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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

MOVING FORWARD!

After nearly a year and a half of dealing with unexpected, various, and seemingly continuous COVID-19 issues, our church is **regaining traction and moving forward**. God is at work this summer and great things are happening. Our staff and Ministry Teams have been hard at work to help us **move forward**.

Pastor Mark Wimbish, among many others, is keeping **our children and students** highly involved. Our kids enjoyed **Kids Camp** at Seneca Lake. Pastor Jeff Bane launched our first **Golf Camp**. We held **VBS** live on-campus. Also, for the first time, our students participated in **Super Summer** (Discipleship/Leadership Camp) at Cedarville University. Plus, students attended **High School Camp** and **Middle School Camp**, as well as serving at VBS.

We launched the pilot group for our new **discipleship curriculum**. About twenty adults are completing **CONVINCED**, the first book in the process. They are being trained to defend their core beliefs, share their testimony, and share the Gospel.

We are completing plans to **refresh our Blended Worship auditorium** with paint and replace the carpet and chairs. We are also **painting the rooms in our children's wing** to reflect a world missions mindset. When that is complete, we will refresh our office area and replace the carpet in the West Wing.

Beyond that, we launched our process to hire a **new Children's Ministry Director** and a **new Ministry Connections Director**. Our staff and Ministry Teams are preparing preliminary **budgets for 2022** and the **2022 church calendar** is being developed.

Please join us, and also pray for the Lord's continued direction, blessing, provision, and protection as we **move forward!**

Pastor Dave Earley
Lead Pastor

KING'S KIDS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

King's Kids Day Care is hiring full-time and part-time positions for both Pre-K and Toddler teachers. Please call or stop by for an application. Contact Sarra at 614-539-0349 or sarragc@outlook.com.



FLAG FOOTBALL, SOCCER, AND CHEER REGISTRATIONS FOR FALL NOW OPEN!

Flag Football: Boys and girls ages 5 years through 8th grade. Early registration is \$80; after 7/31 the cost is \$90.

Register Online: www.firstgc.org
>Upward Sports> REGISTER FOR FOOTBALL

Cheerleading: Ages 5 years through 8th grade. Early registration is \$80; after 7/31 the cost is \$90.

Register Online: www.firstgc.org
>Upward Sports> REGISTER FOR CHEER

Soccer: Boys and girls ages 4th through 8th grade. Early registration is \$80; after 7/31 the cost is \$90.

Register Online: www.firstgc.org
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Evaluations and Orientation: Saturday, July 31st, 9:30-11:30 AM; Thursday, August 5th, 6:30-8 PM; and Tuesday, August 10th, 6:30-8 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities: Coaches, referees, and paint crew members are needed. Contact Pastor Jeff Bane at 614-991-0205 or email jeff@firstgc.org.



Ministry Opportunities to serve as ushers exist for men and women at the 9:15 and 10:45 AM worship services in the Neal Auditorium. Service will be on a monthly rotation. Please contact Rob Stroup at 614-991-0205 or email rob@firstgc.org for more details.

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, August 7th, at 7:30 AM in our Fellowship Hall! Chris Yarhouse will be sharing his testimony.

Donuts and Devotions: Saturday, August 21st, at 9:30 AM in the Student Center.

Lake Erie Charter Fishing Trip: Saturday, September 11th. Includes overnight stay Friday. Contact Ken Williams at 614-260-6167 or Pastor David Berna at 614-288-6337 for more details.

Please contact **Pastor David Berna** at 614-288-6337 or by email at dberna4808@aol.com for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Women's Breakfast: Saturday, August 14th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. **Darcey McCampbell** will share about her ministry that empowers women aging out of foster care to wholeness and self-worth and how Kingdom Pillars provides a safe haven. Please RSVP by August 13th for a catered breakfast. Accommodations can be made for gluten-free and allergy-free diets. Please register at firstgc.org or contact Ronda Kinnett at 614-647-7332. You may also email ronda@firstgc.org.

First Place For Health: A Christ-centered, total-wellness program that focuses on how to achieve emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual wellness. Plan ahead for orientation on September 12th at 4:45 PM. RSVP to Sherri Love, 614-327-5792 or email slove@columbus.rr.com.

Women's Fall Retreat: We are excited to begin planning for a fall retreat on November 12-13th. Save the date for fun and fellowship here at FBC!

Do you like to go fishing? We are putting together a group of ladies who are interested. Please contact **Jane Hammond** at 614-871-2315 for more information.

GNO (Girls' Night Out) is back on Tuesday, August 31st at 6:00 PM in room W-104 (Staff Meeting Room). Please contact Jodi Butcher at 614-620-6380 to RSVP.

For more information on upcoming events and activities, please visit the **Women's Ministry Kiosk** in the FBC lobby. You may also contact **Ronda Kinnett** at 614-647-7332 or email ronda@firstgc.org. We're also on Instagram. Find us [@fbcgc_women](https://www.instagram.com/fbcgc_women).

AWANA Returns to FBC!

**Welcome Back
Leaders and Students!**

Fall 2021 Kickoff Event

Wednesday, September 1st

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Including **Sundaes on Wednesday** (ice cream sundaes)!

Please contact **Sherri Love** at 614-327-5792 or email slove@columbus.rr.com for more information.



FBC students participate in a time of praise and worship during Middle School Camp held at Seneca Lake in July.

MY VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE PEW

*"Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old, he will not turn from it."* **Proverbs 22:6**

A few Sundays ago, I stopped into the Preschool to see if they needed any extra help. They did not need any volunteers that day; however, it was great catching up with Doug Worley and Patricia Roadcap. Doug gets a little excited when talking about the Preschool. He loves getting to check the little ones in and out each week. Trust me, I get it, and miss them all.

As Doug was sharing some cute kid moments with me, Ms. Patty walked into the hall with a toddler. He was having "a moment." He seemed tired and his parents had just gone to the sanctuary. He just needed a little extra attention. Such is the ministry of *First Kids*—caring for tiny Life Groups. Most are excited to see their church friends and teachers each week, while others are all about the snack, toys, and friends they get to play with only once a week. Still, there are always a few kids each week who have had a rough morning and suddenly need some reassurance and additional snuggles.

This is where we excel as a church. It's more noticeable with our smallest members. We see them being held or walked. Sometimes we can hear them as they cry when being temporarily separated from their loved ones. Yet, we often aren't privy to the adult Bible Studies and Life Groups where some of their own need extra hugs or silently cry because they are especially missing someone dear to them that week.

Jesus modeled the original Life Group.

He taught us the privilege of fellowship, how to feed a crowd, and He shared with us how to minister to others.

**Blessings,
Cindy Matlock**

