

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Church Council of First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas met for its regular meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021. Members present: Clark Moreland, Berry Simpson, Ralph Lea, Mark McKinney, Randy Thornton, Wes Lewis, Jimmy Bridges, Patrick Mayers, Wilma Roberts, Michelle Cobb, Jayna Hobby, Jan West, Ginger Schantz, Mike Mayer, Don Hale, Scott Daw, Flo Akintunji, and Kristal Cotton. Linda Freeman joined the meeting via Zoom.

Staff members present: Dr. Darin Wood, Moe Bomer

Chairman Clark Moreland called the meeting to order at 7:08PM. Berry Simpson opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from the June 21st Council Meeting were reviewed and approved with correction.

Senior Pastor – Darin Wood

Dr. Wood reported the baptism at Doug Russell Pool was a great success. It began with one baptism scheduled for the event early in the week and picked up steam. It was a beautiful picture of what it can be. We are already tentatively scheduling it for next year. It was a great testimony to the lifeguards. Hats off to John David Culbertson for his underwater photography. He went under for every baptism and caught them underwater. It also turned out to be a great place to fellowship.

Lifeway is changing their curriculum. It will no longer be gender specific. The Church will go with the same schedule for RA's and GA's and they will be separate. Prayers are coveted for this change for leaders and students.

There will be a change to the schedule for Church services: 8:30 for Early service, 9:45 for Sunday School, and 11:00 for the later service. This will start on Labor Day Sunday. It was changed to the current times for Covid preparations which are no longer needed. Randy Thornton brought up that we need to make sure doors are unlocked with the schedule change.

Church Conference will be this Sunday night. Dr. Wood, Julie, and Josh will be taking a well - deserved vacation. Sheldon Kinnison will preach Sunday, July 25th, both services on Sunday morning, and Sunday night at Church Conference at First Family Fellowship Campus. The building is ready. The following Sunday will be split with Christian Cotton preaching the early service and Cory Brand preaching the 11:00 service.

Business Administration- Moe Bomer

Mr. Bomer reported that last night was a great night in the Bomer family as Sophie was baptized.

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He reported that the church has had a really good summer. The staff has been energized. They have gotten to do a lot of things they weren't able to do last year due to Covid. The Lord has blessed us. We have had many decisions made for Christ made over the summer through our Recreation staff through the camps they've been involved with and even this last Sunday, a gentleman accepted Christ. The staff is very excited for fall and the programs they are preparing for it.

Mr. Bomer had some staff changes to report. Penni Jo Anderson will start Wednesday on our administrative team and will take Jaylynn White's position. David Anderson will fill Joe's position in maintenance as the maintenance manager. The Church will be looking for someone to fill David Anderson's position.

Evaluations on all ministerial staff are finished. By the end of the week, all evaluations will be done.

Mr. Bomer gave an update on First Family Fellowship Campus: They are well on their way for a fall launch. They have completed the roof, foundation, electrical, air conditioning, exterior painting and will finish the interior painting by Sunday. A few projects remain to stay within budget. They will floor the front part of the building. In the Preschool area they will be replacing the floor.

Astroturf was given to the Church from Greenwood High School at no cost. It will be used in the playground area. A fence will be installed around the playground area.

Technology will determine when they will actually be able to start. Internet was installed for our dedicated line from the main campus to the north campus. They are well on our way to being ready and within budget.

Mr. Bomer reported that we have had a good July, budget wise. The Church has made budget for the last two Sundays and is over budget for the month.

The budget preparation process is complete.

Deacons – Wes Lewis

Deacons didn't meet in July but activities are ongoing.

Hospital ministry is not quite back to normal with Covid restrictions.

We don't know yet when Communion might return to normal.

Committee on Committees is wrapping things up. The committee will meet Wednesday night.

The Committee is waiting on some answers from people praying over their decision to serve.

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Committee Reports

Chairman's Report – Clark Moreland

Mr. Moreland reported that Church Council Charter governance documents needed to be reviewed and approved.

The motion was made, seconded, and approved to make no changes to the Church Charter.

Mr. Moreland reported that Church Council will commit a time to go out as a Council and pray for the First Family Fellowship. August 3rd has been set as the date to meet and pray at the new campus.

Mr. Moreland encouraged Church Council members to reach out to staff members to express your appreciation for their service.

Family Ministry – Ginger Schantz

The Church and First Family Fellowship have some preschool needs. First Family Fellowship is in need of volunteers to come and help them get the preschool started at the new campus and Amy Brand has some volunteer needs at the main campus. She would like for classes in the late service to return to their age-graded classrooms which requires more volunteers.

They also could use any preschool books or puzzles that are gently used and can be wiped clean to use at First Family Fellowship.

Finance Committee – Mark McKinney

Mark McKinney presented the June Financial Report. Gross operating receipts Less royalty contingency annual budget is \$7,702,382. Year to date actual receipts \$5,192,322. Year to date total actual expenditures of \$4,546,478 for an operating gain of \$645,844. Actual current month receipts are \$442,114. Total expenditures for June are \$508,647 for an operating loss for June of \$66,533. Weekly average receipts are \$110,529. We need to average \$127,000 to meet budget. The trend is coming back up in July.

The General fund has a balance of \$1,535,149. Capital funds available equal \$892,952. Total church assets are \$11,990,535. Designated assets equal \$4,639,398. Total non-discretionary assets are \$9,648,373 which leaves \$2,342,162 in discretionary assets. A motion was made to accept the June monthly finance report. It passed unanimously.

General Nominating – Randy Thornton

They had an email meeting on July 15th. The committee approved four groups of volunteers for various Sunday School roles. The motion was made and passed to approve these volunteers.

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Randy & Kristal Cotton-Ezekiel Department Directors
JD & Venita Faircloth-Thomas Department Directors
David Draper-Thomas Department Teacher
Linda Flynt-Rachel Department Teacher

They will meet on August 1st to begin approving nominees from Committee on Committees.

Maintenance and Expansion-Don Hale

They met on July 14th. Joe reported that one air conditioner in the mission building was out and the other was antiquated. They replaced them both for about \$21,000. The building on 2304 Louisiana, they obtained an informal appraisal. There are no like properties for comparison, so they feel the figure they were given is very low.

The elevators on the north end of the building are old and/or obsolete and people have been stuck on them at times. They have been repaired for now but need to be replaced. The bid that was given for replacing the cars and elevators last November will still be honored.

The motion was made by the committee to replace both the mechanical and electrical in the elevators and the cars for \$ 244,617 out of account number 61071050 plant maintenance. It will take approximately 12-14 weeks to get the equipment in. The motion was unanimously approved.

The committee saw some updated renderings of the Global Focus Building. On the south end of our building, two buildings will be demolished and an eight- bedroom facility will be built. It will free up the Cuthbert house. It will house missionaries and others coming to speak to the Church. The money for the building is almost already in First Baptist Church's account. When the Louisiana property is sold and a couple of other little properties are sold, it will be funded. The timeline is approximately two years to completion.

Membership – Ralph Lea Chair,

The committee will meet July 20th.

Membership report: Additions to the church 5 (2 by Baptism, 3 by letter)

Losses to the church 7(5 by death,2 by letter out of town)

Total active resident members 3432.

The Membership report for June was approved.

Missions Committee-Mike Mayer

Missions committee met yesterday, July 18th.

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In the large committee they had a request for new doors from Pastor Dennis Hodge of Mount Moriah Disciples of Christ Church (701 Calhoun). He told them about the church, that he had begun his ministry in jail and ended up inviting them to a barbeque with the police who served his neighborhood. His request was approved for +/- \$7100 for glass doors and will be installed prior to the barbeque. The money for the doors will come from Impact Midland.

The Samaria committee had one request for Pastor Outreach from their General Needs account for \$740.00.

They got a report on the Montana trip after the closing prayer from Bryan-VBS-project, Yellowstone. It took a lot of coordination from surrounding churches to make it work.

Mike Thibodeaux from Simplicity Ministries whom FBC has supported for many years gave a report. The ministry is located in the Portland area and was Zooming before Zooming was cool. He and Debbie have done a great job there. He grew up here in Texas. He went to Hardin Simmons and Southwestern Seminary then felt the call to the Northwest and have been there since.

Personnel – Clark Moreland

Mr. Moreland reported they had a good meeting tonight. They talked mainly about insurance. It is a very complex issue and discussion. More will be reported on it later. Personnel Governance Documents were reviewed and no changes were needed.

We also discussed Sheldon Kinnison and his progression in his role. He has made friends with neighbors of the north campus that were initially resistant to the church being there.

Safety and Security- Patrick Mayers

Mr. Mayers reported that they had an email meeting on the campus radio communications. They have funds to upgrade the radios.

Wes Lewis added that we will need a couple more radios. We are going to try to get some coverage in areas of the church where communications are spotty. They also reviewed our licensing and made a couple of updates. The old radios will accommodate our new building They will go and do a walk through at the new campus. The radios are really important for the Church gatekeepers. The biggest need that would occur likely would be medical issues. The gatekeepers could get help to someone in need immediately with good communications. There are some upgrades and maintenance going on with the door lock system and cameras. The north doors will now be locked during the day, but the receptionist will be able to let people in.

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Transportation- Scott Daw

Transportation has not met.

Old Business

None

New Business

Michelle Cobb brought up for consideration that it would be nice to have a prayer for our offering during the worship service.

Flo Akintunji closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Kristal Cotton, Secretary, 2020-2021

Date Approved

Ministers Monthly Report to Church Council

August 23, 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.

VACATION REPORT

My family and I left on July 21 for our vacation. We spent several days in Ft Worth, seeing sights that meant a lot to me growing up – the botanical gardens, the water garden, Hotel Texas, and such. We spent time at Legoland in Grapevine as well. We followed that up with several days in Dallas. Seeing the Texas Rangers play a home game at their new stadium (not that impressed if I'm honest – it looks like a BBQ grill from the outside and isn't much better inside), the Bush Library at SMU, Dealey Plaza, and the Sixth Floor Museum. Most of my life, I've harbored a strong fascination with that awful day in Nov 1963. My mom saw JFK that morning at Hotel Texas. She was a senior at Poly High School in Ft. Worth and took a day out of school to see him. As a college student at DBU, I went to Dealey Plaza often to walk the grounds and was there in 1988 when they opened the Sixth Floor Museum. If you ask me questions about the Kennedy event, be prepared for my "tin-foil hat" to come out. It's the one place I allow all my conspiracy theories space to roam!

We ended our vacation at Lake Jacksonville. We stayed at a dear friend's lake house on the water. There's something healing to my soul about that lake. We didn't do a thing other than play golf, swim, play cards and watch the Olympics. Thanks for allowing us to get away my friends. I'm grateful.

NORTH CAMPUS PROGRESS

We're waiting for our media elements to arrive but otherwise, we're progressing nicely for an early fall launch. The items are scheduled to arrive in mid-September, installation of said equipment shortly thereafter and then we'll be ready. Pray for the timing of this campus to be in keeping with God's direction.

MISSIONAL CATALYST

By way of transparency, I share with you our primary candidate for the role of Missional Catalyst has withdrawn from consideration. I believe it's in his best interests and ours at this point. I would have loved the web of relationships he would have brought with him, but the timing was wrong, so we'll seek the Lord's candidate for this vital role – along with our partners at Stonegate – and wait.

Your servant,
Darin

Moe Bomer
Business Administrator

Budget - I have been working on budget preparation and getting it prepared for approval by the church. One of the areas that I have been spending time in is a recommendation for the change in our Health Insurance plan. I have prepared a recommendation for the 2022 coverage year.

FFF - We have completed several projects in July at the FFF campus. We finished the exterior paint, most of the interior paint, and finished up the flooring. We were able to host the July church conference at the facility

Another project that I am working on is getting an appraisal on the storage facility on Louisiana. I secured an appraiser and walked the property with him. The appraisal should come back in August.

Staff - We were able to meet the last part of July to begin Fall planning. We spent time outlining our focus for the Fall

Facilities - We replaced AC units at the Missions office. We also began the process of replacing the elevators in the education halls.

July 4 picnic - great event that was successful

Baptism at the pool - this was a highlight of the month. I had the opportunity to baptize my daughter Sophie.

James Ervin ***Senior Adult Minister***

Hospital Visits

- July was a slower month for hospitalizations, but we continue to be able to make these important visits. The hospital has put stricter precautions back in place as the number of COVID cases has increased.

Chapel Service

- I planned and led worship for the Chapel Service on June July 11, 18, 25. We are averaging 80+ people in this service. We are also seeing some first-time guests.

Sunday School

- We have secured leadership for all Sunday School Departments in the 55+ division for the new Sunday School year.

Senior Adult Choir

- The month of July has been a time of planning and preparation for a new choir year. This choir will begin rehearsals August 12. Pray we will soon be able to minister in local care centers.

Project Teams/Education Team Meetings

- I am part of the Fall Project Planning Team. We met July 27 to work on plans to promote and encourage participation in our fall schedule. I also am part of the Education Team, led by Moe Bomer, which meets for communication and planning.

Prayer Ministry

- We continue to have prayer requests online. Depending on the information provided, I will respond either with an email or a phone call.

Funerals

- I assisted with the funeral service of Sharon Behrends at FBC, July 20, and officiated the graveside service in Fredericksburg, Texas, July 31.
- I played the piano for the memorial service of Skeet Doss' father, July 19. Skeet is a member of our church.

Kentucky Tour

- We continue to coordinate and plan all the aspects of this tour scheduled for September 20 – 24. We have 49 people planning to participate.

Manor Park Chapel

- Sunday, July 18, Chad Clark was the guest speaker and Nancy Ervin, and Charlotte Whitaker provided the music.

Sunday Night Live

- Sunday night, July 11 the 55+ ministry sponsored a live event in the Fellowship Hall for our church family. The bluegrass band, Haywire, from the Hill Country came and sang for our folks. It was a wonderful time of worship and inspiration. We provided a catered dinner, and the attendance was very good.

Generations

- This is our new name for the 55+ division of Adults.
Psalm 145:4 *One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.*
- Encounter God, be Equipped to serve, and Engage every generation for Christ.

Cory Brand **Minister to Families**

*I've secured a new teacher for the Refine class and have met with other department leaders who are searching to fill open spots.

*I'm continuing to work with median singles in our church and community who are interested in starting a small group. (These are singles who feel that they have aged out of GAP but have never been married, so don't really connect in Refine.)

*Amy and I will preview a family camp put on by Sky Ranch in early 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 am part of the Fall Project Team, and we are continuing to work 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. This team is also planning our fall community outreach event on 10/31.

*I am working on getting information to Richard to update the married and single adult portions of our website as we look to relaunch our church website.

*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. Most of these carts are assembled and in use already.

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

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

*I have worked with Amy to host Messy Family each Wednesday evening this summer and have taught the Bible story each evening. These have been a wonderful opportunity to connect with our church families and many visitors.

*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.

*I met with Darin and Moe to review my yearly evaluation.

*Our Education Staff met with Moe to hear the plans and direction for our fall meetings.

*I participated in the Baptism Night at Doug Russell.

*James and I conducted interviews and were able to hire Penni Jo Anderson as our new Ministry Assistant. She seems to be a quick learner and is already working efficiently in the office. She and her husband are brand new to the area (from Wyoming) and have been visiting the church. Penni Jo joined the choir and is eager to get involved.

*I have continued meeting with a couple for premarital counseling and also had marriage counseling appointments (one couple, which will be ongoing meetings, and one concerned spouse alone).

*I've been given the opportunity to preach in Darin's absence on August 1st, so I've been reading and studying in preparation for that message.

Church Council Report July 2021

Sunday School Attendance

| Class | July 4 th | July 11 th | July 18 th | July 25 th |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Adult 55+ | 251 | 347 | 287 | 295 |
| Adult | 100 | 144 | 148 | 138 |
| Single Adults | 26 | 38 | 31 | 36 |
| College | 20 | 17 | 21 | 1 |
| Student | 40 | 56 | 56 | 65 |
| Children | 53 | 81 | 73 | 98 |
| Preschool | 73 | 116 | 97 | 97 |
| Other Adults* | 26 | 34 | 34 | 31 |
| Total | 589 | 833 | 747 | 761 |

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| July Average: 733 90-day (May, June, July): 779 |
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Weekly Activities Attendance

| | July 4 th -10 th | July 11 th -17 th | July 18 th - 24 th | July 25 th - 31 st |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Wednesday Evenings | | | | |
| MidPoint (youth) | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| College | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Mission Friends | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| GA's & RA's | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| | | | | |
| Other Groups | | | | |
| Precept on Precept | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| D-Groups | 6 | | ** | ** |
| GAP Mid-Week | 5 | 7 | 7 | 9 |
| FBC Women | 25 | 24 | 23 | 21 |
| Total | 36 | 31 | 30 | 30 |

*Other Adults includes Media volunteers, Gatekeepers, & General Officers.

**Did not meet.

Aaron Hodges
Minister of Music

Our Adult Choir and Orchestra did an amazing job in our patriotic celebration on July 4. The service included our celebration of our country and transitioned to our need for God to work in this nation and in our lives. God was glorified! We are quickly making our plans for the fall. We have had great success in getting volunteers for our 1st Kidz Praise (formerly known as Children's choirs). We are going to be kicking things off on August 25th with a 1st Kidz Celebration where we will have an entertainer and our Wednesday nights children's ministry will be emphasized. We will start meeting weekly on September 8th. Please pray that our ministries will be able to reach a lot of children this year.

We are starting to see some momentum in our Adult Choir. I am excited to see what God is doing there.

Our Rooted Student Choir will start up again on Sept. 12.

John-David Culbertson
Student Pastor

July continued an amazing summer for our student ministry. We continued meeting all over Midland on Wednesdays rather than meeting in the church. We met at Cinergy and in several homes. We had great groups each week with a low of around 25 and a high of about 50. Our students really bonded in these gatherings. I so enjoyed this time with our students each week.

Cammie planned a girl's night for July 25th. It was awesome. They had so many girls we had to go out and buy more food. They packed out the student ministry coffee shop and watched movies and ate junk food by the pound.

July 12th-13 we took a group of 39 (33 students & 6 adults) to 6 flags & Mission Arlington. It was another AMAZING trip. We loved it. I got to know a few more students who hadn't done any of our other trips. We spent the first day getting rained on in 6 flags, but day two we spent serving all across the city of Arlington. It is definitely a trip we will do again.

The last week of July our students helped the Rec ministry partner with FFF to put on a day camp at Hogan Park. Rain complicated the week, as did meet the teacher, but it was a great event. It was awesome to see our students serving.

College ministry in July was dominated by our normal Thursday night Bible studies. We had good groups all summer.

Sarah Arrambide
Minister of Children's Education

Hello!

A lot of great things have happened since the last church council report!

- We only need two more teachers in the Children's Ministry area of Sunday School.
- We took 20 wonderful, well behaved, fun loving fourth through sixth graders to Camp. God blessed us by providing safe travels, great fellowship, wonderful Bible study, precious worship, and awesome prayer time. I want to thank our incredible adult sponsors: Darin Wood, Noemi Samaniego, Clifton Platte, Dakota Meeks, Daniel Elliott, and Olivia Vanderveer for sacrificing their time to hang out with preteens all week. Two of our kids made a Profession of Faith!!
- The children's choir leader, and GA and RA leaders and I met to coordinate next year's calendars.
- Camp in the City was a huge success!
- We offered the I'm a Christian Now class on July 25th and 10 kids attended.
- Thank you for making a way for me to hire a Summer Intern. Gabby Rubio, who grew up in this church, did a phenomenal job! I will miss her when she is gone. While she was here for ten weeks, she: taught Sunday School, helped in Vacation Bible School, helped me coordinate the meals for the Camp in the City staff, helped with Camp

Jesus at Chapparral Apartments, helped serve food at Breaking Bread, cleaned, and organized many closets, laminated a ton of things, helped assemble curriculum notebooks, ran many copies, organized the resource room, and much, much more.

I am looking forward to the new Sunday School year and to seeing what God has in store for our church as we continue to serve HIM. Thanks so much for allowing me to serve our Lord, the children and their families and you at FBC.

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! It has been a busy summer (Praise God!) and an exciting ramp-up to an early beginning of school!

*I'm continuing to work with our new CDO Director and Assistant Director as they prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. There's a huge learning curve, but both of these ladies are doing a terrific job as they figure out the systems and procedures around here. I've also met several times with Mary Schultz, our CDC Director, as they prepare for the fall.

*I'm leading the Fall Project Team, and we are meeting most weeks to talk about kick-offs for Sunday School, Wednesday night children's activities, and classes for adults in the fall. We've taken on the planning of our Fall Outreach event. Candy Jam will be held in our North Parking Lot on Sunday, October 31st from 4-6pm with the heart of reaching out to our community and partner school campuses.

*We're working on consolidating and updating information for our website (to launch September 1st). I've met with Richard to talk about the vision and purpose for each section of my portion of the website. Part of this process has had me writing new descriptions for our Preschool Ministry and each class within, as well as our auxiliary ministries. We want to connect with the needs that can be met for young families and preschoolers.

*Play-N-Worship, our 11:00 Extended Session time, is running very smoothly! I'm watching to see what our numbers of children look like post-Labor Day, as we may be able to move our Toddlers and Twos to a combined classroom. The size of the JAM Room space tends to be a bit 'free' for them, and a smaller space may increase focus and decrease a few struggles! We have a terrific group of folks serving in this ministry each week.

*We created bags and parent pamphlets for our new Kindergarteners who will be transitioning to 'Big Church' on August 1st! I was able to visit their classroom to help them know what to expect and to distribute their new bags.

*Our student who are promoting from Kindergarten to 1st grade were able to go upstairs on July 26th to visit their new classroom to help ease this challenging transition.

*I've been in ongoing conversations with the core team from the North Campus as they begin to prepare to launch this fall. We are continuing to work on securing furnishings for classrooms, pull extra resources we have in storage here, and make sure policies and procedures are in place. This team is doing a terrific job as they learn 'on the go!'

*Our VBS follow-up was different this year, but we believe it was effective. Families were invited back for the ice cream social at the AB, as well as to Messy Family each week this summer.

*Messy Family was certainly not as I had planned this year, but God used it in some incredible ways! Families loved being at the AB, and we were able to have sweet conversations and connections with many visitors, provide a pizza dinner for families, and worship and learn together. We had large groups each week and had significant impact on families, I believe.

*We held another Preschool Play Date in July, which was a 'Bikes and Trikes' event on our North Parking Lot (complete with popsicles, of course)! While we had a very small group that Saturday, we did have a couple of families who came who had not connected to FBC previously!

*I was able to help serve the Behrends' family at Sharon's funeral. I have a childhood connection to this family, so it was sweet to be able to love on them during this season.

*I met with our Wednesday evening Music and Mission leadership team to solidify the 2021-2022 calendar and make plans for our kick-off event on August 25th. (Classes will start September 8th.)

*We've been preparing class rolls prior to promotion Sunday and have been creating personalized postcards to send to each child with the 'colored line' that they could follow to find their new class. It promises to be a fun day!

*Our Education Staff Team met at the end of July and set a plan for meetings for the fall. Moe has some great plans and specific focuses prepared for this team, and I'm looking forward to our times together.

*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.

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

*MOPS will be moving back to Friday mornings in the fall, so I've been working closely with Lauren Ward to try to secure volunteers for MOPS Kids. That has proven to be quite a challenge for this ministry. She has contacted adult SS leadership, set up a table in the Welcome Center for several weeks, put pleas for help on Facebook, and just filmed a video with our media team that will be used in church in August.

*Staff evaluations have concluded in July. While those I supervise were completed in June, I met with Darin and Moe to discuss my own staff evaluation. I'm thankful for their encouragement and leadership and am blessed to serve with them both.

*Cory and I are preparing to leave for Sky Ranch family camp the second week of August. This trip will be to preview the camp, with the intent to take a group of families from FBC next summer. So far, I am incredibly impressed with their planning, communication, and creativity...and we haven't even gotten there yet!

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 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:

- August 15 – Missions Committee Mtg
- August 15 - Disaster Relief Day
- August 28 – Disaster Relief Training
- September 19 – Missions Committee Mtg
- September 26 – Local Missions Fair

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 began 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. Flooring, painting, and some renovation work continues. Almost 1500 door hangers were distributed to homes in Northeast Midland to advertise and make contacts for Day Camp where they had a good response the last week of July.

Mission Houses

Koehl House – 710 Kent – Occupied

Hansen House -708 Kent – 2 guest stays during month

SonShine House – 2202 Cuthbert – 3 guest stays during month

2204 Cuthbert Mission House– Occupied

Kahler House -2101 W Louisiana — Occupied

FirstCares (Benevolence) – July 2021

On July 22 FirstCares hosted a ½ day meeting with almost 40 people attending representing 25 local ministries/agencies/nonprofits to encourage communication and sharing of resources to our community.

| Assistance Description | Amount | # Helped |
|--|----------------------|---|
| Electric | \$ 958.39 | 3* |
| Gas/Propane | \$ 99.12 | 1* |
| Water | \$ 649.41 | 2 |
| Rent/Mortgage | \$ 8,677.47 | 10 |
| Prescription/Medical | \$ - | |
| Gasoline/Transportation | \$ - | |
| EZ Rider Bus Passes | \$ - | |
| Miscellaneous (Food, Clothing, Gift card) | \$ - | |
| Storm Relief (Repairs, etc) | \$ - | |
| Monthly Total | \$ 10,384.39 | 14 |
| | | 1 familiy helped with more than 1 service |
| Fiscal Year Total | \$ 107,345.63 | 171 |
| Professions of Faith this month: 1 | | |
| Total to date: This year we have assisted 171 people financially and have seen 6 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** – July weekly average device viewers – **130 across all platforms**

- **Vimeo/YouTube On-Demand** – **359 views** to our on-demand pages.

- **Facebook/Instagram** – **11.9k people** reached by social media this month.

3252 is the number of times people reacted to the posts either through comments, shares, and clicks.

We had 35 new followers of our Facebook/Instagram pages.

- **Website** – We had **2,594** users to our church website this month with **10,282** pageviews.

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

- Fall Project and Summer Event Team Meetings

- Funeral Services on July 1, 17 & 20

- Camp in the City Media Support – July 4-9

- FBC En Espanol rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall – July 7

- Church Bluegrass Concert Media/Audio Support – July 11

- Pool Party/1st Steps Day Video/Audio Support

- Charity Tracker meeting Media Support – July 21

- Church Conference at North Campus Media support – July 25

- Adult Choir/Orchestra/Praise Band Regular Weekly Rehearsals

- Weekly Brotherhood Luncheons & other Campus Media events

- 26 Media Requests were received and completed (these include graphics/videos/etc...)

- Weekly Banner Newsletter and Worship Guide

Projects – First Family Fellowship (North Campus) – Equipment has been planned/budgeted and ordered for the complete media install at the North Campus. AT&T has been on site with preparing the space for the dedicated internet required for simulcast of the sermon from the central campus. They have given us an install date of September 22. The plan is to be ready with all installs by this date. Social media page was begun by the FFF core team and has had a wonderful start.

First Baptist En Espanol moved to the Fellowship Hall this month and new stage monitors were installed to support their services as well as training on the equipment for their team. New microphones for FH have arrived and will be installed in August. Social media plans are on-going for a launch by September.

Our church website is undergoing a design change to incorporate the “multisite” vision for our church and should be up and running by mid-September. This is a huge undertaking as we are evaluating and examining current site pages one by one.

The torn screen in the Chapel is gone. Our local friends at N'Tune Music and Sound have been diligent in securing the new screen from the manufacturer. We are currently using a portable screen until the job is finished sometime in August.

We are planning a training event on August 21 with an appreciation banquet the night before on August 20 in partnership with the Music Ministry. Our desire is to continue growing in excellence among our volunteers and to encourage new people to join our ministry.

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

John Elliott
Minister of Activities

Basketball Camp 1st-6th Grade (July 5 - 8)...

15 Children asked Jesus to be their personal Lord and Savior!!

Our Basketball Camp was great! We had 71 kids enrolled. Our coaches consisted of 1 Ex-Semi Pro Player, 1 Current Varsity High School Players, 2 previous Varsity High School Players...and our REC Team led Bible Stories every day. This is the best basketball camp Midland, TX has to offer. Jesus and Basketball, what more could you ask for!

Travel REC Team in Ballinger (July 11-17)... **22 Children asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior!!!** Traveling REC Team traveled to Ballinger, TX and loved on the kids and youth there. They had camp at the city park and met at the church for youth at night. TRec had about 25 campers and 10 counselors each day. They swam at the pool during camp on Friday to finish the week strong! There were 22 kids who decided to ask Jesus to be Lord of their life! Praise God for the work He did in this community.

Midland REC Team helping w/ Camp Copass (July 12 – 16)

Midland REC Team members did a great job as sponsors and Bible Study leaders for Sarah at Camp Copass.

Midland Day Camp #2 (July 19 – 23)... **13 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, 20 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 Brackettville (July 18 - 24)... **33 Children asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior!!!**

Traveling REC Team headed south for week #8! They held day camp at the beautiful Fort Clark Springs and averaged 40 campers a day. Each night, they ate dinner with the youth and a REC Teamer shared their testimony. They were welcomed with open arms by the members of First Baptist Church of Brackettville in a way that meant so much to them. The Lord blessed them, the community, and the 33 children who declared Jesus the Lord of their lives!

First Family Fellowship Day Camp (July 26 - 30)... **12 Children asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior!!!**

Both REC Teams worked together to finish their last week of summer! We held a day camp at Hogan Park that was open and free to the community, but we targeted the north part of town where FBC's new satellite church will be, First Family Fellowship. 8 Rec Teamers, 15 counselors, and an average of 35 kids gathered at Hogan Park every morning to sing songs, play games, learn about Jesus, and eat snow cones. There were 12 kids who got saved!

What an incredible summer it has been! We had the opportunity to work with 600+ kids and youth this summer and had 160 children/youth ask Jesus to be their personal Lord and Savior!

Our Day Camps and Sports Camps in Midland and all over Texas were very productive. Every week went off without a hitch and camps were organized, a whole lot of fun and focused on Jesus Christ! Thank you to our church family, First Baptist Church Midland, for supporting us.

I pray that God will always bless us and direct us and that we will be wise and obedient to follow His lead. We are already looking forward and getting ready for Summer 2022!!!

Mary Schultz
Child Development Center Director
(unavailable)

Joe Jones
Director of Maintenance

MAINTENANCE:

- Stripped & Waxed Rooms Upstairs E-Hall
- Painting & Cleaning North Campus

CUSTODIAL:

- Daily work orders

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| 1. | Jake Young Service & Bereavement Meal |
| | Benevolence Crosscheck Meeting |
| 4. | Baptism |
| 5-9 | Camp in The City |
| 6. | Katy's Bible Study |
| 7. | Wednesday Evening Meal |
| | Prayer Meeting |
| 8. | Juice Up the Morning Meeting |
| 11. | Finance Committee Meeting |
| | 55+ Sunday Night Dinner and Bluegrass |
| 12. | Shepherd's Meeting |
| | Brotherhood Luncheon |
| | Church Council Prayer Meeting |
| 13. | Executive Committee Meeting |
| | Women's Bible Study |
| 14. | Maintenance & Expansion Meeting |
| 17. | Preschool Summer Play Day Bikes and Trikes |
| 18. | Finance Committee Meeting |
| | Missions Committee Meeting |
| 19. | MOPS Summer Bible Study |
| | Behrends Visitation |
| | Personnel Committee Meeting |
| | Church Council Meeting |
| 20. | Behrends Service |
| | Membership Committee Meeting |
| 21. | Committee on Committees Meeting |
| | Foundation Committee Meeting |
| | Safety and Security Meeting |
| | Children's Ministry Leadership Meeting |
| 22. | Charity Tracker Training Meeting & Lunch |
| 25. | Baptism |
| | Church Conference |
| 26. | Shepherd's Meeting |
| 27. | Katy's Bible Study |
| 28. | Wednesday Evening Meal |
| | Prayer Meeting |