



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAIRDALE

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VBS RECAP

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is now behind us. As always, VBS is a full church commitment. It takes each and every volunteer to make it happen. Throughout the week we had a total of 102 children involved this year. Throughout the week children were taught that God is the master artist. He created them and he continues to do the work of re-creation, forgiving sinful people and making them new.

One thing that is always encouraging from the week of VBS is seeing how many volunteers we have. We have said many times that our church is a very servant hearted church. We have people that serve in many ways and at many times. The

week of VBS is no different. We never were able to get a definitive count, but by estimates we had between 70-80 volunteers work-

ing throughout the week in order to make VBS happen. That is no small commitment. We understand that most people work

all day long at their normal jobs, then come straight to church each night for 5 consecutive days in order to make VBS happen. We can't thank you enough for all the hard work that was put in to make VBS a big success.

Ultimately, what we desire from VBS is for God to change lives. We know that does not always happen during the actual week of VBS, but many seeds were planted and watered. Lets continue to be faithful to pray that God would produce fruit from those seeds that were planted and watered. We know God is faithful, his word will accomplish what is was sent out to do (Isaiah 55:11).



E-Kids Preparing For Summer Camp

Matt McBroom
Pastor



The E-Kids group is preparing to attend summer camp at Crossings Cedarmore July 22nd-25th. I am sure that all the kids have had a busy and full summer thus far. We are now looking forward to closing out our summer break with a fantastic week at camp before everyone seriously starts thinking about the coming school year.

As we prepare to go, I would like to ask that you to join me in praying for the following:

Please pray for the kids and adult leaders from Fairdale. Pray for the safety of our group and that we would have opportunities to have Gospel conversations with the kids during the week. The time we spend at camp is roughly equivalent to 16 weeks of Sunday night and Wednesday night classroom time at church. This means that the time we spend together at camp is important for building relationships and for discipleship. Pray that we use the time wisely and that God would grow us spiritually.

Please pray that God would save and grow our kids spiritually through our time at camp. While many of the kids attending camp have made professions of faith and have been baptized, there

are some who have not. Pray that those who do not know Christ as Lord and Savior would be drawn to salvation by the Holy Spirit this week. For those who are believing, pray that this week would be a time of spiritual growth. Pray that they would be confident in what they believe and encouraged to actively share their faith with their friends.

Please pray for the Crossings staff who will be working and serving at camp. These young people have dedicated their summer breaks to serve and proclaim the Gospel. As they reach the end of the summer, they are tired, but they always seem to be up and energetic for the kids. Thank God for them and ask Him to bless them as they return to their college campuses this fall.

Please pray for the camp pastor (Vince Scarbrough) as he leads the large group Bible studies and preaches during the worship sessions. Pray that the Holy Spirit speaks through him and that he communicates the Gospel clearly.

Please pray for Crossings Camps and leadership. These past few years have been difficult on Crossings due to the cancellation and reduced capacity of camps due to the pandemic. Pray for the continued health of the Crossings organization and its leadership. Pray that they would continue to seek the Lord and lead in a God honoring way.

Finally, I want to thank the church for its continued support of the children's ministry at Fairdale. God has blessed us with a growing number of children, and we want to shepherd them well. The goal of the E-Kids ministry at Fairdale is to partner with families to equip kids with a solid foundation of faith that is built upon the truth from the word of God. Please pray that we are faithful in this goal and that God uses camp to further build this foundation.

BEING A CHURCH THAT PRAYS



Earlier this year we introduced the Church Prayer Team. This is the large whiteboard in the basement with names filled in for each hour of the week. If you have not yet signed up, there are still time slots available.

As a reminder, we are NOT expecting you to be praying for the entire hour that you are signed up for. We ARE expecting you to be prayerful during that hour. At some point during that hour, pause and spend some time in prayer for our church, for your pastors, for the staff, for the community, for the various ministries at our church. There may also be times when we reach out to you about specific things happening that you can be praying about. We anticipate you being able and willing to pray for those things when those opportunities arise.

It will strengthen us as a church to know we have people praying around the clock. It will also strengthen your own faith to be continually committed to praying, and continually being prayed for.

Let's be a people who are constantly and consistently committing ourselves to crying out to the Lord.

Children Are A Heritage And Reward From The Lord

Mary Catherine Anderson
Director of Nursery

At our last Members' Meeting, I shared a nursery ministry report. I knew going into the data gathering stage that our church had a good-sized group in our nursery ministry. Once I tallied everyone up, I was quite surprised to discover that we currently have over 40 kids in the birth through PreK range among our church families!

This number doesn't reflect our average weekly attendance, but even that has been steadily growing. We have recently hit a record number of check-ins for Sunday morning worship (22 kids) and our attendance on Wednesday evenings has been close to the same amount. Focusing on numbers and attendance is never my priority, but I am so encouraged by the young families who prioritize gathering to worship, pray, and study God's word on a regular basis.

Psalm 127 instructs us that children are a heritage and a reward from the Lord. We ought to think about the children in our lives as we think about all the other blessings in our lives. First, we thank God and give Him glory for all the good gifts He has poured out in our lives. We should be regularly thanking Him for the children in our families and church. It is also helpful to remind ourselves and others that they have been given to us for our good and God's glory.

Beyond just thanking God for these blessings, we should also seek to steward them well. Our money and time are often easy to consider when we think of stewardship; we may have to put a little more thought towards stewarding the gift of children. Two things that come to mind are praying for them regularly and caring for them with excellence.

Please remember to pray for all the young people in our church. Ask God to continue to grow them physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in their hearts to develop a love for God and that one day they would

trust in Jesus for salvation. Lift up parents before the Lord - that He would strengthen them, give them wisdom, and help them as they navigate the ups and downs of parenting.

We can also steward the gift of children by caring for them with excellence. When we care for the kids in our church - changing diapers, reading books, serving snacks, playing games, listening to their stories; the possibilities are endless - we demonstrate God's care and love for his creation. Before they learn any truths of Scripture in a formal learning environment, may our littlest ones be secure in the love of God because they have been loved by the adults in their lives - both at home and in our church.

I am so thankful for those of you who regularly pray over and care for our littlest ones and look forward to what God will do through your faithfulness. May God strengthen you as you labor so that you will "not grow weary of doing good" (Galatians 6:9).



STEVE & CAROL THOMPSON

The worldwide pandemic has complicated so many aspects of life. We feel this here at home, but it is being felt in every country around the world. Since 2020 we have not been able to send a mission team to Camp Chacauco in Ecuador. That was supposed to change this year, then there were protests in the streets of Quito which caused our short term trip to be cancelled.

This is now the third straight year that Camp Chacauco has not been able to host camps for local churches. Due to camps being cancelled, the camp has very little source of revenue. Steve and Carol have been relying heavily on the

Lord to provide, and He has been faithful to them.

They, along with all the camp staff are very much in need of continued support. Remember to be praying for them. Set a reminder for yourself weekly, or even daily to pray for Camp Chacauco and the staff there.

If you are in a position to support financially, we ask that you contact one of your pastors. Even a small financial contribution can go a long way to helping Chacauco continue to operate until they are able to return to hosting camps.



Coming Events

July Schedule Changes

During the month of July, we will be taking a break from Men's and Ladies' Bible Studies and Sunday evening services.

Ministry Opportunities:

Nursery Team Volunteers Needed

Contact Mary Catherine Anderson for montly, quarterly, or as needed service opportunities.

Kitchen Team Volunteers Needed

On Wednesday evenings beginning in August additional volunteers are needed. Please contact Becki McBroom if you can serve.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open every Wednesday from 1:00-4:00 pm and our truck arrives the second Tuesday of each month. If you can volunteer to help serve please contact Tish Hardin.

Upcoming Events:

- Summer Playdate- July 15 @ FBCF Playground-10:00 am
- Men's Prayer Breakfast- July 16-8:00 am
- Kid's Camp - July 22-25
- Family Night- July 27-6:00 pm
- Ladies' Prayer Breakfast- July 26-9:00 am
- Summer Playdate-August 5@ Broad Run Park-10:00 am
- New Member's Classes-August 14, 21, 28-9:30 am

Online Giving:

Online giving is available throught the church website: fbcfairdale.org

Birthdays

July

- 3 Troy Green
- 4 Bobby Baker
- 5 Dale Carman
C.J. Dillman
- 6 Robbie Hughes, Jr.
Sara Velasco
Harper Harris
Melissa Brooks
- 8 Taber Klinglesmith
- 9 Amanda Elbert
- 10 Brigitte Collins
Branden Bailey
Katlin Beck
- 11 Paul Harris
Aubrey Joseph
Jesse Clemons
- 12 Jordan Stivers
Alexis Sanders
- 14 Bill Mueller
- 17 Emily Lacy
- 18 Linda Jones
Hallie Jones
- 19 Elizabeth Bryant
- 20 Weston Stivers
- 21 Rachel Helm
- 26 Ella Layman
- 27 Ronelle Vandgrift
- 28 Lennon Ann Schmidt
Coeur d'Iane Rae Schmidt
Jenna Foust
Aubrey Baumann
- 29 Nancy McDaniel
Tonya Holguin
Jacob Deaton
William Ott
Amanda Roseberry
- 30 Alma Nicholson
Mariajose Vincent

August

- 2 Alex Dalton
Hannah Wells
Cynthia Cook
- 3 Joel MacDonald
Benjamin Layman
- 4 Noah Zee
Sidney Jones
Cedrick Jones
- 5 Abby Overstreet
- 9 Doug Williams
Cameron Thompson
Stephen Wilkins
Easton Haynes
- 12 Rebecca Thompson
- 13 Bryce Clark
- 15 Morgan Stivers
- 17 Fay Fentress
Caitlyn McBroom
- 18 John Zee
Bill Tindall
Lillian Lundy
Scotty Sanders
- 19 Lola Burton
Greyson MacDonald
- 20 Daniel McBroom
Brittany Lundy
- 23 Grayson Wiedmar
- 24 Fletcher Farmer
- 25 Ericka Richard
- 26 Antonio Holguin
Nicole Davis
Thomas Darnell
- 27 Kristy Stivers
Sandra Johnson
Jim Dickerson
- 28 Linda Stivers
Nathan Vittitoe
Briana Hughes
Jayme Harris
- 30 Dana Dixon
Kathryn Hardin
Angela Mitchell
- 31 Paul Lybrook
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