

FBC NEWSLETTER

Embracing Our History | Engaging Our Future | Inspiring Worship

Focus On: Honduras Youth Conference

The Honduras Mission Trip 2026 is quickly approaching! Our team will leave October 6 and return October 12. While in Honduras, the team will lead a youth conference centered on the theme, "Be Prepared."

Last year's conference welcomed 178 students and made a meaningful impact on young people and their families throughout the



area. This year, we are praying for an even greater opportunity to reach students with the Gospel.

Of course, hosting a youth conference comes with many expenses in order for the students to attend, including transportation, lodging, food, supplies, and



A Word from Our Pastor

Over the course of this month, I would like to ask our church to pray for four mission efforts that our church is involved in. In October we will have 2 mission groups heading overseas to Honduras and to Nepal. Please be praying for these folks as they travel and share the Gospel in these countries.

Also, our local association that our church is a part of is in the process of deciding the structure of our association in the future. There are many issues that are being decided (leadership, property, disaster relief, etc.) and the local churches need wisdom to know how to best proceed.

Finally, please pray for those folks in our church who are involved in the ministry of disaster relief. These folks are traveling constantly to areas that are affected by hurricanes, floods, fires, and other natural disasters and they do this work so that the Gospel can be shared. We are grateful for this work and for all the folks in our church who are dedicated to helping so many people in times of need.

Thank you for your prayers for our mission work.

Pastor Stan

equipment. We are asking our FBC church family to prayerfully consider giving to help cover these costs.

Burrito Breakfast for Missions

On Sunday, September 20, join us in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00–9:00 a.m. for a “Burrito Breakfast for Missions.” Enjoy a delicious breakfast burrito, pastry, fruit, and more. There is no set cost for breakfast—simply make a donation to support the Honduras Youth Conference. In addition to the breakfast, you’ll find mission displays in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary Foyer. Take an envelope from one of the displays and fill it with your gift, or scan the QR code to give online.



Most importantly, please be in prayer for our mission team, translators, staff, and for the Honduran students who will attend the conference. We are so thankful for the faithful support of our church family and for the opportunity to partner together in missions!

Don't forget to come HUNGRY on Sunday, September 20 for the Burrito Breakfast for Missions. See you then!!

Laura Kitchen

Thoughts from Pastor Andrew

A few weeks ago, some ladies were cleaning out a closet behind the Chapel and found a mysterious stained plywood box with a carrying handle attached. There wasn't a clear way to open it, but perseverance finally led to the box opening up like a Transformer robot and turning into a tiny portable pump organ! A query to Google revealed this model of Estey organ was known as a “chaplain's organ” and was produced during 1940s. It was used by chaplains on WW2 battlefields and was also frequently utilized in church events and tent revivals. Based on the serial number, ours was likely manufactured around 1948.

As I opened the organ and made an attempt to play it a bit, I deeply felt a reminder of all the worship-oriented ministry that has taken place through First Baptist Crestview in its 100+ years of existence. Hundreds of people before us, many now with the Lord, have sung in the choir, played an instrument, led worship, and participated in other musical events to give glory to God and reach out to the Crestview community. Many decades ago someone pumped the pedals of this organ, maybe on a hot summer evening in a canvas tent in the middle of a field, and led God's people in praise! Wow. I'm thankful that we walk in the path of many who have gone before us.



FBC's instruments and technology (our tools of worship) have changed greatly since this pump organ was used 1940s and beyond. Our style of worship (musical and otherwise) has grown as well. (That which isn't growing is dying!) But I'm thankful that the One who we worship has not changed! God is the same yesterday, today, and forever and He still desires worship from a clean hands and a pure heart. He desires worship from a church body that is unified in their focus on Him. As we give our all to Him in worship, let's remember those who have been faithful in the past while we look forward to what God has for FBC in the future.

Do you have any memories of our little pump organ? I'd love to hear about it! Want to see the organ in action? Scan the QR code!



Pastor Andrew

Missions & Media

Should I stay or should I go? A common question of one considering a mission trip. The following are steps to take when seeking His will regarding a mission trip but more so anything...

Desire - Express your desire to Him to know His heart. To hear His voice. To sense His presence. Col 3:2 "Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on Earth." The key is to communicate with Him! Communicate to Him your desire to know His heart.



Delight - Delight means to commit to serve Him. Commit to seek Him. Psalm 37:4 "Delight unto the Lord and He will grant you the desires of your heart." When we commit to seek and serve He will instill in your heart the desires He wants for you. Then He will satisfy them. His desires are most often surprising to us; never imagined.

Deliver - Deliver on your desire and delight. Live the life of full commitment to Him. Romans 12:1-2 tells us we are 'living sacrifices'; we sacrifice

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Family Focus

"Train up a Child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

The core of our children's department happens every Sunday morning during our Sunday School hour. We call it "Kid Konnection" just for

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children's church

fun, but it is the basis of biblical learning for our children. We have amazing teachers who have been serving in our Children's Sunday school ministry faithfully for many years. Lawanna Walthall and Julie Nobles do an amazing job of walking our elementary children through the true stories of the Bible, teaching our children essential

Biblical principles. In our preschool department, Katrina West, Emily Heathershaw, Haven Heathershaw and Melissa Atwell have tons of fun with a more hands-on, play centered approach to teaching our children the true stories of the Bible. And of course, we have Jessica Williams, Sarah Hernandez and Ada White serving in our infant/toddler room, loving the littlest ones in our church. I am so grateful to all of these ladies for faithfully serving our children week in and week out.

New this year, we have also been offering Kingdom Kids, which is a special service for Kindergarten through fourth graders during the Worship Service hour. This is led by Barrett and Jessica Williams and Channing and Morgan Courtney. They saw the need for something for our



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selfishness and serve Him. We do not conform to this world but we renew our mind so we will know His good, acceptable and perfect will. Live the life you profess!

Knowing His will comes when we desire to know His heart, delight in serving Him and prove such by living daily for Him.

Should you stay or should you go? You will know! What a joy! What an adventure! Thank you!

Pastor Chuck

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Our Service Times

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

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Student Ministry Updates

Hello church family! I am constantly overwhelmed with joy, gladness, and appreciation when I get to see the generosity of our church family!

Recently, our youth group has been experiencing much growth, not only spiritually, but also physically! With the culmination of students moving up to the next grade, going back to school, and seeking who they want to be, we are seeing a trend of maturity and desire within our youth that could only come from the LORD!

In experiencing this tremendous situation, our church family has stepped up in some amazing ways to provide for our students and to show them that they are loved!



Many of our Adult Small Groups have begun to serve our students food on our Wednesday Night gatherings, and some have even participated in our events as a Youth Group. This display of care toward our youth is seen, not only by our volunteers, but also our students and the LORD. Keeping this growth in mind, we are becoming increasingly more in need for qualified volunteers to minister to our students through teaching and discipleship in various ways. If you feel that your gifts that the LORD has given you fall in line with these opportunities, please contact me for more details! Again, I am extremely grateful for the great generosity and service of you all, and I cannot wait to see what the LORD continues to do with our Students Program and your love for them!

For His Kingdom, For His Glory,

Pastor Bret

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children during the worship service hour and stepped up to provide this ministry for our children.

If you don't currently have your children involved in our Sunday morning Children's ministry programs, I encourage you to bring your children. I promise you that they will have a great time and learn foundational Biblical principles that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Beth Hendricks