

BRIDGING THE GAP

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and
He will exalt you. James 4:10*



A Letter From the Pastor

BY ANDY WOOD

Fall is almost upon us! We had a great summer, Vacation Bible School was a blast, the Hangout had a grand old time at Fuge, we received a new member of the church, and we dedicated three children to The LORD. God is GOOD! It is wonderful to see the future of the church being established. These young people are our replacements rising up through the ranks.

We do not often think about the need to train our replacements. Rather than focus on the future, we tend to operate in the here and now. One of the many things I had to learn while I was in the Navy was the reality that I would only be at one place for 3-5 years. To ensure the work I had established while I was there kept going, I had to train up the Sailors in my charge to continue running things after I transferred. Along with that, I had a turnover binder for my relief ready to go for whenever he or she reported. More often than not, my relief showed up six months to one year after I left. In my civilian life, I also have a turnover binder. One reality in our lives is that we do not stick around in the same place forever on this side of heaven. As we go through life, if we want the mission to carry forward after we are gone, then we must train people up to carry it after us.

As a body of believers, we gather to worship, teach, learn, fellowship, and pray. However, it does not stop there. When Jesus gives the Great Commission, He tells the disciples "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Christian discipleship is essentially learning the teachings of Jesus, using them in our lives as an example, and making other disciples through teaching and sharing the Gospel. Dann Spader in *4 Chair Discipling* indicates that a disciple making church draws people to come and see Jesus, follow Jesus, fishes for people, and makes more disciples through the process. God is doing some amazing things at FBC St Paul. I appreciate everyone's support as we continue to move His mission forward. God is GOOD!



Church Calendar

September

02: Food Truck

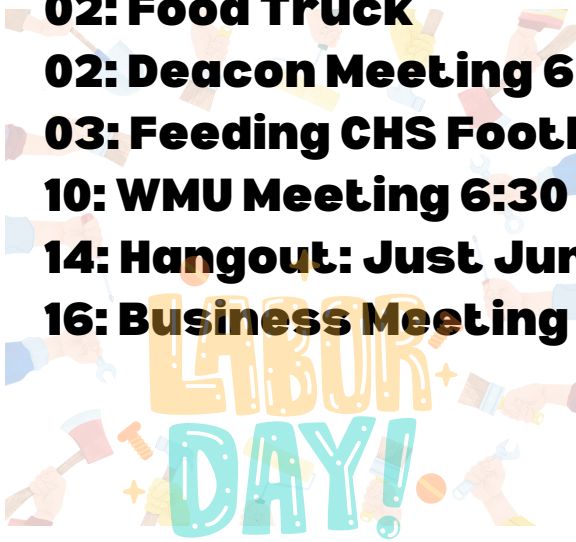
02: Deacon Meeting 6:30

03: Feeding CHS Football Team

10: WMU Meeting 6:30

14: Hangout: Just Jump

16: Business Meeting



October

07: Food Truck

07: Deacon Meeting 6:30

08: WMU Meeting 6:30

21: Business Meeting

26: Hangout: Corn Maze



Building & Grounds

-The work on the parsonage is complete. Now we begin the process of moving the food bank operation to that building. Before we can move, the Feeding Southwest VA representative must complete an inspection. New shelving units are needed for food storage. New electrical outlets must be run to support the multiple freezers the food bank uses.

-Our new sump pump has been installed. To finish the project, we are going to run an electrical outlet to the unit. When that is complete, we will build a closet around the sump pump unit. Since we will use sheetrock for the closet, we are looking at installing a false overhead on the ceiling and installing sheet rock throughout the entire downstairs hallway.

-The masonry paint is due for a fresh coat! The door leading into the fellowship hall is also showing signs of rust poking through. There is a lot to be done to keep our century old building looking nice and fresh. It is a lot of work, but it is worth it! HOOYAH Topside Preservation!

There is always room for one more on the Building and grounds committee! See Larry or Andy for more details if you want to help!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control. Against such things,

there is no law,

-Galatians 5:22-23

The Hangout

7TH-12TH GRADE

Our Hangout has started meeting at 5:00 on Sundays at the church. This change is due to the size of our group each week! What a blessing to need more space. The Wood house just got too small.

In our Bible study, we are discussing different ways that fear interferes with our faith. Using messages from Jesus's ministry as he walked the earth, we are looking at what kind of faith we have.

Feeding teens spiritually and physically is a blessing that requires many hands!

If you are interested in feeding them a meal, please let Dania or Andy know! We have Hangout on Sept 7, 21, and 28 this month. On the 14th we travel for fellowship! So, we would love any help with the meals on those night. crowd pleasers: Hot dogs, Nuggets, Soups, chilli, pastas, corn dogs, pizza...

KID'S CORNER

Babies-6th grade



Thursdays this month... Tina the Termite is teaching us, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

Last month, we dedicated 3 of our precious children to the Lord! These families are faithful to attend our 9:00am service.



Next month: We will carve pumpkins and learn that God's light is within us like a jack o'latern.



Children's Church & Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Upcoming Hangout Events:

Sept 14: Just Jump

Oct 26: Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch



Date	Children's Church	Nursery	Pre-K
September 7	9am-Ann 11am-Wanda	9am-Dania 10am-Vickie	9am-Cindy 10am-Cindy
September 14	9am- Alana 11am-Cindy	9am-Terri 10am-Ann	9am-Kelli 10am-Kelli
September 21	9am-Terri 11am-Terri	9am-Wanda 10am-Vickie	9am-Cindy 10am-Cindy
September 28	9am-Alana 11am-Dania	9am-Melissa 10am-Alana	9:00-Kelli 10am-Kelli



MISSIONS: HERE & THERE



Food Bank

CURRENT NEEDS:

Peanut Butter
Canned Meat
Corn
Green beans
Peas
Cereal
Dry Beans

Open 1st/3rd Tuesday's 9-11:00



MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

Please keep these missionaries in your prayers as they reach the lost all over the world:

Jason and Andrea Maul
-Victoriaville, Quebec, Canada

Tim and Rose Eborda
-Frankfort, IL

Josh and Jacqueline Elliff
-Loveland, CO

John and Stephanie Heading
-Fairborn, OH

WMU: WOMEN ON MISSION

Operation Christmas Child:

Each month we will collect items for the OCC boxes. This month we would appreciate the donations of the following for both girls and boys:

- Flip Flops (all sizes)
- Colored Pencils
- Toys (Yo-Yos, Slinkys, Harmonicas, Jump Ropes)

These items can be left in any red box marked OCC.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19 NLT

Happy Birthday!!



September

07 – Teresa Hamilton
09 – Joyce Kilgore
09- Cindy Merricks
10- Hannah Perrigan
19 – Chuck Banner
23 – Melissa Cook
25 – Terri Bush
29 – Sandra Bryant
29-Nicole Wood
30- Roberta Willis

FBC Weekly Opportunities:

Sunday 5:00: Choir practice

Sunday 5:00 Youth "Hangout" 6th-12th grade

Monday 1:00 Yoga with Glenna -Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 9:00 Food bank (*1st & 3rd Tue of the month*)

Thursday 6:30 Bible Study & Bible Club K-5th grade (Aug-May)