



Honduras Mission Trip July 15-21, 2022



Please pray for all the ministry happening in Honduras. Pray that those going will be faithful and effective in increasing the ministry in Honduras. Pray for health, safety and efficient travel. Pray that those on the trip will learn strategies and have the boldness to share the gospel in Honduras and at home.

**A Time of Testimony - Honduras Mission Trip Report
followed by dessert fellowship in the foyer
Sunday, July 24, 6:00 PM**

Prayer handouts available in foyer



Christmas in July For Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting items for
Operation Christmas Child boxes
during the month of July.

For suggested items and drop off location - see display in foyer.



This past Sunday, our time of worship was special. The music Chris chose really spoke to me. Primarily because it led so perfectly into the message. The lyrics spoke of God's amazing mercy and presence in times of distress. After the message, we had two men join our church. One, Todd Gray, came to our church already a believer. The other, Sam Brown, has been part of our church for a number of years. He had spent last week at youth camp. There at youth camp he became a Christian and wants to follow in baptism. If the service had ended at that point, I would have said it was a really good time of experiencing and communing with God. But then Trey gave us a report on youth camp!

Falls Creek Camp was a mixture of extreme joy and extreme grief. The extreme joy came through 11 students coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We sent just under 30 students to camp. Trey reported that he knew of probably 15 who were not followers of Jesus. Eleven of those came home followers of Jesus! That is one definition of extreme joy. The extreme grief came as a result of a student from another church experiencing a major cardiac event on Tuesday. This young man lost his battle on this earth Thursday morning. The camp has had to deal with their feelings coming out of that event. We need to pray for the family of this young man. I don't know his name, hometown or anything else except I was told he was a follower of Jesus. What I do know is that his family, church and the camp staff that treated him immediately are facing a time of grief and sorrow. Keep them in your prayers knowing that God knows their names and exact experiences.

That brings me to my next topic. We will begin a GriefShare group at FBC Sanger in the Fall. Denise and I went through this program during the Spring following the death of my nephew. GriefShare helped us deal with our feelings and learn how to face life while walking through the valley of the shadow of death. If you, or someone you know, have faced the loss of a loved one, join us for GriefShare this fall.

On Thursday morning we have a team leaving for Honduras. Please keep this group in your prayers. Due to a couple of Covid cases, our team composition may be changing. That will probably also cause some changes to our planned work. Pray for God to lead us to where He wants.

Pastor Grant Bowles - Senior Pastor

Forgive Our Enemies?

Toward the end of a church service, the minister asked the congregation, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?" All held up their hands except one small elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones? Are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have an enemy in the world," she replied, smiling sweetly. "Mrs. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?" "I happen to be ninety-eight years young," she replied. "Oh, Mrs. Jones, would you please come down in front and tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have a single enemy?" The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said, "I outlived them all."

'You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Matthew 5:43-48

I was with a crowd for Sunday lunch that has definitely outlived their enemies if they ever had any! What a spread! I know we have some senior adults in our church that are in denial! They're not ready for the title, but if the food is always this good, they are missing out! The purpose was really not just a good meal; that was the bonus! The purpose was to build fellowship and our table had plenty of fellowship! In fact, it about got carried away, so I had to calm everyone down and ask them to act their age!

Jesus said we are to love our enemies! We are love those that curse us, hate us, even the ones that spitefully use us and persecute us! That is a tall order, but the One giving the order is our example and help in loving our enemies! He allows those that do not love Him or respect Him enjoy the sunrises and sunsets along with those that do believe. He sends rain on the good and the evil. So, He shows us what to do, tells us what to do, and empowers us to do it!

"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without complaining and disputing ¹⁵that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain." Philipians 2:14-16

Pastor John Guerra – Executive Pastor

For the Record

July 17, 2022 Receipts \$14,462
YTD Budget Receipts..... \$449,843
YTD Budget..... \$530,717

Upcoming Mission Trips



Matamoros, Mexico October 6-10, 2022

Medical services and outreach to all ages. Some possible light construction. We will start collecting items to take with us starting July 31.



Ecuador

October 13-20, 2022

Encourage and support the churches involved in pastor training program.

Contact John or Frank for more information.
We need prayer partners for these mission trips.

Weekly Senior Adult Activities

Thursdays, 9:00 AM: Morning Bible Study

Thursdays, Noon: Game Time

Welcome New Members

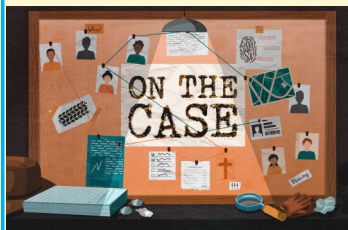


Todd Gray
By statement



Samuel Brown
For baptism

First Kids



ON THE CASE

Join us for a fun investigation into the Parables of Jesus

First Kids Summer Program Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 7:00 PM

*For kids who have completed K-5th grade.
Childcare provided for preschool.*

Adult volunteers needed - See Frank for details



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings: CBS, 9:15 AM
Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 PM
Doors open at 4:00 PM

FALLS CREEK YOUTH CAMP

Testimony time is tonight at
6:00 PM in FLC.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Tonight, 6:00 PM: Youth Falls Creek Testimony Time (FLC)
Friday, July 15 - Thursday, July 21: Honduras Mission Trip
Sunday, July 24, 6:00 PM: Honduras Trip Testimony Time and Fellowship (WC)
Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29: Children's Camp at Camp Copass
Tuesday, Aug 2, 9:00 AM - Noon: Peacemakers Quilt Ministry
Saturday, Aug 6, 10:30 AM: Mobile Food Pantry
Sunday, Aug 7, 5:00 PM: Deacons Meeting
Sunday, Aug 7, 6:00 PM: Business Meeting
Saturday, Aug 13, 9:00 AM: Women's Coffee Chat (*Jus a Cup*)
Sunday, Aug 14: FBC Lake Day
Sunday, Aug 14, 4:30 PM: MDO Parent Meeting
Wednesday, Aug 17, 6:00 PM: SSM Back to School Party
Saturday, Aug 20, 8:30 AM - 12:30: DBA Leadership Training
Sunday, Aug 21: Promotion Sunday



Volunteers in Preschool, Sunday, July 17, 2022

*Amber Norris, Ainsley Norris, Aleshia Swofford
and Heather Temple*

Thank you for your service!

Pray for Upcoming Mission Trips and Camps

July 15-21: Honduras Mission Trip. Pray for all the ministry happening in Honduras. (Pick up a prayer list of each individual attending in the foyer)

July 25-29: Children's camp at Camp Copass. Pray for all those attending to hear clearly from God. Pray for the lost to be saved. Pray for all the leaders as they minister to and lead the children.