



## Welcome our new Pastor and his wife...Tim & Miriam Rempel

### God is at Work!

By Pastor Tim Rempel

*"... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose." (Phil.2:12b &13)*

I started to sense the renewal of a call to FBC, Newman last December. I had heard of the difficulty the church was having in finding a new pastor. I prayed that God would help you by sending you someone who would love you and lead you. It was at that point I sensed the Lord putting His hand on my shoulder and saying, "What about you?"



I put my application in and in a few months I received an invitation to meet with the search committee. We sensed God's leading in our time together. A week later, my wife and I met with the elders. Again, we sensed that God was at work. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to speak to the congregation. What a day that was!

I want to thank all of you who showed up that day to indicate your love and support. My wife and I felt it very strongly. I also want to thank you for the clear call to pastor FBC, Newman. When we were told that there was a unanimous vote, we were so thankful! God had spoken to your hearts in the same way he had spoken to us.

I informed Baptist Temple of this decision a week later. Their church constitution says that a pastor should give the congregation a 30-day notice when resigning. During that time, God again was working in our hearts. He gave us a very positive and loving time of transition. Their church is in a good place spiritually and financially. They gave us a warm farewell.

Now we are getting ready for our next step. I am taking a few weeks to rest and adjust to our new situation. I am excited to begin my pastoral ministry with you on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day! I want to take this opportunity to invite you to join us in worship on that day and every week thereafter. While I do not know everything that the future holds, but I do believe that God is at work in FBC, Newman and I want to join Him! Don't you?

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Interim Pastor Bruce Lane & his wife Laurie for their time & dedication to the ministry here at FBCN! You will be missed...

## MISSION COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

Welcome aboard, Pastor Tim & Miriam!!

First off, we'd like to thank Pastor Bruce for his commitment to our missional efforts. Bruce attended and provided valuable input at every Mission Committee meeting from September of last year thru the present, and at all three Tizimin Mission Trip Subcommittee meetings that were necessary before the Tizimin Mission Team roster was finalized.

## **YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE**

Paul is the Deacon of the committee with Tamara, Roberta, Joanna, Patricia, and Bob (Carey) as members; Carl is the secretary to the committee. **We are currently short one member**, and invite all who attend the church to participate in our monthly planning meetings that take place normally at 4:30pm on the first Sunday of each month. Pastor Tim, you are automatically an ex officio member of the committee, and we're really looking forward your input and perspective.

## OUR MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

### **VISION STATEMENT**

"The Mission Committee will be a catalyst for equipping missional activities performed by and through individuals and ministries from First Baptist Church of Newman."

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

"Desiring the lost to find salvation and joy in Christ, First Baptist Church of Newman will be a missional church bringing the Gospel to the local community, the nation, and the world through the use of time, talents, and funds God has provided and will provide us."

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING**

Abby, Amber, Carl, Jennifer, Mwalimu, and Phyllis make up the subcommittee that has been planning for VBS. "Game On" is sure to be a fun-filled spiritual adventure using a sports theme providing concentrated Bible study and encouraging real life application. Anticipating a larger turnout than ever before because of advance registration flyer distribution and a float to be entered in the Gustine Fourth of July Parade, we will be using three Hunt Elementary School classrooms for the Bible lessons for Grades 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6. There will be a class for Pre K-K, at least one class for teens, and classes for adults in both English and Spanish. Our dance team will begin training later this month, and all materials for scripture lessons, crafts, and recreation have been ordered with most already having arrived. Carolyn is heading up an infant-toddler care center for adults who either attend a class or are VBS volunteers. Linda has posted a signup sheet for snack donations for the week. **Your VBS still needs additional volunteers, so sign up in the foyer, or talk to any member of the subcommittee.**

## **IT IS BACK TO TIZIMIN, YUCATAN**

Applications will be available next week for FBC, Newman's return to Tizimin early next January. They will be due no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>. We are hopeful of sending a team of 10-12 to once again bring the Gospel of Christ to the Mayan people. We have a current balance of just over \$7,000 in the *Mission 2018* account, and continue to rely on your giving hearts to fund this program. It is estimated that the coming trip will cost \$11,000 - \$13,200 depending upon the number on our mission team. If you haven't seen Mwalimu's 18 minute video of this past January's trip, you can find it on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ds8NAka4zvg&t=928s>

## **FEEDING THOSE WHO FEED US—OUR MIGRANT MINISTRY**

This year's week for our program in Patterson is August 6-10. We will again be providing a "Game On" VBS for ages 4-104 as we are at our church in July. Added to this will be the distribution of food staples to 40 migrant families and distribution of backpacks stuffed with school supplies and clothing for the kids participating in our VBS. Paul Marquez heads up this program, and if you want to get involved, simply ask Paul. This ministry also extends to providing logistic support to the program in Westley from July 30-August 3. We'll be packing backpacks and hauling them along with food staples for Westley in support of Iglesia Bautista Emanuel.

## **OUTREACH IN THE PARK**

Bob Carey will once again head up this local evangelical outreach on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at the volleyball tournament held in conjunction with the Newman Fall Festival. Church members are encouraged to help in giving participants and spectators alike water, hotdogs, and the Gospel of Jesus!

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

For the third consecutive year, our church is the Westside's drop off center for shoeboxes filled with clothing, school supplies, toys, and personal grooming items as part of Samaritan's Purse's outreach to children in the developing nations of the world. Headed by Tamara, this ministry grew from 627 shoeboxes in 2016 to 699 this past year. This year's collection week will be November 12-19, and the program



doesn't only meet the physical needs of children, but their spiritual needs as well, through a follow-up program of discipleship. ***THE MONTH OF JUNE GIFTS FOR THE OCC BOX IS TOYS!***

We're looking forward to your participation in Mission Committee happenings!

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