

Business Meeting 5/17/2026

Bereavement Team

Sympathy and prayers continue for Hank Rone and family in the recent loss of his brother, Richard. We also extend continue prayers for Jan Cook in the recent loss of her husband, Russ, who served many years with us here a FBC, Alachua. A meal was provided for the family following his recent Celebration of Life service.

Care Team

The Care Team continues to minister those in need within our body and externally when the need arises. We have prayed for, transported, and visited many during this last quarter. This past quarter, we have also tried to minister to special needs of our team members.

Please let Sandy Crane or Carolyn Johnson know of any special needs in our body we may be unaware of. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this ministry.

Community Outreach & Missions Team

The Missions Team recently met and has added three new members to the team. Glenn Bryan has agreed to be the new lead for this team. Potential mission opportunities were discussed to explore within the Alachua community, as well as a domestic (US) opportunity and international possibilities. Mission opportunities (ongoing and potential) through FBCA include:

Local: Care Kits (essential supplies for backpacks for the homeless in our community), Food Distribution, the HELPS Team, potential partnership with Santa Fe High School.

Domestic: Contacts are being made by the team to find a partnership for a US mission opportunity.

International: A new Colombian partnership is being explored at this time, as well as an opportunity in Guatemala

Ongoing Support: One More Child, Triumph Community Ministries (TCM) in Haiti. A new ongoing partnership is being explored to supply water filter buckets to people in Africa.

Decorating

We updated the lobbies, church office and prayer room décor each month. We provided the table décor for a celebration of life reception.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION REPORT

Food distributions are conducted by our team of volunteers on the second Saturday of each month. Items distributed to our clients are obtained from Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, located in Gainesville. Our team has conducted three distributions since our last report, the last being on April 11th. We served a total of 257 households and feed 744 people, averaging 86 households, feeding 248 people in our last three food distributions. 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

No report

Helps

We were able to provide help with 3 requests for help this quarter.

Two involved helping a senior adult with pressure washing and decluttering a garage.

The third was helping a family move a heavy hot tub.

All expressed deep appreciation for the help and we prayed with each person.

A total of about 6 volunteers were involved in helping with these requests.

Hospitality

4/26/26 We had the church wide luncheon and youth bake sale

7/26/26 Next luncheon

10/25/26 last luncheon for Year

Membership 101 was on 05/03/26 and provided food for the meeting

Keenagers

No report

Operation Christmas Child

The FBCA Operation Christmas Child team will host a workshop in September for Project Leaders from churches in the area.

We are planning a Children's Church packing party in October.

National Collection Week is November 16-23, 2026.

Anne Conklin, Don Conklin, Katie Howell, Jen Jablonski, Madolyn Jablonski, Robert Weber and Gloria Weber are the FBCA Operation Christmas Child Team!

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team held a prayer event on April 11, which focused on family prayer. We also had a National Day of Prayer program on May 7, where church members and community members were invited to come in to pray from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There were many church members who came in to pray and one of the community members that came in asked to have a moment with the Pastor. We gratefully thank each of you who participated in these programs.

Our annual Church/Community Prayer Walk will be held in the fall. This event has proven to be very powerful, uplifting and fulfilling in past years and we hope that you will join us. The date is still being determined, so we will let you know when it is set.

The Good Cup

We are sharing the Gospel one cup at a time. In April, we started purchasing coffee through a company called Great Commission Coffee. This company partners with farmers and ministries in Guatemala and similar countries. Learn more at <https://greatcommissioncoffee.com/>. And we continue to improve our decor: Sherri Cato used her artistic vinyl skills and inscribed our church mission statement on the wall. Lauren Bosier used her artistic chalk skills and drew 3 beautiful wall menus. Thanks to all your support.

Adult Sunday School & Small Groups

Our Sunday School classes continue to grow each week with visitors and those attending the first service deciding to explore a class for the first time. We have been purchasing additional curriculum and adding chairs as needed. Two of our classes, Matt West's and Gonzalo Caro's, have been temporarily relocated while contractors and volunteers have worked diligently to remodel the existing space in the education building. The progress looks fantastic and is moving along quickly. We hope to have carpet installed soon and those classes moved back into their newly remodeled space by the end of the month. Once this is done, we will launch phase two where Mike Sullivan's, Raulerson/Crane's, and Teresa Kelly's classes will relocate so that their spaces can be renovated. The final result will be a uniform upgrade to the entire wing of our facilities. A huge thank you to all of you who have volunteered and labored to help make this happen! Not only are we taking care of our facilities, but the renovations have provided much needed

shifting and cleaning that will allow us a better use of the space to add a future Sunday School classroom, a remodeled bathroom, and cleaner entryways to existing classes.

Be on the lookout in service for our Sunday School promotion videos to acquaint yourself with the many teachers and class options. Jon is working with each class to create a short video to highlight our Bible study options on campus. You can also find current adult Sunday School class descriptions in the sanctuary foyer, children's foyer, and Wednesday night adult Bible study room.

Family Ministry Intern Program

Our family ministry intern program will be shifting in the coming months to build on the foundation that has been laid and accommodate the growing needs of the ministry. More information on this will be given at the business meeting to present the plan to redefine these roles into ones that can grow to suit the future and current needs of children and students. This is an exciting time and cause to celebrate the growth we have seen in these areas. Campbell Faulk has worked diligently for the past two years to help create and implement policies and programs while recruiting and equipping lay leaders. He has also served as a model of relational discipleship through teaching and mentoring. Campbell and Sophia will be moving next month to pursue the next step in what God has prepared for their personal ministry. While we will miss them greatly, we can be thankful for the imprint they will leave here.

Through the work of our interns, we have seen Wednesday night programming reestablished for children and preschool with many new leaders stepping up in a consistent rotation. We have also seen steady growth in our student ministry with collaborative expository teaching on Wednesday nights and many faithful leaders making personal connections with students. Making Wednesday nights a place for the whole family has been a primary goal of the intern program and we are thankful for all the work that has been poured out behind the scenes to expand this integral part of our church discipleship and outreach strategy. The goal is that these next intentional staff adjustments will build on the same philosophy and intentionality that has brought us to this point with an increase in specialized attention to each area of family ministry.

Please join us in these next couple weeks in expressing gratitude to Campbell and Sophia and be in prayer for them as they step into this new role in ministry leadership at their new location.