play games and grow relationships! On May 8, come prepared to play some pickleball, dominoes, corn hole, board games, gaga ball, 9 square, and more!

Mother's Day - May 12

We are excited to celebrate mothers and all the ladies of First Moore on Sunday, May 12. Muffins will be available, and we will have photo booths set up around the church.

Next Gen Summer Kickoff - May 15

Our Next Gen Team is planning a great night to help our preschoolers, kids, and students start summer on the right foot. Preschoolers and Kids in the Atrium from 6:30-7:30. Students begin in the Student Center at 6:30 and end in the Atrium at 8:00. Food. Fun. Inflatables.

Wednesday Night Activities - Summer Break

From May 15 to August 14, there will not be Wednesday night dinners, Equip Groups, or Embrace Groups.

Connection Team Training - May 19

After service, we will have a lunch and training for our present & potential Connection Team members at 12pm in the East Leadership Center. If you have been on the fence about serving in this area, this is the meeting to attend. Register at firstmoore.com/connectionteam

Red Bricks Worship Night - May 19

Join us for an awesome night of food, fun, and worship! Starting at 5:30pm, we will have food trucks, yard games, and inflatables. Following that, we will have a time of worship in the courtyard led by Jami Smith!

Nicaragua Mission Trip - May 21-28

We have a group of 16 adults and college students headed to serve in Nicaragua later this month. Join us in praying for them now and while they are serving.

Upcoming Next Gen Summer Events

CrossTimbers: June 11-14 | firstmoore.com/crosstimbers

Falls Creek: June 24-29 | firstmoore.com/fallscreek

VBS: July 8-11 | firstmoore.com/vbs



SUNDAY MORNING STATS

	MAR 31	APRIL 7	APRIL 14	APRIL 21	APRIL 28	YTD
Life Groups	621	714	791	810	674	694
Worship Attendance	1482	899	1011	1045	916	876
Offering/Tithe	\$97,996.06	\$49,033.06	\$51,804.22	\$44,211.42	\$50,572.93	
For the Future	\$9,278.80	\$10,319.00	\$6,919.50	\$8,113.00	\$5,268.00	



A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

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normalize these feelings, and possibly even glamorize them. Her tone is that of unforgiveness and revenge, while her identity sadly seems to be wrapped up in relationships, what others say about her, and her fame. As Christians, we know that these are empty cisterns and should only let our identity be found in Christ.

TAYLOR SWIFT REINFORCES WHAT THE BIBLE WARNS ABOUT IN ECCLESIASTES

Taylor Swift is a billionaire who has everything the world can offer. Wealth, fame, beauty, prestige... you name it. However, she refers to herself as tortured and often sings from a point of dissatisfaction and emptiness. How can this be? Because the Bible tells us there is nothing in this world that can satisfy. Solomon learned this lesson as well. Full of wealth, wisdom, and women, he realized how empty this world was. He records this in the book of Ecclesiastes. Sadly, we have a hard time learning from the failures of others. There is only one thing that can satisfy us, and He is not of this world. Taylor's own words reinforce what the Bible warns us about.

WHERE DO WE DRAW THE LINE?

So, where do we draw the line in this world? We clearly cannot throw out everything that is secular. What about when it comes to entertainment? Should we have a good old-fashioned record burning in the church parking lot? We each have to decide where we draw the line. However, here is my biggest concern with some of the newest lyrics from Taylor Swift's newest album. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, her words mock and belittle the very thing that Jesus did to earn our salvation. There is a lot that Christians can tolerate from a lost world, but when things belittle our God and the gift of his Son, that is a line that we should feel is unacceptably crossed.

For His glory and your joy,

C. B. Bout



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.

May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22
Domino's Pizza, Side Salad, Assorted Desserts	Soft Tacos, Chips and Queso, Spanish Rice, Dessert Buffet	Summer Break No Dinner	Summer Break No Dinner



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

APRIL 2024

Gabby McIver (Baptism)

Lilah Delao (Baptism)

Hannah Trembly (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.
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