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From Our Associate and Youth Minister, Justin Moser




October is here!! As I look at what is on the church calendar for the next 3 months, I can't help but be excited. During these months we will welcome our community onto our property with our Fall Festival on October 25, get out in our community with our Neighbor Day on November 4, serve Thanksgiving dinner to the youth at Morningstar on November 21, Santa dinner on December 6, the Christmas Cantata on December 10, not to mention celebrating Thanksgiving and the Advent season remembering the hope of the incarnation of Jesus Christ. We have a PACKED 3 months filled with opportunities for outreach, ministry, and deepening our life with each other and with Christ.

To make any of these wonderful outreach events happen, **WE NEED YOU!** If you haven't signed up for Fall Festival yet, let me know and we will find a place for you to serve. Currently, we are especially in need of people to help set up, clean up, and watch over the inflatable areas in the gym and parking lots. Want to help, but can't offer 2 full hours? That's ok! We can break it down into smaller scheduled time slots if we have enough people signed up to help in that way. This month we will have a Sign-up sheet for our Neighbor Day! Signing up will help us know how many people to expect and give us a better idea of the number of projects we can accomplish that day.

The youth will be on their youth retreat October 13-15 to Wild Adventures! Please be in prayer for those who go. These retreats are always a GREAT time to get away, grow together, and learn more about Jesus.

We finished up our Leviticus series by exploring the year of Jubilee in Leviticus 25. Because of its focus on freeing people from debt and slavery, many scholars recommend translating the Hebrew word for "Jubilee" as "release." For the next season in the life of FBCSSI, I will be praying for it to be a season of Jubilee. For a release of God's spirit in our lives and in the life of our church. A release of the power and presence of Christ in our worship and ministry. I hope that you will join me in that prayer. Together, as we faithfully seek Christ, grow together, and with one mind seek to share the love of Christ with our community, we will indeed rejoice in how God shows up in the next season of ministry here at FBCSSI.

You're Invited-Activities for All Ages!

OUR CHURCH STAFF Rev. Justin Moser, Associate and Youth Minister Justin@fbcSSI.org 912-580-2008 Ken Sausedo, Interim Minister of Worship Ms. Rachel Assaf, Preschool Director Preschool@fbcSSI.org Ms. Melissa Wright, Childcare Coordinator mwright24@windstream.net Ms. Lynn Bowman, Administrator admin@fbcSSI.org Ms. Christine Ewart, Administrative Assistant adminassistant@fbcSSI.org Ms. Alix McHale, Audio/Media Specialist Ms. Faith Hamilton-Trent, Pianist Dr. Lois Gurney, Organist Mr. Greg Quinn, Custodian	Contact Us 729 Ocean Boulevard St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522 Phone: 912-638-3337 Email: admin@fbcSSI.org www.fbcSSI.org	<u>Our Sunday Worship Schedule</u> 8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
	<u>I.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)</u> Adults 55+ gather for fun & fellowship. Contact Elizabeth Jordan for information.	
	<u>WOW (Women of the Word)</u> Bible Study & Fellowship . 2nd Tues at 6:30 p.m.	Supporting Our Ministry Together As of September 24, 2023
	<u>SIT AND GET FIT</u> Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Flexer Rm. Just show up in exercise clothes!	<u>Tithes & Offerings</u> 2023 YTD Goal: \$502,203 2023 YTD Given: \$472,903.24
	<u>DORCAS Group</u> Use your sewing/knitting/creativity to help with missions needs. 2nd/4th Thurs. at 2:00 p.m.	<u>Capital Campaign</u> Goal: \$450,000 Contributions: \$329,583.40
	  	



Save the Dates! Upcoming Events & Activities

- * **Men's Prayer Group at Sweet Mama's:** Tuesdays at 7 am
- * **Sit & Get Fit in the Flexer Room:** Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30 am
- * **Pickleball in the Gym:** Tuesdays 6-8 pm & Saturdays from 11 am-1 pm
- * **Women of the Word Bible Study & Fellowship:** Every 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
- * **High Tide Fellowship & Activities:** Wednesdays at 5 pm
- * **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays at 6 pm
- * **DORCAS Group:** Every 2nd/4th Thursday at 2 pm
- * **Fall Festival:** Wednesday, October 25th from 5-7 pm
- * **Neighbor Day:** Saturday, November 4th
- * **Santa Dinner:** Wednesday, December 6th from 5 pm
- * **Festival of Christmas Cantata:** Sunday, December 10th at 6 pm

Mission House

This month we extend a warm welcome to our visitors staying in the Mission House!

October 1st-6th: Kansas Robison works with Pioneers in the Middle East. She is home on furlough. Upon return, Kansas will coach weightlifting and volleyball at a private club. She is also the team-building facilitator for the club and will write a curriculum for a local university in training and equipping coaches through team dynamics.
****Note** Kansas had a family emergency and will not be able to stay. Please pray for Kansas and her family!**

October 8th-13th: Robert and Barbara Holder served as IMB missionaries for 25 years in Africa. Currently, they live in Nashville, TN, and work with several Afghan families in the area.

October 15th-20th: Joe and Elizabeth Hernandez are from Stone Mountain, GA. Joe assists in training and coaching missionaries serving in major cities in the US as they all seek to evangelize, disciple, and plant churches among the unreached in the US and Canada. Joe also helps with developing and piloting specialized strategies related to the work of field missionaries.

October 24th-27th: Tom and Deborah Hinley reside in Conyers, GA. Tom was a journeyman missionary in Uganda, and Debora grew up as a missionary kid there. After getting married, they served as missionaries in Botswana and Kenya.

From the Boys & Girls Club Unit Director, Annie Poore

September at the Club, we have found ourselves really in the swing of the fall season of school! We are working hard during homework and reading time every day. Even on days when students might not have homework assigned by their teachers, they are asked to practice Math (especially multiplication!) and to read to our staff members. The 2nd through 5th graders have also started their weekly practice on the IXL website learning Math and Language arts. Our PreK through 1st graders have started the year well, and they really look forward to Wednesday's Bible Study and Play Space! We are so thankful for that fellowship for them and the way their faces light up when they realize it's Wednesday! We are ending the month with a "Bring a Friend to Club for Free Day" for our last Fun Friday of the month. Our Youth of the Month is Bauer Hunter, a kindergartner from Oglethorpe Point Elementary School.



From Our Preschool Director, Rachel Assaf

It was a brand-new month, and that means a brand-new monthly theme here at FBP! This past month of September was all about Loving Your Neighbor, Feelings, Families, Fire Safety, and Community Helpers-one of our favorites! During Chapel this month, our Lil' Fish learned about The Good Samaritan, David Sparing Saul's Life, Jonah, and Jesus Feeding the 5,000.

Our main truths this month were:

We can Love our Neighbors and Enemies!

We Can Use our Hands for Good

God's Way is Perfect

We can Share with Others



September was packed full of so many things! Our school participated in all the fun with Grandparent's Day, Potty Parties, Mystery Reader Visits, Pizza Day, Community Helper Visits from a Fire Truck and Terry the Water Safety Turtle, and kicking off a new season with Fall Picture Day!



"And do not forget to do good and to share with others." Hebrews 13:16a