

FBC NEWSLETTER

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Focus on: Jail Ministry Bible Donations

FBC church member, Ed Barbara, has served in jail ministry for nearly three years. Most recently, he has been working with Chief Weeks in the faith-based housing section, called the Anchored Housing Section, at the Okaloosa County Jail.

When Anchored Section was approved to have Bibles for the



Inmates with their Bibles

inmates, the Lord laid it on Ed's heart to begin a campaign to raise funding for the purchase. "Because of the gifts from FBC members, business associates, and other families from as far away as Texas and New Jersey, we were able to buy enough Bibles," Ed shared. For many of



A Word from Our Pastor

Rest. That is a word that evokes a lot of images and thoughts. It is something that we need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. God made us in a way that requires us to take time off. Every day, we need time to rest. Each Lord's Day should be a day of rest and reflection on Him. Each summer, families take time to go on vacation for a season of rest. As I write this, I am preparing to go on vacation to get some rest.

Rest is a good thing. There are 370 verses in the Bible with the word rest. Usually, at the start of each summer, I write something about the busyness of these months to remind us about all the events we have planned. This year, I want to remind you to get some rest. Yes, doing the Lord's work and being involved in Kingdom activity is important, but so is finding time to unplug from this world and the hurry of life, relaxing and spending time with the Lord. Don't get so busy that you neglect the Lord's command to rest; that is just as sinful as laziness. Remember what the Lord told the disciples after they had been hard at work: *"And He said to them, 'Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.' For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat."* Mark 6:31

May the Lord grant you rest and peace,

Pastor Stan

the inmates, it is the first Bible they've ever owned!

There is a hunger for the Word and God is doing exciting things in the Anchored Section. The inmates are now participating in daily Bible studies and prayer groups.



Ed with a card and Bible from the inmates

The officers in the jail have started to notice a difference in those men; God is changing lives! Some of the officers, staff, and volunteers have even started their own Bible studies; inmates from other parts of the jail have requested to join the Anchored Section- a waiting list has been formed!

If you're interested in joining where God is at work you can pray for Ed, Chief Weeks, these men, the officers, and the rest of the inmates at the Okaloosa County Jail. There are also opportunities to be a one-on-one mentor to an inmate or to write letters - your identity would be anonymous (contact Ed Barbara for more details at ed@fbcew.org). If you're interested in donating to the jail ministry, you can give online at fbcew.org/give (select jail ministry fund).

Laura Kitchen

Chonda Pierce Volunteers

Stepping forward with a big project that's completely dependent



on the help of others can be a bit nerve-wracking for a leader. I'm thankful that FBC folks have always stepped up to those opportunities! When the Lord is working, He will always provide.

Please join me in giving a shout out of thanks to the outstanding folks who made the Chonda Pierce event possible this past weekend! Our members and friends served in parking, safety, merchandise, usher/greeter, ticket taking, child sponsorship, A/V support, as well as other areas.



People from all over the Panhandle experienced what we already know: FBC Crestview is a welcoming and serving church.



Let's pray together that fruit will continue to be seen from that effort. Pray that lives were changed by truth clearly presented and that hearts will continue to be encouraged by a moment of laughter.



Pastor Andrew

Family Focus: Prayer Requests for June

John 15:5 “Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”



As we gear up for both SMAAC and VBS this summer, I would like to ask you to pray with me each week for specific prayer needs.

Here is a quick guide to praying for children and the Children’s Ministry through the month of June.

First Week of June- *Pray for the Leaders.* A lot of work goes into SMAAC before kids even show up. There are the decorating team, the registration team, the drama team, and all the teachers who are preparing for their classes.

SMAAC Jr 2023 **Second Week of June- *Pray for the Children.*** This is the week of SMAAC! Please pray that the hearts and minds of the children attending would be open to hearing the message of Christ woven into everything we do this week. Pray for strength and endurance for all the volunteers who are investing into the lives of the children.

Third Week of June-*Pray for a smooth transition.* We will be cleaning up from SMAAC and starting to decorate for VBS. There is a lot of prep work that goes on this week. Please pray for everything to go smoothly as we transition from one big event to another.

Fourth Week of June- *Pray for good health and strength* for the long days of working. This is another big week of preparation for VBS. Most of the decorations will go up this week, crafts and science experiments will be prepared, and Bible lessons prepared. Also, remember to keep our youth in prayer as they will be at camp this week.



VBS 2023

Thank you for joining me in lifting these ministries up in prayer to the Lord. We know that without Him, this is all in vain.

Beth Hendricks

Missions & Media: Another FBC Experience...

Summer (heat) is here! I can’t wait for October! The heat and humidity can be overwhelming. No wonder God created migratory instinct. I’m feeling it!

Summer for me includes staying inside (AC) as much as possible. Do yard work before sunrise or just before sunset.

Summer also hosts VBS, SMAAC, Summer Reading Challenge, and other creative








opportunities to be on mission, INSIDE! FBC is certainly a mission-minded fellowship, and I am thankful for that.

God does not call the equipped to missions. God equips those He calls. He has called all of us! FBC is so gifted and faithful to answer His call to missions. Yet, we can advance and become even more effective.

How do we advance our efforts and grow to the next level, inside, in the cool?

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	Beth Hendricks Children's Ministries Director

Our Service Times

- Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am
- Live Online @ fbcew.org
- WAAZ-FM 104.7/WJSB AM 1050 @ 10:00am
- Sunday School 9:00am
- Wednesday Scripture Studies 6:00pm
- Plus Worship Choir, Student & Children's Ministries and more!

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Student Ministry Happenings

Wednesday, May 29 was the kickoff for our summer activities for the Student ministry here at FBCC. We have an extremely busy summer, as you can see by the graphic here.



Summer is my absolute favorite time of the year in student ministry for several reasons.

First, the students that we have with us always seem to be much more energetic and excited because they are no longer in school. Engagement with students is always at its highest during the summer because there is one less stressor in their lives.

Second, because they are not in school, I know that they have enough brain-power left on a Wednesday night to really dive into our lessons.

Lastly, we have so much going on during the summer, and there're not many people I would want to have fun with more than these students.

We are walking through Hebrews, and we are told in Hebrews 4 that because of the what Christ has done for us, we can approach the throne of grace with boldness. I ask that you lift up each of these prayer requests with boldness because of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. Pray that students would continue being faithful in attending Sundays and Wednesdays. Pray for salvations this summer as well.

Pastor Dallas

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Another FBC Experience

1. Pray with passion for God to reveal to you the next level.
2. Listen for His answer in your daily reading & studying.
3. Participate in opportunities to study, encourage and grow.

Get ready to advance! Another FBC 'Experience' is coming!

Pastor Chuck