



# First Baptist Church

Woodward, Oklahoma

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## Resignation Statement

Brett Allen

Senior Pastor of FBC Woodward

Church family... thank you for your kindness and understanding extended to me over the past four weeks.

After considerable thought and much prayer, I have concluded that my time as pastor of FBC Woodward has come to an end. In retrospect, it has probably been over for some time now.

My years at Woodward have been the best of times and the worst of times. I have been blessed with many friends who will no doubt remain so for life and I have experienced a few people who unfortunately are not so friend oriented.

As I reflect back over the past six and a half years there are many highlights that I will never forget, and there are heartaches that I hope will eventually heal. I honestly believe that I have endeavored to lead FBC Woodward to do Kingdom work in Woodward and beyond... to engage in meaningful ministry to the masses beyond the confinement of a building and schedule of services. I pray whatever the future holds for FBC Woodward will always include something more than taking care of one another.

During my time as your pastor I have made my share of mistakes. If I could do some things over, I would do them differently. I have misunderstood and I have been misunderstood. I have disappointed and been disappointed. Above all, I have loved and been loved.

The past 3+ years have been the most difficult of my journey. I stand before you this morning a hurting man. I am burned out... clinically depressed, detached, and devoid of creativity. To remain as pastor would only impede the progress that God has planned for you. Therefore, I now prayerfully and confidently submit my resignation as pastor of FBC Woodward, effective February 29, 2012. My last day in this pulpit will be Sunday, February 19.

I commit to pray for you during this time of transition and ask that you would do the same for me and Brenda. We are uncertain about what is next for us but plan to stay in Woodward for the time being. In time, I hope to be refreshed and recalibrated so as to once again be useful in the ministry for which God has called me.

Thank you for the kindness you have shown my family these 6+ years. May God bless us in the coming days and may He bless this church.

*Brett*



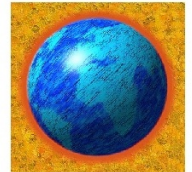
- Tuesday, February 14  
At the home of Ed and Sue Laird,  
2604 Highland Ave.
- Tuesday, February 21 at  
6:00 p.m.  
At the home of Cee and Emily  
Arnett, 2170 Hanks Trail



Women's  
Bible Study  
Tuesdays  
9:00 a.m.

First  
Romania 2012  
Mission  
Meeting  
March 11

Romania



Missions

If you are interested in going, would like to know more about it, or know of someone who might be interested, be here for this meeting, or pass the word along!



**Minister of Education**

The Deacons of First Baptist Church met last night and chose to embrace prayer in this time of transition. We will begin Cottage Prayer Meetings.

The First of these Prayer Times is February 14 at the home of Ed and Sue

Laird. A Cottage Prayer Meeting is a specific time when the Body of Christ comes together in homes and prays.

All the actions of the First Century Church were predicated on the movement of the Holy Spirit and prayer. A Cottage Prayer Meeting is not a "food fellowship", but a time when like-minded people come together and pray, asking the Lord to do His perfect work in their life, their family, and their church in this time of transition and beyond. If you remember, we used to do this quite often before revivals and major decisions.

Cottage Prayer Meetings can be scheduled by anyone: Sunday School Classes and Departments, L.I.F.E. groups, individuals, etc. They are scheduled at the home owner's convenience and last as long as they need to last. I will be working on a prayer guide that will be available to any group that will commit this time to prayer.

The church office is asking your group to let the church office know the time and location of your Cottage Prayer Meeting so that we can publish the times and make these available to the entire church family.

If you missed the Eat • Love • Pray Fellowship last night you missed a time of laughter.

Love You Guys,



"Detox" Book Discussion Groups continue Sundays at 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 29

Awana Racers



**Loaves and Fishes Ministry**



We need some Donations to be able to continue with this ministry.

Mark your envelopes "Loaves and Fishes"



**Start Praying about and Planning for these things...**

- **Vacation Bible School**  
May 27-June 1
- **Rali Trip to Branson**  
June 6-7
- **Youth Spring Break Mission Activity**  
March 19-21
- **Super Summer**  
June 4-8
- **Kid's Kamp**  
June 11-14
- **Falls Creek**  
June 18-23
- **Romania Mission**  
July 19-August 2

