



Thanksgiving Outreach Ministry

Please join in our annual Thanksgiving Outreach Ministry where we provide food baskets to widows and families in our church and community who might not otherwise have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Please check the suggested list of non-perishable food items. Make your purchases and bring the items to the church by Sunday, November 15, 2020. We will happily accept monetary contributions that will help cover the cost of the turkeys. Indicate "Thanksgiving Outreach" on your check's memo line or giving envelope; if giving online, select the "Love Offering" fund and specify "Thanksgiving Outreach." We will purchase perishable frozen items with these donations.

If you are interested in helping deliver baskets on Saturday, November 21, 2020, please contact Bob Herndon.

Enter into his gates with
THANKSGIVING
and into his
PRAISE
courts with
be thankful to him and bless his name
For the **GOOD** *his mercy is*
EVERLASTING
and his TRUTH endureth to all generations Psalm 100:4-5

NON-PERISHABLES TO BRING
canned goods (yams, cranberry sauce)
canned green beans and corn
instant potatoes
boxed dressing/stuffing
foil pan for turkey

THINGS WE WILL PURCHASE WITH DONATIONS
turkeys
frozen pies
brown & serve rolls

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 1, 2020.

Set your clocks back.

See you in church!



Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

In honor of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. The office will be closed all day on Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, 2020, and reopen Monday morning, November 30, 2020, at 8:00 am.

There will be NO afternoon or evening activities at the church on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

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What's cooking this Thanksgiving?



Please donate non-perishables and monetary gifts to our annual Thanksgiving Ministry.

You Can Lead Family Worship: Common Hurdles Fathers Can Overcome

By Nick Aufenkamp, Pastor, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dads, don't give up on leading your families in worshiping Jesus. As difficult as it was to have our church buildings closed for several months, one of the surprising graces for many families has been the recovery of family worship. Yet in this recovery, many dads — including myself — discovered our shortcomings as family worship leaders.

Despite my role as our church's worship pastor, I admit that in our home, family worship can feel more forced than joy-filled and more frustrating than fruitful. On many occasions, I've felt tempted to throw in the towel altogether. Perhaps you can relate. That said, we know that God's will for fathers is to raise their kids "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4), and that faithfulness requires pressing on in the strength of the Holy Spirit. Consider three common hurdles that often hinder dads in their efforts toward joy-filled family worship of Jesus.

Hurdle 1: Competition - Typically, when we think of family worship, we imagine the whole family huddled together to share in prayer, Scripture, and song. That's not a bad way to think about family worship, but the first hurdle requires you to take a step back from intentional times of worship and to consider what else is competing for your family's worship. The reality is, your family is always worshiping someone or something and, if you don't consider the competition, you may be surprised to find that despite intentional times spent in God's word and prayer, your family's worship of Jesus may still be coming in second place. You can identify what is competing for your family's worship by doing a personal assessment of where and how your family spends the bulk of its time, money, and attention. Even more importantly, dads, draw in your wives and children, inviting them to help you determine what is most important in your family's life. Ask questions like:

What do you think our family gets most excited about? Most upset about?

What do we spend the most time talking about?

As your husband/dad, what do you think I care most about?

*"The goal of family worship
doesn't end with learning;
it ends with love."*

You will clear the first hurdle in worshiping Jesus as a family by leading them in repentance and laying aside every weight and sin that either hinders or contradicts the intentional time your family spends together in the word and prayer (Hebrews 12:1).

Hurdle 2: Awkwardness - For all of the talk within the church about family worship, so few men and fathers today grew up in homes where Jesus was regularly worshiped, the Bible was consistently read, or their fathers played an active role in their spiritual maturation. Husbands and dads know they should be leading their families in worship, but many of us have received little practical discipleship in how to do so. As a result, many men feel as though they are inventing the wheel when it comes to family worship — and the wheel typically doesn't roll smoothly at first. I have found that when I've tried to hide my insecurities about leading my family spiritually, I've actually made our times around God's word and in prayer painfully awkward and strained. Instead, when I'm honest about the weakness I feel to adequately lead my family, I experience God's grace at work in and through me the most. I've had to learn to let go of my perfectionism and instead make it my goal to simply push the ball forward so that when my kids are leading families of their own, they are starting farther ahead of where I did. So, dads, clear the hurdle of awkwardness by naming your insecurities as they relate to leading your family in worship, and trust that in your weakness the Lord will prove the sufficiency of his grace and power (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Hurdle 3: Mere Knowledge - Deuteronomy 6:4-9 gives both the goal and mechanism for family worship. The goal is to cultivate a love for God that brings him glory, and the mechanism is saturating your life with his word. The danger for many dads is to make family worship hardly anything more than an intellectual exercise. I know that I've been too easily satisfied at times with my children simply reciting the right answers about whatever passage of Scripture we're studying or topic we're discussing. Knowledge is good and necessary, but it's not enough by itself. God's chief concern is that the truth of his word is impressed upon our hearts: "These words that I command you today shall be on your heart" (Deuteronomy 6:6). The goal of family worship doesn't end with learning; it ends with love. With love as the goal, dads, take the lead in drawing out your family at an affectional level. One of the best ways to do this is to set the tone by expressing how you're seeing God at work in your own heart. Encourage your wife and children with what the Lord is teaching you and ways you're seeing him make you more like Jesus. Help them see how the gospel applies to their joys and sorrows, and encourage each of them in the particulars of their lives. As you approach family worship, clear the hurdle of mere academic exercise by remembering 1 Corinthians 13. If you have family devotions but have not love, you are a noisy gong and ultimately gain nothing. Pursue love, and you gain God.

Consistency Is Key - Family worship is significant but surprisingly simple. Dads, you don't need to overcomplicate leading your family in worship. God has given you his word, and his Holy Spirit, and promised to work in and through your weakness. With the Spirit's help, repent of ways your family has valued other activities and worshiped things above Jesus. Then set aside regular times to read the Bible together, sing, discuss, and pray.

Your family's worship will not always feel profound (though it is!). You will certainly face all sorts of distractions — from squirrely toddlers to defiant teenagers. Sometimes family worship will feel forced. At other times it will feel frustrating. But consistency is key. God's word never returns empty and always accomplishes what he has purposed (Isaiah 55:10-11).

So, don't give up even when you feel like your efforts are fruitless. Fight the good fight of faith, and trust that God will use your perseverance in family worship to cultivate deeper love for him and neighbor. Be faithful, and leave the results to Jesus, the true worship leader of your home.

Original article can be found at <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/you-can-lead-family-worship/>.

Women's Ministry News

Greetings Everyone! I pray that everyone is doing well! It seems like in a blink of an eye—here we are in NOVEMBER! It's almost like I need to convince myself that Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away.

I praise the LORD for the early "Thanksgiving" boxes of food that came our way. This food blessed so many and I could hardly believe all the workers helping with distribution! It was truly amazing, a community event, and what I saw was the hands and feet of our LORD! We can all reach out through words of encouragement, the privilege of prayer, or express compassion with words of comfort. We should notice the needs around us and reach out and be "the hands and feet of Jesus!"

I'm looking forward to next month, as it appears that some activities are being rescheduled. Until then, we will sit patiently for the time where we can join hands, offer an embrace, talk without wearing a mask, and see all the sweet smiles we have been missing.

If there is anyone who would enjoy writing an article for the Women's Ministry, please let Sally Gaertner or me, Donna Arispe, know. Until then, we will be praying for a wonderful, blessed "family time" of the Thanksgiving season and that we can gather with our family or church families and enjoy the bounty the LORD provides for us! Until next month!



Gospel for Asia's Bridge of Hope Program

In a recent worship service, FBC welcomed Dr. Danny Yohannan from the Gospel of Asia organization. Gospel of Asia's Bridge of Hope Program helps supporters become involved in helping the children of Asia with practical needs. Here's how they describe it:

"None of us want to hear a child say, 'I'm so hungry, but there's no food. Not even in the garbage.' Through Gospel for Asia's Bridge of Hope Program, we have the opportunity to practically help the children of Asia and provide hope for the future.

Sponsoring a child in Asia for \$35 a month helps fills their tummies with a nutritious meal every day, saturates their minds with an education, prevents simple health issues with a yearly medical check-up and gives them the opportunity to hear a friend in Jesus who they can rely on in every life situation they may face."

Dr. Yohannan left some information about the program with Pastor Mike. Contact the office for more information about how to find a child to sponsor.

THIS IS MY CHURCH

This is my church.

It is composed of people like me.
We make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.

It will do a great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and
fellowship, if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness
and faith; and a church with a noble spirit - if I,
who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate
myself to the task of being all of the good things
that I want my church to be.

-SELECTED



Canady Life—An Update from JP & Sarah Canady

We are now entering the last 8 weeks of our 'official' internship time (we would have been coming back home from Indo mid December 2020). However, due to the COVID interruption, I (Sarah) will still have 7 more months (Nov, Dec, Jan-May) of ministry and classes until I graduate. JP will be going back to full-time employment this coming Jan 2021, but he will still be serving in ministry with me in some capacity as the Lord provides. This has for sure been a challenging season, but God has been faithful through it all and has continued to make us to rely fully on Him!

Over the past two months JP and I have been getting fully into the swing of our ministries! As you might remember we are working with the Hospitality Center for Chinese (HCC) and Somali Adult Literacy Training (SALT). With HCC we plan out hospitality events, such as time spent on a local lake, or a trip to state parks for hiking, or meals hosted in our building on the U of M, St. Paul campus. Our first event back in August was kayaking at Bde Maka Ska Lake. Then the first weekend in October we drove up to Duluth, MN, to see the beautiful fall colors. Last weekend we were able to visit Red Wing, MN, and hike the bluffs above the town. Friday we were able to attend a friendship meal and talk over some Chinese food and card games. Through this ministry I have been able to start two different friendships with two graduate students: Jin and Amah.

With SALT we meet bi-weekly with our team leader and have a Discovery Bible Study (DBS). These have been helpful hands on training for when we hopefully can start a DBS with a group of non-believing friends. The other people on our team are two other married couples and our leader. We wives meet once a week to prayer walk/drive over areas of influence in the Burnsville, MN, area and the men do the same. We have also started tutoring with our Somali family!

Some prayer needs are:

- Pray that JP and I would continue to seek and trust the Lord as we are looking toward decisions for next year
- Pray for the friendships that I have with each of these women and that I would boldly share Jesus with them
- Pray for JP to find some men he can begin friendships with
- Pray for God to awaken the Somali community here in MN to come to Jesus like never before
- Pray for God to continue to draw international students to himself and that we would be ready to share when they express interest in the Gospel



Meet a Missionary—Christian Rowland, Metro Vancouver, BC

Meet one of the SBC's missionaries, appointed by the North American Mission Board (NAMB), who serves as a church planter at the International Baptist Church in Metro Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Read Christian's bio, and pray for his family as they faithfully serve the Lord in Canada.

"Most of my life growing up was spent on American military bases in South Korea and Japan. In 2010, I returned to the US and studied Humanities at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. There I met my beautiful wife, Laura. She was raised in Guinea, West Africa, where her parents served as church planting missionaries. While attending seminary, we were mentored by Dr. Steve Lee at International Baptist Church of Arlington, a church he was instrumental in starting. There, God gave us a passion for multiplying, multiethnic church planting. In 2016, we interned with the North American Mission Board's GenSend program on Vancouver Island. Over the next two years, we began to sense God calling us specifically to Metro Vancouver. In 2018, we moved to Langley, British Columbia, with the vision of seeing God start a multiplying, multiethnic church. Since then, I graduated with my Masters in Christian Studies from ACTS Seminaries in Langley, BC, and have been endorsed by the North American Mission Board as a church planting apprentice. We have two children, Leara (2018) and Gabriel (2020)."

The International Baptist Church in Metro Vancouver embraces the following values:

- Multiethnic worship, as demonstrated by welcoming all people of all nations and gathering them for worship by creating a loving space.
- Kingdom expansion through intentional evangelism, church-wide discipleship, and healthy church planting multiplication.
- Biblical community, as demonstrated by living life together and intentionally spurring one another on toward greater love and good deeds.
- Sacrificial service, as demonstrated by taking the gospel to our community and serving as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.



NOVEMBER 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| 1  10:30 am  Deacons Meeting Noon FamMin Ctee Noon *Ronald T. Tipton | 2 | 3  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Family Ministry Luncheon 11am 8am  |
| 8  10:30 am | 9 | 10 Personnel Committee 6:30pm | 11 | 12 FBC vols @ Food Pantry | 13 | 14 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party FHall 3pm |
| 15  10:30 am | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22  10:30 am | 23 | 24 | 25 Office Closes at Noon NO Evening Activities | 26 Office Closed  | 27 Office Closed | 28 |
| 29  10:30 am | 30 |  | | | | |
| *Darrel Dundas | | | | | | |

Schedule of Events

Sunday

- 8:00—In-person Worship
- 9:15—Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30—In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE

Wednesday

- 6:30—Life Groups / Prayer Meeting / Youth Bible Study / Children's Worship
- 7:45—Choir Rehearsal

Weekly Activities

Creative Hands—Quilting
Mondays at 10:00 am
Bible Study Fellowship
Kids—Monday evenings
Adults—Tuesday evenings
Men—in person
Women—online
Line Exercise Classes
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30 am—10:30 am
Worship at Veterans' Home
—Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
—(except for 2nd Wed of each month)
Sr. Adult Game Day
—Thursdays from 1-4 pm

* Deacon of the Week

November Birthdays

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| 1 Heather Moss Sparks | 7 Carson Addington | 15 David Arispe | 26 Pat Tackitt Ray |
| 1 Traci Yosko | 7 Terri Bombei | 16 Matt Keller | 27 Bonnie Dickerson |
| 2 Matthew Hankins | 7 Marc Gulick | 20 Dee Smith | 27 Sharron Wesley |
| 2 Joe Leal | 8 Cynthia Guerrero | 20 Atticus Tipton | 27 Jordan Respondek |
| 2 Leif Joosepson | 9 Kimberly Embrey | 21 Julie Fischer | 27 Thomas Taggs |
| 3 Terri Johnson | 10 Tyler Holt | 21 Caleb Coffey | 28 Tammy Bodiford Skloss |
| 4 Capri Montgomery | 11 Bradley Davis | 22 Kaly Johnson | 29 Stephanie Moss |
| 4 Blake Moy | 13 Jamie Burris | 22 Tom Kuykendall | |
| 5 Kenneth Kotzur | 13 Timothy McKeen | 23 Rhea Nell Rogers | |
| 5 Heather Montgomery | 14 Elizabeth Coats | 24 Shelbi Bays | |
| 6 Terry Mills | 14 Makayla Miller | 24 Agnes Moody | |
| 6 Bill Newnam | 14 Adair Welfel | 26 Bonnie Banks | |





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Because He First Loved Us.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!



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Deepest condolences are extended to the family of Gianna Dream Anguiano, 12-day old great granddaughter of Rosa Beltran, who passed away on October 19, 2020;

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Gertrude Guenther Eckel, mother of Ronnie Eckel, who passed away on October 21, 2020;

Sincere condolences are offered to the family of Johnnie Eubanks, mother of Andy Eubanks, who passed away on October 22, 2020.



First Baptist Church would like to extend an enthusiastic THANK YOU to everyone who was instrumental in the recent Wilson County food distribution through the White House and the USDA Farmers to Families program. In conjunction with several other churches in the area, we were able to distribute more than 2,400 boxes of food to residents of Wilson County who needed it. We'd also like to extend a extra big THANK

YOU to Steve Smith of Smith Propane for the use of the forklift (and to Frankie Dippel for operating it), and to Jason Guerrero of J's Total Service for the use of the pallet jack. What a blessing this program has been to the community. Please pray that seeds were planted with each Bible conversation and gospel tract that was had while boxes were distributed.



BUILDING HISTORY

Original Loan Amount:
\$ 525,000.00

October Loan Payment:
\$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance:
\$ 125,108.58

"Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord."

Exodus 35:5a (NKJV)

Floresville Food Pantry's Suggested Donation for NOVEMBER Traditional Thanksgiving Foods

The Floresville Food Pantry is partnering with *Daily Bread* ministry of San Antonio to provide food to the needy of Floresville. The Pantry is now open on Thursdays only. Clients need to arrive at 8am to sign in and wait for food distribution. A devotional time will be at 9am. Clients are asked to bring their own bags. The Pantry is located on the corner of 4th and A Street and the phone number is 830-321-1151. Volunteers and donations are always appreciated.



New Members

By Statement

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**online
GIVING**
easy. fast. effective.



Online giving is an easy, convenient, and secure alternative to writing a check. Go to the church's web page, www.fbcf.org, or scan the QR code with your smart phone.

| BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE | Actual Giving Receipts | Required to Meet Budget |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| September 2020 | \$ 60,132.78 | \$ 57,596.85 |
| YTD thru September | \$ 492,824.29 | \$ 518,371.65 |