



FIRSTWORDS

SUMMER AT FIRST

It is hard to believe that school is out, VBS has already taken place, and June is on the calendar! With that said, then summer must be here and the church has some exciting events planned. Fun Night at the FLC continues to be a favorite among many in our church. Fun Night includes a simple meal (rotation of hamburgers, Frito pie, and hot dogs), open play in the gym (basketball, pickleball, preschool scooters, and balls of all kinds), skating, bowling, ping pong, and pool. And if that is not enough, there will be a prayer group meeting in one of the small rooms for folks to pray for our church. July 9 will be a special night as we have our annual Racers and Bake sale for missions.

June will also see our children and youth go to camp where they will see God in a

new and different way and come back ready to serve Him. Our High School students will be in Glorieta June 1-6, Middle School students head to Brownwood June 10-14, and our children will also go to Brownwood June 23-26. Please begin now praying for these students, sponsors, and parents as they prepare for the various camps. In addition to camps, both the children's ministry and youth ministry have lots of fun events scheduled throughout the summer.

The Summer will also focus on missions as the Backyard Bible Club (June 16-19) meets at the Friendship House, North Macedonia mission trip (June 6-15) and the McAllen trip (July 10-16) take place. They will focus on: continuing the house build, Buckner projects, and community projects.

MAGNIFIED!

What a fantastic and busy week we had at Vacation Bible School! Our week was filled with us looking closely at the details of God's amazing world and how that leads us to proclaim His greatness. We learned that God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises. We also learned we can praise God together and that we were made to magnify God! We started off each morning in the sanctuary for our Worship Rally where we spent time singing and focusing on discovering God in the big and small things. From there, we had Bible study, music, missions, crafts, snacks, and recreation. Our more than 70 wonderful volunteers did a fabulous job teaching our **140+ children** about the bigness of God and how much He loves us. We cannot thank each volunteer enough for all of their help, whether it was: leading one of our rotations, leading a group of children, getting snacks to the children, bringing snacks for the volunteers, or helping us decorate. This wonderful VBS would not happen without these special people! A special thanks to Jennifer Miller who works with us every day. She helps make the preparation for VBS go so smoothly. We are very blessed to have Jennifer and appreciate all she does for us each week. We are also very grateful and thankful for Katie Palmer for her vision and creative skills which helped us turn our church into such a fun and bright place filled with oversized creatures and plants, and lots of balloons! We are very blessed to work with such a wonderful Pastoral Staff, each and every one stepped in where and whenever needed. We also want to thank all of you who prayed for this wonderful event. We are so blessed to have such a loving and giving church who allows us to provide such a wonderful week.



Becky Tucker & Candy Rains



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ABILENE GIVES!



We are thrilled to share the results of our Abilene Gifts campaign—thanks to your generosity, we raised \$7,025!

Every dollar will help us continue to serve and support our neighbors through the ministries and outreach of City Light.

A special thank you to Rob Westman for creating a powerful video that helped share our story and the heart behind this project.

If you haven't seen it yet, you may watch it on the City Light Community Ministries Facebook page.

We are continually humbled and encouraged by your support. Without you, we simply wouldn't be able to do what we do. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for helping us shine a light in our community.

John Moore and Beth Young



Macedonia

MISSION TRIP – JUNE 2025

Please be in prayer for our Macedonia Mission Team as they travel to North Macedonia in June 2025 to serve alongside CBF field personnel Jeff and Alicia Lee. Our team—John Moore, Beverly Moore, Jeff Messer, and Reid Messer—will be supporting, encouraging, and walking alongside the Lees in their ministry.



The Lees are faithfully serving in Skopje, engaging in meaningful work which supports local communities and shares the love of Christ. Our team will join in their efforts, lending hands and hearts to assist in any way needed.

We invite you to pray for safe travels, open hearts, and meaningful connections as our team partners in the important work happening in North Macedonia.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

FBC Summer Missions Opportunities

There's Still Time to Sign Up!

Buckner Construction Mission Trip – July 10-15, 2025 – McAllen, TX



Needed....**5 to 7** more volunteers to help build a home in Penitas, TX for the Hernandez Family. Come help this young mom, who is a widow, with her new home as she provides for her two boys. No building experience is necessary, but if you have some then it's even better! The details are...arrive July 10, work the weekend of July 11, 12, 13 (leave Sunday if you need to get back to work) and then work the 14th for those who can stay an extra day. Our journey back home will be July 15. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn – McAllen and driving to the

site every morning. We have put in for cool breezes and temperatures, but not guaranteed! The cost is \$25 plus your transportation, lodging, and 4 evening meals. Contact John Moore at john.moore@fbcabilene.org for more information.

Mexico City – Mission Trip August 5-12, 2025

Needed...**5 to 7** more volunteers to work with Eduk Child Services in Tipipili, Mexico. A two-hour flight will give you a global missions experience like no other. We need **5-7** more people to help with a medical clinic, children's Montessori program and ministry to families just outside of Mexico City, Mexico. The cost of this trip will be between \$800 to \$1,000. Financial Assistance is available. Contact John Moore at john.moore@fbcabilene.org for more information.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHTS:

CITY LIGHT

Community Ministries

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: **308**

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: **404**

COMMUNITY LUNCH: **1,407**

PRODUCE: **301**

VOLUNTEER HOURS: **264**

SHOWERS: **144**

CLOTHING ITEMS: **320**

CALLS AND VOICEMAILS: **232**

MAIL CHECKS: **247**

FRONT DESK WALK-INS: **754**

DINING ROOM WALK-INS: **2,811**



FLC

Family Life Center



PARTY PACKAGES: **42**

FITNESS CENTER USES: **407**

NEW FITNESS MEMBERS: **4**

FITNESS CLASSES: **20**

SERENITY HOUSE: **342**

FULL BUILDING RENTALS: **9**

WALK-INS: **182**

SPECIAL NEEDS GROUPS: **1**

SCHOOL GROUPS: **MANY**
TOTALING 1,625 STUDENTS

HOME SCHOOL GROUP: **1**

LOCK-INS: **3**

FBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BUNCO night

TUESDAY, JULY 1

If you are needing a little laughter,
a little fun, or a mid-summer break,
come and join us for a night of BUNCO
on Tuesday, July 1. We will gather at
University Place at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy
some snacks and fellowship before we
begin our game night!
Hope to see you on July 1!

Church-Wide RACER & BAKE SALE

"Drivers, Start Your Engines!"

I hope you are getting excited and thinking about the design of your car, or thinking about what you might bake (or buy) at our 4th Annual Church-Wide Racer & Bake Sale.

This fun-filled event will happen **Wednesday, July 9**,
during our Summer Fun Nights at the Family Life Center.
Go on and mark your calendar so you won't miss out!

BECKY TUCKER
Pastor for Children



YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

On May 4, our Youth got to experience a journey of food and fellowship. During our Progressive Dinner, we stopped at one house for appetizers, another for a main course, and we finished it off at one last house for dessert. Everything was delicious! Thank you to everyone who hosted, cooked, and traveled with us. It is always a blessing to spend time together around the table and I know that our students enjoyed every moment of this experience!

THANK YOU TO:

Candy and Eddie Rains
Amy and Rocky McAdams
Shona and Matt Preston
Kelsey Brown
Jennifer Williamson
Dina Griffin
Kristen Patterson

"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'"

– John 6:35 (NIV)



HUNTER BROWN
Pastor for Youth





FBC ABILENE AT
Adventure
COVE

2742 S. 9TH STREET | JUNE 21 | 7:30-9:30

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

June 1, 24 years

JUDY SANTIBANEZ

GLO Teacher

June 5, 2 years

BETH YOUNG

Director of Community Ministries

June 24, 33 years

JEANNE JOWERS

Church Accountant

June 26, 1 year

SADIE SHIPMAN

GLO Teacher

JUNE

- 1-6** High School Camp/Glorieta
- 1** Personnel Committee Meeting
- 4** Summer Fun Nights begin @ FLC
- 6-15** North Macedonia Mission Trip
- 8** Plates for a Purpose
- 10-14** Middle School Camp/
Brownwood
- 11** Buildings & Grounds
Committee Meeting
- 16** Youth Lunch Bunch/
Firehouse Subs
- 17** Finance Committee Meeting
Deacons' Meeting
- 21** Church-wide Fellowship
@ Adventure Cove Water Park
- 23-26** Children's Camp/Brownwood
- 23** Ministry of Counseling
Board Meeting
Youth Lunch Bunch/
Wing Stop (South)
- 24** GLO Board Meeting
Youth attend Flying Bison Game
- 30** Youth Lunch Bunch/Torchy's

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

May 2025

Budget	May	Year-to-Date
Required	\$ 257,010	\$ 1,363,100
Given	\$ 211,428	\$ 1,305,387

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



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