## Phe Curren fbc newsletter

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# Pastor's Notes

Hello Church Family,

We are rapidly closing out another church year! But God has blessed us tremendously with 34 baptisms at date of my writing this and 16 other additions. I might also add about His faithfulness in His provisions for us. One of His titles is Jehovah Jireh, The Lord our Provider or the Lord Provides! God is indeed good! I am looking forward to an even better church year as we refit and refocus our ministries and outreach emphases.

I am trusting God for a great harvest during this year's Vacation Bible School. Friday, August 3 is our Family Night and we need your participation, as we will push to get as many of the children's families there as possible. It will be a fun night and a great opportunity for us to fellowship and outreach with the families.

I also look forward to our annual Ice Cream Social. We hope to use this event to further our outreach of oru VBS families. Be sure to thank Drew and Brittany for their generous support by providing Marble Slab ice cream. It will be Sunday, August 5th at 6:00 pm.

One last note: With the Lord's help we will begin preaching through Philippians the first Sunday in August. For only having 104 verses, it is packed with encouraging passages that underscore the importance of unity in the church, the joy of knowing and walking with the Lord and the confidence we can have in knowing the Lord Jesus Christ.. I look forward to seeing how God is going to move amongst us as we unwrap this powerpacked epistle!

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JAM'D kicks off Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm. Begin praying now how the Lord might use this and what child He would you to

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11



#### Children's Camp The Bill Rice Ranch

Thank you all for sending these young ladies to camp! Your investment in their lives will stay with them forever. They will always remember their time at camp and will be able to fall back on the foundation they were given by all the Bible lessons they learned.

# Youth Pastor's Pen



Greetings once again church family!

Summer 2018 has flown by and as we prepare for the fall season, and school resumes, I'm so excited to see what God has in store for us as we close out the last half of 2018! 2018 has been the most blessed year of ministry we've had in my 4 years of serving here at FBC. This year Asylum Student Ministry has seen over 50 decisions for Christ made and a little over half those decisions have followed Christ in believer's baptism. To say God has moved in our student ministry this year is a MASSIVE understatement! But as His Word tells us in Ephesians 3:20 He can do far greater than we could ever imagine, and for that I am very grateful!

If you'd like more information on the student ministry or would like to get involved please come see me or Brittany and we'd be more than happy to find a way that you could serve our God in the Student ministry here at FBC. As always we thank you all for your prayers and support! Without our wonderful church family we wouldn't be able to do what we do. I'm proud to serve alongside the great people of FBC! We love y'all so much!

God bless!

**Drew Simmons** 



#### Women on Mission / Church on Mission

So exciting to have the "Current News Letter" started again in order to share our Church's comings and goings with you all. Our WOM held an evening event in June and gathered supplies for Great Circle Women Shelter to support their "Laundry Basket" project. We will continue to come along side of them in this ministry so please continue to drop off cleaning items so we can make baskets to deliver every couple of months. We delivered 6 baskets in July.

I am actually writing this before the start of our VBS and the collection of the VBS supplies for the Christmas Shoeboxes. Therefore, realizing summer is quickly coming to an end and school is ready to start, we had a powerful prayer walk for VBS and our schools on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Lord reminded us that Prayer Walking is entering into spiritual warfare and VBS is not just a program to teach children about Jesus, but is a battle for their souls and the schools are the battle ground for their minds. We must put on the armor for battle and prayer is our greatest weapon. We are expecting the Lord to do something amazing during VBS and we asked for Christ's love to be represented at school through Christian teachers, students, parents, administration, Board, and local churches to be His Light this coming year. CONTINUE THE PRAYING!

Calendar: Doniphan Parade will be held on Labor Day weekend and we will serve free cold water, greet and invite to church. September will kick off our MO. Mission Offering so begin now asking God what your giving should be. October 13<sup>th</sup> we will host the Association's Training Conference, "Unshakeable Pursuit." More details to come.

Let's look forward with expectation, seek every opportunity to serve, and share the gospel by "By All Means" as we go.

Many hands and feet make Kingdom work, a work of joy. Thank you, for serving with us in the missions of our church. Carol Wilhelmy, Missions Director

### **Upcoming Events**

- August 3: VBS "Game On" Family Night at 5:30 PM
- August 5: Marble Slab Ice Cream Social in the FLC at 6:00PM
- August 12: Sunday School Teachers Training at 4:30 PM
- August 19: Quarterly Business Meeting at 6:00 PM with a fellowship meal to follow
- August 25: YAHOO'S @ the Hilburn's at 11:30 AM

