



NEWS & VIEWS

July 2021

JULY 2021

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Truth in Advertising

By: Pastor Greg Robinson

As most of you know, we had a very successful yard sale and car wash a few weeks ago raising money to help support our students. Many of you volunteered your time. Many more of you donated items. And an even larger number of you joined in with other community members to stop on by and spend some money. Thank you so much for supporting our kids and teenagers!

Since that, we did this event to benefit our youth and children's ministries, Pastor Mark and Pastor Jason had asked their students to come and serve as volunteers, which many of them did. Two of those young volunteers were my boys, Peyton and Parker. I was quite proud of them in spite of a couple of reminders to keep them focused on the tasks at hand, they served with enthusiasm and without complaint.

At one point of that Saturday afternoon, my oldest son, Peyton, took a turn at helping with the car wash. His job was to stand on the street corner with a sign enticing passing drivers to pull in and shine up their rides. Peyton went about this task with his own unique flair. Instead of just waiving his sign with a smile on his face, he decided to yell as loud as he could at everyone who passed by inviting them in. I don't mind that he called out to passing motorists, but it was what he was yelling that I found rather humorous. Every time a car came by Peyton held his sign up high and then shouted with loud voice, "Free car wash! We do a decent job!" Considering that the car wash was being done by a small group of kids and young teenagers who hadn't washed all that many cars before, I would call that truth in advertising!

I think this story really resonates with me for I get bothered when preachers and other Bible teachers gloss over the true cost of following Jesus. They talk about the joy of heaven and the blessings of peace and fulfillment, all of which are true, but somehow the call to obedience and self-denial gets left out because people don't liker hearing about such things. Where's the truth in that?

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Following Christ won't always be easy. In fact, sometimes it will be downright hard! His call on us to "follow him" means we put down our nets, walk away from our comfort zone, and follow Him! Of course, we learn along the way that the price we pay is nothing compared to the glory He reveals in us and the joy we will find in our obedience, but that doesn't take away from the fact that our walk with God will be challenging at times.

I write this to remind you that, as your pastor, I must from time to time preach truths that are uncomfortable to hear and even more difficult to follow. However, I preach on these things for your benefit! Pray that you have a receptive heart, ready to receive God's Word even when it's difficult.

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths. But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.
(2 Timothy 4:3–5, NLT)

Blessings!

Pastor Greg

Basketball + Jesus By: Jason Welker

I am truly excited about our Basketball Camp coming up on July 12-16! Like in previous years, we are offering the camp during afternoons of VBS week, and this camp will focus not just on skills for basketball, but also skills for life. However, what is changing this year is the type of camp we are offering. This year we are hosting an Upward Basketball Camp. What's the difference you may ask? I'm glad you asked! In the past, our church has invited coaches to come from out of town to train our kids at camp. This year, however, our coaches will be from our own church.

This is the reason I am so excited! With our previous camps, bonds are made between the coaches and children, but then the coaches leave town. With Upward Camp the bonds that will be made will continue to grow even after camp is over.

In addition, the goal of Upward Camp is train kids up holistically. We don't just want to teach the game of basketball, but help children to grow mentally and spiritually as well. I hope that you will consider inviting your child, grandchild, or great grandchild to camp. They will have a great time and learn a lot of great things as well.

Here are the camp details. Camp will be from 1-4 PM on July 12-16. The cost is \$40 per kid and children may be registered through our church website. Children are encouraged to come for VBS and stay all day for camp. We just ask that the kids bring a sack lunch with them to eat in between activities. See you at camp!



Christmas in July By: Kevin Willis

My earliest memories of Christmas are from my Grandma Gene's house. Grandma Gene was my Mom's Mom and her house was our safe and happy place growing up. I remember many a Christmas morning waiting for all the cousins to arrive so we could open presents together.

Besides having to wait on my cousins, who were always late, three main things are like a picture engrained in my head: the smell of the real pine Christmas tree, the shiny glass ornaments on the tree and the sound of Christmas music.

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To this very day the smell of certain pine trees will trigger peaceful, happy and loving thoughts to fill my heart and bring me back to those happy times as a child. Christmas music is another one of those triggers that brings back those happy memories.

On Wednesday evening, July 28th the choir will be hosting a Christmas in July Party which will begin at 6:30PM. We will be previewing the Christmas Musical for this coming December as well as doing a gift exchange and playing some Christmas games together. Everyone interested in singing with us this Christmas is invited to join us.

Concrete & Cranes By: Mark Phillips



If you have not signed up to help with VBS, this is your sign! That's right, Farmington FBC will be having VBS very soon. After having to take a year off due to circumstances we could not control, we are back in VBS mode.

If you have been to church, I am sure you have seen the signs of VBS everywhere. We are still wanting volunteers, even if you can only

help a few days. We are asking that you send your kids, grandkids, nephews, nieces, in-laws, outlaws, enemies, or whatever the case may be! We are looking forward to having a great number of kids with us this summer and we want you to be involved.

The most important thing we are asking for is your prayers. We pray that we can reach kids with the love of Christ and lead them in the path that will help them grow. We also covet your prayers for health and safety of all involved students and adults. Please join us for the July 12-16 VBS week from 8:30-11:30 AM. It is sure to be the best thing happening in Farmington that week!



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



This year we have begun collecting donations early for Operation Christmas Child Build-A-Box. For just \$25, our OCC team with fill (and ship!) a shoebox to send the love of Jesus to a child in need. To donate, simply mark your gift or envelope "Build-a-Box." So far, we have already been receiving many generous gifts. This gives our volunteers time to find the best sales they can to make your gift stretch for as many supplies as possible.

If you've ever wondered about who receives our shoeboxes, we recently heard back from a recipient of one of last year's shoeboxes:

"Your box finally found my daughter in Namoo of the Upper East Region of Ghana. She is EYAL ANGELA, a 7 years old girl. She was very happy to receive it. We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for your service to the Lord. May God Bless you."

God bless each of you for your donations year after year to share the Gospel around the world!

*Amount reflects both General Fund and Designated Gifts



FRIENDLY FACES OF FBC

Meet Michelle Corke!

You may recognize Michelle from Sunday mornings in the Welcome Center. Michelle leads and organizes our Made From Scratch Café on Sundays, and she is fabulous at it! Not only does she make sure her volunteers are prepared, but when it is her week to run the café, she always has a spread of yummy breakfast treats, hot coffee, and smiling faces of her and her kids, Lily, Amelia, and Lyam waiting to greet members and visitors! Thank you for all of your hard work and love, Michelle!

THANK YOU NOTES

"Thank you for the memorial gift to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home in memory of our precious mother, Martha Robinson—she would have loved that!"

-Carol Guitar & Family

"Thank you for my car wash last Saturday! The children looked to be having a fun time which made it even more delightful to have my van cleaned. Also enjoyed the rummage treasure hunt!"

-Dianne Dickerson

"Mary Beth and I thank you for your many expressions of support, encouragement, and sympathy during and after my brother Rick's illness and timely death. Your love and encouragement was a great comfort to us. We love you and we thank God for you."

-Bill & Mary Beth Miller

"We would like to thank each of you for the thoughts, prayers, messages, cards, and flowers during the passing of Kevin's mom. We are grateful for everyone that has reached out during this difficult time."

-The Willis Family

To read more of our thank yous for this month, visit our "Thank You Board" located outside of the sanctuary in the foyer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Phil & Glenna Tatum, Grant Currington, Robert Schultz, Darrell & Jeanie Griffin, Dawn Polacek, Jeannie Keller, Jerry Keller, Stephen Price, Rhonda Cline, Andrea & Everette, Verlon Phillips, Joe Stocker, Bonnie Allen, Lavena Marshall, Rhonda Sanders

IN MEMORIAM

Carolyn Lemley, Gerri Byington, Martha Robinson, Catherine "Rowena" Mueller, Loman Stone

CONGRATULATIONS

- to Bobby & Kelcy Fain, and grandparents Connie & Frank Fain, on the birth of their daughter, Auriella Grace Lynn Fain