

Ushers & Greeters

April 28 -Bob McQuerry, ch., Larry Perry, Don Mathews, Freddie Hammond, Mark Horany, David Sandlin, Reed Mankins, Kyle Turner

May 5—Brad Simmons, ch., Brian Hampton, Randy Behrens, Casey Pulliam, Trampas Patton, Kade Betts, Michael Blevins

Nursery Volunteers

Extended Session April 28

Babies—Katie Canada & Jesse Grubbs
Toddlers—Lyndsey & Reid Miller
3's— Crystal & Cody Cook

Extended Session on May 5

Babies— Syndal & Kent McClatchy
Toddlers— Jill & Kyle Turner
3's—Shannon, Gunter, & Natalie Rodriguez

Children's Church

April 28 -Anna & Rue Rogers

May 5- Tori & Jodee Wales

Sunday Morning Scripture

April 28— Melissa Edington

May 5— Jason Powers

Sunday Youtube Mix

April 28 Jodee Wales

May 5—Obelea Rue

Food Pantry Sackers

April 27 or 28 -Lonnie & Tracy Wales, Ione Morgan, Johnny Robertson, Terra & Shelby Krajca

May 4 - 5- Gunter Rodriguez, Brad Simmons, Rodney & Jan Simmons, Steve Stephens

Food Pantry Distribution

April 29 - Shannon Moses & Kids, Keith & Natalie Hill

May 6- Laura Dillard, Gabe Simmons, Steve Stephens

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" To Grow in our relationship with Jesus, to Serve Him together and to Share His unconditional love with others." -Mission Statement

April 24, 2024



Congratulations FBCO 2024 Seniors
Senior Recognition Sunday, May 5th.

Allie Barrington

Allison House

Alexa Paul

Cheyenne Slattery

Caleb Thomison

Pulled



Pork

YOUTH CAMP FUNDRAISER
PULLED PORK & FIXINGS

Sunday, May 5 @ Noon

Cost by Donations

FBCO Fellowship Hall



Daughters of the King

Girls Night - Food, Fellowship & Bible Study
Sunday, May 5th 5-8pm

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Feel free to call the deacon of the week if you need something.

April 21 - 27

Ed Wood 873-8790

April 28 - May 4

Rue Rogers 254-652-3795

May 5 - 11

Jodee Wales 564-6151



Safety Team Training

Saturday, April 27 @ 8:30 a.m.
Chief Birbeck will be leading.

FBCO



Grace Care Worship Service
Sunday, May 5 3:30 p.m.



Ladies Luncheon

*Tuesday, May 7 Noon until 1 pm
All ladies invited.*

*We will be taking a break during
the summer and starting the
luncheons back up in September.*

HAPPY
Birthday

Sorry for the belated birthdays!

- April 19 Trent Berngen
Kasia Castro
- April 20 Jae Montgomery
John Palmer
- April 22 Garl Carnley
- April 23 Abby Hughes
Reid Miller
- April 24 Keith Hill
- April 25 Kameron Betts
Shad Sullivan
- April 26 Casey Dixon
Alexa Paul
Rodney Nantz
- April 27 Morgan Montgomery
- April 28 Colson Ballrd
Robert Casey
Lois Wilson
- April 29 Debra Kimbro
Jim Strealy
- May 1 Emerald Edgington
Justin Farmer
Spencer Key
Marlee Lane
- May 2 Raysito Acuna
Leatha Hirsch
- May 3 Allie Barrington
Farrah Keeter
- May 4 Beckham Osborn
- May 5 Blake Jordan
Kenley Lane
Kati Terry
- May 9 Bryan Schmidt
Shirley Jeter
Linda Wade

Weekly Reports

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Bible Study: 160

Morning Worship: 237

Budget Weekly Needs	\$11,793.00
Budget Receipts	\$10,565.82
Designated Receipts	
Annie Armstrong	220.00
Preteen Camp	915.00
Youth Camp	175.00
James Pace Mem. Sch.	250.00
Food Pantry	350.00
Gospel Meal	100.00
Youth Fund	100.00
MPCH	100.00
Onward Ever Dental	200.00
Building Fund	<u>400.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$13,375.40

Budget Needs to Date: \$176,895.00
Budget Receipts to Date: \$205,661.06

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Bible Study: 177

Morning Worship: 261

Budget Receipts	\$8,868.22
Designated Receipts	
Preteen Camp	1,160.00
Samaritan's Purse	150.00
Secret Church	75.00
James Pace Scholar	250.00
Building Fund	<u>400.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$10,203.22

Budget Needs to Date: \$188,688.00
Budget Receipts to Date: \$214,529.28



Annie Armstrong Missions Offering
Given to date: \$4,436.00

Note: The next newsletter will be mailed out on May 8, 2024.

A Message From Brother Chad

Dear Church Family,

If you were unable to attend the business meeting after church this Sunday, we had a great presentation and Q&A on the building project by the property committee. I have included my answers to some of the more frequently asked questions about the project below. We will vote this Sunday to take an incremental step toward the project that will commit about \$250,000 to the larger project of building a two-story building with 18,000 square feet to accommodate all our education ministries. We are taking this initial vote for approval, but also to, in a sense, take the pulse of the congregation. If we spend the money on planning, drawings and engineering a project, we need to support it. Of course, the plans can be adapted to fit what we can afford, but that will wind up costing us more money. So, let's be good and thoughtful stewards. We will vote after church this Sunday (4/28) on whether to take this next step. You can also vote in the office from April 25th to April 30th. I have included the ballot language below as well. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me.

This is just me speaking, but I think, with the Lord's help, we can absolutely do this, and it is going to be awesome. I am excited and thrilled for us to expect great things from God and to attempt great things for God. We've had it super easy in this area the whole time I've been here. We've been flush with cash and haven't had to stretch in this important area of faith. That is not to say that we do not have sacrificial givers in our congregation, but if the stats generally bear out, many of our members do not contribute in a meaningful or substantial way. This project is a call to trust and obey, to sacrifice and count the cost.

Below is the Q&A about the project. Again, these represent things I have heard discussed by your property and stewardship, but they also do contain my thoughts on the subject.

What is the anticipated cost of the new building?

Current estimates are between \$5.5 and 6 million dollars, this number includes both hard costs, which cover the actual construction of the building, and soft costs, such as architectural fees, engineering fees, and furnishings.

Can we afford this project?

We anticipate that the funds needed will be provided if we trust and obey the Lord. This project will require everyone to give on a sacrificial level above and beyond normal offerings. The Lord has already provided about 40% of what we need before we have started our fundraising campaign. We believe that our church is uniquely situated right now to take on this ambitious task. When we started this project 5 years ago, the proposed numbers seemed impossible. In another 5-10 years they may also be impossible, but right now, even though it will require sacrifice, with the Lord's help, the impossible seems possible.

Why should we do this now?

Our current facilities have served us well for decades and we are grateful for those who have gone before. However, our three education buildings are very old (108, 84, & 74 yrs.). All three of the buildings were built underground, and they present issues with flooding, leaks, crumbling walls, rotted out wood, and plumbing and sewer gas issues. Furthermore, our nursery area is not secured according to modern standards. Our pre-school class is meeting on the second floor of the building. The education space sits on multiple levels and is not ADA compliant and does not accommodate our seniors. The last building program was 46 years ago (Fellowship Hall). Something needs to be done before there is a crisis point. Each generation has an opportunity to stretch and sacrifice to build something for the kingdom and to bless generations to come. This is not a can we think should be kicked down the road any further. **I see things in the proposed plans that I think need to be changed or that I think could be improved, when can I make suggestions?**

Right now, these plans are temporary, but we will have ample opportunity to make suggestions to make sure we build the best possible building. The current plans are extremely tentative. At this point, we can change anything. After we have crossed a certain line and engineering work has been done, significant changes will require us to pay for additional engineering. We will be informed of a deadline for changes before that becomes the case.

Where will people park if we lose half of our parking spots?

One of the benefits of being located downtown is being able to park on the streets and in other places around town. Each year at the Fall we close off our entire parking lot and accommodate hundreds and hundreds of people on our campus. Each year they are able to find places to park around the building. The current plans will still provide us with 40 spaces on the current lot for those with mobility issues, our seniors, and expectant mothers and those with young children. We will solicit 50 volunteers who are willing to park a little further away. It's ultimately a first world problem, but we will make sure that those who need to park closer to the building are able to do so. During construction we will likely lose the use of the entire parking lot. We will learn how to overcome and adapt and our users will surely make great valets!

Why not build where you are tearing down, so we don't lose parking?

Our initial desire was to build in the existing footprint. The main factor that dissuaded us from doing this was an increase in construction costs. Building back in the same footprint would also displace us from our current facility during construction, which could last over a year. By building in the current parking lot, we will not lose the use of our current facilities during construction. Therefore, we will have no interruption of ministry, which is the most important thing.

Can we save our older buildings?

Yes, we can save and renovate the older buildings. However, after consulting with an engineer, we learned that to renovate the older buildings and to give them an additional 30- 50 year of lifespan would come at a tremendous cost. For example, just the steel reinforcement work required to save the 1916 building would be over \$800,000. The other difficulty we face is caused by the 1940 building being connected to the 1916 building in such a way that significant engineering work would be required to keep one building and demolish the other. If we try to save both buildings, we face issues with the fact that there are 5 different elevation levels between the two buildings that would require an ADA compliant elevator to be built with 4 separate stops.

Why would we hire a giving consultant to tell us what we already know the Bible says about giving?

We believe this project presents a unique, perhaps even a once-in-a-lifetime discipleship opportunity for our church. The campaign consultant isn't coming to manipulate us or twist our arms to give more to the project. The consultant will be focused on heart-change, discipleship, prayer, fasting, and obedience to the Lord. The consultant we hire will coach us to lead one another through this campaign to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to transform us and unify us as a church body. The byproduct of that will be the money raised. Additionally, churches that choose to engage consultants raise 40% more in funds as a result of going through the intentional process.

Turn over to continue.

What will we be voting on April 28?

Here is the ballot:

Joint Recommendation from the Property and Stewardship Committees

The property and stewardship committees jointly recommend that the church commit to fully constructing and furnishing a new education building according to the plans presented by the property committee.

This recommendation is made with the understanding that a project of this nature will require sacrificial giving from all members above and beyond our normal level of budget giving. The total cost of the building is estimated to be between \$5.5 and 6 million dollars.

If approved, the church will pursue the project beginning with the following steps:

1. The church will engage Vision Bridge Consulting LLC in a full-service contract for architectural drawings and engineering services.
2. The church will engage the Precision Construction Group for Pre-Construction services
3. The church authorizes the property and stewardship committees to select and engage a capital campaign consultant to help with a fundraising and stewardship program. The cost of the campaign consultant's fee shall not exceed \$50,000.

Final approval is contingent upon the Church securing adequate funding for the project **a.)** through funds on hand, **b.)** through funds given, **c.)** through funds pledged, and possibly **d.)** through funds secured by incurring a reasonable amount of debt (which would require separate approval by the congregation).

Whether adequate funding has been secured will be determined by the congregation after capital campaign pledges have been received. If funding is determined to be inadequate to cover the scope of the proposed project, the property and stewardship committees anticipate recommending that the church proceed with a modified project that fits within the available budget.

_____ Yes. I am in favor of the recommendation.

_____ No. I am not in favor of the recommendation.

Pray and seek the Lord this week. Make sure you are here on Sunday.

I hope to see you this week in Sunday School and Worship.

I am so glad to be the pastor of this amazing church.

Brother Chad



BACCALAUREATE

Wednesday, May 8
6:00 p.m.

FBCO Sanctuary



Mother's Day

Baby Dedication

May 12, 2024

at 10:45 a.m.



New Member Class

Sunday, April 28

@ 2pm

If you are interested in joining FBC, please join us.

Our sincere Christian sympathy to Joe & Brittany Esquivel and family at the death of his mother, Maricela; to Barbara Larimore and family at the death of her nephew, Phil Larimore.



VISION SUNDAY

April 28

You can vote for the 1st phase of the Education Building Campaign after the morning service. Absentee voting in the church office from April 25th to April 30th.



Vacation Bible School Meeting

Wednesday, May 15

FBC Fellowship Hall

VBS T-Shirt Orders

Cut-off date to order shirts is May 12th.

