

# FBC NEWSLETTER

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## Focus on: Summer Reading Challenge

Summer is just around the corner and the FBC Library is offering a great way to invest in your brain during those lazier months: the Summer Reading Challenge. There is a challenge for kids ages 4 years old to 5th grade AND for adults (6th grade and up!)



*Summer Reading Program*

The theme this year is “Put Your Best Foot Forward - READ!” Karen Ott, FBC Librarian, put it well when she said, “As adults, we will be the same person five years from now except for the places we go, the people we meet, and the books we read.”

For kids, the challenge encour-

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## A Word from Our Pastor

As our mission and ministry work begins to ramp up for the summer, please pray for the events on the horizon, that the Lord will be glorified, and that the Gospel will go forth.

There will be many Gospel opportunities this summer, and often, we forget to pray for them because they seem routine. VBS, SMAAC, Youth Camp, and our work in Honduras and Nepal need to be undergirded with prayer and I would urge you to put these events and the people who are involved in them on your prayer calendar.

Thank you for being a praying church. I hear so many testimonies from our people about how God has answered prayers and how our people feel the support and love of their brothers and sisters through the ministry of prayer. It is truly a blessing to be part of a family that prays for one another.

May the Lord’s mercy, grace, and peace be multiplied to you all.

Pastor Stan

*“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18*

ages them to keep reading even while they are out of school for the summer - parents are encouraged to help them find



*Karen Ott, FBC Librarian*

great books in the newly updated children's section.

Each grade/age group has different reading requirements for the challenge, and if the goals are achieved children will receive a reward and a certificate. Adults receive incentives and are entered in a drawing for prizes!

Registration begins Sunday, May 19 online or in the library. Program dates are June 9 - July 21 with a ceremony on July 24.

Get all the details at [fbcew.org/events](http://fbcew.org/events) or go by the FBC library to check it all out - and get some great books while you're there.

Laura Kitchen

## Pat Speed

It is a wonderful thing to have folks stop by the church office during the week. One of our favorite guests was always Mrs. Pat Speed, who recently went to be with the Lord. She would brighten the room, bring encouragement and laughter, and always exude the love of Christ. We said more than once after she left: "I want to be like Mrs. Pat when I grow up!"



*The beautiful piano Miss Pat donated*

Sunday School teacher, and in many other ways in the church. More than music though, it is her love for people and trust in the Lord that impacted me most. She genuinely loved everyone who she came in contact with. Even in her final months in the nursing home, she would still smile, ask how my family was and how she could pray for us. She would often reflect on her mission to encourage and pray for the nurses and staff there. Mrs. Pat finished well!

I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve with someone like her and it is still my prayer that I'll be like Mrs. Pat...when I grow up.

Pastor Andrew



*Mrs. Pat Speed*



## Family Focus: It's A Jungle In Here!

There is so much going on with our Children's Ministry right now, it sometimes feels like one could get lost in it all. Here is a quick overview of all that we have coming up!



VBS 2023

We have our annual Awana Awards Night to honor these children and all the hard work that they have put into their Bible studies and verses this year. Please join us on Wednesday, May 15th @ 6pm in the Sanctuary. We will also have a party following in the Fellowship Hall.

Answers for Kids will be our Wednesday evening Bible study for kids during the summer. We will meet from 6-7pm in the KidZone room upstairs and talk about some different questions that kids might have. Is there really a

God? How did we get the Bible? Where did humans come from? What about aliens? And much more! We will have fun discovering the answers to these questions.

Summer Music and Arts Camp will be June 10-14! I am sure we could still use volunteers for this event. Sign up online to help!

The Great Jungle Journey VBS will be July 8-12. There are lots of opportunities to still be involved in this summer's VBS. While I have all my leadership team in place for VBS, there are still lots of support roles that need to be filled. You can sign up to volunteer at [fbce-w.org/events](http://fbce-w.org/events). We will also need help collecting items for displays around the church for you to look and see if there is something that you could get to donate to VBS. Look for those to be out over the month of May. And, last, I need lots of greenery and Ficus trees to make a jungle. So, if you have any that you would like to donate or let us borrow, please bring them to the church office and we will gladly take them out of your hands.



Beth Hendricks

## Missions & Media: Beautiful Feet

I love this verse...

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who



Nepal

brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!"  
Isaiah 52:7

Yes, this verse transports my mind to Nepal, the pastors, leaders, youth, the people of Nepal. The Himalayas are spectacular!

But what does this verse say is beautiful? The feet of the messenger! Isaiah tells us the "beauty" is God's greatest creation, us; the feet of those (messengers) who proclaim His good news of peace and salvation.

Whether we live at sea level or high in the Himalayas, God's call to each of us is to deliver His good news, His peace, His gift of salvation.

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## Staff



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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

May is always a special time for us in ministry. The first of the month signifies two years since I have been the student pastor at FBC Crestview, and what an awesome two years it has been. Though ministry has its challenges, we have been so encouraged by the support from you, our church family.



*the awesome students of FBC*

May is also a special time in our student ministry, because it is the month when we get to celebrate the seniors in our ministry. This year, we have several students who will be transitioning out of the student ministry, and into the next phase of their lives. I know you remember your senior year, and how you felt when it was finally over; the bitter-sweet feeling that came with graduating. Please pray for our seniors, and encourage them as they get ready to become adults.

### Pastor Dallas

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Beautiful Feet

As we daily experience the beauty of His creation, remember the Message, the Message we have been given to deliver. We are His greatest creation, of which He created in Their image and likeness.

You are beautiful in His sight, both standing on the beach or high in the Himalayas, proclaiming "the news that the God of Israel reigns!"

Pastor Chuck