

FOOTHILLS

Worship Center

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The Pursuit of Happiness

People are different. Right? We have different hopes, dreams and aspirations. But all of us have one thing in common. Something that is close to universal. We all want to be happy. But what does that really mean? What is a happiness? Where do we find it? How do we keep it? Now I'm not talking about temporary feelings. We all have good days and bad days. We're happy sometimes. We're sad sometimes. What I'm talking about is something deeper and longer lasting. An abiding peace, satisfaction, purpose and joy that often seems illusive. In this new sermon series, *"The Pursuit of Happiness"* we will learn together how to connect our deep desires with basic theology and unexpected biblical texts to totally redefine happiness and discover how to live as a follower of Christ.

Please join us Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in person or at our YouTube channel online.

Blessings, Pastor Brad



Church Events

(Dates & Times are subject to change)

- July – No Events Scheduled
- August 2 - Fairy Festival
- August 16 – Blood Drive
- Sept 4 – Sturgess BBQ
- Sept 5 - First Friday Feast
- Sept 20 – Car Show

Where Does Your Money Go?

Trustee vs Operating Account

There's a lot of behind the scenes "stuff" that occurs here at FWC. Some is easy to spot and some is not. Maybe some of you have had questions about the money that is spent and never dared ask, "What is my money used for?" Or, maybe you see things changing and wonder where the money came from to pay for them. I am going to try to break some of it down for you. I will start with the basics and give more specific costs details in the next newsletter.

The first thing I need to explain are the different bank accounts we have. FWC has four different accounts; Trustee's, Operating, Food Pantry and Memorial. The Trustee's account is used for things such as building and equipment repairs, paint, new equipment, taxes, and that account is funded from interest of matured investments, profit of property sales or from trust funds that individuals have left to us in their wills.

Next, the Operating Account. It is bankrolled by your tithing, rent money, and (cont. above)

fundraising events money received with the exception of the First Friday Feasts. That goes into the Kitchen Fund. Also, the Missions Group gets 10% of ALL our fundraisers so they can buy materials necessary to do their work. The Operating account pays the salaries of our four employees (Pastor Brad, Lynné, Malcolm and Lisa). It also pays for our utilities (gas, electric and, security monitoring, internet service), office supplies insurances and other costs that we pay in order for the church to run smoothly on a daily basis. The Food Pantry and Memorial accounts are both separate and each has specific criteria to be used.

We do have a couple members that offer to pay certain bills on top of their tithing which is really a additional blessing to FWC. So, for now, this is some insight about the bank accounts we have and where your money goes. Don't worry though, I will have additional information next time about how much money and on what, the S.A.L.T Committee has approved spending from the Trustee's account on. So until next time...

Sunday School

Sunday School classes will resume in September but they are in need of a few teachers/aides. If you, or someone you know is interested, PLEASE contact Sandy Sacerio or Cindy VanAllen. The Nursery is also looking for a qualified person.

A Familiar Face

In the first newsletter of 2025, you were introduced to our then, new custodian. As it so happens, things have changed as they often do at any business...and after-all church is a business. We have a new but yet familiar face in the halls of FWC. Lisa Valachovic is no stranger to volunteering her time and talents at fundraisers and special events. and now she will be getting paid for some of her time while she cleans up after us. Lisa has the church sparkling again. She gave it a 30-day trial run and is

now here 12 hours a week. She is a delight to have around. She will be the first to tell you she loves her job. She does not let any grass grow under her feet and she sweeps with a smile her face.

(Left) Lisa Valachovic working hard, stopped in mid-sweep for a picture to be taken with her broom.





A Mission Minute

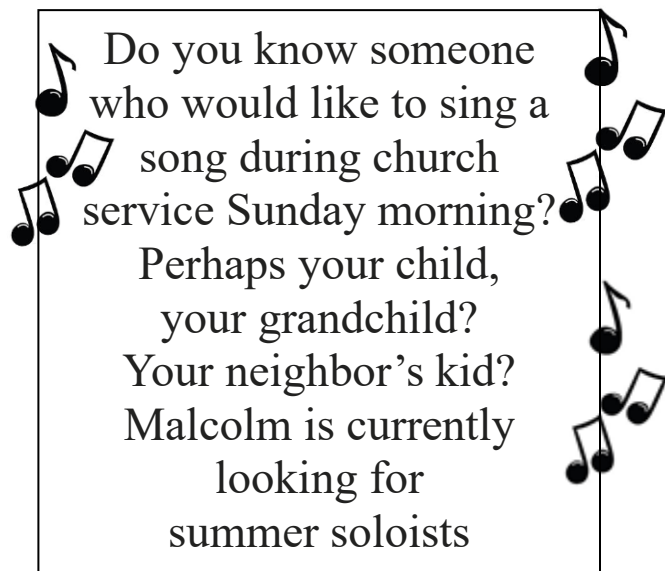


A couple weeks ago you heard in worship service about what some of the missions are here at FWC. The Missions group has decided each month to focus on making a specific item. July is being dedicated to making Teddy Bear Sweaters and the month of August will be for making hats and mittens for our local schools and for the food pantry patrons. If you feel inclined to help, Cindy VanAllen has put together kits for you that have the patterns, knitting needles and yarn ready to go. You can even come in on a Wednesday morning if you'd like and get a quick tutorial.



July & August Birthdays!

Tina Evans	7/6	Chris Johnson	8/5
Jan Sears	7/6	Alley Allen	8/8
Jodi Brown	7/8	Ray Langley	8/8
Sally Brenner	7/11	Marjorie Batty	8/11
Bob Crouse	7/13	Sherri Moore	8/11
Jeff Nicosia	7/17	Joyce Nellis	8/12
Bruce Erhardt	7/21	Elizabeth Rubscha	8/14
Lisa Valachovic	7/23	Gustavo Sacerio	8/18
Tom VanAllen	7/23	Rosaland Rowback	8/21
Jewel Ernst	7/24	Michael Valachovic	8/26
Linda String	7/24	Cynthia VanAllen	8/31



Do you know someone who would like to sing a song during church service Sunday morning? Perhaps your child, your grandchild? Your neighbor's kid? Malcolm is currently looking for summer soloists

Anniversaries July & August

Joyce & Dan Nellis 7/22

Tom & Patricia Green 7/25

Ellen & Oliver Brault 7/26

Rosaland & William Rowback 7/31

Melinda & Michael Harrington 8/6

Norman & Sandra Harrington 8/16

Kelly Vallee & Spouse 8/18

Debra & Timothy Johnson 8/23

**Congratulations
Pastor Brad**



A Guide to Get You Through the Day...
From Biblestudytools.com

You Say... God Says...

You Say

I can't figure it out.

I'm too tired.

It's impossible.

Nobody loves me.

I can't forgive myself.

It's not worth it.

I'm not smart enough.

I'm not able.

I can't go on.

I can't do it.

I can't manage.

I'm afraid.

I feel all alone.

God Says

I will direct your steps.

I will give you rest.

All things are possible.

I love you.

I forgive you.

It will be worth it.

I will give you wisdom.

I am able.

My grace is sufficient.

You can do all things.

I will supply all your needs.

I have not given you fear.

I will never leave you.

Bible Verses

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 11:28-30

Luke 18:27

John 3:16

Romans 8:1

Romans 8:28

I Corinthians 1:30

II Corinthians 9:8

II Corinthians 12:9

Philippians 4:13

Philippians 4:19

II Timothy 1:7

Hebrews 13:5

If you have an idea or a story to be put in the next newsletter, please submit them to Lynné Chesebro in the office or email them to office@fwc3.org