



NEWS & VIEWS

August 2021

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My Momma Told Me Not to Play with Fireworks

By: Pastor Greg Robinson

Every now and again, something happens which makes you realize just how quickly life can change. A few weeks ago, like many of you, my family and I gathered with friends on the 4th of July to celebrate our country with some good food and fellowship, and of course, fireworks. I'm not one of those guys who goes crazy and spend hundreds of dollars on the big stuff, but I always enjoy buying a variety of poppers, rockets, sparklers, and other assorted items to shoot off with my boys. I will also tell you that I consider myself rather safety conscious. I know that with fireworks comes risk, but I've always tried to make sure my boys know how to properly handle themselves and how to keep the chance of any problems at a minimum. Sadly, this year it didn't work out that way. Before you read any further, let me assure you that everyone is okay. No serious injuries took place, but we did get quite a scare.

We had only been shooting off fireworks for a few minutes when the accident happened. My youngest son, Parker, was holding a firework that I had assumed was safe to hold. It was a type I had shot off countless times and in fact, Parker himself had become quite familiar with. I thought the risk factor was very low. I was wrong. Due to a defect, the firework ended up exploding in his hand. I saw it happen and it was like everything was moving in slow motion and yet also incredibly fast. I saw the tube which contained the firework explode, and then as my heart caught in my throat, I watched Parker bring his hands to his face covering his eyes and start yelling. We immediately surrounded him, trying to assess how badly he was hurt. It's difficult for me even to write about the next few moments as the worst thoughts imaginable ran through my mind. Thankfully, within a short period of time we were able to determine that he had sustained only minor burns on the edge of one finger. It scared him more than anything. His hand was hurting and smoke had gotten in his eyes, but all was well.

I share this story knowing that similar things have happened to many others with much more disastrous outcomes....

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I am beyond thankful that my child is safe and whole. However, Penny and I both went to bed that night thinking about just how close we came to seeing our child severely injured. I still think about it. They question has become, what can I do about it? I know I can't go back and change things, but how should I, as a parent, respond with such a close brush with a disastrous injury? I guess I have two options. The first option is no more fireworks EVER! I think that is the option his mom is choosing. In an effort to keep him perfectly safe, I could go around trying to put in place every possible safeguard, reducing the risks as much as I can. But I know, just as you do, that I can't eliminate ALL risk. He's got to live his life and that means sometimes he will be in precarious situations. So I must turn to the second option - trust and thanksgiving. Yes, I will always be looking for ways to keep him safe and be a responsible parent, but ultimately I must put the health and wellbeing of my boys, my wife, and even my own life, in the hands of the Lord and then be thankful to God for each day He gives no matter what happens.

Isn't this choice that I have for my son's life, the same one we all face every day? There's no guarantee that something dramatic, dangerous, or even painful won't happen in your life today. Life can change in the blink of an eye. In an effort to avoid the pain and the problems, will you shut yourself off, stop living life, refusing to take any risks even at the Lord's leading, or will you put your trust in Him? I'd rather live with some adventure and experience the fullness of what God has for me. Once I remember that my salvation is secure and nothing separates from the love of Christ Jesus, what do I really have to fear? So today I will choose to trust no matter what comes my way, but I will also be thankful for each day God sees me, and my loved ones, safely through.

Blessings!

Pastor Greg

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joe Stocker, Rick McDowell, Dave Bahr, Rhonda Sanders, Delmar Watts, Jinny LeDuc, Chuck Daly, Anthony, Jerry Miller, Reggie Jaco, Elsie Stites, Mark Halter, Alayna (Berry) Momot, Robin Hafley, Charlene Elders

IN MEMORIAM

Andrew “Andy” Thurman, Dawn Elaine Polacek, Judy Green

EXCITING THINGS ARE COMING!

Keep a look out for new and exciting things coming to FBC both online and on our campus. We have some exciting things on the horizon!

Adopt-A-Teacher By: Sarah Fletcher

With thoughts of August and Fall, come thoughts of students and teachers heading back to school. As a child heading back to school, most of us have fond memories of reuniting with friends, finding your way to you new classrooms, and shopping for cool new backpacks, binders, and pencils. For teachers, while it does often include happy memories, going back to school can be filled with stress, anxiety, and worry. It can often seem like the school environment gets tougher each year for faculty and staff, and none more than this past school year with the COVID-19 pandemic in full swing. How can we as brothers and sisters in Christ help our teachers throughout this coming school year as they head back into the “trenches?”

If you did not know, many local churches in our area “adopt” a school in the Farmington R7 School District to help provide supplies for, cook meals for special events, and more. Our church adopted a few years ago, Truman Learning Center (PreK-Kindergarten), located directly across College St. from our church campus. We have an exciting new opportunity to “love our neighbor” and we need more volunteers just like you!

We are starting a brand new Adopt-A-Teacher program, where we will pair you up with a TLC teacher for the 2021-22 school year. As their sponsor, you will most of all be an encourager and prayer warrior for them, by sending cards, phone calls, or emails. If you wanted to go the extra mile, you could even drop off small goody bags with encouraging words for them. And, if you wanted to go the extra extra mile, you could even volunteer in their classrooms! TLC’s principal, Kim Johnson, is extremely excited about this new program. Word of Adopt-A-Teacher even made it down the street to Washington Franklin Elementary (Grades 1-4). They were also so excited about the program, that if we are able to get enough volunteers, we might be able to extend Adopt-A-Teacher to their school as well!

Sign up to Adopt-A-Teacher either in Church Center, on the bulletin board outside the office, or by calling the office at (573) 915-2746.

New School Year, New Activities By: Mark Phillips



Concrete and Cranes! That song and theme will forever be etched in our memory after the great week of VBS that we had at Farmington First Baptist. We had a such a great week with great attendance. We also had 7 kids accept Christ as their Savior. I want to thank everyone that was involved in any way for the successful week. I believe the week ran very smoothly and that we reached a lot of kids

with the Gospel. It truly takes a lot of time and effort to do this size of a VBS, but you came through and gave the kids such a great week. I truly appreciate that effort. It is a blessing to be at a church who is invested in the lives of kids and is willing to help them grow and learn about Jesus. And it was worth the slime and pink tutu to help kids get excited about VBS and missions! Thank you does not seem like enough, but I am very grateful.

Moving forward in the children’s ministry, there are a few dates that I want you to remember. On August 11, we will have our last Wednesday activity of the summer before starting back with Awana. On this night, we will have a glow in the dark night for the kids here at church. The time is 6:30-8:00 PM. Kids will enjoy glow activities and be treated to hot dogs and chips. Then, on August 25, we will have our Awana kickoff for the year. This will be our normal time of games and fun we have every year to jumpstart our Fall children’s ministry. This will be from 6:00-8:00 PM at the church. The first night of Awana will be on Wednesday, September 1 at 6:00 PM. We look forward to another great year from Awana. Look for more details about this and other activities as we get into the Fall. If you would like to help with any of these programs, especially Awana, please contact me and I will be glad to talk to you about how you can minister to kids. Thank you for investing in FBC Kids!



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



This summer, our Vacation Bible School missions offering went to support The Greatest Journey Discipleship Program, a mission of Samaritan’s Purse. After receiving shoebox gifts, children around the world are invited back to participate in The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson course, which includes Bible stories and Scripture memorization, they learn how to follow Christ in their daily lives as they share Him with friends and family. More than 26.5 million children have enrolled in this program since 2009.

During VBS, we led the kids in a competition of boy vs. girls in who could bring in the most money for The Greatest Journey. Also, if they reached their goal of \$500, the pastors and VBS Director would have to be slimed and glittered. The kids loved this friendly competition. Not only did they meet this goal, but they far exceeded it, raising a grand total of \$1902.02! That amount will go to provide discipleship materials to about 315 children around the world! What a blessing even the smallest of us are to the kingdom of God!

*Amount reflects both General Fund and Designated Gifts



FRIENDLY FACES OF FBC

Meet Mike Bales!

Mike is another friendly face that you might often see on Sunday mornings. He is the Director of our Adult 4 Sunday School class, and is often seen welcoming members in the Old Education Building. Mike also serves as a deacon and on our Security Team. What you may not know is that Mike often serves as our baptism assistant when we have men and boys getting baptized on Sunday mornings. He is a helping hand in the back, squeegeeing water and keeping everyone from slipping. Thank you Mike for all you do for our church!

THANK YOU NOTES

“Thank you each for your cards, prayers, and kind words in the loss of my grandson, Andy Thurman. My church family has meant so much to me during this time. Thank you again.”
-Kathryn Green

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