



Lift up Jesus. Love people.

FBC FAMILIES,

When I joined the staff at FBC in 2024, I asked my wife to help me decorate my office. She helped me with the layout, where the pictures needed to be hung on the wall, and styled my bookshelf (singular – I need to read more). The last thing she thought needed to be added was a plant. Right out of the gate, I was pretty sure it was a bad idea. Not because it didn't look good, but because I knew watering it wouldn't be a priority to me. Every time she would come to my office it was a little browner and a little more shriveled. She would always fill up a cup and water it, but it was only a matter of time before it was a goner.

To this day I'm not 100% sure what happened to that plant. I came into my office one day and it was gone. My mother-in-law put a fake plant in its spot and as far as I know, she either revived the old one or buried it in her back yard. Either way, I never saw that plant again and the new one in my office is always green and doesn't need to be watered 😊

The thing about plants is, they need water to survive. Just like human beings... We all need water to survive. But not only H₂O, we need living water for our souls. Jesus says in John 4, "Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up in him for eternal life."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is good news! We are sinners (just like the Samaritan woman at the well) who need to be rescued and when we trust in Jesus alone for salvation, we receive forgiveness and eternal life with him in heaven – living water.



Pastor Dave preached on 2 Corinthians 4:7 recently and said the treasure (the gospel) Paul wrote about was not to be kept for ourselves. It is meant to be shared. One of our core values at FBC is Reaching the Nations. That's why we want to send out 100 people from our church in the next 10 years so people around the world can hear the good news of the Gospel and receive this treasure, this living water.

That's why Casey and Drew take students on a mission trip every summer. That's why Zach took the college group to Quebec to help people move, free of charge, so they could show them the love of Christ. That's why we took a group to Thailand to serve missionaries and their children so they could be refreshed and encouraged when they went back into the field. That's why we give to Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings.

Some next steps for you and your family to get involved with reaching would be to Pray, Give, and Go.

- Pray for missionaries on the field...[Here](#) is a list of 7 ways you can pray for missionaries as a family.
- [Here](#) is a coloring book you can purchase to help your family pray for unreached people around the world.

Give to the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings. Also, don't forget, a percentage of everything you give to our local church goes out to help missionaries in the field.

- Go show the love of Jesus to those around you locally, and around the world. Our mission's team is currently planning next year's trips. Begin to pray how God might send you or someone in your family on a trip in the next year.
- A local foster care ministry, HeartPrint Resources, has volunteer opportunities for you and your family to impact foster families on a regular basis. You can sign up [here](#) to find out more.

Our family ministry team continues to pray for you all and that God would take ordinary families and do great things through you all for His glory!

Pastor Joey



Trusting God's Word
Following His Ways
Walking With Others
Serving Our Community
Reaching the Nations

