

The Family Connection

First Baptist Church Of Auburn



Mexico Missions Trip

To everyone who signed up to go on the Youth Ministry Mission Trip, this is a friendly reminder to have everything in order and prepare for the trip as soon as possible; passports/identification, travel bags, supplies. **Enrolment is close.** If you have any questions on what to pack, please contact our Youth Pastor, Ethan Lowery, at fbcauburnyouth@gmail.com



Fellowship & Information Meeting

We will be getting together after Sunday service, March 19th, for an FBC Fellowship and Information Meeting. FBC staff and elders will be updating everyone on the different ministry groups and project going on and discuss plans for the upcoming year. Please join us for fellowship and if you have any questions about our church, we welcome the discussion! If you have any topics that you would like us to cover, please email fbcadmin@fbcauburn.com so we can accommodate.

March 2023

A Word From The Lord:

"Therefore the Lord said: 'Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men, therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work among this people, a marvelous work and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden.'" Isaiah 29:13-14

"Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." Matthew 9:10-13

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. 6pm - Movement Youth Pray for The United States	2. 3pm-5pm - Homeschool Library Pray for Repentance and Revival	3. Pray for FBC Pray for California	4. Pray for Personal Growth and Ministry Opportunities
5. 9am - Sunday School Children's program 10:15 - Service	6. Pray for Youth Ministries	7. 11am - Lady's Prayer 6pm - Young Adults Group	8. No Youth Group Today	9. Pray for The Gideons	10. Pray for Salvation Army	11. Pray for Acres of Hope - Auburn
12. 9am - Sunday School 10:15 - Service & Preschool	13. Pray for The United States Pray for California	14. 11am - Lady's Prayer 6pm - Young Adults Group	15. 6pm - Movement Youth	16. Pray for Mark & Debbie Christopher, S. Africa	17. Pray for Greg & Aida Force, Philippines	18. Pray for Jacob & Judi Cohen, Israel
19. 9am - Sunday School Children's Prog 10:15 - Service 12pm - Meeting	20. Pray for Leo Bobbs, Cru - Bridges International	21. 11am - Lady's Prayer 5:30am -NCTD Woman's 6pm - Young Adults Group	22. 6pm - Movement Youth	23. Pray for Jose Esparza, Mexico	24. Pray for Gary & Barbara Bauman, Japan	25. Pray for Paulo & Ireni Mota, Brazil
26. 9am - Sunday School 10:15 - Service	27. Pray for Angel Warrior, SEED Group	28. 11am - Lady's Prayer 6pm - Young Adults Group	29. 6pm - Movement Youth	30. Mexico Missions Trip March 30-April 8 Prayer for Church Leaders	31. Pray for Personal Growth and Ministry Opportunities	

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At First Baptist Church of Auburn, our hope is that you'll find a place to call home and a community that becomes like family. As a family of believers, we are committed to upholding biblical standards, cultivating the faith of our community, addressing the spiritual issues of the world today.

RESTORATION MINISTRY - BRAZIL

In February we have been training in different areas for the improvement, development, and growth of our team. This training is very important in order to innovate what we do and offer.

This year Joao Paulo (17) and his sister Bruna (18) will be interning in the ministry two days a week and they are participating in the training with us. Both grew up in the ministry and until December 2022, they were volunteers at Agita Restauração (our VBS) in the camps and small groups. Bruna plays the saxophone in the orchestra and Joao Paulo plays guitar in the worship group at Vila Rosa church.

Together with you we praise the Lord for what He has done in both their lives! They live in a dysfunctional family; their father is alcoholic, sometimes violent with the family and their mom has stepped back from her faith. Joao Paulo and Bruna live in the favela surrounded by a lot of violence and drugs; recently some young man offered drugs to Joao Paulo which is a very common situation in communities. This is what the kids learn to deal with from a very young age.

They love the Lord, but like all teenagers, have their challenges. BUT Bruna and Joao Paulo are thirsty and eager to learn the Word. Keep both in your prayers, that the Lord will strengthen them and help them to remain firm and grow in faith.



Anniversaries & Birthdays!



Vince & Maria Paiz	03/14
Jeff & Sharyn Williams	03/16
Ken & Linda Walker	03/19
John & Mary Walls	03/31



Dannette Bentz	03/03	Austin Savery	03/18
Naomi Haase	03/03	Bill Borman	03/22
Georgia Schroeder	03/05	Betty Macho	03/22
Ann Chin	03/07	Pearl Moll	03/27
Alan Anderson	03/16	Mary Walls	03/29





The Salvation Army - Auburn

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Missions Moment

GLOBAL MISSIONS EFFORT

Who are The Salvation Army?

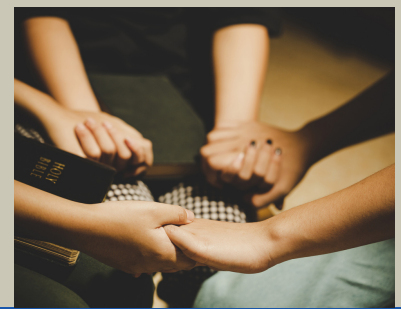
The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The History of The Salvation Army

Soon after beginning his ministerial career in England in 1852, William Booth abandoned the concept of the traditional church pulpit in favor of taking the gospel of Jesus Christ directly to the people. Walking the streets of London, he preached to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute. When fellow clergymen disagreed with Booth's unconventional approach, he and his wife Catherine withdrew from the church to train evangelists throughout England. The couple returned to the East End of London in 1865, where many followers joined their fight for the souls of lost men and women. Within 10 years, their organization, operating under the name The Christian Mission, had over 1,000 volunteers and evangelists. Thieves, prostitutes, gamblers, and drunkards were among their first converts to Christianity. And soon, those converts were also preaching and singing in the streets as living testimonies to the power of God. When Booth read a printer's proof of the 1878 Christian Mission annual report, he noticed the statement, "The Christian Mission is a volunteer army." Crossing out the words "volunteer army," he penned in "Salvation Army." From those words came the basis of the foundation deed of The Salvation Army. From that point onward, converts became soldiers of Christ and were known then, as now, as Salvationists. They launched an offensive throughout the British Isles that, in spite of violence and persecution, converted 250,000 Christians between 1881 and 1885. Their message spread rapidly, gaining a foothold in America and soon after Canada, Australia, France, Switzerland, India, South Africa, Iceland, and Germany. Today, The Salvation Army is active in virtually every corner of the world and serves in 133 countries, offering the message of God's healing and hope to all those in need.

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JACOB & JUDI COHEN - ISRAEL

Jacob turned 47 years old this month. What precious memories of that very special day in Yuma, AZ which was truly the beginning of our journey to Israel. Thank you for your prayers for Jacob as he continues to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Messiah Yeshua".

Jacob attended another wedding this month of an unbeliever. M. was part of the baseball work for several years. Even after there has been no baseball, Jacob was honored to be invited to M.'s wedding. Jacob was seated with other former players and some have already gotten married. It was encouraging to Jacob that every one of them remembered his faith in Yeshua and connected it with his testimony among them. Each time we see former participants in our past sports ministry, a conversation about the faith is not far away.

Over a year ago, we were regularly asking you to pray for A. who was dealing with an eating disorder. A's battle brought her close to death, but this month we celebrated A's 27th birthday together. A. has fought a difficult battle, but she is now walking with the Lord and growing in Him. Your prayers really do make a difference!

Please pray for Judi as she is meeting once a week with a young woman fighting to grow in the Lord. Sometimes, there are personal scars that get in the way of growth.

Prayer Requests: Men's meetings, Youth group, College and Career, Ladies Bible Study, Family Bible Study, Discipleship, Young Mothers' Program, A full-time worker to the Russian people, The new building fund at FOI for a permanent meeting place of our own, and The creation of a unique web site for evangelism purposes.



Weekly Connections!



WOMAN'S PRAYER HOUR
Tuesday @ 11 am
@ FBC

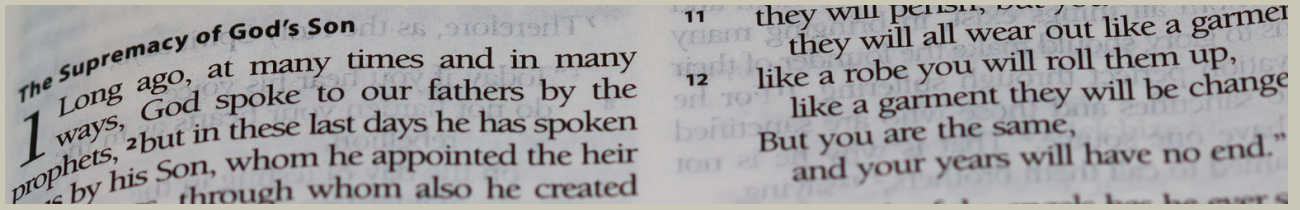


YOUNG ADULT'S GROUP
Tuesday @ 6 pm
@ FBC



MEN'S PRAYER HOUR
Friday @ 8 am
@ Missions Coffee

Christ



Dear FBC Family,

The past year we have spent a wonderful time in the book of Hebrews examining the supremacy and superiority of Jesus. The more I preach this book, the more I have come to appreciate and love it, because of its central focus on Christ. Many commentators believe that this book was actually a single sermon that was preached by one of those who were in the early church. This is why the book is filled with so many vivid warnings (Heb 2:1-4; 3:12-4:13; 5:11-6:12; 10:26-39; 12:25-29) and strong exhortations (Heb 10:32-35; 13:22) that use much descriptive language. I hope you have found it as captivating as I have, and instructive for the Christian life. It is truly a treasure trove of Scriptural insights into the person and work of Jesus.

As we come to the end of Hebrews I have been especially helped by the constant reminder of the author to keep our eyes on Jesus (Heb 12:1-3; 12:17), so that we might run the race of life with endurance and strength. The world is full of distractions, difficulties, and darkness which cloud our thinking and corrupt our hearts. The Christ-centeredness of this book is second only to the Gospel of John and that is why this book is so refreshing because it reminds us that all that matters is Christ. It was necessary for the Jews to whom he wrote this epistle because this group of Jews was suffering greatly under the persecution (Heb 10:32-35). They had been disinherited, lost their property, lost their church, lost possession, and were under great pressure to give up. They needed a vision that would lift them up out of the mire of the world, and would give them hope for the future. Hebrews gives us such an exalted view of Christ we cannot help but feel hopeful for the future. It gives us a vision of a better world and a kingdom that cannot be shaken (Heb 12:28-29).

The older I get the more I feel compelled by the person and work of Jesus. His life, death, and resurrection become the central song that my heart sings, and I find more comfort and solace in Him than in any other thing in this world. My hope is that you have been captivated by the author's steadfast resolve to show the supremacy of Christ to the prophets (Heb 1:1-3), the angels (1:4-2:18), Moses (3:1-19), Joshua (4:1-13), Aaron and the priesthood (4:14-7:28), the old covenant (8:1-9:10), and the sacrifices (9:11-10:39). In other words, there is no one more magnificent, exalted, resplendent, higher, greater, prominent, radiant, splendid, marvelous, or beautiful than Jesus. I hope this journey through Hebrews has given you an even greater appreciation for our Savior. We will be wrapping up our series in Hebrews in April.

Our next preaching series will be in the Gospel of Mark, where we will see Jesus in action. Mark was likely written by John Mark, as an amanuensis (a ghost-writer) for the Apostle Peter. I can't wait to explore the Gospels through the eyes of Simon, the one whom Jesus called Peter (i.e. the rock), who denied Jesus three times and was restored to leadership after his failure. Like you, I look forward to the discoveries that will be made as we explore this wonderful account of Christ's life together.

In Christ,

Pastor Stuart





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JACKIE TURNER - ACRES OF HOPE



When hearing the words "wilderness season", many Christians may think of a hard and trying time. And yet what if I were to tell you, the wilderness is often the place where God will sing his betrothal song over you. In Hosea, the wilderness is the place that God calls Hosea's wife back to so that she can remember her first love. The place he will lead her along by ropes of kindness and love. He sees her walking through a heartbreak valley.

Hosea's wife is really symbolic for God's people and Heartbreak Valley is all the choices and things they have chosen outside of God and His will, that lead to heartbreak. Yet God in his grace beckons them once more to return to His true love. So God beckons her to come to the wilderness where she can learn what true love is. He beckons her to try something different. Return to loving him again.

Here at the Acres of Hope Campus we are doing more than just breaking the cycle of homelessness, we are expanding God's Kingdom and providing a place where mothers and children get to live and experience the safety, love, and grace of God that transforms their lives from the inside out, so that one day they can step out into the world and reveal the hope they found in the wilderness. A hope that will shine in the world for all to see.



INDIA PARTNERSHIP

From two-dimensional paper to three-dimensional hearts is the work of only a few minutes, but the command to love our neighbors is the work of a lifetime. Why should we love our neighbors? Because God told us to, of course, but also because he first loved us. When we weren't worthy of it, when we deserved nothing but condemnation, God first loved us. Now he wants us to extend that grace-filled love to others. That's what the project children were learning this Valentine's Day. And while it didn't take long for them to make those radiating hearts to illustrate 1 John 4:19, these beautiful works of art will hang in their homes for a long time to come, reminding them that God loves them and wants them to love others.





JOB OPENING - OFFICE ADMIN

STARTING AT: \$18/HR | 32 HR/WK

General Responsibilities:

The Office Admin is responsible for all office systems required to support ministry, both analog and digital systems. This includes office communication through phone, mail, and email, maintaining up to date records in office and online, manage church website, coordinates with office staff and volunteers to ensure assignments and project are timely and productive for all ministry seasons, filing and distributing appropriate paperwork to ministry staff and volunteers, and maintaining ministry supply inventories and distribution logs as well as other.

The Office Admin must ensure high volume production and accuracy of ministry documents including, but not limited, mailing list, finance, statistics, ordering of materials, staff and volunteer screening procedures that include processing livescans, Children and Youth Workers Policies and Procedures, training records, and First Baptist Church of Auburn standards of employment. In addition to this, this position must possess excellent communication skills, utmost integrity, and proficiency in the use of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Canva, and Social Media.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Maintain accurate data for FBC office and online files and reports.
2. Maintain current database of contacts within mailing list for accurate and prompt communication.
3. Order, organize, and distribute materials as needed for different FBC ministry groups.
4. Write weekly bulletins that are well-written and well-designed.
5. Write monthly newsletter that are well-written, well-designed and exciting.
6. Support FBC in communication with prayer letters and emails, inviting guests to events, emailing for church events and record keeping.
7. Attend weekly office meetings with church staff for task and updates.
8. Send out reminders and take accurate notes for all staff meetings and other meetings and events when needed.
9. Prepare documents for FBC staff and volunteers as needed.
10. Flexible, adaptable, and teachable so to perform other duties required by job and to aid in assignments that help other FBC staff, including training and ministry help.



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LEO & CAMY HOBBS - BRIDGES INTERNATIONAL

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and he will make your paths straight” Proverbs 3:5-6. I (Camy) have heard these verses so many times in my life, but I am so thankful that God’s word is alive and active, and that they were given a new meaning to me earlier this month as new staff orientation (NSO) ended.

Every morning of our NSO, Leo and I had the chance to be led in a devotional time, and Proverbs 3:5-6 was a recurring theme. Going into NSO, I was feeling a bit apprehensive of such a major life shift. Each day it felt like the devil would whisper lies to me about how I wasn’t good enough to join staff, or how this could negatively impact our family with working together all of the time. But each day, I would pray that God would be evident, even through zoom calls. And each day, the devotional would counteract the lies I was being told.

NSO was truly a time of spiritual and professional growth for me and Leo. We are so thankful for the training we received, and the new friendships we made. We were encouraged daily by hearing other people share their calls to ministry!

As we enter into this new season of being co-workers on top of our marriage, I have already seen God be so faithful to make our paths straight, or as you might have heard in other versions from Proverbs 3, given us the desires of our hearts. We are ever thankful for His unconditional love and unfailing promises to us! We pray that as you read this, you may be encouraged to set your sights on Him, and that He will prove faithful in your own life!



YOUTH MINISTRY



"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." – Proverbs 22:6

Movement Youth

Wednesday's, 6:00–8:30PM

"Movement Youth" is our High School and Junior High Ministry. Our vision is to empower the younger generation with the reality of who God is and who He has called them to be, so they can passionately live for Him and impact the world around them with His love. We believe that a deeper love for God will lead to a deeper love for His people and a deeper love for God's word will lead to a life that longs to live it out. Our goal on Wednesday nights is to provide a safe and fun environment for students to play games, fellowship, worship, and study God's word, all for His glory (1 Corinthians 10:31). We desire to build relationships with students that last long after they have left our ministry and hope for them to have their own authentic, personal walk with God.



Youth Sunday School

Sunday @ 9:00 AM

We offer youth Sunday school, before the main service every Sunday, and children's classes, during the main service 1st and 3rd Sundays. Youth Sunday school meets in the downstairs youth room and children may be checked in to their preschool class upstairs before the service begins as well. Your children will have a great time learning about many of the great stories of the Bible and doing various activities and crafts with their caring teachers.

SPECIAL EVENTS!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

