

“Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?” (Matt. 6:26-27). Just two verses can change your life. Two verses spoken by the Lord Jesus, are enough to turn your world upside down. I often hear people say, “it would be nice to be a kid again!” and we can connect with that as children seem to be problem and worry free. They are taken care of without a thought of paying the bills, how they will get to work on time or afford a car repair. These things escape the minds of kids. But as time goes on and we grow up, so do our worries. Jesus confronts us with two things in these short verses. First, we all worry and have anxieties. Secondly, worry accomplishes...nothing. Jesus said that if there is one thing that is useless in this world it is worry! For as He says, ***“which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his life?”***

What a profound statement by our Lord! One that we wrestle with time and time again. So many things to worry about, so little time! Yet Christians have a promise to declare: ***“My Father takes care of me.”*** Jesus did not tell us this to scold us but to remind us of this wonderful truth of God's provision for His children. Even as a child I did not care much for birds (and still don't) but when I look up they are a great reminder of God's goodness and mercy. I will never be rid of worry or anxiety and neither will you, but we can ask God to remind us daily of the birds and that if He takes care of them, He will take care of us.

I want to thank the First Baptist Church family for a very warm welcome these last few months. We have felt at home and encouraged in this new season of life. We are excited to grow and learn with you and from you! May the Lord bless our ministry and outreach efforts together and use FBC to further His truth and glory!

Blessings,

Pastor Noah, Katie, Will, Noel, and baby Barr.



NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Ann & Bill Clemmer



ANN and BILL reside in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on the Congo-Rwanda border, where they serve as regional consultants in the town of Goma working with IM partners, HEAL Africa and IMA World Health. Bill provides support to healthcare workers, hospitals and clinics that provide life-saving maternal and child health services. Ann coordinates programs to provide educational and relief assistance to widows, orphans and vulnerable children. Commissioned in 1992, the Clemmers have faithfully served in the DRC, South Sudan, and Haiti, with interim assignments in Somalia, Yemen, Burundi, and other countries to meet urgent and short-term needs.

47% of the population of DR Congo is said to be children 14 years old and younger. In Goma, an area with much insecurity and turmoil, thousands of children are living on the streets for various reasons.

The goal of this project is to provide care, training, discipleship, emergency shelter, and integration into safe homes for vulnerable children in Goma.

In 2021 a project to help the street children of Goma was begun. That first phase included the construction of a two-story structure with classrooms, a counseling room, office, kitchen and emergency safe haven. The children attending the program are ages 5 – 12, with the priority to the most vulnerable: younger children and those with disabilities. They receive short-term relief (food, clothing, medical care) alongside trauma counseling, educational and life-skills training that will build their resilience and self-assurance.

The children participate five days a week under the care and supervision of trained support staff. Emergency night shelter is provided for the most vulnerable and those in the last weeks of the program before being reintegrated into homes.

The approach provided by the project is based on the rights of the child, including the right to protection, quality education, health care, housing, and participation, aiming for a sustainable reintegration of the children back into family homes.

The children are provided with items such as mattresses, blankets and clothing to help not cause a hardship to the family.



Here is the link to donate to the EBA Project:

<https://internationalministries.org/congo-psychosocial-care-reintegration-for-vulnerable-children-in-goma/>

A gift of \$250 will allow us to buy clothing and shoes for 30-40 children.

A gift of \$700 will provide food for a month for all the children in the eBA program.

A gift of \$1,500 will provide full care for eight children to participate for three months.

Please pray that God will transform the children in the program to be models of change. Pray that successful reintegration into society will have a transforming effect on their families and other children living on the city streets. Pray for wisdom and patience for their teachers and many volunteers.



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SERVE
one another



The Deacons are sponsoring Pastor Noah's attendance to the Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio to be held October 15th-16th in Columbus. The theme of the Gathering is "United in Christ, Rooted in Love", based on Jesus' words in John 13:34-35.

Thank you for your prayers for the opportunities God has given us to help share His love through Jesus with our community.

Rod Van Allen, Pastor Reg Martin, Tom Alexander



NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Call or text Tammy Wiseman or call the church office by 11am Thursday.

740-452-1620

OCTOBER EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- Men's Fellowship.....5th
- Communion.....6th
- Leadership Meeting.....8th
- Quarterly Business Meeting.....9th
- FBCSZ at Christ's Table.....12th
- Fresh Produce Market.....25th
- Trunk or Treat.....*To Be Announced*

EVERY WEEK...

- Adult Sunday School.....9:00am**
- Morning Worship.....10:00am**
- Children's Classes.....10:00am**
- Nursery.....10:00am**

First Baptist Church Virtual Services

Time:– 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88503895277>

or

Dial by your location

- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 885 0389 5277

(You will be notified of any changes)

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kd9AZfLJKf>



Our Next **FREE** Fresh Produce Markets will be on **Friday, October 25th**. There will be **NO** produce market during the months of *July, Aug., Nov., or Dec.*

In conjunction with Eastside Community Ministry, Mideast-Ohio Food Bank & First Baptist Church of S. Zanesville

FBCSZ helps Christ's Table serve warm meals to those in need on the second Saturday of every month. Sign up at the church if you would like to help.



Eastside Community Ministries will be collecting most needed items for each month. The items they will be needing for the month of **October** will be:

Candy for Trunk or Treat

Monetary donations are always welcome!



Our Annual "TRUNK OR TREAT" WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER BUT *UNFORTUNATELY*, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE TIME & DATE UNTIL THE S. ZANESVILLE VILLAGE HOLDS THEIR MEETING DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER. WE WILL, HOWEVER, SEND THAT DATE OUT BY EMAIL AND POST ON OUR WEB SITE. EASTSIDE COMMUNITY MINISTRY IS ALSO PLANNING TO DO AN OUTSIDE TRUNK OR TREAT WHILE FBCSZ WILL HAND OUT GOODIES INDOORS! PIZZA WILL BE AVAILABLE AS WELL!



Greg & Holly Dean
October 22nd

Sara Besser.....11th
Angie Graves.....17th
Dave Seisinger.....18th
Marcy White.....27th
Don Plunkett.....30th

If you would like to help with the church bus for the Holiday Parade in S. Zanesville, please sign up in the entryway as soon as possible. We will need to be registered with the village if we plan to have our bus in the parade. We will need people to ride the bus and hand out candy, decorate the bus, bus driver, and coordinate the operations of getting everything in order.

This "saving-seats-at-church" is really getting out of hand.





FBCSZ VBS 2024



Church Family,
A Huge Thank You to all the volunteers during
"Concrete and Cranes" VBS. From Friday evening's setup,
Saturday's VBS Bible stories, crafts, snacks, and games,
the fun music and Worship Time, ending with Sunday's
presentation, slideshow, lunch and takedown.

We are grateful for all the prayers, love, and help you
provided over the weekend, September 5-7, 2024.

In Christian Love,
The Christian Education Board,
Michelle Kachinski, Becky Middleton, and Sharon Shipley



October

Scripture Writing Plan



Overcoming Fear

- Day 1: Isaiah 43:1-2
- Day 2: Isaiah 35:4
- Day 3: Joshua 1:9
- Day 4: Zephaniah 3:16-17
- Day 5: Deuteronomy 3:22
- Day 6: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 7: Psalm 23:4
- Day 8: Psalm 34:4
- Day 9: Psalm 27:14
- Day 10: Psalm 56:3-4
- Day 11: Mark 4:39-40
- Day 12: Mark 5:35-36
- Day 13: John 14:27
- Day 14: Romans 8:31
- Day 15: Romans 8:38-39
- Day 16: 1 Peter 3:13-14
- Day 17: 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Day 18: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 19: Philippians 4:13
- Day 20: 2 Timothy 1:7
- Day 21: 1 John 4:17-18
- Day 22: Psalm 19:14
- Day 23: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 24: Psalm 55:22
- Day 25: Psalm 118:6-7
- Day 26: Proverbs 14:26-27
- Day 27: Proverbs 1:7
- Day 28: Proverbs 15:33
- Day 29: Proverbs 19:23
- Day 30: Psalm 128:1-2
- Day 31: Psalm 128:3-4

Commit 10 minutes each day to read each verse, write it out in your journal, meditate on it, and reflect on what it means to you.

