

**We NEED you.**  
**Can you HELP?**

Can you Sew? FBC has an opportunity to provide reusable hygiene articles for refugees moving through Mexico—see or contact Debbie Maxwell for details.



**Panfork Clean-up & Work Day—Saturday, May 20th**  
(Sign-up with the FBC Team at Grand Central)



**United Way Day of Caring: Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
(Sign-up with the FBC Team at Grand Central)



**“We sure do need a few more ladies to help us in our clothing room with sorting & hanging clothes donations. [We have a lot of fun!]”** Please contact Selena at 274-6434 or by email: [livingwaterborger@gmail.com](mailto:livingwaterborger@gmail.com)



**Your Borger Salvation Army needs you:**

- Pantry help and help to sack groceries for homeless.
- Drivers to transport children to summer camp in June.
- 3 Board Members . . .

**Meals on Wheels needs your wheels!! Do you have an hour or two to deliver meals in our community once a week?**  
**Contact Jamie Kirksey at 806-274-2802 for details.**

**Helps Ministry in Juarez Mexico:** The local Baptist convention has an old, abandoned seminary that is in very bad condition. A local church is working to restore the facility but the work has not been finished to date. IMB is sponsoring FBC to help:

- They need a small team with skilled laborers in plumbing and electricity for safety and sanitary purposes. They house up to 70 people at times.
- Cleanup of the building.
- Painting of the rooms.
- And evangelistic opportunities.

Would you consider joining the FBC team to help? April 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

- You need a current passport and a willingness to serve—see/call/text Bill Sheldon for details:

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**FIND  
YOUR  
PLACE**

## First Baptist Church First Missions Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023



Quarterly Communication to Connect With, Encourage and Equip One Another for Kingdom Service

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.” John 14:12

### Our Mission

To encourage, teach, and lead people to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples like JESUS

### Our Vision

To be a church that transforms our community, our nation, and our world by sharing with them the life, light, and love of Jesus Christ one person and one family at a time.



### Missional Prayer:

Mon. March 20

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Church Parlor

Juarez Mexico

**Construction Ministry & Evangelism**

April 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

**United Way Day of Caring:**

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

**Panfork Work Day:**

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

**On the Horizon—stay tuned:**

**MGI English School (Ukraine)**

Late May-Early June

**CWW Bible Clubs (Colorado)**

July 15-22

Dear Church Family:

Jesus says in John 14:12 “the works I do, he [you] will do also.” This is so explicit, isn’t it? It is expected and so matter of factly stated—if you are a believer, you’ll do the works of Jesus. And so many connect John 14:12 with John 9:4 which says “I must do the works of Him Who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.” Were it that all of us would be so compelled to **do** the works of Jesus, which are acts of compassion, justice, and mercy as we go along sharing the love of God and His saving grace through Jesus Christ.

If these are the “works of” God how are we to do them? I remember when I read what Dallas Willard says about the “doing” in “Hearing God”: “In many cases our need to wonder about or to be told what God wants in a certain situation is a clear indication of how little we are engaged in His work.” He goes on to say “Things are as they should be when we don’t have to be told what to do.” Pp72-73. Wow—that’s telling isn’t it.

Yes, we should pray about how we attend to life—James says in chapter 4 verses 13 and 15: “Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow I will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business . . . Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” So, of course we should be constantly seeking and asking for God’s will and leading in the direction of our lives—trusting that He will indeed direct us into His will and purpose. But, in the midst of all that we should be doing works of compassion, justice and mercy. We don’t need to ask God about those things, we just need to recognize the needs in those contexts and step right in and do them.

On the back of this quarter’s First Missions newsletter you find many such opportunities. Opportunities that allow others to experience God’s grace—and as 1 Peter 4:10 says: “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” I encourage you to take time to read all of the various needs expressed and simply say “I can do that” . . . and make the call, send the email, click on that link and commit. If you are hesitant, meditate on the words of Jesus in Luke 17:10: “Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? I think not. So likewise, you, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, “We are unworthy servants. We have only done our duty.” Have we done our duty and fulfilled our calling if we fail to do the works of Him who sent us?

Dear Heavenly Father, Help us not to neglect “the more important matters” of “justice, mercy and faithfulness.” Help us to look for and see opportunities to compassionately execute love [practically], grace, mercy, and justice Lord. Help us to be prepared (resolute, bold and unhesitant) to act Lord. We know we will always have time to do what pleases us. So, we humbly ask according to Your word Lord: give us the desire and will to do what pleases You. (Phil 2:13) Many times our priorities don’t include the incredibly important aspects of our Christianity and faith that involve the poor and needy, the brokenhearted and downcast; all who don’t look or act as we do. So we pray Father, fill our hearts with compassion, kindness; and, strengthen us to do the works of Him who sent us. Father, as James says: “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by their good life, by deeds done in humility that comes from wisdom.” May we be wise, and understanding servants Lord, faithfully executing Your work as Christ’s body. Amen.

# Let Us Pray



**On the basis of God’s word, we pray—boldly, confidently and in faith believing:**

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace **with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

“**This is the confidence** we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if **we know** that He hears us—whatever we ask—**we know** that we have that we asked of Him.” 1 John 5:14-15

“Until now you haven’t asked for anything in My name. **Ask** and you will receive, and your joy will be complete” John 16:24

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

Duane & Deanna Hunt with MINTOR ask: “Please pray for us as we listen to God and follow Him a day at a time. We are going to Nicaragua, Guatemala & El Salvador this spring; and we are still teaching at 3 overseas Bible colleges via Zoom”

Mike & Sharol Shutts with MAF ask: “Pray for Mike as he transitions into his new role with MAF *as the International Maintenance Trainer in Nampa ID*. And pray for us as we transition over the next year from 28 years living in Africa to moving back to the US.”

Michael & Jan Gott of Michael Gott International (MGI) continue to minister to displaced Ukrainians in Ukraine and refugees in Poland. Pray that they will continue to have strength, wisdom and favor as they administer aid, show God’s love and compassion and share God’s word of His goodness, faithfulness and deliverance.

Gregg & Patti Simmons of Life Action Ministries: Pray for upcoming church revivals through March; the family camps this summer—Gregg & Patti will be over the Week 1 Jun5-10 session; the retreats at the Lodge that Gregg & Patti will be part of. And pray as they “retire” from Life Action this fall—that they will know God’s next place of respite & ministry for them.

Annette & Glenn Carter of Athletes in Action—CRU: “Please pray that God will continue to lead and provide *Glenn* health and recovery in His faithful and perfect way.” For more details check out “GlennCarterPrayer” on the CaringBride.org Website. Also, thank you for praying for the AIA Red River Winter Retreat in Jan..

Joel & Ronnie Arrington of Church Without Wall—Delta Colorado: Pray for Malachi & Jen Arrington’s baby

Kanesa Snow of IMB: pray for Kanesa’s health & wellness. Pray for unity among her workers and associates. Pray for provision for the ministry she undertakes. And pray for open doors to be able to reach more nationals and expose them to the love of Christ



Do you know what your gifts are? Everyone has unique talents and abilities to serve God, His kingdom and the world that cost the blood of Jesus. . . The First Missions Team is here for you, we can sit with you and explore how God has uniquely gifted you to fit within the local church here at First Baptist Church. See one of the First Missions Team to learn more.

## Is That You? Let Us Know.

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First Baptist Church members—FM  
Members “at-large”

**Do you have a heart for our older populace—visiting of our local retirement homes and shut-ins are great ways to encourage and bless others.**



**Are you good with your hands, are mechanically minded and enjoy fixing things . . . our helps ministry needs you! We often receive requests within our congregation and the community—what a great way to practically share the love of Christ.**



**Are you “crafty,” like to sew, crochet, or are “artsy” and like to work with cloth, wood or metal, etc. We need your skills! We are involved in making various items for refugees and addressing the personal and ministry needs of our partnering missionaries in India, Europe, Mexico, Africa, etc.**



**Are you an organizer, detail person, and like planning? We need you! Your First Missions Team is always at work to make it possible for our church to be involved here, abroad and around the world . . . but it takes footwork, people skills and creative thinkers—is that you?**



**Do you have the gift of gab and enjoy social media. Are you experienced in Web design, with editing and design software. We need you to help keep the local body at FBC informed and up to date on all that is needed and what we’re doing each day and every week.**