

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness,



FIRSTWORDS

ROCKIN' MOMS

On Tuesday, March 12, we hosted 33 women for Rockin' Moms. We enjoyed a meal and fellowshiping together for the first time in several months. For many women, this was their first time in our new building! As Beverley Cunningham played the piano, we were able to reconnect with one another over some yummy lasagna. After I shared a devotional from Mark 16:8, where the women were terrified and bewildered because of Jesus' resurrection, I had a very thoughtful question. One lady asked, "Why were these women terrified? Weren't they the same ones who saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the grave?" What a profound question! Rockin' Moms is a space for women to ask their tough questions in a welcoming environment. Next, ladies from the Health Department shared tips for Spring cleaning and helped us visualize personal and lifestyle schedules to help us cultivate healthy lives. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11, from noon-1:30 p.m. in the City Light Dining Room.



STEPHANIE STEWART
City Light

FBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BUNCO NIGHT

APRIL 18

If you need a little laughter, if you need a little fun, or just a break from all the hecticness of spring, come and join us for a night of BUNCO on Thursday, April 18. We will gather at University Place at 7 p.m. and enjoy some snacks and fellowship before we begin our game night! Hope to see you on April 18!



GOD'S LITTLE ONES
DAY ★ CARE

Thank you to those who agreed to help with GLO chapel on Wednesday mornings! We are still needing more people to make this a success and I personally know we have some talented people in our church family who would be fantastic! I realize committing to a month at a time is hard, so I will take whatever you can offer. Chapel is every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and it only takes about 15-20 minutes of your time. The kids have loved seeing new faces and they can't wait until "chapel time." We have been singing a couple of songs to get their "wiggles" out, learning a new Bible verse, and reading a book. SUPER EASY!

So, if you think you can make some time to be a part of this wonderful ministry opportunity, please let me know. They are the sweetest kiddos!

Blessings,

Candy Rains

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MISSIONS UPDATE

David and Lauren Bass serving in Cambodia

David and Lauren Bass have been serving in Cambodia since 2015. As Cambodia's church planting movement matures, David and Lauren have aimed to walk alongside Cambodian pastors and church leaders as they, their churches, and their faith go from new to dynamic to deep and sustainable.

In 2024, David and Lauren began partnering with the Phnom Penh Bible School to train young ministry students. Overall, their goal in Cambodia is to find where God is working and join in.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Here are some ways you can pray for Lauren and David:

Pray for the students of Phnom Penh Bible School. Over Easter weekend they will travel throughout the country in groups for field ministry exposure trips. Please pray for safe travel and meaningful ministry for them and those they will serve.

Pray for Lauren and David as they continue to live into roles at the Bible school. Pray for David as he continues to prepare for and teach the Gospels and Acts, and for Lauren as she begins working with the library.

Pray for their family as they celebrate Chloe's baptism and as they continue to do their best to love and lead their family. Please continue to pray for them and their girls as they balance family and ministry.

CITY LIGHT

Community Ministries

6,299

MEALS SERVED

Includes: Sunday Breakfast, Community Breakfast, Community Lunch (both dine-in and take out), and Produce from the City Light Market

658

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Personal Assistance:

553

WALK-INS

for assistance

303

MAIL

Delivered and checked

162

SHOWERS



On Palm Sunday, the Men's Ministry from Pioneer Drive Baptist Church prepared and served our neighbors' breakfast, then led us in worship. Sunday mornings at City Light are a time where we eat a home-style breakfast, then worship God together. It is a space where we commune with one another and God as we enjoy physical and spiritual nourishment together. We have several Sunday school classes from FBC who serve throughout the year. If you and/or your Sunday school class are interested in serving on Sunday mornings at City Light, please contact Stephanie Stewart (stephanie.stewart@fbcabilene.org or 325-673-6686). We have several openings for service from July through December. We serve breakfast from 8:15-9:00 a.m., and worship from 9:00-9:45 a.m.





FLC

Family Life Center

55

PARTIES

327

Individuals

12

New Members

FITNESS CENTER USE

14

Classes

FITNESS CLASSES

311

Individuals

SERENITY HOUSE

10

GROUPS

FULL BUILDING RENTAL

922

Individuals

WALK-INS

60

Individuals

SCHOOL GROUPS

24

Individuals

**HOME SCHOOL
GROUPS**

The Family Life Center opened in 1981. Our mission is to provide family-oriented activities for the church membership & surrounding communities in a Christian atmosphere at an affordable price. Our facility accommodates a variety of groups such as businesses, churches, day care/day camps, private home schools, public schools, individuals with special needs, universities, military, family reunions, residential treatment centers, exercise groups and Fellowship of Christian Athletes to list a few. We host birthday parties, bridal showers, wedding receptions and Family Fun Nights. In addition, we have a full fitness center with lockers, showers and sauna amenities. For those who simply want a place to walk, out of the weather, our track or gym is free to the public.



Groups Hosted in March:

Blessed Families Event with well over 100 individuals

Fairfield University Mission Trip brought 7 students and 2 sponsors to help out at the IRC (housed for the week at the FLC)

Summer at



First Friends

PRESCHOOL

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ABILENE

JUNE 11– JULY 18

Ages: 6 Weeks - 5th Grade

Tuition: \$350 for Summer Session

\$50 Deposit due at Registration

K-5th Grade: \$25 Activities Fee

First Friends Preschool is offering a six-week summer program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 11–July 18 for children ages 6 six weeks to 5th grade.

Our preschool friends will be exploring the wonders of the ocean through sensory play, circle time, music class, games, and fun summer time activities. Our grade school friends will join in on the ocean fun as well as exploring Abilene on field trips.

For more information, please contact Katie Palmer
325-675-8129 or katie.palmer@fbcabilene.org.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WINS DART BASEBALL WORLD SERIES!

The 2023-24 Dart Baseball season has ended and the team from First Baptist Church defeated First Christian Church in the World Series winning the best of seven game series 4 to 1. FBC finished the regular season with a record of 42 wins and 12 losses. Members of the World Series team are:

Debra Clemmer,
Steve Clemmer,
Eric Couvion,
Cara Crocker,
Mike Greenfield,
David Hall,
Shaun McCleese,
John Moore,
Becky Tucker,
Britney Tucker,
Clayton Tucker,
Gary Tucker,
and Todd Wilson.

APRIL

- 7 Personnel Committee Meeting
- 10 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting
- 16 CLCM Board Meeting
Finance Committee Meeting
Deacons' Meeting
- 17 GLO Board Meeting
- 18 Women's Bunco Night
- 21 Lord's Supper
Missions Committee Meeting
- 24 Church Conference



If you are interested in learning more about Dart Baseball, [click here](#) for a short video explaining the game or Mike Greenfield would love to tell you more about it.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

April 1, 28 years

MIKE GREENFIELD

*Pastor for Administration
& Spiritual Development*

April 5, 18 years

JEANNIE WESLEY

*Ministry Assistant to the
Pastor for Adults &
Director of Pastoral Care*

April 17, 7 years

MIKE BRADY

Director of FLC

April 22, 14 years

CANDY RAINS

Pastor for Preschool

MINISTRY OF Counseling & Enrichment

During the month of March, the ministry had **469** scheduled appointments including our Domestic violence groups. We also had **41** new clients scheduled.

Thank you for your support in helping these individuals and families.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

March 2024

<u>Budget</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Required	\$ 342,010	\$ 894,130
Given	\$395,625	\$ 862,792

God continues to bless our faithfulness through the tithes and offerings given to His Kingdom work.



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