

Bereavement Team

Sympathy and prayers go out to members who lost loved ones recently: Eileen Darby and family in the loss of her father, Glenn Jones and family in the loss of his father, and Pam Schutzler and family in the loss of her mother.

Care Team

The Care Committee has had a productive summer trying to meet some of the needs in our church. We met in June and August, but skipped meeting in July because of summer vacations for everyone. Even though we didn't meet in July, the team continued to serve the needs of the church for over 30 people through prayers, visits, transportation, and meals. The team is made up of dedicated ladies that God has called to serve in this way.

Looking forward to next year, the group hopes to continue to serve on this vital committee.

Community Outreach & Missions Team

We had the Mission Tables at the church lunch, and had some interest in a couple new people getting involved in a couple different ministries.

Scheduled a trip to Texas for disaster relief with Samaritan's purse. That trip got canceled because there was an outpouring of volunteers, however we still plan on going when they re-open the registration for construction crews. We're hoping in September. Gladys went to Colombia with Joel Fagin and the ministry he works with in Pereira, Colombia. She took with her the days for girl's packs and they were well received. I'm looking forward to an update from her about how we may be able to get involved there. The other Days For Girls packs that are supposed to be going to the Philippines are still sitting in the closet at church, I have not been told when they will be going out. Our other Colombia mission trip with LADO was canceled earlier this year for multiple reasons, we plan on attempting again in January for a medical mission. The Haitian Ministry we've been involved with had a table at the church lunch, and the Phenes (the president) is in the country. I hope to have him speak at the church to inform the congregation about all the ways Jesus is working there.

Decorating

In addition to the normal monthly decorating, we assisted with the decorating for VBS in June and decorated for the July 2 church family game night.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION REPORT

Food distributions are conducted by our team of volunteers on the third Saturday of each month. Items distributed to our clients are obtained from the USDA Farm Share program located in Jacksonville. Our team has conducted three distributions since our last report, the last one being in July. We served 97 clients in May, 86 in June and 111 in July, for a total of 294 households and feed 803 people. Farm Share has been contacted and we are on their schedule for deliveries in August and September. Our Youth group assisted with setup and distribution of items at our last distribution in July. We appreciate the continuing support for our program by our church members and the faithful volunteers who assist us at our distributions.

Greeters/Guest Ministry

Nothing to report.

Helps

Our Helps Team has continued to stay active with one to three person jobs this quarter. We continue to help our church and neighborhood people with projects within our financial and physical / technical abilities. We use each opportunity, to pray for the recipient and to share the Gospel, letting the people know that it is Jesus who sends us to help. I do encourage each member on the team to sign up for Subsplash AND turn on your notifications. I usually get very few, if any, responses to requests for help, from team members, because the team members either have not signed up or have signed up for Subsplash but have turned off the notifications. There is an old CB radio phrase - "Hey buddy - got your ears on" meaning your radio...You can't hear a call for help if you are not listening.

Hospitality

Last church luncheon July 27th next luncheon Oct 26th

Keenagers

In July, the Keenagers had a picnic social, and played a trivia game on Independence Day. This month on Monday, August 11th at 6:00 we will have "potluck" with the Bosier family entertaining us.

In September, the 8th, we will have a salad supper followed by a "hymn sing" led by Bill Johnson.

We invite any of you who like to sing hymns to join us!!!! Just let us know you hope to come

Operation Christmas Child

At the church-wide luncheon on July 27th the Operation Christmas Child Team hosted a table at the Mission Emphasis event. We shared the impact shoeboxes have on spreading the gospel and also had opportunities for the congregation to make donations to the Children's Church Packing Party on October 26th. The M&Ms fundraiser will begin August 17th and that will also support the Children's Church Packing Party.

The Santa Fe River Team Project Leader Workshop will take place at FBCA on September 20th at 10:00am in the FMC.

National Collection Week Prayer meeting at FBCA in collaboration with the FBCA prayer team will be November 1st at 9:00am

FBCA will be a drop-off site for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes November 17-24.

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team met on 8/6/25 and discussed the possibility of having a Prayer Walk on October 18, 2025. While we know that there will be a food distribution on that day, we are hoping to be able to capitalize on the fact that there may be members who will join us, since they will already be there for the food distribution.

Our plan is to divide up into groups and have someone praying over "every" room and section of our church, as well as around the perimeters of our church and buildings. If feasible, we are going to also ask that a group walk the community to pray for our residents, businesses, churches, etc. Other churches in the area are going to be asked to join us and perhaps take this concept back to their respective churches. We graciously ask that you pray with us and for us as we take on this venture.

We also discussed the possibility of having a video done to air during one of our church services to let our members, both new and long-term, know of the availability of the Prayer Room. Many may think that the Prayer Room is only available during church service but we want our members to know that the Prayer Room is available at any time that the church is open.

The Good Cup

"The Good Cup Renovation started July 28 when Nick Feagin led several church members in the demolition of Room 207 and the adjacent hallway. Nick and Evan quickly realized that the approved budget was not going to be sufficient to meet our desired vision for the space. Fortunately, generous donors stepped up to provide the necessary labor, materials, and money to fill the gap. We greatly appreciate Nick's leadership, volunteers, and donors that will enable us to support one another and reach the world one good cup at a time. This project is expected to be completed between the end of August and mid-September."

Adult Sunday School & Small Groups

Adult Sunday School classes continue to show growth on an average of 10 percent over last year. Two classes temporarily relocated to the FMC during Good Cup renovations and should be back in their regular locations very soon. We are continuing to monitor class sizes and needs. We anticipate announcing a date for our annual teacher training event this fall in the near future. We are also working with teachers to create class descriptions to enhance Membership 101 and visitor/new member assimilation. information from teachers and provided time to write cards to class members, both active and absent. Most classes are actively engaging in social events and effective member care.

Family Ministry Intern Program

The intern program continues to provide vital staff support during the week as well as intentional outreach and discipleship. Campbell Faulk will continue to serve as Family Ministry Intern this fall. Will Aplin has concluded his time as intern as he and his wife, Grace have moved to Lynchburg Virginia where Will can continue his master's degree in person as they seek to discern how God is calling them to serve in the future. We are actively searching for a second intern in Will's absence through outlets such as the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and other local ministry partners. As college students return this fall, we are diligent to find another individual who is actively pursuing vocational ministry, who meets the application criteria to fulfill this role. Many new leaders have been developed to help lead the Team Kid ministry that was launched by the interns.