

FBC NEWSLETTER

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Focus on: FBC Foster Care Ministry

When God brought Pastor Dallas to be our new Youth Pastor, FBC also gained his wife, Alex, who is serving as a tremendous blessing to the Youth Ministry with him. But what you may not know is that Alex also has a heart for and lots of experience in foster ministry. Before moving to Florida she served on the Alabama Department of Human Resources board, mediating foster matches, and in the “Call to Care” Foster Care and Adoption Ministry of her church in Prattville. Additionally, Alex



Alex Godshall

herself was in the foster system until she was adopted at the age of four. (See her testimony at fbcprattville.org/ctc)

God is using Alex’s experiences and knowledge to open doors for starting a ministry focused on foster care children and families here at FBC in Crestview.

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A Word from Our Pastor

One of the essential ministries of any healthy church is prayer. It is so wonderful to have so many people in our church devoted to praying for our congregation, for people to come to Christ, for our mission work, and for the leadership of First Baptist. As our church is growing and as more and more needs and opportunities arise, I want to encourage you to continue praying for the church. Our church has needs that relate to our physical plant, our budget, and future staffing that we are asking and trusting the Lord to meet. There are several mission opportunities that will be coming in this year in Nepal and Honduras and we need strong prayer support for those efforts. Then our people have needs related to illness, jobs, family issues, and salvation for loved ones that we need to be praying over.

I hope that you have a list of items that you are praying for each day as it relates to your family here at First Baptist and the work we are called to do. As we pray and seek the Lord, He will meet our needs and astound us with miraculous answers to our petitions. As you pray, remember the words of our brother Paul when he wrote to the Colossian church, “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Colossians 3:20 – 21.

Pastor Stan

Kelly Buckelew, who also has a heart for children, has stepped up with Alex to put



Kelly Buckelew

hands and feet to our call to love and care for foster children and orphans.

The FBC

Foster Care Ministry is forming a team and beginning to outline their plans which will include offering needed clothing and supplies to foster children and families, a meal ministry, quarterly encouragement gifts to foster families, and prayer partners. The goal is to have the ministry team set up to respond quickly to urgent foster placement needs so that foster families will have somewhere to turn for supplies and support. Providing meals and gifts such as coffee or gift cards would be another encouraging outreach from FBC to these selfless families. If you feel called to give to this ministry, your donations will go toward these efforts.

This ministry is just starting in its planning and organizing phase, so be looking for more information and details in the coming months about how you can be involved. Contact Alex Godshall or Kelly Buckelew if you want to join their team. Please pray for God to use this ministry in Crestview for His glory!

Laura Kitchen

Music Notes

Preparation is key. An amazing Thanksgiving dinner just doesn't happen. We spend our younger years in education preparing for our "real job" that is coming someday. Years (and even decades) of preparation are needed for financial goals like purchasing a home, getting out of debt, increasing our capacity to give, and retirement. We can't expect those things to come to fruition with only a passing, minimal effort!

The question must be asked: What are we doing to prepare for and invite God's work in our life? In our church? In Crestview?

Do we walk into corporate worship on Sundays with as much preparation as a trip to Starbucks?

God is working and wants to work in us! He wants to renew our hearts in worship and love for Him. In a recent article*, Kenny Lamb, Worship Consultant for the NC Baptist Convention, offered several biblical steps of preparation that I'll summarize here:

- Fast and pray for personal and corporate spiritual awakening. Give up distractions and pray that God will move.
- Repent of sin and commit yourself to holiness and obedience. Sin, recognized and unrecognized, is a barrier to the work of God. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal those things.
- Worship & the Word— Spend time in the Word – inviting God to speak to you. Spend time in His presence through worship and prayer – speaking back to Him. Allow for silence - to rest in Him and hear His voice.

In the short term and the long haul, let's be prepared and ready for whatever God wants to do!

Pastor Andrew

* <https://www.renewingworshipnc.org/preparing-for-revival/>



Spending time in the Word

Missions & Media: Youth Production Team

As many of you know, I grew up in FBC. My 40 year career in technology began in the Sanctuary (now Chapel) where Tom Speed, Joe Mercer and I operated the 'basic' lights and sound. Gods' will for my career life has come full circle where I am now replicating Tom Speed and Joe Mercer, training and encouraging our youth in technical ministry.

The FBC youth are so talented and committed to



Piper & Ethan in the Production Room

operating the 'advanced' production system. They have taken full ownership of the ministry; they are responsible for broadcasting (live stream) our weekly service to the world. In my teen years, few if any churches were on TV. Today, anyone with a computer, smart TV, cell phone or tablet can attend FBC remotely.

Our youth will certainly find their career path as they proceed through this season of their life. We are blessed to have them during this period and thankful for their weekly commitment to presenting His Gospel to the world through the media ministry. Encourage them when you see them. Pray for them daily. Thank God for them.

Pastor Chuck

The Family Focus: Upcoming Events

This is such an exciting time in our Children's Department. While we continue to do the weekly activities of Kids Konnection and Awana, there are several events coming up that we are working on.

The next big event for our Children's Ministry is the Easter Egg Hunt. We will have a great time this year



Bouncy house fun!

at the Bielenin's home as families gather to watch the kids hunt for eggs, jump on bouncy houses and run around and play, eat and have fun. The biggest need for this event is candy, and lots of it! During the month of March, if you could bring in a bag of individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt, that would be a huge blessing.



SMAAC kids on stage!

Also, coming up, we have Summer Music and Arts Camp (SMAAC) and Vacation Bible School (VBS), which are two huge events over the summer. If you are interested in helping with SMAAC, you can already sign up online to do so. And, if you are interested in helping out with VBS, I will start finding volunteers for that this month as well.

I ask you to please pray and ask the Lord how He would like you to serve in the Children's Ministry this summer.

Beth Hendricks

First Baptist Crestview

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Student Ministry Updates

On February 8, a group of around 20 students at Asbury University stuck around after their regularly scheduled chapel service and began to pray for one another. What began as a group of college students being obedient to what James 5 tells us, has now erupted into a revival that mirrors the ones that Asbury has been a host to in past decades. I think it is important that we pray for revival. Revival for our lives. Revival for our church. Revival for our city, for our state, our country, our world. But how can we expect revival to happen if we lack obedience to Christ's commands?

The past month and a half in our student ministry has been devoted to studying the book of Romans, and this will continue through March to the end of May.



Asbury University in Kentucky

Through our study, the gospel will be preached weekly to students that so desperately need it. I would love your prayers that a revival would start in our student ministry, but even more than that, I challenge you to pray that we would see individual revivals. Revivals of the soul. Jesus' sacrifice bringing students from death to life. I would also ask that you pray for those who already know Jesus as their Savior. Pray that they would be leaders in our student ministry. Pray that they submit to God's direction, and that He uses their submission to bring their friends and families to the foot of the cross.

Thank you for your support of this ministry, and if you would like to be involved in any way, please reach out to me through email at dallas@fbcew.org, or by phone at the church's number.

Pastor Dallas

Our Service Times

- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am (in person)
- Live Online: 10:30am @ fbcew.org
- On the radio: Sundays @ 11:00am WAAZ-FM 104.7/WJSB-AM 1050 (sermon only)
- Sunday school: 9:00am
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study : 6:00pm (in person & online @ fbcew.org)
- Plus, Worship Choir, Acteens, and more (see website for starting times)

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