

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Church Council of First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas met for its regular meeting on June 21, 2021. Members present: Dr. Wood, Clark Moreland, Don Hale, Jayna Hobby, Jan West, Linda Freeman, Wilma Roberts, Randy Thornton, Berry Simpson, Scott Daw, Flo Akintunji, Mike Mayer, Ralph Lea, Jimmy Bridges, Ginger Schantz, Mark McKinney, Michelle Cobb, and Moe Bomer.

Staff members present: Moe Bomer, Darin Wood

Chairman Clark Moreland called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. He asked for prayer requests. Prayer was offered by Ralph Lea.

The minutes from the May 17 2021 Council meeting were unanimously **approved**.

REPORTS

Senior Pastor - Darin Wood

Discussed moving the July 25th church conference to the North Campus (First Family Fellowship), provided the building repairs have been completed. Overflow parking will be available at Midland Meat Company. Sheldon will be preaching that service regardless of where the church conference is held.

Mike Mayer made a motion to have our July 25th church conference at the First Family Fellowship campus. Motion seconded by Ralph Lea, and it was unanimously approved.

Received a cold call from a realtor about our 2304 Louisiana building. A dentist practice is expanding and would like the space. Our maintenance and expansion committee has ordered an appraisal of the building.

At our May 17th council meeting, Dr. D presented a plan to revamp Wednesday night. The RA & GA leaders were mostly not onboard with this plan, therefore, it has been shelved for now. The leaders want to maintain gender specific topics, and separation between the genders. Also, there was resistance about moving choir practice to Sunday Nights.

Dr. D expressed appreciation for the opportunity to get away to the 4 day conference at Baylor. Enjoyed visiting with Dr. NT Wright, professor of the New Testament at Oxford in London, via zoom.

Business Administrator Report - Moe Bomer

Renovations at the North Campus have begun. The roof replacement is complete. One AC unit has been replaced. Work is currently progressing on the foundation. Electrical repairs are also being made. Goal is to have the building ready for the July 25th church conference.

Working on budgets with the finance committee. Also, starting end of year reviews with staff.

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Ministry updates:

VBS was successful. 15 decisions for the Lord at VBS.

Choir mission trip & youth camp are going well.

Ice Cream social was successful. Several people who have not shown up since the pandemic started showed up for the social.

Deacons – Wes Lewis

Deacons met on 6/14.

Committee on Committees – Wes Lewis (Clark Moreland gave the update)

Sid & Laura Vanderland are moving away. Committee on Committee's approved Kristie Garnett to serve out the rest of Laura's term on Personnel committee. Motion was made to accept Committee on Committee's recommendation. It passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Chairman's Report – Clark Moreland

The next prayer meeting and church council meeting will be on July 12th & 19th respectively.

Clark highlighted Amy Brand and the work she is doing in so many different areas of our church.

Clark also encouraged us about the work the Rec Team is doing. The Rec Team led 17 boys and girls in Merkel, Texas, to faith in Christ last week. They are in Lawn, Texas, this week.

Family Ministry – Ginger Schantz

Have not met since the last Church Council meeting. Continue to pray for wisdom for the Core team of the North Campus church.

Finance Committee – Mark McKinney

Mark McKinney presented the May Financial Report. Gross operating receipts less royalty contingency annual budget is \$7,102,382. Year to date actual receipts \$4,750,208. Year to date total actual expenditures of \$4,037,831 for an operating gain of \$703,341. Actual current month receipts are \$524,279. Total expenditures for May are \$515,910 for an operating gain of \$8,369. Weekly average receipts are \$104,856. The General fund has a balance of \$1,546,773. Capital funds available equal \$892,952. Total church assets are \$12,187,768. Designated assets equal \$4,657,892. Total non-discretionary assets are \$9,748,279 which leaves \$2,439,490 in discretionary assets. A motion was made to accept the May monthly finance report. It was approved pending correction of the designated funds "12 months ending May 2021" balance (on page 2 of the Financial Statement).

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Finance committee reviewed Budget policy, Contracts and Agreements Approval and Signatory Authority Policy, Designated Funds Policy, Finance Committee Charter, and Financial Administration Policy.

Concerning the Financial Administration Policy, changes were made to Section 1.3.1 (only pastoral staff, ministers, directors, church comptroller, or church council chairman may accept cash or cash equivalent donations made to the church), 1.3.2 (only pastoral staff, ministers, directors, church comptroller, or church council chairman may accept non cash or personal property donations made to the church), 2.2.3 (changed references of employee manual to staff org chart), 2.3.1 (lowered threshold of immediate supervisor approval from \$3,000 to \$1,500), and 3.2.1,

Concerning the Finance committee charter, changes were made to items 11, 12, and 13, regarding the Structure & Composition of the committee. Item 11 initially was revised to limit background checks to Christian Background. This limitation was removed. Item 12 prohibits immediate family members of staff members from serving on the finance committee. Item 13 was added and says that “two immediate family members may not serve simultaneously.

Motion was made to approve the changes to the Finance committee charter. Motion passed unanimously.

Randy Thornton made a motion to require the voting of the chairman and vice chairman of the finance committee come from the six church council members serving on the finance committee. Jimmy Bridges seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

General Nominating – Randy Thornton

4 groups of volunteers approved for various Sunday school roles:

Randy & Kristal Cotton – Ezekiel Dept. Directors

JD & Venita Faircloth – Thomas Dept. Directors

David Draper – Thomas Dept. Teacher

Linda Flynt – Rachel Dept. Teacher

Motion made to approve all the volunteers for service. It passed unanimously.

Maintenance and Expansion – Don Hale

On Jun 7th, had an email meeting to discuss appraisal of the 2304 Louisiana building, and will move ahead with the appraisal. Next meeting is on July the 14th.

Membership – Ralph Lea

Have not met since the last Church council meeting, and plan to meet in July.

The Council reviewed the additions and losses to the membership. The additions to the church totaled 7 in May (3 by baptism; 1 by statement; 3 by letter), with 5 membership

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losses (4 by death; 1 by letter). The additions would be voted on at the June 27 Church Conference. Total active resident members are 3418. **A motion to accept the membership report passed unanimously.**

Missions – Mike Mayer

Will meet on June 27th.

Mission trip to Montana from 6/26 – 7/2.

Personnel – Clark Moreland

The Personnel committee approved the creation of the Missional Catalyst Position. The main purposes of the role:

1. Encourage area pastors in Midland, and the Greater Permian
2. Equip pastors with information/data they can use
3. Engage them to be more effective in missions/evangelism

The Personnel Committee would like endorsement of the Church Council regarding this position. The salary & benefits for the position will be split 50/50 between FBC & Stonegate. Intend for the Missional Catalyst to be away from FBC most of the time helping out other churches in the community that share our core beliefs. Motion was made for the church council to endorse the creation of the missional catalyst position. It passed unanimously.

Dale Pond was nominated to serve in the role of Missional Catalyst. He is very well connected, and has established credibility. Motion was made for the Church Council to endorse Dale Pond (pending church approval for the role creation) for the role of Missional Catalyst. It passed unanimously.

The Personnel Committee approved David Anderson for the role of Maintenance lead, replacing Joe Jones.

Safety and Security Committee – Patrick Mayers (Flo Akintunji gave the update)

Reviewed the Safety & Security Operational Plan (SSOP)

Approved ordering new Radios & Repeater that will give good coverage across entire campus

Continuing to replace old video cameras

Moe gave an update on the door locks. Will limit the number of open doors to the church during the week

Transportation – Scott Daw

On June 16th, one of our buses broke down on the way back to Midland. The staff handled it well, used the downtime to minister to the tow truck driver and a hotel employee.

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At the tail end of the process of buying a truck for Joe Jones, our new Director of Maintenance.

New Business

Plan to review the Church Council charter in July.

Commissioned an Audit to review the Church's financial statements. Work was done by Whitley Penn, and the opinion of the report was favorable. On page 14 of the report, there is a reference to a lawsuit against FBC. Dr. D mentioned that the case is working its way through the court, and could possibly be resolved this year. "In the event of a negative outcome, the church has adequate insurance coverage to satisfy any judgment against the church." Berry Simpson made a motion to approve the Whitley Penn independent financial audit for 2020. Mike Mayer seconded. It passed unanimously.

Clark Moreland closed the meeting in prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Flo Akintunji, Council Member, 2020-21

Date Approved

Ministers Monthly Report to Church Council
July 25, 2021

Darin Wood
Senior Pastor

Dear Council Friends,

Grace and Peace today! Thanks for your patient and faithful service to the Lord and to His kingdom here at FBC. I'm pleased to tell you about some of the things the Lord has done around us this last month.

NORTH CAMPUS PROGRESS

As we move closer to a possible fall launch date, we are making solid progress toward our facility being back in order. We've repaired the roof, the electrical system, the HVAC venting and units, the foundation and, as of June 28th, are working toward painting. Media will be right behind that, getting our capacity for sound and video where a satellite campus needs to be. I expect we'll be in good shape in plenty of time for the July 25th church conference scheduled for this building.

Of greater importance is the progress we're making with our core team. In the conversations I've had with Shelden, our core group is progressing well in understanding our vision, core values and methodologies we have chosen for this campus. I cannot begin to tell you how exciting this is to see these dreams take shape. Our God is at work and I'm eager to see it come to fruition.

VBS

Also in June, our VBS – one unlike any we've ever had before and may ever have again – was a reminder of God's goodness as we emerge from COVID. I'm pleased we were able to see 15 decisions for Christ, but even more so at the Spirit of Christ and cooperation we demonstrated as Sarah and her team literally made it up as they went along. This is a fine example of being flexible in Christ's service. Take time to thank Sarah for her patient service during a trying week.

SEEING GOD MOVE AMONG US

One of the most remarkable things in June was something that wasn't obvious. One particular Sunday morning, a husband-wife-adult daughter trio presented themselves for salvation at the close of our services. If you were present, you saw me hug each of them. That was the culmination of literally months of conversations, prayers, and faithful patience by one of our media volunteers and myself. Those three were coming to FBC from the Church of Latter-Day Saints (aka Mormons). When I met with them the Thursday prior to their coming forward, I spent more than an hour talking about the differences between orthodox Christianity and Mormonism. We talked about how their extended family may feel about their decision and what it may cost them in terms of relationships. Where I left it with them was simple: If I see you come forward at the close of our services, I'll know you've settled your heart and mind. THIS is the life transformation I pray for so regularly. It may not have looked like much to an outside observer, but for that family, it was cataclysmic. Join me in praying that this kind of transformation becomes contagious.

Your servant,
Darin

Moe Bomer
Business Administrator

June has been a busy month of Activities around the church. Below are the updates from the month:

1. Budget Prep – The budget for next year is entering the final phases. The finance committee is presenting each part of the budget in detail after meeting with the ministers.
2. Employee Evaluations are being concluded.
3. Purchase of a new pickup for maintenance area was secured.
4. Working on renewal for Employee Health Insurance.
5. Completed all A/C, Foundation, and Electrical work at North Campus.
6. Reviewing Surplus Projects to complete before budget year.
7. Working with Joe on Reviewing Maintenance of Facilities – AC, Security, Elevators.

James Ervin
Senior Adult Minister

Hospital Visits

- I continue to make daily visits to the hospital, Monday through Thursday. The minister on Campus is taking charge of Friday visitation. June was a very busy month for hospitalizations of church members.

Home Touch Ministry

- Our team of volunteers delivered a Father's Day gift to all the men in our HomeTouch ministry. Thank you to Cyndi Simpson – she made homemade cookies for our men.

Chapel Service

- I planned and led worship for the Chapel Service on June 6, 13, 20.

Sunday School

- Attendance for on campus Sunday School remained good for the month of June. We had more folks attend that had previously not returned for on campus bible study.
- We are working on replacing leadership needs for the Andrew and Thomas Department, and finalizing our leadership team for 2021-2022.

Senior Adult Choir

- Joyful Sound sang in the 8:15 am service on June 20. They were able to lead worship as they presented the mini-musical, "Eyes of Faith," once again.
- Rehearsals will resume in August.

Project Teams

- I am part of the Fall Project Planning Team. We met June 17 to brainstorm ideas to promote and encourage participation in our fall schedule.

Prayer Ministry

- We had additional prayer requests online this month. It is a privilege to respond to these requests and pray with them via email. Many respond with gratitude that we have prayed for them and their family.

Funeral

- I assisted with the funeral service of JD Hanson, on June 4.

Kentucky Tour

- We continue to coordinate and plan all the aspects of this tour scheduled for September 20 – 24.

Manor Park Chapel

- We met Sunday June 20 and led the worship service in the chapel. Faithful Men sang and Adolfo Chavez brought a message. This was a great ministry opportunity for us.

Hymn Sing

- Sunday night, June 6, the 55+ ministry sponsored a live event – Hymn Sing – in the FBC chapel. Aaron Hodges and Nancy Ervin assisted me as we led hymns that were requested by people in the congregation. It was a great night of worship as we lifted our voices in praise. We were blessed to have several guests join us that night.

Cory Brand

Minister to Families

*We held one final Family Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall on June 6th. These have been a welcome option for our young families.

*I met with my budget advocate to review the items in the proposed 2021-2022 budget for Family Ministry and Discipleship.

*I have plans in place to preview a family camp put on by Sky Ranch in August, with the idea of taking a group from FBC next summer.

*I will be taking a group to the National Discipleship Conference in Nashville in November.

*I'm in conversation with a potential new teacher for the Refine class.

*I have been meeting with a group of singles who feel that they have aged out of GAP but don't fit in Refine (who are mostly divorced). We are looking toward starting a new group for them in the fall.

*I am part of the Fall Project Team, and we are working on details for promotion Sunday, a church-wide re-engage emphasis in August, and a community emphasis in September. James and I are considering a theme for adult departments for the upcoming year.

*I am continuing to work on the media carts for Sunday School classrooms (many parts were backordered) and have been working on getting those assembled and ready for use.

*I have continued to contact those who respond during the text invitation through PastorsLine, as well as hosting online worship several weeks.

*I was able to serve as a greeter during VBS and assisted with the invitation for the two days that the plan of salvation was shared.

*Amy and I attended a luncheon hosted by Communion to hear about some upcoming developments and to connect with leaders from other churches in our city who are beginning to focus on strengthening marriages.

*I remain in regular contact with our Adult Sunday School leadership.

*I am leading the staff Follow-up project team. We are monitoring the process in place and its effectiveness.

*I was put in charge of a project team that is putting together First Steps/Next Steps classes for new and current members, and work continues on both the course material and revised material for Encounter, Equip, and Engage courses.

*My ministry assistant submitted her resignation (due to childcare issues), so James and I have begun the process of collecting resumes and interviewing once again.

*Our daughter, Abby, moved into her own apartment in preparation for her upcoming wedding (in September), and Amy and I took the opportunity to downsize...as new empty nesters!

*I took an intensive advanced couples' counseling course in early June, which involved a zoom meeting, multiple hours of video training, an online exam, and an application paper.

*We were able to travel to Ouray, CO at the end of the month to celebrate my parent's 50th wedding anniversary and spend some time with family. It was a wonderfully refreshing time together, and it was fun to see extended family that we haven't seen in years.

Aaron Hodges ***Minister of Music***

As you all read in my report last month, we started off June with an incredible week of worship and ministry in San Antonio with the Rooted Student Choir. I would like to update you on how God is moving in the area since we finished our work there. When we were planning the trip, we were in contact with Urban Faith Ministries in San Antonio. We decided to partner with this ministry in an area where they were already working. Before we arrived on site, Urban Faith Ministries was meeting every Tuesday with a small group of about 3-4 children from that complex. Since we have been gone, they are now running over 20 students each week. In fact, one of the students that gave her life to Christ while we were there is following through with baptism and her entire family is now interested in going to church. Wow! What a mighty God we serve.

Many of our students that were on that trip were able to learn through that experience and bring it back to Midland and serve even better in VBS and Day Camp. My prayer is that with all their service this month, our students will start a revival in our church.

The Joyful Sound choir led the 815 service on June 20th. Their presentation on Fanny Crosby was incredible. The life of Franny Crosby should motivate us all to use the gifts God has given us for His glory. There is no age, disability or trauma that should keep us from serving our Great God! Thank you, James Ervin and Joyful Sound, for that powerful reminder.

Our Adult Choir and Orchestra are making our final preparations for July 4. By the time you will have read this report, we will be past July 4. I am sure that our nation and our Lord Jesus Christ will be honored on July 4.

We are quickly making our plans for the fall. Please pray that all the volunteer spots will be filled with the exact people God wants.

John-David Culbertson
Student Pastor

June was a great month in our student ministry. I started the month on student choir trip. We had a great trip. It was wonderful to partner our activities, music, and student ministries for such an impactful event.

The week after, we had about 16 students who were helping with VBS. It was a great time for me to hang out with and fellowship with students. During VBS, we also had a couple of student ministry events. Tuesday, we had a video game contest in the afternoon, we had about 20 guys hang out to compete in Madden 21, Mario Kart, and Super Mario Smash Bros. It was a ton of fun. We also had a group of about 10 girls meet up for dinner that night with Cammie, they had a great time of fellowship.

Wednesday night of VBS week we had about 25 students at the Skaar's house for Bible study. We had burgers and some great fellowship. I taught our students that night on making the summer meaningful, partly to prepare us for camp. Thursday, we welcomed some of the incoming 7th graders to the student ministry by taking 35 to Cinergy and spending the afternoon together.

The next week (June 14-18) the student ministry traveled to Alabama for camp. Other than a complication with rental vehicles (shocker) and some delays coming home we had a fantastic week. I was able to spend significant time with a lot of students and we were really able to bond as a group. The Sunday before we left, Wayne started, so he was also able to spend time getting to know our kids. The speaker from (Community Bible Church in San Antonio) was fantastic, one of the best I've heard. Our kids were great, and our college students were amazing leading our students in Bible study. The kids we took had some real time of worship and fellowship and several of them got a great deal out of the Bible study. I was able to have some great conversations with about 10 of our students about next steps in their faith and several are thinking/praying about missions.

The week after we got back, we had Bible study at Doug Russell pool. We had gathered about an hour before we got the pool and had dinner and Bible study. Wayne taught for the first time to our whole group. We had a few short of 70 for Bible study that night. The pool was a ton of fun and a number of our students brought friends.

Our next Wednesday night (June 30th) was hosted by the Kelley's. The students had a great time fellowshiping by the pool, and we got to hear Cammie teach the Bible study that night. The Kelley's had burgers and hotdogs for us. We played some yard games and enjoyed great fellowship.

Overall, June was a wonderful month for our student ministry. We were able to get Wayne and his family moved in and started in the church. Cammie has continued to serve so faithfully and well. The quality of ministry she has done for us this summer has been absolutely top notch. She has invested significant time and relational energy in our girls and in each of our events. In addition to the time she has given to our students, I have also spent time working with her to help her discover her gifting and calling. Each week we meet to talk through her lessons (if she taught), her spiritual gifts, and her passions in ministry. She has been helping me discover the best model for interns going forward. It is my desire that they grow personally and professionally in addition to what they do for our students, and I think so far Cammie has been a great success in all those areas.

Our college ministry also had a great June primarily centered around our Thursday night Bible studies. Numbers can vary pretty wildly during the summer, but it is great having a place where college students can grow and develop. I have also developed a plan for leadership development in our college ministry that we have begun to use and have seen some real fruit.

Sarah Arrambide
Minister of Children's Education

Sunday School is going very well! We are working very diligently to recruit teachers for next Sunday School year. I thank God that we are only in need of 2 more teachers. Promotion Sunday is August 1st.

VBS – WOW!!! It was an incredible week! 20 children prayed to receive Christ as Savior and Lord. Lives were changed forever. We could not have VBS without the wonderful support of this church body. I praise the Lord for His provision, grace, mercy, and love, and I praise God for a church that was willing to do things a little differently this year. Concrete and Cranes VBS 2022 is scheduled for June 6-9!!

Preteen Camp- July 12-16

We are going to Camp Copass for preteen camp this year. We are looking forward to a wonderful week of spiritual renewal for all involved! Please keep us in your prayers.

Summer Intern

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for allowing me to hire a Summer Intern! Gabby Rubio is the young lady that I hired. She grew up in Midland and has attended FBC since she was a little girl. In fact, I had the privilege of being her Children's Minister during her first through sixth grade years. Now she is serving in the same hallway that she used to run around in. She's doing a fantastic job!

Personal Note

God has provided a place for our lovely daughter and adorable grandkids to live, so they moved out on July 1st. We are beyond happy for them! The house is extremely quiet, but it does feel great to be empty nesters again.

God is good!

Thank you so much for all you do in support of the Children's Ministry. You are truly a blessing to me. I cherish your prayers, love, encouragement, and support.

Amy Brand
Minister of Preschool Education

Thank you for the privilege I have to serve as our Preschool Minister. It's exciting to be a part of FBC!

June has been a BUSY month, both professionally and personally!

*At the beginning of the month, Cory and I hosted a dinner for some of our singles who feel that they have 'aged out' of GAP but are not divorced and don't believe that Refine is a good fit, either. We were shocked to learn how many singles there are in this particular demographic in the city who have been looking for a place where they belong. Cory has continued meeting with a few key leaders with the idea of launching a new group in the fall.

*Our new CDO director and assistant CDO director officially started June 1st, and they have hit the ground running. I'm so pleased, already, with their leadership and their hearts. I've been coordinating with External Systems to try to get all of the software, etc., switched over so they have access to the records that they need.

*I'm leading the Fall Project Team, and we have begun meeting again to try to nail down kick-offs for Sunday School, Wednesday night children's activities, and classes for adults in the fall. We've decided on an emphasis

for August to encourage our folks to reconnect, and an emphasis in September to reach out to our community to help them see how FBC can connect them to a God who can meet their needs. I'm excited about the conversations and plans already underway.

*Play-N-Worship, our 11:00 Extended Session time, began June 13th. This has already proven to be a fun, if not a little chaotic, time where little ones can connect to the Bible in hands-on, engaging ways. I'm so thankful for the volunteers who have stepped up to serve and will continue looking for more folks to join us so that we can further split our age groups!

*I've been in ongoing conversations with the core team from the North Campus as they begin to prepare to launch this fall. I was able to meet with them onsite as we looked at the use of their space and potential renovations that might be useful. We're working on making sure that they have the furnishings that they need in the preschool areas, too!

*Our VBS Kick-Off Night was a lot of fun! While attendance probably wasn't what I had anticipated, those who came enjoyed inflatables, food trucks, cotton candy/popcorn, and lots of great fellowship. We had several children register for VBS that evening and had some wonderful conversations with families who hadn't been here in a while!

*VBS was a terrific week! Our volunteers loved getting to connect with the children we had here, and while our classes were smaller, it allowed for some real depth in the connection to these families. We changed up the way we did rotations this year, and based on the feedback from our volunteers, I believe we'll keep that change moving forward!

*We've launched Messy Family again this year but are meeting in various parks around town to allow us to spread out a bit and to hopefully encourage those in our community to join us! The rain did bump us inside on June 30th, but our families had a wonderful time eating pizza and playing together in the AB. It was a fun night in spite of the weather!

*I am continuing to contact all Preschool volunteers weekly and have now added a weekly contact with all our Play-n-Worship Team as well.

*Our Family Worship Services concluded June 6th to make room for the Spanish services that will be transitioning to the Fellowship Hall. This change coordinated with the introduction of Play-n-Worship to minister to our families.

*I've maintained contact with all underlying ministries, including CDO, MOPS, MARY, CBS, and CDC.

*MOPS and MARY Ministry concluded for the year. MOPS will be moving back to Friday mornings in the fall.

*Staff evaluations have been occurring in June (and will continue into July). I submitted my own evaluation and have met with both Mary Schultz and Allison Ashmore to complete their evaluations. Since Micah McGhee is new to her position, we did not meet, but I did have her set goals for this upcoming year on her evaluation form.

*On a personal note, June has been a season of transitions! Our daughter, Abby, moved into her own apartment, and Cory and I moved and downsized as well! We were able to take a week to travel to Ouray, CO to celebrate his parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary and spend some time with his extended family!

As always, let me know if you have any questions about anything in this report, or just anything about the Preschool Ministry in general! I am so thankful to serve all the little ones and their families at FBC, and love being a part of a church that loves families just as much as I do!

Bryan Pinson
Minister of Missions

Missions Ministry Events:

- July 18 – Missions Committee Mtg
- July 26-30 – First Family Evening Day Camp – FBC Rec Team
- August 15 – Missions Committee Mtg
- August 15 - Disaster Relief Day

Missions Ministry Priorities

- Unreached People Groups
- Indigenous Pastoral Training
- Reproducible Church Planting

FBC Campuses

First Baptist en Espanol – Campus Pastor Adolfo Chavez

This campus/service meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. In July, they will begin meeting in Fellowship Hall 2. Pray for them as they continue to move towards weekly services.

First Family Fellowship – Campus Pastor Shelden Kinnison

Pray for this group and upcoming outreach events in the coming months. Cleaning, painting, and some renovation work has begun. Our Rec Team will be hosting a Day Camp in the evening the week of July 26-30 which is the week before school starts.

Montana Mission Trip

We had a great week of ministry with Capstone Church in Helena, Montana. We had just under 100 kids attend the Adventure Bible Camp with about 10 kids from Capstone and 10 with our mission team (including FBC, Midland and FBC, Denton). The other 80 kids were from outside their church. Our team had singles, young couples, youth, and several families with young kids. It was a great experience for our team, and we helped Capstone make more connections in their community. Praise God!

Mission Houses

Koehl House – 710 Kent – Dedicated June 4 and occupied next week

Hansen House -708 Kent – Dedicated June 4 and 1 guest stay during month

SonShine House – 2202 Cuthbert – 3 guest stays during month

2204 Cuthbert Mission House– Occupied

Kahler House -2101 W Louisiana — Occupied

Food Boxes with Mission Agape

Every 2nd Saturday of the month we have different groups in our church who help transport 80 food boxes that our local partner Missions Agape has packed. We use FBC truck and trailer to deliver them to First Methodist Church in Crane who distributes them to people in Crane/Grand Falls area. Partners are fantastic!

FirstCares (Benevolence) – May 2021

Assistance Description	Amount	# Helped
Electric	\$ 1,216.31	5
Gas/Propane	\$ 258.14	1
Water	\$ 795.09	3
Rent	\$ 12,161.34	17
Prescription/Medical	\$ -	
Gasoline/Transportation	\$ 216.62	2
EZ Rider Bus Passes	\$ 18.00	1
Miscellaneous (Food, Clothing, Gift card)	\$ -	
Storm Relief (Repairs, etc)	\$ -	
Monthly Total	\$ 14,665.50	25
		4 families helped with more than 1 service
Fiscal Year Total	\$ 96,961.24	157
Professions of Faith this month: 1		
Total to date: This year we have assisted 157 people financially and have seen 5 people come to know Christ as Lord and Savior		

Jeff Wash

Minister of Media and Communications

Television/Social Media/Online Data – We use the following platforms to get the message of Christ to our community and the world.

- **CBS7 & The CW Broadcasts** – average **2 to 3k viewers** each week. I receive an annual report from KOSA outlining our numbers.
- **Livestream** – June weekly average device viewers – **132 across all platforms**
- **Vimeo/YouTube On Demand** – **1,029 views** to our on-demand pages.
- **Facebook/Instagram** – **16.8k people** reached by social media this month.

4,727 is the number of times people reacted to the posts either through comments, shares, and clicks.

We had 28 new followers of our Facebook/Instagram pages.

- **Website** – We had **2,851** users to our church website this month with **10,171** pageviews.

Campus Media – Our media department partnered to provide media with the following events this month:

- Audio Support for Student Choir Mission Trip – June 1-5
- Funeral Services on June 4 & 19
- Hymn Sing – June 6
- Media/Audio Support for VBS – June 7-10

- Joyful Sounds Rehearsal – June 17
- Adult Choir/Orchestra/Praise Band Regular Weekly Rehearsals
- Weekly Brotherhood Luncheons & other Campus Media events
- 29 Media Requests were received and completed (these include graphics/videos/etc....)
- Weekly Banner Newsletter and Worship Guide

Projects – We have met with the teams of both First Family Fellowship (North Campus) and First Baptist En Espanol to begin planning out the media AVL design for both ministries. The North Campus has been visited and a quote and design recommendation for their weekly setup will be delivered by the 1st weeks of July. This is a very detailed media setup to ensure a seamless presentation from our pastor’s message each week that we are simulcasting. The Espanol service moves to the Fellowship Hall in July and new microphones and stage monitors will be secured to support their services as well as training on the equipment for their team. Social media and website plans are also in design phase to be a bigger digital footprint for both of these ministries. These are complete church starts and will require triple the time that we spend on our central campus media and website designs.

A new screen has been ordered and is on the way from the company to replace the torn screen in the Chapel. Our local friends at N’Tune Music and Sound are handling this install and it will require the Chapel to be out of service for a few days when they have the screen and are ready to install. I expect this to be finished in the month of July.

We had a critical issue with our main Video Switcher in the control room this month which required a complete reboot and install of the software to our equipment from the company, Ross Video. The switcher is no longer in production and use so we are living on borrowed time as technology changes rapidly. I am securing replacement solutions to the switcher this month.

It is a joy to serve at First Baptist Church, Midland. Thank you for the opportunity.

John Elliott
Minister of Activities

VBS (June 7-10) REC Team consisting of Cohen Hodges, Claire Hobbs, Daniel Elliott, and Olivia Vanderveer served on the praise team and Malone Graham, Ryan Redding, Dakota Meeks, and Lauren Hannah led all recreation for VBS.

Travel REC Team in Merkel... 17 Children asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior!!!

Traveling REC Team traveled to Merkel, TX for their first week on the road. They had day camp in the gym on Monday and were able to hold it in the park the rest of the week. They gave out about 45 sno-cones each day to campers. God moved in the hearts of many people and 17 kids professed their faith in Jesus Christ. On the following Sunday, Cohen preached a great sermon and they enjoyed leading their kids in a concert at the service.

Midland Day Camp #1... 17 Children asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior!!!

Our Midland REC Team and FBC Youth for the last 5 days started every morning at 8:15 with devotional and prayer followed by seven straight hours of song time, pledges, dodge ball, skating, jumpers, game rooms, bowling, parks, lunch, swimming, Bible Stories, and sno-cones and finished each day at 3:30.

Our REC Team was fantastic and conducted one of the best run Day Camps there is and definitely the best camp in Midland! We had 55 children, 19 Youth Counselors, 4 REC Teamers and 3 Activity Ministry Staff. Our youth

have been great...They loved on kids and showed them all what it truly means to be a Christian on a daily basis. They were all an extension of Christ this week and I am very proud to be associated with them.

Travel REC Team in Lawn... 24 Children asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior!!!

Traveling REC Team found great success in Lawn, TX. God blessed them with strong attendance of 40+ children and 18 youth counselors for 5 days at the city-wide day camp. All 18 of the youth counselors have also come to the Youth activities our REC Team leads every night. This is great because the little (and only) Baptist church in Lawn does not normally have this type of attendance.

At Day Camp this week the youth counselors and children (Directed by our REC Team) are practicing putting on a "concert" with songs and Bible verses learned this week at camp to be performed on Sunday morning at church... Most of the children and teenagers have said they will be there (with their parents) on Sunday morning to perform. Lawn Baptist Church will be busting at the seams to hear Cohen Hodges preach on Sunday!!!

Midland REC Team had to shift the last week of June. Day Camp at the Chaparral Apartment Complex did not work out, so we partnered with Breaking Bread Soup Kitchen for the week. The REC Team and 12 of our youth went to the soup kitchen and helped prepare the food, serve in the kitchen, and wait on the people as they arrived for dinner.

Travel REC Team in Priddy... 7 Children asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior!!!

The sweet town of Priddy welcomed the Traveling REC Team for the last week of June. The REC Wagon was parked right outside the church, and they had a solid group of 20 kids and counselors throughout the week. The kids had a blast at water day on Friday! At night, they met back up at the church with the youth for games and to study God's word. An amazing group of 7 kids accepted Jesus after hearing the Gospel!!

We have been busy... And we have been blessed. God is so Good! Please pray for us the remainder of the summer that God will continue to watch over our REC Teams, and He will continue His blessings.

Below is what we have in July.

July 5 – 8	Midland Basketball Camp
July 12 – 16	Mid-REC Team helping with Camp Copass
July 12 – 16	Travel REC Team in Ballinger
July 19 – 23	Mid-REC Team Day Camp #2
July 19 – 23	Travel REC Team in Brackettville
July 26 – 30	Both REC Teams in Midland Day Camp for First Family Fellowship at Hogan Park

Mary Schultz
Child Development Center Director
(unavailable)

Joe Jones
Director of Maintenance

MAINTENANCE:

- Did several final small repairs at the Kent St. Houses
- Cleaned out drainpipes and replaced several ceiling tiles

CUSTODIAL:

- Daily work orders
- Cleaned the carpet in hallway of A hall downstairs and the carpet at the missions building.

1	Women's Bible Study
2	Wednesday Evening Meal
	Music and Missions
	Prayer Meeting
3	Benevolence Crosscheck Meeting
4	Hansen Service
5	Wedding Shower
	Crowley Bereavement Meal
6	55+ Sunday Night Live Hymn Sing
	VBS North Parking Lot
7 – 10	VBS
13	Baptism
14	MOPS Summer Bible Study
	Shepherds Meeting
	Brotherhood Luncheon
	Deacon's Meeting
15	Executive Committee Meeting
16	Committee on Committee Mtg.
	Safety & Security Committee Mtg.
	Finance Committee Meeting
19	Bivens Funeral Service
20	Baptism
21	Personnel Committee Meeting
	Church Council Meeting
22	Evermore Fellowship
	Katy's Bible Study
23	MOPS Planning Meeting
	Wednesday Evening Meal
	Finance Committee Meeting
27	Missions Committee Meeting
	Church Conference
28	Shepherd's Meeting
30	GAP Bible Study