

FBC NEWSLETTER

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Focus on: FBC Church Library

If you have walked by the church library lately you have probably seen Karen Ott at work! She has taken over as the new Library Director and has big plans.

“Currently, I am weeding through all the books. Weeding entails going through every single book and removing any that are over ten years old.” Karen shared. “The last weeding occurred in 2004, so the process is long overdue.”

Many of the weeded books will be donated to the Classical Conversations homeschool group that uses our facility on Thursdays.



Karen Ott working in library

Karen has always loved books and began working in her church library when she lived in Nebraska in the mid-1990s. After that she worked in the church library at Central Baptist here in Crestview and then in the OBA library.



A Word from Our Pastor

If you are up at the church during the week you may notice some new faces in our education area. For several years now we have had a homeschool group that has used our third floor on Thursdays and now we have a Montessori school using a couple of rooms on the second floor each day.

Most churches build large buildings and use them less than 10 hours a week and the rest of the time they sit empty. We are trying to find ways to be a good steward of the buildings that the Lord has provided for us.

One final thing, we are also working with a third group that we have not yet finalized the arrangements with, but if it works out it will be very exciting. I say all of this to simply ask you to pray for our leadership as we seek the Lord's will regarding the use of the resources He has given to us.

May the Lord bless you all,

Pastor Stan

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Participating in various library trainings and all of her years of experience have made her a well-qualified blessing for our FBC library!

Focusing on the future, Karen is planning to have reading clubs for children and adults this summer. She will attend book club training this November. She also has plans for a library newsletter and will

be offering expanded information which will be available on the website... be sure to look out for it soon!

If you are interested in helping out in the church library be sure to get in touch with Karen. Helping at the circulation desk, helping with bulletin



Karen Ott in the work room area of the Church library

boards, and simply checking out books for yourself are ways you can get involved with this valuable resource!

Library hours are Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am; 5:00-5:55pm and Sundays 8:30-8:55am; 5:00-5:55pm.

Contact Karen at otmom1@cox.net to volunteer and for more information.

Laura Kitchen

Music Notes: Children's Choirs

Hello church family,

Raising another generation of worshippers and worship leaders is an essential part of our mission as a Worship Ministry and as a local church! I'm thankful that on Sunday, September 25, FBC will be returning kid's choirs to our regular ministry schedule after some time away due to the pandemic.

Spring boarding off our Summer Music & Arts Camp, our grades 1-6 group will be adding an "arts" component, resulting in our new name: "Music and Arts Studio!" Kids will have time with Suzanne Hartzog learning some wonderful worship and singing skills, then transition to Gai Williams for a time of art fun.



Our younger K4 & K5 kids will meet with Joy Meyers in "Preschool Praise" to experience worship and music fun at their level. This group builds the foundation of enjoying singing and praising God through many different means.



We hope your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and friends can join us Sundays from 5:30-6:20pm beginning September 25! Please sign up online at www.fbcew.org/events.

For questions please reach out at andrew@fbcew.org or 850-826-4161.

Pastor Andrew

Missions & Media

September is the gateway to Fall and the holiday season. Experience Christmas 22 is in full planning mode. Our venue leaders have formulated their visions, calculated their budgets and enlisted their team members. I am confident this year's missional event will make an even greater impact on our community as we implement all we've learned over the past 2 years and launch Experience Christmas to a whole new level. I can't wait! It's never too late to get involved. Contact Laura or myself if you would like to be a part of this mission centric event.



Honduras

Speaking of missions, Dale Rice is leading a team later this month to Honduras. Dale has for years been dedicated to furthering the Gospel in this region and to this people group. It's exciting to hear his stories along with the Gospel efforts being made by the in-country team of missionaries he supports. Please pray for their trip (Sept 24th ~ Oct 1st). FBC can be proud of this team and the work they are doing.

We are making final plans for the October Nepal trip. Exciting things are happening there. I can't wait to go and be a part. Thank you FBC for adopting Nepal & Mission Ascend. More details to come in next month's newsletter.

And lastly, I want to thank you personally for extending Laurie and I the invitation to be a part of First Baptist. What a blessing you are to us!

Pastor Chuck

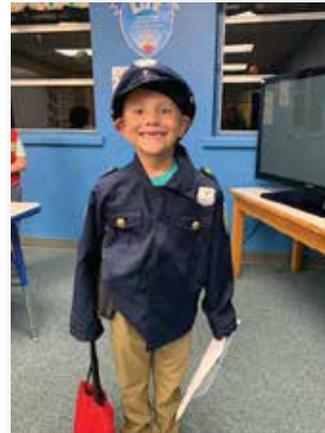
The Family Focus

I would like to start off by thanking you all for your generosity in sponsoring children for our Awana program. We have started the year with fifty-seven children enrolled in the program and fifteen volunteers, and we are off to a great start! The first few weeks are all about sharing the Gospel with these children and setting the foundation of the Bible as the foundation of truth. Please continue to support us by praying that these children come to know Christ as Savior and develop a love for His Word.



"Life Saver" Night at Awana

Thanks to your generosity, I have been able to fully fund the curriculum and have a good start on the Awana store for this year.



"Life Saver" Night at Awana

Another desperate need that we have in the Children's Department is for leaders in our Sunday School program. At this time, we have openings in three classrooms, all in our preschool department. We need a helper in the toddler room, a teacher in our 2/3 year old classroom, and a helper in the 4/5 year old classroom. If you are interested in serving and planting Bible truths in the hearts of these young children, please contact me here at the church office.

Beth Hendricks

First Baptist Crestview

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Student Ministry Updates

Worship is a vital part of, not just a church, but of a Christian's walk with Christ. Every ounce of our being should long to worship our risen Savior, and that's exactly what we started doing as a student ministry.



Student Worship in the Student Center

We are now on week three of meeting in the Student Center, and each week the student ministry has begun to find its identity more and more. We have been studying through the book of Galatians, and learning that we are no longer slaves to the

law, but instead find our righteousness given to us through the crucified and resurrected Christ. It is with this freedom that we are able to worship a Holy God together as a student ministry.

Pray for the students as they are taking on roles where they can lead other students, and that they would do so faithfully and joyfully.



We also get to serve our community by being the hands and feet of Jesus to the Crestview High School football team. We have partnered with the football team, and will be providing pre-game meals for three weeks this season. We are excited to get to use this opportunity to show these students that we care about their spiritual and their physical well-being.

Pray that this would be a fruitful endeavor for us, and that God would bless this opportunity we have to serve the students of Crestview.

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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