



The Hospitality Ministry Team has opened a Coffee area before the Worship Service.

## NOV-DEC

**Nov. 7 (Sat)** – Free clothing distribution for community. Starts with devotion at 9 and 10:30am. Volunteers needed during week to sort clothes and on Saturday morning.

**Nov. 11 (Wed)** – Food distribution from Daily Bread and our food pantry, 11am. Volunteers needed at 9:30am. Please continue donating items to our food pantry.

**Nov. 11 (Wed)** – In-person Business Meeting to adopt 2021 budget, 6:30pm, Worship Center.

**Nov. 15 (Sun)** – Lord's Supper.

**Nov. 19 (Thur)** – San Antonio Food Bank Distribution, 2:30pm. Volunteers needed at 1pm. No vouchers at church. Call Food Bank to register.

**Nov. 21 (Sat)** – Men's Brisket BBQ at home of Wes Williams, 4:30pm. RSVP by Nov. 15.

**Nov. 24 (Tues)** – Prepare community Thanksgiving baskets, 8am, Fellowship Hall. Drop off Thanksgiving Dinner item donations in the kitchen.

**Nov. 29 (Sun)** – Hanging of the Green is an event during the Worship Service to share songs, readings, and "The Candy Cane" story for the children as we decorate the sanctuary.

**Dec. 9 (Wed)** – Food distribution from Daily Bread and our food pantry, 11am. Volunteers needed at 9:30am. Please continue donating items to our food pantry.

**Dec. 16 (Wed)** – In-person Business Meeting, 6:30pm, Worship Center.

**Dec. 17 (Thur)** – San Antonio Food Bank Distribution, 2:30pm. Volunteers needed at 1pm. No vouchers at church. Call Food Bank to register.

**Dec. 24 (Thur)** – Christmas Eve Service with Lord's Supper.

**Dec. 24-Jan. 3** – Offices closed.

## New website launched

The Communications Ministry Team is excited to announce that the church has a new website, designed by member Tiffany McDowell, a graphic designer and professional photographer.

You will find new email links for the church and staff, weekly sermons and more to come. The ministries will be updating their information and photos. The website will be the place where you will find details about events as they are planned.

It has a new GIVE platform, so those who give online with dates set for withdrawals should cancel those withdrawals to use the new method.

If you have questions or suggestions, please email them to [web1@fbccastroville.com](mailto:web1@fbccastroville.com).



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## New Academy seeks Director

Our church has started the search for the Director for our new private school, FBCC Christian Academy. It will be the premier place for K4-5th grade Christian education, opening in Fall 2021. The position will start on Jan. 4, 2021.

If this sounds like the career for you, submit your resume with professional references for consideration to [FBCC\\_Academy@fbccastroville.com](mailto:FBCC_Academy@fbccastroville.com). Take the time to read our Statement of Faith; you will be expected to abide by it. Salary begins at \$29,500 and will be based on experience.

Here are a few things we are looking for:

- Education experience and skills.
- Teaching a minimum of two years full-time in an educational program.

- Directing an educational program.

- Experience with hiring, budgeting, and school curriculum.

Visit the school link on the church website for more details.

# FBCC ACADEMY FACTS

The FBCC Christian Academy is planned to serve K4 through 5th grade.

An Open House will occur in early 2021 with a registration deadline in April to finalize what grades will be offered during the first year.

Cutoff birth date for admission into K4 and Kinder is Sept. 1.

## CURRICULUM

FBCC uses the Abeka Curriculum that meets or exceeds the state-mandated common core. All subjects are taught from a biblical world view, and with Scripture and biblical principles used to teach and illustrate concepts.

(K4 - 5th) Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Phonics, Writing Mathematics, History/Science, Good Citizenship, P.E/Music/Art/Chapel (rotation)

## HOURS & FEES

### Hours of Operation

School Hours: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

After School Care: 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

### School Fees

FBC-Castroville Member Fee:  
\$470/month

Non-Member Fee:  
\$510/month

Yearly Registration Fee/Member:  
\$200 (Non-refundable)

Yearly Registration Fee/  
Non-Member:  
\$250 (Non-refundable)

Yearly Book Fee: \$100

After School Care:  
\$60/per week/child

Sibling Discount:  
5% for each additional child

# SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES DURING COVID

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Adult Sunday School classes had been meeting on Zoom, but are now also being offered in-person on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

The study, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, by Philip Yancey is being taught at 9 a.m. Sunday by Andy Carnes in the Fellowship Hall. Charlie Carnes is teaching the same class via Zoom at the same time. The church has sent an email with the link to connect to Zoom. The next study will be *What's So Amazing About Grace* by Yancey, starting Nov. 29 and lasting 14 weeks. Free study books are available in the church office and at the class on Sunday morning.



More than 20 people have returned to Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They wear masks until they are seated and sit where they are comfortable. Videos are shown on a TV during the lesson.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

An Adult Discipleship Class and light lunch is planned at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the "Biediger Haus." They will continue the study by Francis Chan entitled *Multiply*. The next section will be about Studying the Bible Prayerfully and Obediently.

Here is a link so that you can go check it out:

<http://multiplymovement.com/read-more/8>

For more information, directions, or to let Jacob and Sarah know you would like to attend, contact Sarah Biediger at [maner.sarah@hotmail.com](mailto:maner.sarah@hotmail.com) or call her at 254-833-1312.



## TUESDAY MORNINGS

Susan Thornell is moving the virtual Women's Bible study to in-person sessions in the Fellowship Hall, starting Nov. 17. The new one will start at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. The study is *The Answers To Your Deepest Longings: 40 Days Through The Bible* by Lysa TerKeurst and the Proverbs 31 Ministries Team.

The book can be purchased online at <https://www.p31bookstore.com/products/40-days-through-the-bible>.

If you need more information and/or need assistance ordering the book, contact Susan at [smmcnitt@aol.com](mailto:smmcnitt@aol.com).

# Children's Ministry draws families with October events



When Children's Minister Debra Mcdonel learned that "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" would only be available on Apple TV, she consulted Pastor Rodney Knous and promoted an outdoor movie night for the community on Friday, Oct. 30. Guests enjoyed popcorn provided by the Hospitality Team and cuddled in blankets in lawn chairs.

The 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31 drew cars from other churches and nearly 300 children. It included the Castroville Fire Department and 3 food trucks!



**Left:** 3rd Place, Dwayne & Dee Smith. **Above:** 2nd Place, Don & Kim Gaskill. **Below Left:** Crowd of happy kids. **Below:** 1st Place, Skip & Patti Laney.



**Men's Brisket BBQ** will give the guys an opportunity to get to know each other and our new Senior Pastor better. Please RSVP to Wesley Williams at wes\_williams@sbcglobal.net by Nov. 15 to attend the event from 4:30-8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Wes' home. Bring your appetite and a folding chair.



**The KidZone** is looking for you to play, craft, color and romp outside with them. Our babies want your care and cuddles. If you are ready to help on a periodic basis, please contact Debra McDonel at 830-212-1703.



**Student Minister** Jeromy Kusch has resigned with Nov. 1 as his last Sunday. Pastor Rodney Knous has 20 years experience in youth ministry and is coordinating volunteers as we search for a new minister.



**Building and Grounds Committee.** Chad Johnson is the new Chairman of this group. Watch for notices of work days.



The **Blood Drive** on Sept. 26 produced 26 whole blood donations and 3 platelets, according to Missions Minister Tina Santee. The Blood Bank was pleased, saying they consider 30 donations a "great drive." She included members from Vista Community Church and hopes to get other pastors on board for the next one since this is serving the entire county.



**Watoto.** The Watoto Children's Choir, which had to cancel its March 2020 appearance, has decided to wait until next Spring to begin planning its return to the United States.

Claudia Williams is our contact with this exciting children's group.



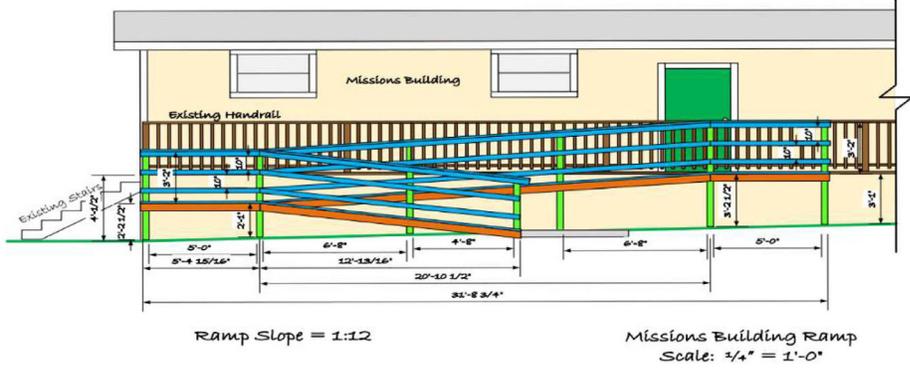
Nick Adams presents his Missions Ramp program proposal to Church Council.

## Eagle Scout project by Nick Adams to build Missions Building ramp

Because it is not safe or easy to transport items up the stairs to the food pantry in the Mission Building and because there have been accidents resulting in loss of food, FBCC member Nick Adams has proposed to build a ramp as his Eagle Scout project. The Boy Scout Council has approved.

Estimated cost of the project is nearly \$3,000, and the church budget has \$500 toward that. Nick is asking those who would like to help fund the project to specify on your offering envelope that you are donating to the Missions Building Ramp.

Nick estimates he will need 8 adults and 10 Scouts/Youth on each construction day. A safety briefing, including COVID restrictions, will be conducted before starting work each day.



Elevation Plan prepared by Nick Adams shows details of hardware and lumber needed.

This newsletter is the leadership's way to keep you "in the loop." To submit items, send to Ginger Carnes at gcarnes2@satx.rr.com. Deadline is the Sunday after the monthly Business Meeting. It is sent via email and is available on the church website. Printed copies are available at the Welcome Center in the Worship Center foyer.

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