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PASTOR MIKE IS RETIRING!

After 21 years in ministry service here at First Baptist Church Floresville, Pastor Mike and Allison have decided to start a new phase of their lives. They are retiring from full-time ministry, but will never completely leave the joy of sharing the Gospel with others.

Everyone is invited to join in a celebration on Sunday, March 27, which will be the last day for Pastor Mike in the pulpit. So everyone can worship together, there will only be one service that morning at 10:30 am. There will be lots of laughter and singing, along with a few tears.

One gift we would like to present that day is a Memory Book. The request is that everyone submit a special memory or event or word of encouragement. All the submissions will then be compiled into a bound book and presented to the Clements that day. If you have any special pictures, please submit those also. You can send them via email to office@fbcf.org; or mail it to 1115 B Street, Floresville, TX 78114; or even drop it off in person at the office during the week. If you prefer, find someone at the Welcome Desk before or after worship, and they can make sure it gets to the right place.

The barbecue and all sides will be provided, as well as a cake. Each Sunday School class is asked to provide 2 desserts. Suggestions are dessert bars, cupcakes or cookies.

Please make plans to attend this occasion as we thank Pastor Mike and his family for all they have done for our congregation. This is your opportunity to show your love and thankfulness for their being faithful through the years.



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Our nation in many ways feels divided right now, but we believe the gospel has the power to unite and transform broken communities. Through the #AnnieArmstrong Easter Offering, our church is joining North American missionaries in bringing the hope and restoration of Christ.



North American culture is at a crossroads with millions of people in spiritual darkness. The need for the gospel has never been more urgent. When you give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, you bring the gospel to communities in desperate need of Jesus. Please plan to give and help meet our offering goal of \$2,000.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Thank you, Lord, for giving us new Mercies every day! We may go to church on Sunday and listen to the pastor read from the Bible and exhorting us to a changed life, then leave the church forgetting what we have heard. This was the point James uses of a man who looks at himself in a mirror but cannot remember what he looks like afterward. (James 1:23-25). Thank you, Lord, for these new mercies you give us every day. Let us hear your word and digest it slowly to help us Trust & Obey.

Don't look now, but **SPRING** will be here very soon! Warmer weather and Planting Season! Dust off your garden gloves and sun hat. We have scheduled our **FBCF PLANT X CHANGE** for Saturday, March 26th, 2022! Everyone is invited to participate and share with everyone. Start to collect your unwanted gardening items, clean out your garage or storage room, and bring those items to share with those that are looking for your priceless items! I will be posting more information at the bulletin board next to the Coffee Corner. If you have never participated in one of our "Plant X Change" events, give me a call. This event is open to everyone!

I wanted to share with everyone who may be interested in attending the Women of Joy conference, Extravagant Grace, September 16-18, 2022, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center downtown San Antonio. Tickets are \$109.00 per person or \$99.00 for groups of 10 or more! Several years ago, we had a pretty large group of about 30 that went. It was a fantastic conference. To find out more about the speakers and music you can go to their website at: womenofjoy.org. If we get a group together, we can take advantage of the lower rate and possibly arrange transportation. The deadline for the group registration (lower rate of \$99.00) is June 22, 2022. I know those that attended this conference definitely enjoyed it!

DATES to REMEMBER:

FBCF PLANT X CHANGE - Saturday March 26th, 2022, time: 10:00-12:00, Location: FBC Parking Lot

Women of Joy - September 16-18, 2022 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas

On-going collection of Operation Christmas Child shoebox items. (see the bulletin board for ideas)

The collection of items for the OCC shoeboxes is coming in. Sallie has some great ideas and several items are homemade! Look for additional information at the Coffee Corner. Items brought in can be put in the Green and Red storage container.

"March All-Dressed Up" some suggested items for the shoe boxes are:

T-shirts, pants, shorts, dresses, skirts, hats (any style: winter, baseball), scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, shoes, flip flops, bandanas, sunglasses, rain ponchos, shoelaces.

Silly dress up: Animal masks, Superhero capes.

If you have any other ideas or questions for items for Operation Christmas Child, please share with Sallie Bluff, Sally Gaertner or myself.

Please remember to pray for all those on our prayer list and pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they embark on the task of searching for the man God has for us, as Bro Mike begins his new "Retirement Chapter." If you have someone on the church prayer list, please keep the Office updated. If you have any Women's Ministry ideas, please share with Sally Gaertner @ 361.290.1068 or Donna Arispe @ 210.560.9642

In HIS Service!

Dear FBCF Family,

We are excited to share with you that by God's grace we will be leaving for the Philippines on Sunday February 27th! As we begin this new ministry in the Philippines, we would be so blessed to know you are praying for us!

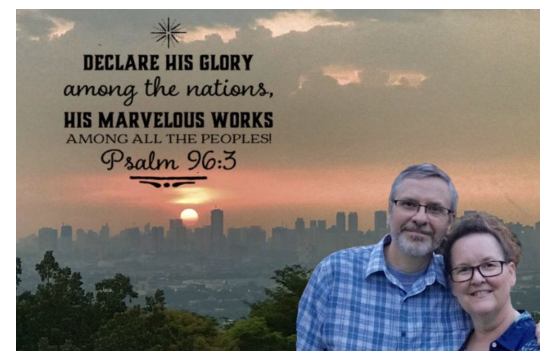
Here are some specific prayer requests we have:

- That God would go before us as we work through the entrance visa process.
- That God would graciously lead us to where he wants us to live.
- That we could get settled there quickly so that we could focus our full attention on the ministry he has called us to do in the Philippines.
- That you would be encouraged as you remember that you have a part in this ministry, your prayers and giving impact Filipinos for God's glory.

We will keep you updated as we start this new ministry in the Philippines.

We also are praying for FBCF as you celebrate Bro. Mike's retirement and begin the process of seeking God's direction for your next pastor.

Your Missionaries, Paul and Sherry Sudolcan



March 2022

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <small>8am</small> 
6  <small>10:30 am</small> *Chris Coats	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 DST  <small>10:30 am</small> Begins Council Mtg 12p *Danny Fenner	14	15	16 No PM Activities	17	18	19
[----- SPRING BREAK -----]						
20  <small>10:30 am</small> *Bob Herndon	21	22	23 Business Meeting 6:30p	24	25	26 Plant X Change <small>10 am</small>
27  <small>10:30 am</small> *John Long	28	29	30	31		



1 Bob Herndon	7 Elton Gilchrist	20 Matt Bingham
2 Chris Coats	8 Keegan Ward	22 Allison McKeen
2 Sean Coats	9 Luis Chavarria, Jr.	23 Randy Gorzell
2 Jane Lee	10 Charlotte Rolland	23 Kyle Houdmann
3 Dr. Mike Clements	10 Mae Belle Stringer	23 Chris Reed
4 Braxton Richardson	12 Gail Fuller	24 Alyssa Flores
4 Preston Pehl	13 Luke Clements	24 Kaitlyn Flores
4 Adlai Welfel	13 Rosa Beltran	24 Lou Johnson
5 Tony Perez	14 Henry Coleman	26 Jean Harris
5 James Whatley	15 Wade Harris	26 Jovi Murray
6 Darlene Holland	16 Bethany Smith Vick	26 Charles Rice
	17 Lyndi Keller	28 Mike Hopper
	17 Brooke Fewox	28 Mary Pierce
	18 Mark Davis	29 Ralph Coston
	19 Stephanie Simmang	29 Ivy Lanier
	19 Michelle Talley	31 Fay Rogers

Sunday

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

Tuesday

- 5:30 — Choir practice
- 6:30—Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesday

- 3:30—Team Kids/Choir
- 5:30—Wed Night Supper
- 6:30—Prayer Meeting/
Youth Bible Study/Life Groups

Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands—Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am
 - Caring & Sharing—Quilting Tuesdays at 10:00 am
 - Line Exercise Classes Mon, Tues. & Thurs. from 9:30-10:30 am
- *Deacon of the Week



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MEALS FOR MARCH

- March 2: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes
- March 9: Fettucine Alfredo
- March 16: No supper—Spring Break
- March 23: Spaghetti
- March 30: Chalupa Night



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BUILDING

HIStory

Original Loan Amount:
 \$ 525,000.00

February Loan Payment:
 \$ 1,500.00

Current Loan Balance:
 \$ 57,229.46

"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

My Dear Church Family,

There are not adequate words to express just how very grateful we are for all of you during our time of sorrow. You have been a comfort and blessing to the entire family during Mike's hospital stay and in his going to Heaven. Thank you for the texts, phone calls, cards, flowers, food, hugs and especially the prayers. We are so very thankful to those who prepared, served and provided food for the funeral meal. Also, thank you to Bro. Mike, Bro. Terry, Bro. Matt, Linda, Allison, Penny and Sally for making the funeral service so very special. We were all fervently praying for God to completely heal Mike's body. God answered our prayers, just not on this side. Mike's body is completely healed and his body is brand new in Heaven. God bless you for your kindness and expressions of love toward us.

Agnes Moody and family

Thank You

NEW MEMBERS

Zachary Stephens

910 Pine Street, #C102
 Floresville, TX 78114

Marti (Martha) Zamora

278 Shannon Ridge
 Floresville, TX 78114



There will be a regularly scheduled Business Meeting held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. The agenda includes presentations from:

- Personnel Committee
- Master Plan Committee
- Committee on Committees



Daylight Savings Time
 Begins March 13, 2022, 2:00 am



Condolences go out to Agnes Moody and her family, who lost their beloved husband and father Mike, on February 2, 2022.

Also, condolences go out to Robert Calmes who lost his father, Wayne Lee Calmes, on February 4, 2022.

with deepest
SYMPATHY

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
January 2022	\$ 47,878.80	\$ 43,438.49
YTD thru January 2022	\$ 47,878.80	\$ 43,438.49