



FBC KARNES CITY
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THE ANCHOR

“so we do not drift away”

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As a people who are called to spread the Gospel, it is vital for us to be missional: to look at our world and to do our best to take the good news of Jesus Christ to it telling them about how they can find forgiveness and completeness in Jesus and what He did for us on the cross. It is for this reason that we are going to Africa in under two months (wow does time fly by)! However, being missional is much more than just reaching out to people in Africa, it is also about reaching people close to home.

That is why we are currently in the process of praying about and seeking God’s will about starting a mission church in Falls City. Do we have the resources to start another church? Not really, but that is the great thing about what God does. When His people don’t have the resources they have to trust in Him instead of in resources, and that is when God really does amazing things. When God does amazing things, people give Him the glory and His name gets lifted, when God’s name is lifted up He draws people to Himself. Doesn’t God have good plans? Yet being missional is also about reaching people right here in Karnes City, even in our church.

That is why I pray every day for God to save souls. Not for me to save souls, not for programs to save souls, but for God to reach out and to grab lives and radically change them as only He can do. You want to know a crazy thing about that prayer? God has been faithful to answer it! Without fail, God continues to move and save His people. Sometimes it takes years or months, some times less than that, but God answers prayers when we specifically pray for people to be saved. A couple of weeks ago Shane Hons came down the aisle and accepted Jesus as His Lord. My heart was so excited because Shane is one of the people on my list. I have list of names of people that I pray for regularly for God to touch and save. What is so exciting is that God saved Shane. I prayed, but God stirred Shane’s heart, God motivated Him to respond, God forgave His sins and saved Him. Is God not good? What if every one of us were praying for souls to be saved, had a list of our friends and relatives that we prayed for regularly for God to touch and change their lives. Imagine what God could do then if we just prayed. Wasn’t it Jesus who said, “You have not because you ask not.” Will you ask with me?

Shane sent me a text earlier today. Do you know what is said? “I just want you to know that THIS IS AWESOME! I have never felt this GOOD before! Meeting Christie comes close, but now I know what I was missing in my life, JESUS! I know I have a long way to go, but THIS IS AWESOME!” Crazy what happens when God gets a hold of you isn’t it? Now what Shane needs is someone who has been saved for awhile to partner up with him and walk him through the basics and develop some of that intimate relationship in the body I’m always telling you about. I’m going to walk with Shane on this, but what about the next person God saves? Would you pray about being willing to be the next person in line to help disciple the next person God changes? Would you let me know so I can help prepare you? Let’s be missional together!!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

SS	9:45
Worship	11:00
FBCU	6:00
Youth	6:00
Praise Service	6:30
Choir	7:30

Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting 6:30

Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- Africa Trip
- Youth/Children’s Minister

Memory Verse

*You have said,
 “Seek my face.”
 My heart says to
 you, “Your face,
 LORD, do I
 seek.”*

Psalm 27:8

Why am I going on the Africa mission trip? Well because it sounded cool, I didn't want to be left out, and I remember the stories Pat Traxler shared with me in great length upon his arrival home from Africa. I remember him saying the Africans are so hungry for God's word, but we here in America, we Christians have grown up many of us in the church and heard God's word over and over. It's like the teacher who speaks on the Charlie Brown cartoons, all we hear is "Waa Waa Waa, Waa Waa, Waa Waa." Translation: "Yeah yeah yeah, we already know this." We take God's words for granted, but not in Africa. They gather around God's people like they gathered around Jesus-Hungry to hear, hungry to see God revealed!

I had an initial interest, prayed about it often, and still feel confident that I am willing to go and serve in Africa. I have struggled more with the fear of being ill prepared, or frustrated because I can't prepare as I normally do for things that are important because I can't even imagine what I might see or what I may be called to do. I like to be in control, I like to be prepared, and I like results to show my success. My faith says God CAN - God WILL, but my flesh continues to try to figure and work things out rather than trusting God. If I can figure it out and control the outcome then it was all about me, and the glory is mine and not God's. ("I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do." Romans 7:15.) Instead I desire to be used of God,

to be a willing vessel, unsure of the details, and yes even the outcome or results. But I know God does not call the equipped, but rather He equips the called. If God has called me to Africa and has placed the desire in my heart to go, and if I try to get prepared and realize more and more I'm not, then I'm beginning to realize that I have nothing to offer. I can do nothing in and of myself and when I get there God will have to be God. He will have to do the work because I can't even prepare for the unknown. And my prayer is that God will fill me with His Holy Spirit to fulfill what He gives me to do.

I can relate to Moses who was lacking confidence and even qualities for what the Lord was sending him to Egypt to do. If God provided to and for Moses when he needed God's provisions, then He will do the same for me today, tomorrow, in Africa and everyday of my life....Oh that I will let go, will get ME out of the way so God can do His will in and through me for His Glory!

Let me close with saying, "Thank you Father God for making the provisions for the financial cost of Africa," God brings income opportunities our way, and God does the moving in one's heart to give generously toward the Africa trip. To those of you who responded and were used by God for Africa - Thank you and may the Lord richly bless you in return!

~Teresa Kunschik



**S. Africa
Mission Team
July 23-31, 2011**

Margaret Balderamos	Will Johnson
Pat Bomba	Kayla Jones
Kimberly Brassell	Nathan Jones
Dara Camber	Ashton Kunschik
Jolee Cornelius	David Kunschik
Kevin Cornelius	Teresa Kunschik
Caleb Dziuk	Jason Lum
Christy Dziuk	Megan Lum
Beth Griffin	
Cathie Griffin	
Ed Griffin	

Stewardship

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>
Month:	11,705.14	20,675.85
Year:	58,525.70	86,657.74

**Announcements &
Upcoming Events**

*** Children's Camp is June 13-16 at Alto Frio Encampment. The total cost is \$115.00. Please contact Christy Dziuk if your child would like to go or if you would like more information.

*** VBS is June 26-July 1 this year. Our church will be filled with kids needing you to lead a class and tell them about God's love. Please sign up to help in a class. Contact Cathie Griffin or the church office with any questions.

Witnessing Dolls- Sewing Seeds of Kindness

Witnessing Dolls began at a conference at Ridgecrest when a missionary asked, "Does anyone know what this is?" It was a had adorned with corn husks and a feather. She explained that was what the little girls play with for baby dolls in Mali, South Africa. Years later a missionary speaker asked a group if any of them knew where Mali was and they knew because they had made the dolls she had passed out years before to the little girls in the village. This ministry has now grown and is being used as a project for churches in many different states.

Robin Reeves was launched into a new ministry by God when she opened two boxes of dolls from the North American Mission Board. She enlisted the help of about 30 women and they created 470 dolls for a missionary to take to Nicaragua. Since this "Sewing Seeds for Kindness" began they have sent over 1000 dolls to 15 states and 5 countries.

Reeves has been amazed by the way God has used the witnessing dolls and has made it the primary focus of her ministry. She said, "I never dreamed God would use something as simple as fabric, yarn, and sewing supplies to multiply His Kingdom and bless others the way he has." Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, "Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might." We are not only sewing with our hands, but we're also sowing seeds for Christ. What an awesome God we serve.

When our WMU group decided to construct their dolls for our team that is going to South Africa, Terri Porter, Charlene Anderson's daughter, our angel said she had some spare time and would cut out and sew together our dolls for us. Oh what a blessing and gift that was to us as we were going to send approximately 100 dolls! After cutting them out and sewing them together (and believe me that is not an easy chore), she went them back to us for the finishing touches. A group of WMU members and a part of the team going to South Africa who are continually telling me that they have no talent gathered together and put the finishing touches to the dolls which turned out to be beautiful. The prayers on our hearts when we finished the dolls were that they would touch the hearts of those children and change lives. A big thank you to all who were involved in the construction of these witnessing dolls and getting them ready to send to South Africa.

Please pray for God to use the witnessing dolls to reveal His plan of salvation through His son, Jesus Christ, to people throughout the world.

~LaVon Johnson



Sound Bytes

Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. Matthew 25:19

Another school year has just come to a close, and as an educator of junior high students, I suppose it's natural for me to wonder what kind of impact I had on the students I spent so much time with over the past three years. Did I teach them enough about how to appreciate music? Did they learn enough to survive and thrive in a high school environment? Will they think back on our time together fondly or with relief over having survived? There are thousands of other questions that would swarm my head if I allowed them to, but the one that needs to always be at the forefront is this one: Did I impact their lives for the eternal Kingdom of God and His glory? Over the course of three years, did I show Christ's unending love towards them? Did I show them mercy and grace as I've been shown mercy and grace through my redeemer? Did I

encourage them to seek a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Did they know where I stand with Jesus?

While the second set of questions are the infinitely more important ones, they sadly are ones I feel I didn't ask enough. It reminds me how I must pay more attention so that I am more able to keep the main thing the main thing. Because when I stand before my Savior and God and He asks me what I've done with the time He gave me, I want to be able to tell Him I was faithful in my service to His Kingdom, that I gave all I had every day, and that I tried to the best of my ability through the power of His Holy Spirit inside of me to have an impact for His eternal glory. My God has given me a tremendous responsibility to spread the good news of His salvation and planted me somewhere where I have a plentiful field to work. All I have to do is be faithful to work it. God, that you would continually keep me in Your ways!

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy grace Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the One I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above!

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June Birthdays

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| 2– DeWayne Blietz | 26– Trey Merritt |
| 2– Hayden Hays | 27– Todd Pyle |
| 3– Ethan Chesser | 28– Suzanne Rhodes |
| 6– Kathey Smolik | |
| 9– Nora Kuhnel | |
| 16– Haleigh Kunschik | |
| 22– Mary Putteet | |
| 22– Rodney Randolph | |
| 25– Kayden Wishert | |



You're Invited!

On June 4, the Dziuks wish to invite the church to join them in blessing Caleb at his High School Graduation here at FBC at 3:00 p.m. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.



VBS 2011

June 26– July 1
5:45-8:30pm

3 yrs old– 6th grade
(Please call the church office with any questions.)