



# PROCLAIMER

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It is hard to believe, but summer is quickly approaching us! For many in our church, summer represents a change in routine and schedule. This change opens many new opportunities for ministry, especially to kids and students. Understanding that, I want to ask two things of you.

First, I want to ask you to pray for the ministry that will happen throughout the summer. Pray for those who will be leading at Crosstimbers, VBS, Super Summer, and both weeks of Falls Creek. Commit to pray during the events and when we pass out wristbands, but more than that, expectantly commit to pray now for the work we know God is going to do.

Secondly, I want to ask you to serve. We have been focused on our core value of service, seeking to make a shift from consumers to servants and the extra ministry activities we do during the summer is a practical way to get involved in joyfully giving yourself to God's work in the world and for the benefit of others. We will also have many regular people who serve traveling. Make yourself available to step in and serve somewhere this summer. You might not feel like you have much to offer, but you need to remember, you have the Holy Spirit of God living inside of you, ready to empower you to serve.

I am thankful for each one of you. I know what Paul means when He says, *"I thank my God in every remembrance of you..."* (Philippians 1:3) I long to see God do something through each one of you that can only be explained by Him! Maybe a mighty work of God begins this summer, and just maybe it begins because you prayed and you said yes to setting yourself aside and ministering to others!



## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

### Operation Christmas Child

We want to extend a "BIG THANK YOU" to those who donated stuffed animals and YoYos in April!!!

Operation Christmas Child is a year around mission project at FBCER. Although we don't

think about shopping for our shoeboxes until the Fall, now is the perfect time to pick up a few items. Each month we will be focusing on something that we need. For the month of May we are asking for **child-sized toothbrushes**. A great buy that you can find at Walmart is the Dr Fresh brand, 5 for \$1. We also need **individually wrapped bars of soap, and washcloths**. We will have a collection box in the foyer for these items.

We will have empty shoeboxes and partially filled boxes to be picked up also. We would love for each family to take a couple of boxes to use for your family's mission project to spread the gospel through OCC to children and their families around the world.

### Crochet and Fellowship

If you already know how to crochet or just want to learn, we have a place for you. On Monday mornings at 10am or Wednesday afternoons at 3pm, we meet in the café area by the kitchen. We even have extra yarn and needles on hand. You may be working on a project of your own and would enjoy the fellowship time. Please join us!!!

### Midweek Bible Study

On Wednesday mornings at 10am, we meet in the Church Café for a Midweek Bible Study. We want to invite anyone who would like to come and join us.

**In the month of May, we will not have a Midweek service on May 24 and 31.**

### North American Missions

We have given \$3,290.55 for the Annie Armstrong mission offering to date.

### Mothers & Others

Attention Moms, Friends, Sisters, Grandmas, and all the special ladies in your life! You're invited to join us for a special Mother's Day fellowship event at FBCER that you won't want to miss.

We're teaming up with 405 Makery to get crafty and create our very own door decorations. Get ready for a morning filled with laughter, creativity, and your favorite FBCER ladies' snacks! Don't miss out on this chance fellowship as we celebrate Mother's Day and make something special for your home!

Registration is required to secure your spot, so sign up now! The deadline to register is Wednesday 5/10. You can sign up on the website at [fbcelreno.com](http://fbcelreno.com) or scan the QR code below. We can't wait to see you there!



### CrosTimbers 2023

**Mission Adventure Camp! For students who have completed the 3rd-6th grade. Cost is \$165.**

The camp is designed to offer four days of intentional spiritual investment in a child's life.

Day one: Camp Theme

Day two: Evangelism

Day three: Instruction from the Word

Day four: Challenge to Serve Daily

### OBI Blood Drive

We will be hosting a Blood Drive here at the church in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 25th from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. You can call this number, 877-340-8777, to make an appointment or just come to the blood drive on the 25th.

### Falls Creek

Jr High Falls Creek will be on July 10 - 15 and High School Falls Creek will be on July 17 - 22. Please be in prayer for these events and get your students signed up.



# This Month's Serve Teams

05/07/2023

**Nursery Team 1**

Tasha Couch  
Hope Fuell  
Harper Looper  
Emily Smith

**Parking Lot Team 1**

Jeffrey Davis  
Bobby Mixon  
Julio Trejo

**Welcome Team 1**

Jason Looper  
Merry Fisher  
Kevin Gibbons  
N'Lisa Havener  
Freda Moffat  
Karen Nance  
Malachi & Lyndzee  
Sherman

**Bus Driver**

Chris Steffler

**Coffee Bar**

Brandon Adams

05/14/2023

**Nursery Team 2**

Debra Steffler  
Janice Palmer  
Jaimie Wardlaw  
Michelle Whetstone  
Alfredo Estrada

**Parking Lot Team 2**

Ronnie Ezell  
Nick Niles  
Parker Avendano

**Welcome Team 2**

Jennifer Davis  
David Harris  
Mary Kay Hokett  
Carla Holsted  
Toni Irion  
Christine Orr  
Amy Wells  
Jerry Zucksworth

**Bus Driver**

TJ & Sheryl  
McCullough

**Coffee Bar**

Malachi Sherman

05/21/2023

**Nursery Team 3**

Pam Ellis  
Heather Fairbanks  
Lou Ann Mickle  
Sarah Ayers  
Skylar Ayers

**Parking Lot Team 3**

Jesse Lesperance  
Harold "Pete" Petree  
Aron Steffen  
Will Wedman

**Welcome Team 3**

Angela Lesperance  
Ray & Carla Apple  
Bob Lee  
Jessica Lee  
Donna Mogg  
Jim & Sandy Rankin  
Angie Steffen  
Erin Tinsley

**Bus Driver**

Curtis Steffler

**Coffee Bar**

Rusty Shamblin

05/28/2023

**Nursery Team 4**

Kim Eisenhour  
Dianna Spott  
Scotti Charmasson  
Brantlie Charmasson  
Kristy Pepper

**Parking Lot Team 4**

Cory Charmasson  
Ronnie Funck  
Jason McClure  
Darrin Pepper

**Welcome Team 4**

Cathy Knott  
Christopher & Chanda  
Burdine  
Karen Chadwick  
Judi Corwin  
Cleta Mullin  
Jackie Ogilvie  
Robin Robinson  
Bob & Debbie Stutler

**Bus Driver**

Tonya Pope

**Coffee Bar**

Christopher Burdine



We believe that part of our sharing our life with God and others is evidenced in our generosity. We believe that everything we have is a gift from God and not only should we give to God with our "first fruits" (tithing) but that we should be looking to go above and beyond with our generosity. Join us on our mission by giving today. Go to [fbcelreno.com/give](http://fbcelreno.com/give) to find out all the ways you can give!



## Sunday Morning Stats

	<u>April 2</u>	<u>April 9</u>	<u>April 16</u>	<u>April 23</u>	<u>April 30</u>
Small Groups	282	Easter	228	257	242
Worship Attendance	323	605	290	293	291
Offering/Tithe	\$16,065.16	\$16,010.25	\$10,264.77	\$11,320.33	\$16,479.39
Building Fund	\$562.00	\$260.00	\$670.00	\$211.00	\$350.00



# May

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		SH Open	10am Midweek Service 6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies		Office Closed	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Graduation Sunday 9am Small Groups 10am Worship  1:30pm VBS Decor		SH Open  Diaper Distribution 11am to 1pm	10am Midweek Service  6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies		Office Closed	Mother's Day Brunch 10am-12pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day Family Commitment Day 9:00am Worship 10am Worship		SH Open	10am Midweek Service  6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies		Office Closed	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am Small Groups 10am Worship Lord's Supper 11:45am Finance Com. 1:30pm VBS Decor 6:30pm Foster care		SH Open  Dental 6pm	No Wed Activities	Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall 1pm - 5pm	Office Closed	
28	29	30	31			
9am Small Groups 10am Worship	Memorial Day Office Closed	SH Closed	No Wed Activities			
		Cross Timbers				

**May Events**

- Mothers & Others Event - May 13 - 10am-12pm
- Perfect Wings Camp - May 25 - May 27
- Cross Timbers - Tuesday, May 30 - Friday June 2

**June Events**

- Super Summer
- VBS - June 26 - 30 - 8:30am - 12noon

**July Events**

- Jr High Falls Creek - July 10 - 15
- High School Falls Creek - July 17 - 22