



First Edition

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Updating God's Building Together

By Tami Strang

If you've stopped in the hallway outside the church office & taken a look at the bulletin board, you might have noticed our church's "Adopt-a-Room" program. Many families or teams of people have already selected a room to update. They will give of their resources towards this effort, and they will also prayerfully decide upon a verse of dedication for the room, which will be painted on one of the walls.

I am excited about and blessed by this effort, which gives us a unique opportunity to participate in God's work in this place. Giving towards the care of our church facilities is a way that we can demonstrate our gratefulness to God that He has provided this building, where we can gather for worship, listen to and learn from solid biblical teaching, and fellowship together. Our collective work in renewing the physical aspects of the rooms brings external expression to the inward renewal we experience as individuals and as a church body.

So, too, our work in patching and painting the chapel and the hallways brings us together in fellowship and unity, as well as in service. We can literally see the results of the time we've spent together.

I believe that, in faith, all who participate in the life of this local church body can give in some way to the updating of the building. Whether you have attended First Baptist Church for years, or you've only recently become a part of it, I encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to these efforts.

Would you like to participate in the Adopt-A-Room program, or give in some other way to the updating of our facilities? Please speak with Clay Minter or me, and we can help get you connected.

To First Baptist Church:

Hi, there! My name is Daniel Bjornson. I am an active member in First Baptist's youth ministry as well as a drummer for the worship band. Along with serving the church, Boy Scouts has shaped me over the past 6 years of my life. It has taught me the dynamics of leading, physical fitness, and is an all-around fun experience! I am currently a Life Scout, which is one rank below the acclaimed rank of Eagle Scout. One of the 7 requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout is to plan, lead, and carry out a service project to benefit a non-scouting beneficiary. The goal of such a project is to demonstrate leadership through planning and delegation of different jobs as well as what we, as scouts, stand for: to be a help to the community we reside in, wherever that happens to be.

When faced with the idea for my project, I immediately thought of the church. I came to Pastor Marc and asked if there was an idea that the church would like to become a reality. He directed me to Mrs. Waddell and Clay Minter to talk about their idea of an Ebenezer Garden. They explained to me that as Israelites were being led out of Egypt, they would leave monuments of stone along the way to remind them of God's goodness and faithfulness. This is what they envision for the Garden; an ornamental centerpiece where people can place stones and write on these stones what God has done for them.

It wasn't until a couple weeks ago that I felt God tugging at my heart to touch base with the Ebenezer Garden idea. I talked with Clay and he told me that they had done much thinking and

praying about where the garden should be. God revealed to them that He wanted it along the wall of the courtyard closest to the sanctuary, where the stone cross currently hangs on the wall. I now feel sure that this is the path down which God is leading me. I am now in the process of talking with my counselors and constructing a proposal to show my Boy Scout leaders and leaders of the church. Thank you to all those who have given me support. I would love to hear any ideas you have, so if you see me, come and talk to me! I'll probably be rocking out on the drums.



Status of Renovation By Clay Minter

Greetings fellow servants of The Lord here at FBC. The restoration of HIS house is moving along though there is still much to accomplish. Thanks to all who have signed up for rooms.

There is still opportunity to join in on the fun and fellowship. If anyone needs to participate at their own convenience, I would be glad to help with arrangements.

Another opportunity to finish this project is on Work Day, Saturday, Sept. 3. Help is needed to set up before 10am. If you can help with this please contact me.

Thank You, Lord, that we have this place to gather in Your name. Amen

Summer 2016 - FBC Youth

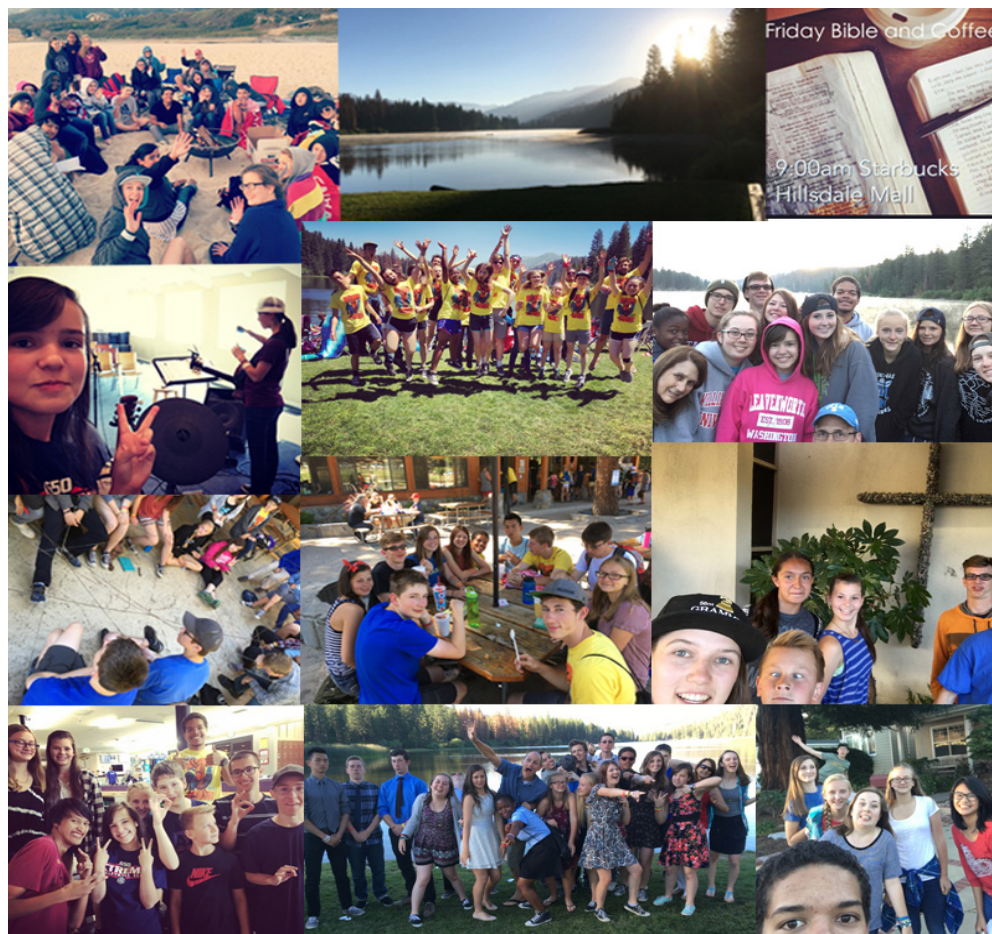
What an amazing summer!!! The last few weeks in youth we've been reflecting on everything that God has done in our lives and us as a group this summer and preparing for their return to school. Students have been sharing about the things they've learned and how they've grown in their personal time with God and their relationship with Him.

At the beginning of the summer the Lord had us begin developing deeper relationships with Him and each other by spending more time together. We combined the Jr. High and High School meetings, did fun activities together, and weekly met for Bible study and coffee outside church. We went to summer camp at the beginning of the summer this year, which really bonded us together early and had a lasting impact. Because of this, our students built on those relationships throughout the summer by being together through activities planned and spontaneous. While there are challenges ahead, God is really solidifying a community of kids who want to be here at FBC and want to participate in the activities of the church. They've been here for BBQ's, game nights, and workdays.

What was the greatest part about the summer is what the students said the Lord did in their lives. They've been sharing about increased time with the Lord daily, changes in their attitudes and decisions and commitments to trust Him more. The Lord called us to not only spend more time together, but spend more time in His Word together. We have been studying through key Psalms on Friday's, examining God's design for His church on Sundays, learning how to truly "walk by faith" with the Lord on Tuesdays, and read through the Bible together in our Youth Bible plan. As we've opened and examined God's Word we can see the growth happening before our eyes.

This fall we'll be plugging our kids into more opportunities to lead and serve whether it be in the children's ministry, Awana, worship, facility restoration and other ministries. Please pray for our kids as they go back to jr. high, high school, and many on to college. If you see them around church, please encourage them and get to know them. Pray about how the Lord might be calling you to invest in these kids, many of whom may be those God chooses to work in the future of FBC.

Can't wait to see all that God has for us as a ministry and a church together this Fall!



WORK DAY

Sept. 3, 10 a.m.

LANDSCAPING - PAINTING HONORING GOD'S HOUSE

Salmon Bake

September 11, after the second service



FB**Consummate
Man**

Men's Monthly Break- fast

**September 3
8:30 a.m.
in the
Chapel.**

THE FIRST CHURCH

"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

"Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles."

Acts 2:42-43

Women's Ministry Rummage and Bake Sale Fund-raiser

Date: September 24, 2016 (Saturday)

Setup Time: 7 AM

Sale Time: 8 AM through 1 PM

By Sandy Murray & Janet White

The Women's Ministry will be holding a Rummage/Bake Sale in order to raise funds for our ministry. Beginning on September 1st, we will start collecting donations of rummage sale items that are gently used and/or in good working condition and contain all included pieces. Please be in prayer as to how you could help us with this event.

We are looking for the following items:

Rummage Sale:

1. Clothing in good, gently used condition. We will not be accepting undergarments or torn/stained clothing.
2. Household items which are also gently used and in good working condition. (nothing broken please)
3. Electronic items which work and have all the pieces.
4. Children's and baby items.
 - Car seats can be resold if they have never been in a crash or have not passed an expiration date shown on the car seat.
 - Any toys should be clean and contain all accompanying pieces.
5. Books in good condition.
6. Furniture:
 - Please bring any large items before 8:00 to the back parking lot on the morning of the sale.
 - Small items can be brought ahead of time.

Bake Sale:

We will be needing home baked goods (cakes, cookies, bars, cupcakes, etc). They may be dropped off the night before or brought the morning of 9/24. We will have a flyer available in September that will give you guidelines for packaging.

Pricing:

We will have generic pricing for clothing, books, and bake sale items. We are asking that you estimate a reasonable price on all other items turned in.

Drop Off:

Please bring all items to Room 110 downstairs where we will be storing them. If it is locked please see Sandy Murray, Janet White or Sheryn Cockett. We are unable to store large furniture and, if donated, must be brought the morning of the sale.

Unsold Items:

We will be dropping off unsold items to the Salvation Army. They have certain restrictions on what they can take. If your item is unsold and the Salvation Army will not accept it, we are asking that you be responsible for either disposing of it or removing it. We are not able to store it at church or leave it in the parking lot.

We will be needing women to work the day of the sale, either setting up (7:00) or selling during the morning. A sign-up sheet will be at the information desk in the narthex (back of the church) and an E-mail request will be sent out. There will be coffee, tea and continental breakfast for the early workers.

Last year we were able to not only raise money for the ministry but to witness to those in the community who came. Please be in prayer that God will be glorified at this event and we can act as His ambassadors to those He brings to us.

**Leadership
offerings for the month of
September these offerings will
go to City Impact.**

Celebrating 70 Years of God's Faithfulness

September 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			All Events Are Subject to Change.			
	SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship					
4	5 Communion	6 7:15 pm FBC Youth	7 6:30 pm Midweek Service 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	8	9 Scout Eagle Court	10
11	12 Salmon Bake after the second service	13 7:15 pm FBC Youth	14 6:30 pm Midweek Service 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	15	16	17
18	19 12:30 pm Children's Leadership Meeting	20 7:15 pm FBC Youth	21 6:30 pm Midweek Service 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	22	23	24 8am Women's Ministry Rummage and Bake Sale Fund-raiser
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From Alan & Audrey Dianich,
Missionaries for Campus Crusade for
Christ in Sacramento, CA.

Alan sent this letter after his visit
here last July, and is delighted to share
his ministry and prayer requests to First
Baptist Church.

Dear Friends,

It has been wonderful to see many
of you and talk to others on the phone.
Audrey and I are so grateful for your
prayer, support and friendship!

A student from Vietnam came to
know the Lord here a couple of years
ago. Recently, she needed to return to
Vietnam and we all prayed for her to find
a church in her city. We asked her how
she was doing and here is her reply:

"It was very uncomfortable when I
first moved back here in Vietnam. The
life style and the way of thinking has
changed. Especially, when I became a
Christian and I totally against my fami-
ly tradition. I refused to go to Buddhist
temple with my mom and aunties. I re-
fused to pray to my grandparents (who
already passed away). It created many
conflicts between me an my family, as
respectfulness for the ancestor. But
God is Good! I have found a new Chris-
tian fellowship near my work place.
Although I just visit them only couple
times, but I really love it. They are an In-
ternational home based church. Most of
members are foreigners who are work-
ing in Vietnam. Pretty similar to our In-
ternational group, but they are all work-
ing professional instead of students."

Here are a few prayer requests from
Alan:

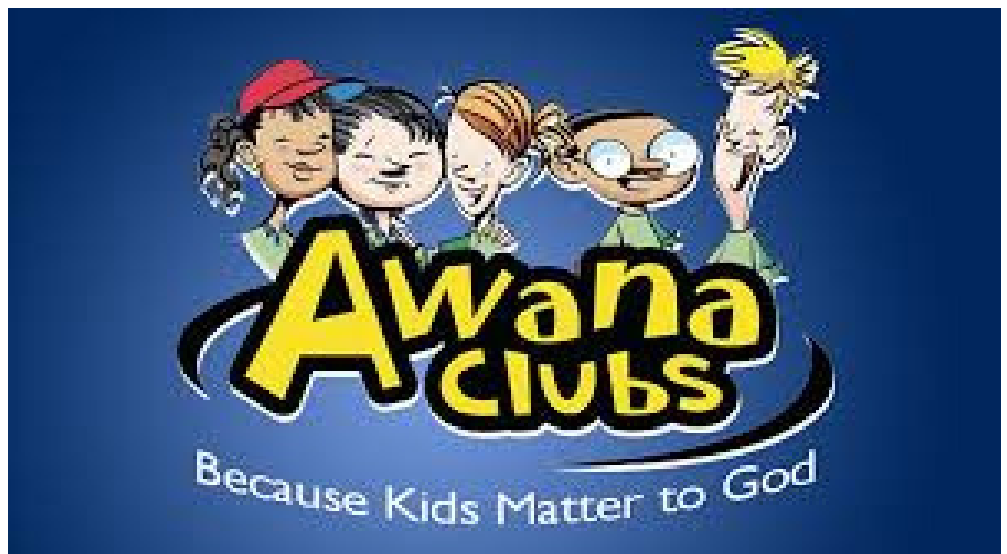
Pray for the graduates to all find
great church homes.

Pray for Alvin and Sophia to find
new supporters.

Pray for the new international stu-
dents coming soon.

WE HAVE THIS
HOPE
as an ANCHOR
FOR THE SOUL
FIRM and
secure.

HEBREWS 6:19



AWANA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7, 6:30 P.M.

Cubbies

Three through Five Year-Olds

Sparks

Grade K thru 2nd (5 to 7 years old)

Truth & Training

Grade 3 thru 6 (8 to 11 years old)

Trek/Journey

Junior High/High School (12-17 years old)

We are looking for dedicated Chris-

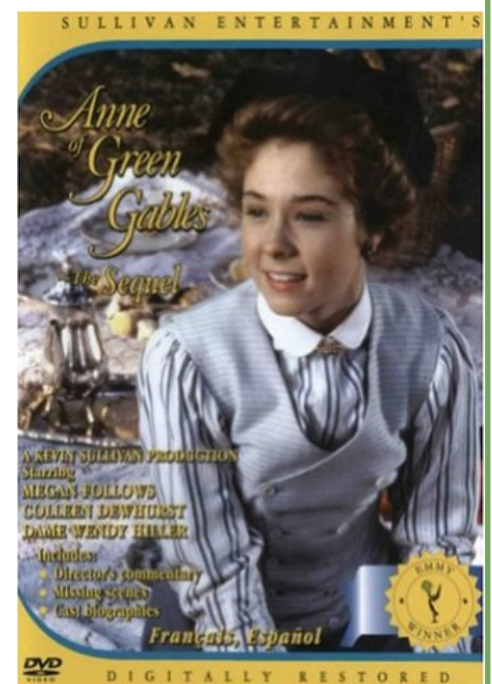
Movie Night - Friday, September 30, 6:30 p.m.

**Hot Dogs, popcorn, and drinks will
be provided. Bring a salad or
dessert to share.**

This time we'll see the
conclusion of the sequel
shown on August 26th.

The enchanting sequel
to the Emmy Award-winning
"Anne of Green Gables"
tells the continuing story of
Anne Shirley as she makes
the transition from a roman-
tic, impetuous orphan to an
outspoken, adventurous and
accomplished young teach-
er.

**Bring the kids and
enjoy!**





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Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings are provided by biblegateway.com for our use.

September

Thurs.	01	Ezekiel 10-12
Fri.	02	Ezekiel 13-15
Sat.	03	Ezekiel 16-18
Sun.	04	Ezekiel 19-21
Mon.	05	Ezekiel 22-24
Tues.	06	Ezekiel 25-27
Wed.	07	Ezekiel 28-30
Thurs.	08	Ezekiel 31-33
Fri.	09	Ezekiel 34-36
Sat.	10	Ezekiel 37-40
Sun.	11	Ezekiel 41-44
Mon.	12	Ezekiel 45-48
Tues.	13	Daniel 1-3
Wed.	14	Daniel 4-6
Thurs	15	Daniel 7-9
Fri.	16	Daniel 10-12
Sat.	17	Hosea 1-3
Sun.	18	Hosea 4-6
Mon.	19	Hosea 7-10
Tues.	20	Hosea 11-14
Wed.	21	Joel 1-3
Thurs.	22	Amos 1-3
Fri.	23	Amos 4-6
Sat.	24	Amos 7-9
Sun.	25	Obadiah
Mon.	26	Jonah 1-4
Tues.	27	Micah 1-3
Wed.	28	Micah 4-5
Thurs.	29	Micah 6-7
Fri.	30	Nahum 1-3

A Miracle Unexpected

By Eddy Bray

The summer of answered prayers is what I call it. For a while I called it, "my worst summer ever!" But it's truly a summer of blessings, lessons learned, and answered prayers.

Feeling sorry and depressed is how I started the summer after my foot surgery. Then my coworker shocked me with the news she would not return in September to teach with me in our pre-school class. I asked the Lord to guide me through the uncertainty and insecurities I felt. Being physically vulnerable kept me spiritually weak.

Through the frustrations of crutches and scooters in tight corners, I kept praying for wisdom, patience and endurance. Oh, the wonder of His creation of our human bodies and how we take for granted the part that functions just to keep us standing up right.

As the weeks passed I looked forward to returning to work and the mobility of normal life in school. In my classroom I have a closet where I would go in and pray for His protection and guidance as I taught my students Love.

Then on the morning news, I wit-

nessed the burning of the Millbrae Recreation Center where I work and teach. Flames destroying everything in front of my eyes! I cried and fell into a deep dark place, but, the Lord was there! The next day I found out that the building was consumed by fire, but stopped short of my classroom and closet! The recently remodeled classroom was water damaged, but the heart of my room, my little closet was saved. It holds my books, my curriculum, toys, my crafts and supplies. Thank you, Lord, for saving my job!

God is Good! God is almighty! At the annual work luncheon I personally thanked the firefighters who quickly removed everything out of that closet and told them of God's miracle. I have many stories of answered prayers. Just ask me! I'm thankful for the pain I still feel in my healing foot. It reminds me of the sacrifice He suffered on the cross where He died for my sins and salvation.

Thank you, Lord, for always being there with me through the pain, the heartache and the lessons and blessings. I endure with Your LOVE!