



the VISION

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SERVE & DONATE Backpack Ministry to Support Students in Our Community

Don Evans, Community Connections Team

In the song Nobody - written and performed by Casting Crowns and Matthew West – the chorus goes –

“Everybody's got a purpose So when I hear that devil start talking to me, saying "Who do you think you are?" I say I'm just a nobody trying to tell everybody all about somebody who saved my soul Ever since You rescued me, You gave my heart a song to sing
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus.”

Isn't that the command Jesus gave us – go tell the world about me – let me walk through you in word and deed?

This year at our annual “Back to School” event Jesus is asking we love our neighbors to tell them and show them about Him. Our family of followers will be distributing ‘Back Pack’s with Healthy Snacks’ and school supplies to children in grades 1-6 to show the love Jesus.

You can show the love by donating healthy snacks and school supplies which can be placed in the labeled bins throughout the church. For a list of suggested donations, pick up a brochure from the displays of bins at both entrances or visit fbcsallotte.org/supplies.

Opportunities to serve include helping Robbie Hales and her team to pack the backpacks. There will also be a time to share Jesus with the families who come to join us. Join Cindy Galloway’s team to register and follow-up with the children and their parents. Contact the church office to sign up to serve.

This is an opportunity for all – men and women of FBCS – to make an eternal impact on someone’s life – that they too may know the JOY that only Jesus can provide.

**FBCS– YOU HAVE A PURPOSE
– LIVING FOR THE WORLD
TO SEE NOBODY BUT JESUS.**

Church Events

- Aug 7th — Baptism
- Aug 9th — Men’s Ministry Meeting
- Aug 14th — Gideons International Sunday
- Aug 21st — Called Conference for Deacon Vote & Nominating Committee Report
- Aug 31st — 2023 Budget Requests Due



A New Multigenerational Strategy for a New Church Year

Times have changed. Our children are being intentionally indoctrinated into ungodly ideologies, and we cannot take for granted that they will adopt a biblical worldview simply by coming to church.

In addition, as I've previously talked about, recent research from Arizona Christian University shows that a high percentage of parents who claim to be Christians lack a distinctive biblical worldview. According to the study, barely 4% of parents who claim to be Christian possess a biblical worldview. And that decreases even more, to just 2%, for parents of pre-teens.

This deficiency has an obvious outcome. Whether they attend church or not, if nearly 98% of Christian parents lack a biblical worldview, then they are not teaching their kids biblical truth, and they are not modeling biblical truth in their lifestyles. So that means that their kids are not adopting biblical beliefs or values.

That leaves both the parents and the kids from Christian families woefully unprepared to stand up to the onslaught of unbiblical values that are thriving in our culture.

How can we help parents and kids cultivate a biblical worldview?

So, what are we doing to help parents cultivate their own biblical worldview and then pass that along to their children? Of course, we stress sound, biblical teaching. But what can we do to be even more intentional and help our families pass along to the next generation biblical values and doctrine?

As a church, we are blessed with a multi-generational congregation. We need to be good stewards of each generation, so we need to be as intentional as we can be to help our families grow together in Christ, learn and apply the Bible together, and participate in ministry together.

Around five years ago, Pastor Michael and I started looking at options for generational discipleship. The onset of Covid caused us to pause our planning and then, conversely, kicked that planning into high gear as we saw the repercussions from Covid and the escalation of ideological indoctrination in our culture.

For our strategy, we sought a curriculum that could be applied across our family ministries--from Kids Own Worship, to Sunday School, to Wednesday nights--and which gives all ages the option of participating.



What meets our goals?

After considering a few curricula, we have landed on the Gospel Project.

The Gospel Project is a LifeWay curriculum that utilizes a variety of multigenerational pieces, such as teaching kits, family devotions, and children's worship. It is grounded in a teaching curriculum that takes students of all ages through a three-year cycle and unpacks the gospel from Creation to Christ's Return. For more information, you can explore the Gospel Project at <https://gospelproject.lifeway.com/>.

We plan to implement the Gospel Project beginning with the Fall quarter, on Sunday, September 4. In the meantime, we will provide training for our leaders on a couple of Wednesday nights in August. (Leaders, we will let you know when that will be, so watch for more information.)

Once we launch it, we will use the Gospel Project for Wednesday night children's ministry, on Sundays for Kids Own Worship, and on Sunday mornings for children and adults. The current three-year cycle of the Gospel Project is already underway, so we will be stepping into the curriculum mid-cycle, with "Fall 2022: From Rebellion to Exile."

This multigenerational strategy will have the most impact on the younger families with children. But it is also designed for adults of all ages. It facilitates all generations in your family to learn and grow through the same Bible lessons and applications. Imagine leaving church and knowing that all of you, from the smallest kids to the grandparents, studied the same Bible passages that day! You can each talk about what you learned from that same passage, how you plan to apply it to your life, and what you'll be learning next week!

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That's what the Gospel Project is designed to help you do.

Class Arrangements

Using the Gospel Project will require minor adjustments in our children's classes. Here is what the layout would look like starting in the Fall:

Sunday School and Wednesday Nights:

Nursery (birth to 18 months)
Toddlers (18 months thru 2 yrs)
Younger Preschool (3-4 yr olds)
Older Preschool & Kindergarten

(5 yrs old / K)
1st/2nd grade
3rd/4th grade
5th/6th grade Preteen
7th thru 12th grade
Youth Ministry

Sunday Kids Own Worship (during 11 AM worship):

Younger Preschool (3-4 yr olds)
Older Preschool & Kindergarten (5 yr old / K)
1st/2nd grade
Children up to three-years-old will continue in Worship Care.

Where to from here?

Adopting the Gospel Project may seem like a major shift at first. But over time I believe we will see the benefits as our families engage together with the Bible, build and apply biblical values, and cultivate a biblical worldview.

Our families and our children are living in a culture that is growing increasingly hostile to Christians. Let's be sure we are doing our part to prepare them to defend the gospel and to live for Christ.

With love in Christ,
Pastor Bob

1 Corinthians 4:1

"This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed"

2023 Budget

Kristy Knisely, Financial Manager

Budgeting just sounds so boring..Right? Maybe, but it is a great time to get excited about ministries in 2023!

Current leaders will receive an email with forms to complete 2023 Budget Requests by August 1. Take the time to meet with anyone coming onto your team in September and find out their ideas. Let them know what you have learned in your time in the ministry. Together, you can create a realistic budget that not only takes into consideration what you have done in the past, but the plans for upcoming ministries.

You may be tempted to just say leave the budget the same as what our team has had in the past. Although it may be the easiest thing for you to do, you

could be hindering brand new ministries from beginning. See, Budget & Finance strives to maintain a realistic budget based on tithes. So, if your team has a inflated budget that you don't even come close to using, prayerfully consider if you should "keep it the same". Help to create extra funds that can be utilized in ministries God may have laid on the heart of another team.

Be sure to reach out to me or a member of the Budget & Finance Committee (Rob Michel, Pam Taylor & Barbara Holden) if you have any questions or need advice.

2023 Budget Requests are due by August 31. Let's start praying about the ministries FBCS will lead in 2023!!

New To Our Family



Joyce Middleton
Joined Jun 19



Marshall Tyner
Joined Jun 10

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52 Week Bible Reading Plan

	Gospels	Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy
Week	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
32	<input type="checkbox"/> John 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 2Thes	<input type="checkbox"/> Lev 25-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Chr 1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 93-95	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov 16	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan 1-6
33	<input type="checkbox"/> John 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Tim 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> Num 1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Chr 5-9	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 96-98	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov 17-18	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan 7-12
34	<input type="checkbox"/> John 7-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Tim 4-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Num 5-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Chr 10-14	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 99-101	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Hosea 1-7
35	<input type="checkbox"/> John 10-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 2Tim 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> Num 9-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Chr 15-19	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 102-104	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov 20-21	<input type="checkbox"/> Hosea 8-14