

FBC NEWSLETTER

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Focus on: VBS Supply Swap

Our VBS last month was a BIG hit! But after VBS every year we are usually left with lots of decorations and extra supplies.

Of course many of the supplies will be saved for reuse. For example, Rodney Nobles built a fantastic, and HUGE backdrop stand that will be used for many VBS needs in the future. (It is almost 12' x 18') We also plan to save and reuse the amazing artwork created by our very own Ralph Hulick. Lots more supplies and decorations will also be used year after year.

But for those things that aren't able to be reused, our Director of Children's Ministries, Beth Hendricks, implemented a great solution: to donate all of those decorations and curricula to another church in inner city Oklahoma to use for their VBS next summer.

This church depends solely on donations to provide VBS, so your contributions will continue to be used of the Lord to reach children for Christ



Rodney's VBS Backdrop



A Word from Our Pastor

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him." Psalm 28:7.

This month is very busy and with busyness we need God's protection. As our children go back to school, pray for God's protection. As our youth are getting ready to move back into the youth building across the street - pray for God to bless them and use that building for His glory.

As our mission teams to Honduras and Nepal are getting ready to go pray for God to use them mightily and to return rejoicing in all that He does through them. Finally, as we are getting ready for the outreaches of the Fall Festival and Experience Christmas pray that the Lord will bring workers to help and that we would see a harvest during these very important times of sharing the Gospel.

It is going to be a very busy Fall and we need the Lord to be our strength and shield. Let us trust in Him and greatly rejoice in all that He does.

Pastor Stan

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One of Ralph Hulick's creations

There are lots of churches and associations that do the same thing. By working together with other churches and groups, the supplies are multiplied in a “loaves and

fishes” kind of way!



Rebekah and Katie at Together Church with the VBS curriculum

Another thing that gets shared in these swaps are ideas, encouragement and prayer. By joining these online groups, VBS directors find a community of support and don't feel isolated in what may seem like an overwhelming task of planning a Vacation Bible School for hundreds of kids.

FBC is grateful for Beth and all of the many volunteers that worked to make this year's VBS an effective outreach to our community and beyond!

Laura Kitchen

Music Notes: Worship Choir

Hello church family,

I'm so thankful for the community, joy, and encouragement we've experienced in Worship Choir through being together and leading worship! If you aren't involved, two of our newer members, Dan and Cindy Vines, would like to extend a personal invitation to you:

“We have been attending FBC for a year now and that entire time we have been blessed to sing in the Worship Choir. You don't have to audition. You just have to “show up” and praise God with your voice. Don't hide your worship of God in the shower or in the car driving down the road...Don't let a “rock or a stone” out-worship you. Get up and join us and tap your toes and clap your hands or whatever you feel like and sing with the choir...make a noise. Meet some loving people who are not perfect singers or people. We find that the choir members are very embracing and make you feel right at home. I promise that when we try to bless God with our songs, it is we, that are blessed too.”



Dan and Cindy Vines

There is a place for you as well! This fall, we are preparing a worship musical focused on celebrating the power of God through the prayers of His people: “Somebody's Praying Me Through” will be presented Sunday morning, October 23. Please consider being a part of Worship Choir and joining us as we prepare for the special time of worship!

Worship Choir is open to everyone (including students grades 7 and up) and no audition or experience is required. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:15-8:30pm. If you have interest or questions, please reach out!
andrew@fbcew.org 850-826-4161 (cell).

Pastor Andrew

Missions & Media

Experience Christmas & Media Upgrades

We are excited about Experience Christmas 2022! The first 2 years were exhilarating as we answered His invitation to do something special for our community in a missional effort. Last year we noted many guests, when arriving in the Worship Center, sat down and listened to the music being performed by our wonderful choir, orchestra, handbells and praise team. Pastor Andrew hit a home run last year by moving the music from the Chapel (1st year) to the Worship Center. We plan to take advantage of this opportunity this year by having Pastor Stan extend a greeting / welcome to our guests every 20 or 30 minutes. We will share more details of EC2022 in the days to come.

Our Media team has completed two major equipment upgrades. The 14 year old audio mixer (system) has been upgraded to the latest digital technology. Rick, Forrest, Glenn, &



New Audio Mixer

Dave are loving their new toy! Piper, Ethan, Caleb & Nathan have an upgraded digital 'live stream' camera system that has plenty of expansion

capabilities for more cameras.

The video system components were donated to FBC.

As we prepare to turn the corner into the Fall season, please continue to pray for our upcoming mission trips: Honduras & Nepal. What an opportunity He has given us to 'Go' and 'Make' a difference in other parts of the world.

Pastor Chuck

The Family Focus

"Looking to the Fall"

Wow! What an amazing week we had at VBS last month! We had one child come to know Christ as Savior and several more children who were asking many good questions about salvation. Seeds were planted in the hearts of children, and I am so thankful the Lord is using us to do His work. Thank you all who volunteered, donated, and prayed for VBS this year!



AWANA!

Now, we turn our attention to AWANA for the school year. This is another amazing program which focuses on discipling children to know, love and serve the Lord. Last year, we ended the year with approximately forty children in attendance. I would love to see each one of those children come back for another year of AWANA, and I pray that they all bring a friend back with them. It is always my goal to not charge families for ministries within our Children's Department, because I do not ever want there to be a hindrance to a child participating in church. For us to effectively serve these children, it costs about \$40 per child to attend AWANA for the year. Would you consider sponsoring a child? Donations can be made online directly to the AWANA fund, or by check- just make sure to write AWANA on it! Thank you all so much for continually supporting the Children's Ministries with your time, money and prayers! I could not do this without your continual support!

Beth Hendricks

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Student Ministry Updates

July was such a great month for the student ministry. God is working very clearly in our ministry, and I know that He will continue to do so. Our focus in August, and extending into September, will be on outreach within the schools. This includes opportunities for students to invite their friends and share the Gospel with those who they will begin seeing five days a week. School starts for most of our schools on August 8, and we would appreciate your prayers during this time.

As the Student Center (previously known as the Lighthouse) is



The Youth students at trampoline park

getting almost complete, we are anxiously anticipating the work that God will do through the space. We know that buildings and programs are not what defines a ministry, but we also know the impact of having a place that feels safe and comfortable for students. They are just as excited, if not more excited, than I am to start meeting in the Student Center.

A few ways you can pray for my ministry in the month of August: Pray that God would give me opportunities to be involved in the schools. Pray that God would give students a desire to share the gospel with their friends. Pray that the Student Center will be used to change eternities for students. Pray for the ministry as we are transitioning to a different look with the opening of the student center.

I would like to thank all of you for your generosity. It is abundantly clear to me that you want my ministry to succeed, and I am so appreciative of each and every one of you who have volunteered your time, money, and prayers for this ministry.

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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