

FAMILY BIBLE NEWS



PASTOR TARKIEWICZ

Not all heroes wear capes. Heroes surround us on a daily basis.

In May we determined heroes do three things:

1. Heroes NOTICE the BURDENS of others
2. Heroes are moved with COMPASSION to help others
3. Heroes take ACTION and PERSEVERE

Paul encouraged the church in Rome to be heroes by (Romans 15:1-2), *"1We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up."*

A true superhero is selfless.

A true superhero finds their strength by serving others who have need.

A true superhero looks for the good of others to build them up.

In May we studied Nehemiah, celebrated moms, honored first responders, and remembered those who gave their lives for this country.

In June we will continue to glorify God by looking into his Word and reflecting on Jesus laying his life down for all of humankind. We will also continue to honor the heroes who surround us every day. We will honor educators, graduates, spiritual mentors, dads and so many others.

JUNE

- 2 Educators (Graduation Sunday)-Nick Walker
- 9 Spiritual Mentors/Forerunners (Pentecost)-Jon Gerten
- 16 Fathers (Father's Day)-Panel Discussion
- 23 TBA
- 30 Jesus-Kris Tarkiewicz



June will be an exciting month in our services and because of VBS! Sundays in June we will receive new members, share the Lord's Supper, receive a special offering toward Bibles to be given away in Romania, shar in baptism, dedicate a child, and also pray for mission teams serving in Romania and also VBS Leaders and Middle School Missionaries being sent out to glorify God by sharing the Good News in Marshall.



Vacation Bible School is happening June 17-21 from 9am to noon. This week will be amazing as we “Power Up” to know and serve Jesus. The week is filled with fun, learning, and friendship. Bible stories, games, crafts, skits, song, snacks and so much more! You can register in the FBC office or online.

We look forward to worshipping with you at Family Bible Church in June. If you are traveling, remember to join our live streams of our worship services on Sunday at 9 and 10:30am.

May the Lord continue to richly bless you as you serve Him!

CREATIVE ARTS - Jon Gerten

The heart of a child.

Recently I was on a walk with our family and Evie (my 5 year old daughter) said, “I just love Jesus. He’s my best friend”. My heart immediately erupted with joy. To hear that from our daughter was amazing. It made me so grateful for all of our volunteers and Childrens Co-Directors (Caye VanZandt and Chelsea Wray) for all of their hard work. The thing is, thought, Evie did not stop there.



After her first statement she followed up with "But I don't want to meet him." And so I got concerned and asked her why. Her response was so childlike, "Because if I meet Him that means I died". There had been some teaching on heaven in her class and she was taking a literal view of what heaven meant. It was such an awesome opportunity to tell her how Jesus is here with us and we get to be with Him everyday.

“I just love Jesus. He's my best friend”

-EVIE, 5 YEARS OLD

But it was also a reminder to me to cherish that fact. The Spirit of God is amongst us at all times and we get to be in His presence. We get to commune with the most high God. I want my heart to be like a child again and just be in love with the fact that Jesus is my best friend.

So as we came in for worship practice on Sunday morning and we sang the song "He is Lord" by Elevation it was such a joy to see Evie out running around with her brother listening. She would stop every once in a while to say dad and have me look up at her. When I did that she would have a big grin on her face with a thumbs up. Evie and I sang that very song last year for the Awana talent show. It is her favorite song to sing with Daddy besides "If You're Happy and You Know It".

But remember, the things we do make a difference in the lives of the kids in our Sunday school rooms, in what we sing and say at home, in our everyday interactions. Know that the Spirit of God surrounds us and have great joy in that and share it with this world. Who knows, maybe there is a 5 year old girl or boy out there who needs to hear that so they can know Jesus is their best friend.

STUDENT MINISTRIES - Nick Walker

HIGH SCHOOL



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MINISTRY

We drew our semester-long series "Understanding Our World" to a close this month with a discussion on reaching the unreached with the Gospel. God has challenged and equipped each one of us to share Him with this world. He has uniquely designed each one of us for that purpose, and we are not alone in that. When we center our lives on Him and surround ourselves with other people who can encourage us, that enables us to better find common ground with others, understand them, learn more about them, and share Jesus with them. That is what God has called us to. I am trusting that our high school students have a better idea of how this looks for their own lives now.

As summer approaches, we have many exciting things happening! On June 2, we will be honoring our high school and college graduates during service. Please join with us as we celebrate their accomplishments. We will be celebrating summer on June 14th from 6-9 pm, with a high school kayaking trip down the Kalamazoo River, followed by a hangout at the Groenevelds' house. The following night, June 15th, is our Battle Creek Bombers Tailgate + Baseball Game, hosted by the high school



group going to Nashville! It is \$9 for a ticket and a hat. The tailgate starts at 5:30 with the game beginning at 7. This is a really fun family event! Please sign up in the kids lobby and come support our students on their mission trip. The Nashville trip is quickly approaching and we are trusting God to do amazing things in and through the 19 students and 4 adults we have participating in the trip. Please be praying for us!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

We finished our lesson series on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with a discussion on building our foundation on the Rock, Jesus. The students understood the importance of this after we built marshmallow/toothpick houses and watched the heavy winds and debris destroy them to pieces. It is so vital that we build our lives upon Jesus and follow after Him with all that we've got. In Him and in His words, there is life. We are in the middle of a two-part discussion on friendship and dating, relevant to middle schoolers. The most important thing is putting Jesus first and allowing Him to guide all of our relationships with the people around us!

June is a busy month for the middle school youth! Youth group will be ending on June 11th with our 8th Grade Celebration, as we take an evening to celebrate those leaving for the high school group. We will restart on July 9th with our new 6th graders. Our final UN10N Afterschool Hangout will be June 13, and this will be a great way to celebrate the end of school! We have Vacation Bible School June 17-21 from 9 am until noon each day. The following week, June 27-29, will be our Middle School Mission to Marshall. We will be serving various places locally, growing together, learning together, and having lots of fun together. The cost is \$50 for all activities, food, and materials. Please pay and fill out your student's registration form soon, as the deadline to sign up is June 9. All current middle school students and incoming 6th grade students are invited to participate! Please let me know if you would be interested in helping with any of this, as there are so many opportunities to connect with our students and help them learn!



Nick

1st Service also could use a teacher for elementary. They only have kids for 30 mins or so and there is a video for the Bible story so you just do an activity to follow up.

Contact Caye or, Jenny Sanford (4/5th Director) or Jackie Jeschke (k/1 and 2nd/3rd Director), Colleen Marino (PreK director) if interested.

Sunday Nursery is always in need: Contact Alysa Sanford if interested.

Donations we always can use:

Candy, Candy, Candy

Kids scissors

Elmers glue sticks

Markers

Dry Erase markers

Animal crackers

Gold fish crackers

Cereal or other snacks

Donations for Bible Buck Store: any small dollar tree type gifts (prefer new items)

Sunday Curriculum

Go to this site to find up to date material we are teaching on Sundays for PreK through 5th grade.

<http://studio252.tv/parents/this-month>

Look up the “Parent Cue App” for free up to date resources for your kids on the go! You will enter your child’s age and the app shows you the countdown for your child of how many weeks you have left till they graduate. It also has age appropriate resources to help you disciple your child.



BUILDING UPDATE



“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” -Psalm 127:1

Communication with ministry leaders and FED (design/build firm) has continued in May. The updated floor plan, drives to the parking lot, and design features are being worked on in order to present to you the membership and congregation as soon as possible. The building committee hopes to meet again in June.

We want to thank you again for faithfully give to what the Lord is building. You continue to invest in the future of this ministry and community. At the end of March we went over the next threshold and have saved \$813,794.62 for the building project. Thank you Lord!

Wondering how can you be a part?

1. Pray. Pray. Pray.
2. Give. One time gifts and repeating gifts are welcome. Thank you in advance.

The Lord is building and we are excited to build with him into the future for FBC and the surrounding communities.

Thank you again for your patience, prayers, and giving.

-FBC Building Committee

BIRTHDAYS

June				
2	Birdie Joseph	Ethan Smith		
4	Hannah Cooley			
5	Jeremy Cooley			
6	Joann Wendling			
7	Justin Coleman	Jacqueline Jeschke		
8	Touxia Kue			
10	Bonnie Kazmar	Harrison Upright	Lori Walker	Carly Weck
11	Hannah Osborn			
12	Rowdy Joseph	Reba Lark	Connie Williams	
13	Ryan Nail	Cara Waito		
14	Sophia Ours	Christy Ramey		
15	Lori Craft	Brenda Dunn	Shirley Locke	
16	Ariana Russell			
18	Rachel Luzadder	John Rio	Owen Sanford	
19	Emily Williams			
20	Barbara Fitch	Kaylin Marino	Donna Mikesell	Gwen Spencer
21	Garry Dobbertein	Jolee McCluskey	Eden McCluskey	Riley Moreau
23	Garrett Pike			
25	Pamela Gerten	Rod McFadden		
26	Brian Fazekas			
27	Linda Coleman	Chandler Iott	Doug Mills	
28	Jenna Southworth			
29	Emanuel Harris			
30	Mallory Albrecht			

THANK YOU NOTES

Kris and Family Bible Church,

Thank you for putting out the request for help with my garage and the dumpster. It is great to have such a supportive church family.

Thanks so much,
Barbara Osborn