



October 2019

## 2019 Missions Conference - Oct. 18-20



Plan on joining us for our 2019 Missions Conference on **Oct. 18-20**. Aligning ourselves with God's heart for the world is not optional for the church. God is at work all over the work and He is mobilizing His people to accomplish His work for His glory. This is why missions (both local and global) is so critical. It is central to why the church exists.

**Scott Dunford** will be our guest speaker. He served the Uigher people in China for several years, and is now pastoring in San Francisco at Redeemer Church and is the West Coast Mobilizer for ABWE. Scott will be speaking on Friday evening, and Sunday morning, as well as participating in Saturday's Rev. 5:9 event. Along with Scott, we will have missionaries who have served in Brazil, Jamaica, Czech Republic, and Togo.



Our aim through this conference is to bring awareness to the importance of global missions, to renew our love for the power of the Gospel, and to give people practical next steps for a deeper level of engagement in global missions.

During the conference, people will be given passports (fake of course) as a fun way to engage with the different missionaries at their tables. You can get your passport stamped when you stop by the missionary tables and interact. It is not too late to adopt a people group to research and creatively display at our Showcase of Nations on Friday evening of the conference.

Here is a general schedule of the conference with more details to come.

<b>Friday @7pm</b>	Stories: God's Work Among All People (with the Showcase of Nations to follow)
<b>Saturday @ 10am</b>	Workshop on Missionary Soul Care
<b>Saturday @ 6pm</b>	Rev. 5:9 Night (Cultural foods, Customs, and the Gospel)
<b>Sunday @ 9:30am</b>	Worship Service (Celebrating God's Global Mission)
<b>Sunday @ 11am</b>	Missionary Share (5 sessions from which you can choose)

## [ Dis · ci · ple ]

*“Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children”*

— Ephesians 5:1

During the month of September, we start our series discussing FBC's Reach strategy. We saw that the motivation for reaching out to others is Jesus's command to love your neighbor as yourself. Love must motivate all that we do as Christians. And when we are motivated by love, we can't help but reach out to others.

When it comes to how we reach out locally, we discussed three layers, each of which belong together. First, Christians are called to reach out all day every day through their vocations. Second, Christians are called to reach those whom others won't. That is what it means to do justice. Thirdly, we discussed that Christians are called to reach people's deepest needs through sharing the gospel with them. In order to help you continue to understand these concepts more, I have listed a few resources that have informed my own thinking on these issues and helped me develop the sermons in this series.



### Vocation:

- *God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life* by Gene Veith
- *Work Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work* by Tom Nelson
- *The Freedom of the Christian* by Martin Luther
- *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work* by Tim Keller
- *Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation* by Daniel M. Doriani

### Justice:

- *Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just* by Tim Keller
- *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help, and How to Reverse It* by Robert Lupton
- *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert
- *An Exhortation to the Duty of Charity to the Poor* by Jonathan Edwards

### Evangelism:

- *Evangelism in a Skeptical World: How to Make the Unbelievable News about Jesus More Believable* by Sam Chan
- *Everyday Church: Gospel Communities on Mission* by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis
- *Loving the City: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City* by Tim Keller
- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* by J.I. Packer

# FAITH @ HOME

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This month, at the Faith @ Home Center you will find many resources that your family may find beneficial, as you strive to be intentional at home.

We will not be putting out a specific Take Away, as we would like your family to participate in the missions conference. Please consider taking a people group to research and spend some time as a family learning more about them. Work together as a family, to display and present your people group at the Showcase of Nations on Friday, October 18.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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**Family Discipleship Guide**

Fall 2019

Last month, we had a parent meeting for all parents of elementary aged children, but I know that some families were not able to make the meeting. At this meeting, I introduced a new tool for parents to use at home with their family. The Family Discipleship Guide is a tool to use at home to dig deeper into God's word with your family. The additional lessons will take your family deeper into the lesson that was taught on Sunday. If you have not had a chance to pick up your Discipleship Guide, they are available at the Faith @ Home Center.

# FBC Youth

Ignited by Change - Fueled by Faith - Led by Passion

Hello church,

Now that the school year has started, our student ministry is back in full swing! We are studying the 10 Commandments this fall. During the month of September, we studied what it means to keep the Sabbath holy and to honor one's father and mother. During October, we will be focusing on the commands not to murder and not to steal. Just a reminder to parents that we are using the New City Catechism, which is available online as a web app or available as a phone app. I highly encourage you to follow along with us so you can have further conversations with our students.

We have a couple events coming up this fall. The first will be hanging out at Heidi's on October 25th. The cost will be \$5. That will cover the corn maze and a donut and cider. We are asking parents to drop their students off at and pick them up from Heidi's. I hope you can make it.

During the month of November we plan to teach and discuss sexuality from a Christian perspective. Sexuality is a huge issue in our culture today in so many different ways, and we want to make sure that our students understand how sexuality fits in a Christian worldview. That will be the focus (via the seventh commandment) in youth group on Monday nights. We will also be discussing this topic with the high schoolers during Life Group time. But I also want to equip parents in this area because parents are the primary disciplers of their children. So during the month of November, I will be hosting a discussion during the Life Group hour on this topic for any parents of our middle schoolers or high schoolers. I know this is a difficult subject to talk about with your students, but I hope to be able to equip you to better face these issues and talk about them with your children. Please plan to be there.

If you are looking for more resources to understand a Christian perspective on sexuality, I have two to recommend. The first is a book by Christopher Yuan, entitled, *Holy Sexuality and the Gospel: Sex, Desire, and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story*. The second is an organization called The Center for Faith, Sexuality, and Gender. Their website has a lot of resources. Both of these are great resources that I would encourage you to check out.

-Pastor Andrew



# MISSIONARY CORNER



Jasson and Kim Farmer and their four children recently returned to Mexico after a three month whirlwind trip in America where they were able to share their ministry with many of their supporting churches and spend time with their family. They got to meet three of their nieces that had been born in the last four years and spend a week at a cabin in the mountains. They also stocked up on supplies and clothes for all of them, went to the doctor and dentist. Their home in Mexico is older and gradually falling into disrepair with the landlord not willing to put much money into it.

Please pray as they begin the process of looking for a new place and all the extra finances it takes to move. They are praising the Lord for safe travels, and much needed new computer, that Noah and Micah were baptized. Two years ago Kim was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis and in July also diagnosed with collagenous colitis. They are very thankful that she was able to see a GI doctor while here. Pray for wisdom for her to know which of several treatment options to take and that she can continue to get help in Mexico.

## Pastor Jon's Trip to Romania and Thailand

It was great to connect with both the Postemas and the Comptons. Seeing their ministry first hand was quite an encouragement and certainly helped me understand their ministries and needs more clearly. I was also searching for possible opportunities for us to partner with them in the future for short-term missions trips. While in Romania, I was able to attend both churches that send campers to the summer camp that the Postemas run. I even was able to hear from many of the staff from last summer's camps, many of whom started as campers. It was evident that God was using these camps in a profound way to not only disciple Romanian kids, but reach them with the Gospel as well. The church in Targu Mures sends elementary kids to three of the weeks of camp. 75% of those campers are unchurched! What an opportunity. By the way, registration for these camps filled up after only 3 days of it being open. The camp they rent can only hold 85 campers per week plus the summer staff. That tells me that the new property can't be developed quick enough. Just envision the spread of their reach! The picture to the left is Leah and her



son Wayne on the property for which the Romanian Ministry Center will be built. They will need help with the development of this property and I can also see how we could partner with churches in helping them reach the unchurched through english camps in the future. I will be working with Andrew in figuring out how FBC can engage in helpful ways. I will report on Thailand next month.

## Missionaries Joining Us for the Missions Conference

### **Pastor Dave & Nadine Falconer – Jamaica Link Ministries**

Pastor Dave is the founder and president of Jamaica Link Ministries. Their mission is to glorify God by mobilizing a network of strategic partners and volunteers to equip under-resourced churches and charities for maximum Kingdom impact. Jamaica Link is a Jamaican faith based charity organization attempting a different model of societal change. It is an interdenominational charity organization that serves both the spiritual and the material needs of the Jamaican people. Unlike foreign based charity organizations they are Jamaican led. So they are Jamaicans helping Jamaicans with the help of volunteers.



### **Roberto, Anna, Daniel & Clara DeLucia – Word of Life Brazil & Helping Hands Foreign Missions**

While studying the Bible at the Word of Life Bible Institute in NY, God put in their hearts the desire to focus on Evangelism and to reach out to meet the needs of low income families in their area in Brazil. In 2007, they started a new ministry within the Word of Life Outreach Ministries. Now they are involved with the Vinde Meninos Relief Center which provides assistance and a Christian home for more than 500 abandoned children and also reaching children who have a home but live in a state of virtual abandonment. They also have a ministry in the public schools, host missions trips, conduct evangelism training and work with the Alcance Camp where public school kids can participate in overnight camps during the summer or on weekends.



### **Dr. Seth and Rebecca Mallay – ABWE Togo**

The Mallay family are missionaries to Togo, West Africa. Seth is a medical doctor who was called to medical missions as a child. My wife, Rebecca, was raised on the mission field and also felt called to missions as a child. A few years ago, they were commissioned by Samaritan's Purse to work as missionaries at a hospital in Togo for two years. At the end of 2016, they moved to the small village of Tsiko, Togo. In 2019, Seth, Rebecca and their six children were appointed as career missionaries with ABWE. Their mission is to know Christ and to make him known by multiplying leaders, churches, and missions movements through compassion and medical ministry in Togo.



### **Mike & Sonja Bowden – TEAM**

After many years of serving in the Czech Republic as a church planter, Mike found himself repeatedly in a mentor role. In hearing the deep heart issues that many in ministry face, he sensed it was time for him to develop a ministry that could address the heart on a spiritual level. Currently Mike serves as Spiritual Care Facilitator within TEAM's member care ministry. His ministry focuses on providing soul care for missionaries around the world, including those preparing to go and those returning.



# Building and Grounds

Greetings from Building and Grounds!



It's hard to believe another month has already passed. Welcome to fall. The time of back to school, sports activities, hayrides, falling leaves, and Awana! For our facilities it's also the time of muddy shoes, left behind jackets and books, and rambunctious kids (of all ages). Please remember to wipe your feet, leave with the items you came with, and have fun! If you do forget something here at FBC, don't panic. Remember to check the lost and found totes to recover missing items, but don't wait too long. Items stay here for a month and then are donated to F.R.O.M.

If you are utilizing the facilities here at FBC please remember to reserve the space you desire to use. Not only does it alleviate double booking an area, but I may be able to help you with setup and equipment. We are not only blessed with amazing buildings, but wonderful grounds as well. If your Lifegroup is looking for an activity, remember that we have a great space for volleyball and a campfire right behind the office building.



Last, but not least. If you, your family, friends, or Lifegroup is looking for a project to accomplish, there are many projects around our facilities that are looking for someone to complete them. Simply let me know and I promise you I can pair you up with something that is right in your comfort zone!

Enjoy the change of seasons,

Russ Race – Building and grounds.



## October Memory Verse

*8 And when he [the Lamb] had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."*

Revelation 5:8-10(ESV)

## October Reading Plan

### Week 1

Starting on Oct. 7

Day 1: Matt. 24:3-14

Day 2: Gen. 11:1-9

Day 3: Dan. 3

Day 4: Rev. 5:1-14

Day 5: Rev. 7:9-17

### Week 2

Starting on Oct. 14

Day 1: Luke 10:1-20

Day 2: Matt. 13:1-23

Day 3: Luke 14:12-24

Day 4: Luke 14:25-33

Day 5: 2 Col. 4:1-18

### Week 3

Starting on Oct. 21

Day 1: Psalm 1

Day 2: Psalm 15

Day 3: Psalm 37

Day 4: Psalm 73

Day 5: Psalm 133

### Week 4

Starting on Oct. 28

Day 1: Psalm 3

Day 2: Psalm 13

Day 3: Psalm 38

Day 4: Psalm 80

Day 5: Psalm 109

## Birthdays and Anniversaries October 2019

Birthdays		Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Angie Ingram	10/01	Alex May	10/11	Don & Lynn Green	10/06
Scott Antles	10/03	Gloria Miller	10/14	Dennis & Diane Kennedy	10/08
Sue Raimer	10/03	Kathy Roush	10/14	Matt & Pam Kinnucan	10/12
Mike Burnham	10/03	Peyton Haner	10/15	Russ & Kim Race	10/14
Ray Kastanek	10/04	Russ Race	10/18	Bob & Karen Bennett	10/21
Brent Hooker	10/04	Nikolai Sawdy	10/18	Mark & Tammy VanderHeide	10/22
Betty Deans	10/06	Sue White	10/18	Dale & Pat Reed	10/23
Tammy VanderHeide	10/07	Don McQueen	10/19	Scott & Kelly Bruinekool	10/25
Ann Waffle	10/07	Pat Reed	10/21		
Gordon Wyant	10/07	Bob Berrington II	10/22		
Katie Farmer (MK)	10/09	Melody Kastanek	10/23	* Missionary	
Sara Gerard	10/09	Tena Sawdy	10/30		
*Roy Schwarcz	10/09				

# FBC Calendar: October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:00am: Basketball 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 6pm: Tae Kwon Do	4:00pm: Missions Team Meeting 6:15pm: Awana	7:00am Basketball 5:30pm Family Matters Team 7:00pm Children's Ministry Team	10:00am Ladies Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00pm Discipleship Leader Retreat	7:00am: Basketball 7:30am Discipleship Leader Retreat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am: Morning Service	6:15pm: Youth Group (Grade 6-12)	7:00am: Basketball 9:30am: Ladies' Bible Study 6pm: Tae Kwon Do	9:00am: Men's Bible Study 6:15pm: Awana	7:00am: Basketball 9:00am MOPS 7:00pm: Admin. Deacon Meeting 7:00pm: Mercy Deacon Meeting		7:00am: Basketball
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