

FBC NEWSLETTER

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Focus On: Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month! I have the privilege of working with our pastors every day, and I can tell you we have much to be grateful for at FBC when it comes to our pastoral staff.



Being a pastor is not a job for the weak of heart...beside the obvious out-in-front tasks, our pastors do many things that no one ever sees. Of course they have many "pastoral" duties like hospital visitation, counseling, Bible study, mission trips and worship prep. They also serve in repair jobs around the church, moving furniture, tech support, and just anything you can think of that needs done.

Pastoring is more than a list of responsibilities, though. It means carrying our church family close to their hearts 24/7.



A Word from Our Pastor

In Colossians 4:18, Paul concludes his letter to that church by asking them to "Remember my chains." This is a plea from a man who is separated from his family because of persecution for the Gospel sake. That plea is one that we who are not in chains for the Gospel must always remember and take seriously.

In our world today there are millions of Christians who live under persecution and oppression from governments such as in China and from radical religious groups such as in Nepal, India, the Middle East, and much of Africa. Take some time today to remember our family members who are suffering and in chains because they are Christians. Pray that God would give them grace to persevere and be faithful in such dire circumstances. Pray also that the darkness that is oppressing them would be lifted by the grace of our Lord Jesus and through the blood and toil of the saints.

As you remember the chains of our spiritual family, be grateful for the freedom that you have as a Christian in this country. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus be multiplied to you all.

Pastor Stan

We need to remember to pray for our pastors often. Pray that God will give them wisdom as they teach and shepherd the flock. Pray that God will protect them physically from harm and spiritu-



ally from the temptations Satan would use to discredit their ministry. Pray that God would give them energy and endurance to daily serve the church.

As one way to show appreciation, we hope you will make plans to attend the Pastor Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, October 18 after the morning worship service. Bring a potluck dish - or two or four, depending on the size of your family - and join us in the Chapel to honor our pastors and their families.



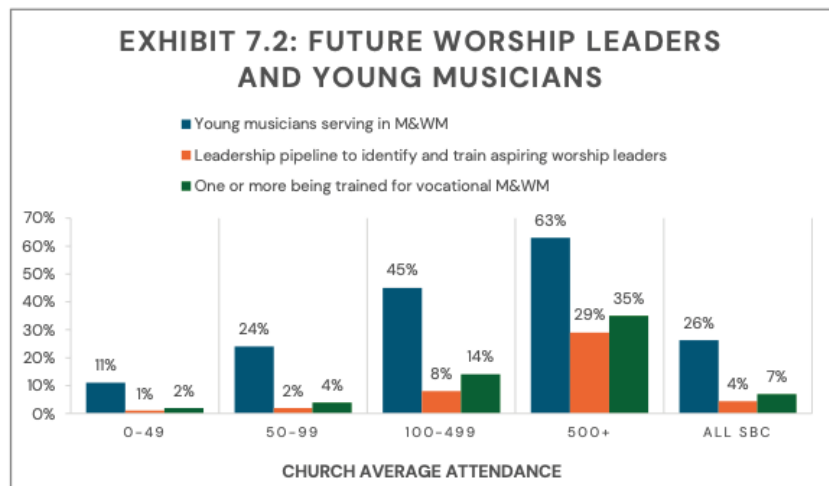
A love offering will be taken on Sunday October 4 & 11, and presented to our pastors at the luncheon. Please help show our pastors just how thankful we are for their faithful service to our church.

Laura Kitchen

Thoughts from Pastor Andrew

Fifteen years from now, approximately 20,000 currently-serving worship leaders will have retired from Southern Baptist churches due to age, with only 30% of these churches currently raising up new leaders to take their place. 1900 SBC churches are currently in need of a primary worship leader. Around half of SBC churches report not having sufficient worship musicians and tech people. In other words, there is (and will be) a critical need for more worship leaders and musicians to lead God's people in worship.

These are some of the results of the 2026 Congregations and Leadership Study conducted by SBC Worship. In the first large scale survey of SBC worship and music practices since 1939, 4,530 SBC churches of all sizes responded with detailed information about what worship ministry (and worship ministry leadership) looks like in their church.



Questions about the strengths and struggles of their worship ministry were also included. Check out the whole study at sbcworship.com.

While the study details many things going well in SBC worship life, it does shine light on at least one glaring action item: local churches need to be more active in identifying, calling out, and training future worship leaders and musicians.

What can we do about this? To start with, pray. Pray that God will grow and call out worship leaders (and leaders of all types) from First Baptist Crestview and Bible-believing churches all over the world. Ultimately, only He can do that work. Then pray that, as a church, we will identify these budding worship leaders and give them the encouragement, support, training, and opportunities needed to develop them into servants of Christ who will serve His church for generations to come.

Would you take a moment to pray about this? Let's see what God does!

Pastor Andrew

Missions & Media

Three reasons not to consider going on a mission trip:
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 Too often we feel guilty or obligated to go on a mission trip. The reality is, if you feel guilty or obligated about a possible mission trip the chances are He is not calling you to go.



When it's time to go, you will know! You may have some questions or you may feel a bit apprehensive, but even with those nervous feelings, you still will know it's time to go!

Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight in the Lord and He will grant you the desires of your heart." *He will give you the desires He wants you to have. CSV (Chuck simple version)*

God used a secular book "The Last Voyage of Captain Cook" to put a desire in William Carey's heart for the lost. After receiving scriptural confirmation, William Carey set out on mission. His work pioneered the modern day mission move-

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Family Focus

At the end of this month, we will have our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31 from 12-3pm. We are having it a little earlier in the day this year so that families can come enjoy their time at the Fall Festival and still have plenty of time to go do their own trick-or-treating for Halloween. This event is a great time of fun for all ages and a great opportunity for us as a church family to reach out to our community, get to know them and invite them to church.



While the Fall Festival is geared more toward families and children, it really does take the whole church body working together to make it happen. We will have fun games with prizes, a bouncy house, cake walk, dunk tank, hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, and a chili cook-off!



So what can you do to get involved? There are sign up sheets available to volunteer to help with a fun game. You can also bring donations of candy, 20 oz. bottles of soda, and cakes. Cakes should be dropped off the Thursday or Friday before the Fall Festival. We will also need additional volunteers for set up, making popcorn, serving food, running the cake walk, bouncy house, etc. so you can also sign up to be a volunteer in one of those ways. Please sign up on one of the sign up sheets in the hallways at church or contact me at beth@fbcew.org for more information.

We are also having our Chili Cook-off again! You can bring either a traditional chili or a non-traditional chili. Chili should be brought in a crock pot to the Fellowship Hall by 11:30 that Saturday morning. The judging will then happen and then we will serve the Chili to those

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ment.

I'm never surprised but always amazed how He speaks to us. He can use secular adventure books to put a desire in one's heart, or a Hollywood movie!

When it's time to go, you will know. It's an amazement to me how He puts the desire in your heart!

Pastor Chuck

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Beth Hendricks
Children's Ministries Director

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! As we continue getting closer and closer to the holidays, we are kicking off into full swing with the Student Ministry! I will try to fit all of the different involvements that our youth are partaking in, but I may not have enough space.

Firstly, we wanted to thank and recognize Ms. Ella Knox, one of our high school seniors, for leading a recent Sunday Morning lesson for all of our students!



Another one of our students, Ms. Elizabeth Nyderek, is participating in the upcoming Honduras Mission Trip! We are so proud of her and the work that she has already put into this opportunity to serve Christ!

Next, our Acteens are, once again, beginning their various "serve days," in which they serve in so many different areas outside of our church! We also have our upcoming Fall Festival, where many of our students will volunteer to lead games, talk with passing families, and create this enjoyable event!

Our students are also getting excited for a Youth Christmas Lock-In on December 18th-19th, where in this festive event we will have a bunch of Christmas-themed activities all throughout the night!

Lastly, our College Crew will be going to St. Louis, Missouri from December 30th-January 3rd to experience the Cross Conference, a conference designed for 18-25 year olds to be fed the Word in many impactful ways!

Please be continually praying for all of these different events and opportunities for our students! I am so grateful for each of them.

Pastor Bret

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coming to the Fall Festival. There will be cool prizes plus you'll earn bragging rights for the next year! Please sign up online if you are planning to participate. fbcew.org/eventsz

I am looking forward to a fun time of service and fellowship with our church family! Invite your friends and neighbors and come by a part of the fun!

Beth Hendricks