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SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

OVERVIEW

I am close to completing my 5th year at FBC. The year began like my other 4 years where we embarked on key initiatives to strengthen the ministry of FBC. This year, we primarily focused how FBC will experience wholesale transformation to grow in love for God and others. This meant working closely with Scott Wieking (Pastor of Discipleship and Small Groups) to clarify our goal of discipleship and our pathway there that also involved re-tooling our Home Groups. With Dan Seitz adding his considerable strategic thinking, FBC took a big step forward in discipleship that we intend to build upon. In addition, we hired Bronwyn Lea as FBC's Pastor of Discipleship and Women to add more strength to our discipleship more generally and specifically with women. Moreover, to support our discipleship pathway, I worked to develop *the Next Steps Cafe* to help move new people into our church family and experience transformation.

All of this, however, quickly changed in March as COVID-19 emerged as a threat, and we were directed to shelter in place. I led us to quickly pivot to online worship services (produced and directed by Derek North, Worship Pastor at FBC) and online small groups (led by Scott Wieking and Bronwyn Lea for adults, Neil Redenbaugh (Youth and Family pastor) for youth, and Vanessa O'Brien (Children's Ministry Director) for children). In addition to these online gatherings, I worked with the staff to establish other online gathering points (e.g. prayer meeting, book club, photography workshops, and coffee with me), a plan to call every person at FBC on a regular basis, and the distribution of thousands of dollars' worth of grocery cards to needy families in Jesus' name. But what truly impressed me was how quickly each and every person adapted to these pivots in our church life together, and the enthusiasm I have seen from so many in pursuing Christ and continuing in community with each other.

As of now, we are working to reopen our in-person gatherings at FBC, even though we may be directed to shelter in place again and resume virtual-only gatherings. I am working closely with Dan Seitz on reopening, as he is our point person for directing and pacing that reopening in ways that are prayerful and thoughtful. Thus, I anticipate that this reopening and managing of our church family's in-person gatherings will probably form the bulk of our efforts and initiatives for the upcoming year until this season of the pandemic has concluded.

All of these twists and turns only reinforces God's call on us. No matter the format of our ministry, or the constraints put upon us, we still exist for a specific purpose shaped by specific values that have guided us through all of these twists and turns. Our purpose:

We are a community, helping everyone: discover faith in Jesus, grow in love for God and others, and live as ambassadors of hope by the power of the Spirit.
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And we value being:

Kingdom-Minded Relational Prayerful Applicable

I feel the privilege to be part of this church family and this grand vision as the Senior Pastor. More specifically, there are two critical areas where I have served: 1) preaching, and 2) working with the staff and elders.

PREACHING

We've had quite a journey in our Sunday morning preaching where we've covered a lot of ground. This journey has included the following:

The Law of the Good Life (A Study of Psalm 119)

God. Me. Us. (Scott preached this series to reset our vision for discipleship and the role of our Home Groups)

Made for More (our Fall Focus where we dove into 2 Timothy, complete with verse memorization)

Elijah: Just Like Us (a study in the life of Elijah)

Psalms for the Season (Using the Psalms to gather up our emotions before God and seek him as we began sheltering in place)

This Changes Everything (a study of 1 Corinthians and the resurrection to give us wisdom now and hope beyond COVID-19)

In planning such a preaching calendar, I wanted to make sure that we continued to develop a healthy sense of biblical authority that both affirms and confronts us for our growth into Christlikeness (primarily expository preaching is done where we expose the intent of a section to understand it and apply it). And I wanted us to do that through studying both the Old Testament and New Testament, utilizing both topical and book studies, and including multiple voices from the pulpit. Why?

First, I believe that God has spoken in both the Old and New Testaments, so we should attend and study both for healthy spiritual growth. This has classically been labelled as preaching the whole counsel of God. Furthermore, God has spoken in different ways in different eras, so I believe that we do well to listen and apply this word so that we become more fully formed and less products of our age.

Second, I believe that preaching through books should be supplemented by preaching topically to address specific issues and seasons we're in. By preaching topically and seasonally (i.e. discipleship, Christmas, and COVID-19), we're able to deepen our theological understanding by drawing on the threads in the whole of Scripture to bear on that issue. In that way, I believe that we're able to build a theology in a given area instead of touching on it when it arises in preaching through books of the Bible, and so we can more deeply understand and more faithfully live for God.

Last, I believe in multiple voices from the pulpit. While I hold the primary responsibility for the Sunday morning preaching and the primary voice in the preaching ministry at FBC, I delight in giving preaching opportunities to other gifted people. This is for the congregation's good and growth because it enables people to hear from God through others and erodes dependence upon one person's voice and perspective. This is for the other preachers' good because it enables them to exercise their gifting, and

improve through practice and feedback. This is also for my good because it forces me to find my identity in Christ (and not in preaching) and allows for periods of rest to ensure a sustainable ministry and passion in preaching.

WORKING WITH THE STAFF AND ELDERS

I cannot tell you how great it has been for me to work with these elders and this staff. I truly enjoy each of them and I am thrilled to partner with such men and women of character, competence and relational chemistry. The staff have continue to become more of a team where collaboration and help are present, while the elders have continued to win my trust to cover me with wisdom, feedback, boundaries and perspective. There are three areas that I have found particularly noteworthy this past year.

First, I have worked with the pastoral staff in developing our sermon series. Each pastoral staff member has contributed their considerable insights from a careful reading of the Scriptural passage, and offered ideas for communication. This collaboration has served to benefit FBC with greater insight into the Scriptures, greater power in its communication and greater winsomeness in the overall theme.

Second, the staff, to a person, have made the pivot to virtual formats possible for our church. They have brought energy, ideas, hard work, and innovation to a very challenging season so that our church did not just survive but thrive with surprising fruit of new members, baptisms, outreach through grocery cards, higher worship service engagement, and higher small group attendance. In fact, this staff has showed their mettle and their love for FBC, which is a blessing to me and FBC.

Third, this group of elders have been exceptional in their leadership this year because they have prayed and guided this church through an unprecedented time in our church's history. While they were diligently leading and overseeing the church prior to the pandemic, they stepped up this diligence when the shelter in place directive came. They were crucial for us successful getting the Paycheck Protection Program by meeting on short notice, providing expertise, giving wise and Spirit-filled discernment, and doing grunt work of calling banks. In addition, they have been a profound source of encouragement to me, empowering me to lead, teach and pastor our church during this season. I am truly grateful to each and every one of them, and FBC is blessed to have had these men serve us in such outstanding ways. The elder board is as follows: Moises De La Torre (Chair), Brian Ganyo (Vice-Chair), Chris Krage (Secretary), Scott Wieking, Joe Biggs, Chris Dietrich, Ray Rodriguez and Keith Redenbaugh.

Therefore, I am very encouraged and optimistic about our future. The staff and elders have proven to be up to the challenge this pandemic has posed to FBC. The congregation has proven themselves to be a family in demonstrating a remarkable love, generosity and genuine commitment to each other and Christ. Most importantly, God has shown himself to be our Father, Christ the head of our church, and the Spirit the power of our church... and the triune God continues to faithfully work our his purposes in us and through us. So, may God continued to be glorified as we take our place in his family at FBC.

Steve Luxa

PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY REPORT

My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.... Galatians 4:19

As the pastor of discipleship and small groups at FBC, I am charged with addressing the second of three prongs in FBC's purpose statement. Namely, how are we to form people into the likeness of Christ (see Galatians 4:19), enabling them to grow in love for God and others, and then becoming ambassadors of hope to our needy world.

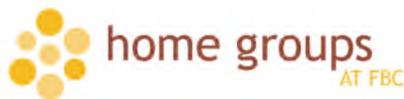
This indeed is a lifelong process and the name we know it by is discipleship. But discipleship means different things to different people. Last fall, FBC took a deep dive into discipleship. That involved 3 efforts. First, in September I preached for 4 weeks on discipleship: what it is, and how we can experience it. Second, we put together a Road Map that outlines how FBCers can jump onto pathway of discipleship at our church. Finally, we hammered out a portrait or picture of a disciple. This portrait allows us to know what we mean by the term disciple. The short version of our portrait is that ***discipleship with Jesus is a matter of being with him so that we can learn to be like him (character) and to do what he does (competence).*** Jesus-like character includes but is not limited to the qualities of humility, wisdom, perseverance, self-control, compassion, and fullness of the Spirit. Jesus-like competence involves learning the skills of Jesus in three areas:

Discipleship Road Map



- **Up...** *the down-to-earth practices that enable us to grow in our love relationship with God who is Father, Son, and Spirit.*
- **In...** *the practical ways we love one another within the family of Jesus.*
- **Out...** *growing in relational skills that enable us to be ambassadors of hope to those who don't yet know Christ.*

At the heart of Christian discipleship lies small group communities which take many forms at FBC. Below I reference some of them.



This past year our home group ministry has ministered to over two hundred adults and children. Presently we have about 15 groups meeting throughout our region. FBC would not be the church we are today without our home groups and group leaders.

As I write this, our groups are adjusting to the new limitations placed on all of us due to Covid-19. Most of our groups have adapted by meeting together over a Zoom format. Our home groups have been instrumental in keeping our church connected during the pandemic. I am deeply indebted to all the fantastic leaders who

make our home group ministry a reality. Our current leaders include: Joe Biggs alongside Rick and Meg Harper, Joe Biggs; Ray and Wendy Rodriguez, along with Mark Wong; Keith and Janet Redenbaugh; Jon and Susan Ruth, alongside with Roger and Nancy Ewers; Andan and Pat Baily; Doug Ries and Kim Lien; Jansen and Rebecca Wendlandt; Jeremy and Bronwyn Lea, along with Kim and Scott Wiekling; Joe Huang along with Steve Luxa; Carola and Bob Cantrall; Tim Metcalf; Curt and Cindy Nunn alongside Walter Barsam; Bob and Sara Ganyo; Alan Inouye; Tricia and Derek North; Chris and Stephanie Krage; Moises and Lacy De La Torre; and Mark Geiger and Mike Wall.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Our Thursday morning Men's Group met yearlong and was guided with the help of Roger Ewers, Curt Finley, and Joe Grafton. Through teaching and discussion our men sought to grow as disciples of Jesus.

Under the leadership of Mark Geiger and Doug Ries, roughly 80 men attended this year's Men's Retreat to Zephyr Point, learning and growing together. Our speakers for the weekend were Neil Redenbaugh and Joe Biggs. The highlight of the weekend was having several generations of men band together to encourage each other on in following Jesus.



Sunday Morning Electives – Also affectionately known as LifeBuilders and Maranatha, these two Sunday morning classes provide a place of connection and solid biblical teaching on how to live life with Christ. LifeBuilders is taught by Scott Richardson and the Maranatha class is taught by Keith Redenbaugh. I am so grateful to these two for the faithful and loving leadership they provide to the adults of FBC.

Final Reflections – As I write this, I am grateful for our church family, our elders, and our staff. That FBC would continue to make it possible for me to explore my passion for discipleship is a profound gift to me. Our staff is made of individuals who are character people through and through. They serve faithfully and with passion. Steve Luxa's support and care for our staff is truly remarkable. I thank God for him.

This year, I have been honored to have the opportunity to preach monthly. Preaching has become more and more a joy to me. I am grateful to Steve for giving me this opportunity. I have also been honored to be a member of our elder board. Once again, our board members have been amazing. They love our church and love Christ. I am proud to be team members alongside them. I appreciate Moises De La Torre and his gentle but sure way of leading our team. In the coming year I will transition off the board to allow others to have a voice. Pray for our elders. Their work is invaluable.

As I am every year, I am grateful for the ministry staff I am privileged to serve with week in and week out. It's no surprise that during the pandemic, Cathy Schroeder and Joyce Moore have been a solid rock for the pastoral staff. They really do make it a joy to work here at FBC. During this past year, we lost two amazing workmates. Mark Werum and Meg Harper both transitioned off of our staff. We miss them greatly but are grateful for their faithfulness their many years on staff.

Gratefully Submitted,

Scott Wiekling
Pastor of Discipleship and Small Groups

PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP AND WOMEN

It was such a joy to be able to re-join the staff in the Fall in the newly created position of Pastor of Discipleship and Women. Being able to work alongside Scott Wieking in supporting and developing our discipleship initiatives—particularly within home groups—has been a joy and a challenge, and the need for small group ministry was made all the more pressing when we transitioned to Shelter in Place!

This year we re-imagined home groups as *laboratories of discipleship*: places where we expect to see transformation, and we experimented with catalysts for growth. It has been a joy to see so many small groups try out journaling and specific practices of scripture-led prayer as part of their habit to notice what God might be saying, and what he is asking us to do. It is thrilling to get a front-row seat to God at work among our church family!

On the women's side, my focus has been to come alongside existing women leaders within our church to encourage and equip them for the amazing work they do. Sally Albertson has done the most incredible job of leading WOW this year with her gifts of administration and encouragement. We honor Jeanne Pettigrew and Charlotte Wilson for serving as small group facilitators, and Elisabeth Lore stepping in to be the online coordinator and facilitator when we moved everything onto Zoom. Through studies on the letters of John, the surprising joy of Job, and finally a Beth Moore study on pursuing intimacy of God; we have seen God at work to build up women!

Laura Hershberger stepped in to lead the 2x2 evening women's group, studying *What's So Amazing About Grace?*, and her stellar pastoral and leadership skills have shone! At the end of the Fall, Meg Harper transitioned off staff and it is important to honor the tremendous role she has played in women's ministry over the past years: Meg, the Kingdom is a richer place for your investment!

Our church has the richest treasure of Spirit-filled, spiritually-gifted women and it is wonderful to see each one serve with such love and skill. I rejoice at seeing God raise up people to fast and pray; to offer behind the scenes support, meals, counsel, and radical gifts of generosity; using their creativity and time and talent to bless their neighbors and encourage others. Hospitality has been extended, texts and letters sent, children invested in, and workplaces transformed by grace. People have shared Jesus in word and in action.

Getting to celebrate, nurture, and pour into our church family is a wonderful privilege, and I am so grateful to be part of a church family which takes seriously our task of loving God and others, and living as ambassadors of hope in the world. As we head into 2020-2021, I'm excited to see what God will do next. The fields are ripe for the harvest: may the Lord send out many workers... and many of those from among us!

Bronwyn Lea

OUTREACH AND MISSION PASTOR REPORT

LOCAL OUTREACH

Thanks to God's goodness, even in this year of disruption we had a fruitful twelve months in outreach and mission.

Our first church-wide outreach initiative in 2019-2020 was Alpha. During our eight week Alpha Course, we gave 40 people the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus and to talk about it with friendly, listening discussion leaders. Although many of our Alpha guests were FBC insiders looking for fresh spiritual inspiration, a significant number were unbelieving spiritual investigators who came in response to the personal invitations of FBC friends. A significant number of those spiritual investigators were international scholars brought by FBC missionary Becky Zeigler. Although many FBC people served in Alpha in various capacities, the most critical Alpha leader was Nicki Chapman. Nicki organized the cuisine, atmosphere and clean-up, and did so with extraordinary grace (Nicki is an outstanding FBC leader--she leads the coffee team as well). Among those who deserve special thanks for their Alpha service are discussion leaders Nancy Ewers, Mary King, Jeremy Lea, Mike Lindberg, and Curt and Cindy Nunn. Cory Craig made a highly-appreciated contribution by helping with clean up and tear down long after the guests departed. Pat Bailey also made a huge contribution to Alpha by helping with set-up, salad bar prep, and guest transportation.

Our second all-church outreach project in 2019-2020 was hosting homeless people on our church campus through participating in the Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter. For fourteen nights this past winter, we welcomed, fed, and housed many people from our community who otherwise would have been sleeping in the cold. FBC people came out en masse to provide meals, prep takeaway bags, provide transportation, and serve as overnight hosts. Several FBC people came out on multiple nights to serve. A number of guests told me that FBC is their favorite church in which to stay. We thank God that our guests feel his love through our practical service.

The pandemic dashed our plans for another foster family-focused iCare. In its place we organized a church-wide grocery store gift card giveaway to needy families throughout Yolo County whom we've become aware of through our contacts in local schools. How's this for God at work? As of one week ago, the people of FBC have given \$18,773.71 to this initiative. That has allowed us to purchase 193, \$100 gift cards! So far we have distributed 120 of these cards with 73 left to go. A number of principals have expressed how deeply the families who have received these gifts of love from FBC have appreciated them.

Speaking of COVID, 35 FBC people have stepped up to serve on the "COVID Mercy Team" focused on meeting practical needs of FBC community members affected by the pandemic. So far team members have purchased groceries, done laundry, and even delivered furniture. We praise God for the courage and generosity of spirit these FBC people have shown in drawing close and offering help to people who need help.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

The centerpiece program for global outreach this year was a Thanksgiving Dinner for international scholars. The purpose of this dinner was to launch friendships between international scholars and FBC

people. Jack Armstrong deserves extraordinary thanks for the culinary and creative work he put into this dinner (As I said last year, in Jack, FBC has a servant-leader of extraordinary gifts and commitment). Over fifteen FBC people served as table hosts. A large group of Roaring 20's (FBC's young adult's community) members helped Jack in the kitchen.

In the summer of 2019, FBC sent out two short term mission teams, one to Mexico led by Jim and Julie Wieking, and one to Honduras led by Irene Chew. In the summer of 2018, I (Dan) joined the Mexico team. Although I had deep appreciation for YUGO before the trip, I came back with a far greater appreciation for the significance of their work in building homes in partnership with local churches. Last summer I (Dan) joined the Honduras team. Seeing La Providencia in action made me more eager than ever to bolster our partnership with this tremendous kingdom-advancing organization. It is hard for me to imagine more effective kingdom work than that done in great love by our brothers and sisters at La Providencia. In placing children in families, providing premier medical care to the community, and operating a superb school, La Providencia is doing work upon which King Jesus smiles. All mission-minded FBC people should thank Irene Chew for her continuing work in leading our Honduras initiative. As she has for many years, Corrie Haffly has provided organization and overseen fundraising for our short term missionaries. Thank you, Corrie, for this service and for all the other remarkable acts of service you perform for FBC.

At present, FBC supports twelve active missionary families (Bryan and Julie Augsburger, David and Gretchen Cater, Chris and Jana Jensen, Allan and Rosy Lee, Chuck Motz, Eric and Nalani Pavlina, Bob and Kelly Peckham, Thomas and Wendy Smiley, Craig and Jen Woodring, Simon and Becky Zeigler, John Hartley, and Mary Kenny. We are honored to support three retired missionaries: Rich and Jackie Mansen and Judy Wallace. FBC native daughter Megan Wong continues to serve in a far-off place with CRU in evangelism and discipleship.

With the new ministry year upon, the GO Team is looking to expand its ranks. We have a particular need for new members who have interest in helping FBC maintain close contact with our team of full-time missionaries. If you have an interest in mission's ministry and are relationally-gifted, I would love to meet with you to discuss GO Team membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Seitz

WORSHIP PASTOR REPORT

Wow. What a year? Thinking back through this ministry season it seems hard to remember anything beyond the last few months. So much has happened. So much has happened by God's great and gracious hand. The song that comes my mind as I write is *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, with the famous lyrics of the chorus ringing in my heart, "Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see..." That is how this year has been marked. A ministry season that was met each morning with specific and customer tailored mercies by The Lord himself, sent to us, to me, the church.

The Worship Ministry does feel like it was split into two very distinct versions of itself this year. Let me reflect on the earlier part of the year. I praise God for his blessings within our church. We studied "words of worship last summer", when the church raised up to learn and live into wider and more diverse expressions of worship. These lessons will be needed again as we regather very soon! I was so very proud of our Stage Design Team (Ryan Grief, Jia-min Rosendale, Liz Below, Walt Barsam) for their excellent, creative (and frugal) designs that elevated our stage and our worship gatherings. In particular Ryan engineered a piping system for the stage that allows us to get our stage lighting off of the floor, hang design elements, all while being practically invisible! We incorporated several new team members into the ministry, Alden Brooks, Sydney Alexander, Eric Will, Russel Chase, Jonathan Summer, and Omar Flores. All of whom are a great joy to serve with and dedicated to their craft. Of course our team or regular rotating musicians have been an absolute joy as well. They are consistent examples of hard work, faithful service, unity, and creativity. Our Tech team worked so hard this year, learning new skills and new programs, working together to do needed repairs and tech upgrades. I cannot thank my tech team enough for all they do behind the scenes! The Pastoral staff could not do what we do on Sundays (live and virtual) without the dedicated efforts and faithfulness of the entire Tech Team. Thank you tech-ladies and tech-gentlemen.

And then there was COVID. Thus followed the biggest ministry shift I have made (save for my pivot out of ministry during my cancer treatments). It seemed like within mere moments we went from running a well oiled machine design to create well crafted, engaging live services, to rebuilding that machine from the ground up to produce the same level of online services. What an undertaking! "Morning by morning new mercies I see..." I have to be honest and say that this past season has been a very difficult and tiring one, for many, not just for me. But I am deeply grateful for the dedicated and skillful help of my right hand men, my video team, Joel Kirkendall and Chris Dunn. Chris, a faithful and veteran sound tech, has faithfully been recording the audio for our services every week during Shelter-In-Place. We wanted to minimize contact so we kept with the same crew every week. Chris has been there for us every step of the way, learning new gear, adjusting and hiring his skills, and providing valued input. Thank you Chris. Joel Kirkendall seems like he fell right out of heaven into our lap when we needed him! Joel has been filming and editing our services every single week. This is roughly 8-10 hours of work for a single hour long service. He is a gift. Joel and I started connecting about a month before we stopped gathering. During that time we were exploring ministry options for a video tech and I was asking God in prayer "what do I do with this guy, Lord? Why did you bring him along now?" AND THEN I QUICKLY FOUND OUT! LOL It has been strange and a strain not to be able to play live music with my team. I miss them dearly. I miss singing with the church. I am deeply looking forward to regathering. But I am also profoundly grateful for Joel and Chris, and of course to my dear pastoral colleagues who have not only put up with me but leaned into the awkwardness of filming services with me.

Looking ahead to the summer and next year, we will mostly likely continue with having services available online, the style and content TBD. We will also be slowly pivoting back towards live services. While the details remain undetermined, we will be meeting and worshiping TOGETHER. We may need to embrace other forms of worship besides singing in the first few weeks, and lean into the awkwardness of it all. But we will be together. And God's mercies will be new that morning too.

Derek North

COLLEGE LIFE REPORT

In many ways, the 2019-2020 College Life year feels like it was two entirely distinct years in one – there was the pre-COVID times, and the post-COVID times.

The pre-COVID year really got started at the end of the *previous* year. I stood up in front of the church at the *last* June business meeting talking about the importance of female staffing for College Life. Without a woman leading and shepherding the women of College Life, we can only go so far. I cryptically mentioned that there was one candidate I had in mind for the position whom I considered to be a *grand slam* hire.

Every once in a while – you hit a grand slam. Before the school year started we hired Miriam Hamilton to be the College Life Director and to say she has been a tangible example of God’s favor on this ministry would be a gross understatement. Miriam has provided invaluable leadership and pastoring to the female students in College Life, given rich talks that have fit right alongside the usual high standard of teaching on Tuesday nights, and blessed the community with her unusually keen ministry gifts. It has been a distinct joy to do ministry with Miriam this year and, while her value has never been lost on me, it was a joy to hear the students put words to their appreciation and love for her.

Next, The XII (our student-leadership team) was almost entirely new which means this year would tell us whether one of our hopes for The XII would come true – that self-sacrificial leadership could reproduce itself. Needless to say, this group *soared* into their leadership responsibilities. It all started with their insane effort and service during Welcome Week. Every year UC Davis is flooded with people who feel like strangers in this land, not knowing where to go or to whom they will belong. We get an incredible opportunity to welcome the stranger, bless the sojourner, and say to those who feel lost, “*you can belong with us.*” And in a response to this call, our leaders planned, conversed, sweated, lifted couches, cooked food, and delivered hundreds of t-shirts. They embodied Philippians 2: *counting others more significant than [themselves]*.

We also got... most of the way through the third (and perhaps most daunting) leg of our plan to walk through the scope of the Scriptures in four years. On Tuesday nights we aim to both *preach* and *teach* the Scriptures, forming our hearts and minds around God’s story, while also intentionally asking and answering big questions in the hopes of building the students’ grasp and affection for the Scriptures. This year our goal (on top of a rich series on loneliness) was to immerse ourselves in the Old Testament by diving deeply into the *story* (what is the actual narrative arc of the OT?) as well as the *themes* (how is the story told? What are the authors interested in? What themes get picked up in the New Testament?). We told the story in the Winter and were excited to dive into the themes in the Spring... enter COVID...

Everything about College Life is tied to us *being together* so to imagine a College Life quarter without physical proximity was almost impossible to imagine. As we leaned into the Old Testament narrative we had been immersed in, we intentionally called this a quarter of exile. We were not going to try to spin this positively – exile is terrible. Yet we were going to continue to be faithful and believe that our Father was still with us – God never fully abandoned his people even in exile.

I couldn’t be prouder of the way The XII and the College Life students handled the frustrations and disappointments of this pandemic. Everyone in College was placed in an *exile pod* which was a weekly Zoom gathering of 3-5 people to pray through a Psalm and answer the question *how is it with your soul?*

College Life Growth Groups continued, College Life Discipleship Pods continued, and community events even continued as the students planned weekly Friday night community events (Zoom-ba, movie night, YouTube marathon, Quarantine Olympics, etc.).

And, finally, the break in routine allowed us to stumble into an unexpected joy – *Your Pod and Your Staff* (the College Life podcast). Because we thought that content that could be consumed passively (while doing other things, e.g, cooking, cleaning, walking) would feel like a breath of fresh air to our students, we pivoted from producing Tuesday Night Talks to Friday Podcast Conversations. We hoped to have conversations that would continue to form our students, getting them thinking, and maybe even making them laugh, but would also be a source of Jesus guiding them through this trying time. An unexpected joy was that now College Life alums could get their much-missed dose of Stanford Gibson’s wisdom and wit. Thank you to all of you who listened and gave your feedback.

Beyond that there were retreats which shaped us, prayer nights which formed us, a new Freshman class which thrilled us, meals that satisfied us, student-led discipleship pods which blessed us, a whole new group of leaders next year which excites us, and so much more.

Speaking of Stanford, thank you so much for the hard and faithful work of teaching the Old Testament, your mentoring of students, your help in vision-casting. And thank you for lending your voice, your time, and your wisdom to our podcast – it’s impossible for it to have been more fun.

College Life has been blessed with the ministry of many amazing FBC heroes. First, the AAGG Families: The Alexander family, the Gladding Family, the Lea family, The Morton Family, John and Dagnes Sutherland. More than once, I saw the parents of our students show up on Sunday and be greeted by their child’s AAGG parents. In those moments you see the true value of these families: not only do they provide crucial service and exemplars to follow, they also answer a family’s deepest prayer for their children heading off to college – that they would be cared for, loved, and shown the way of faithfulness. Thank you for showing up on Tuesday nights, having your AAGG kids over for meals, and making space in your lives.

We are also grateful for *all those* who helped us tell God’s story this year on Tuesday nights or on the podcast: Stanford, Bronwyn Lea, Lea Bertz, Jesse Ahlquist, Jake Johnson, and Justin Morton. Thank you for taking this story seriously and telling it so skillfully.

We are also grateful for Doug and Dana Gross for their valuable hosting ministry

There really is nothing like College Life, I count it as such a privilege to be a part of God’s work through it. Please keep praying for us and radically welcoming college students into the church and into your lives. It matters!

Peter Nittler and Miriam Hamilton

YOUTH AND FAMILY PASTOR REPORT

When you give kids and teens money, transportation, snacks, cell phones, loving parents, a highly invested church family, and the Father, Son, and Spirit, do you know what you get? You get people who discover faith, grow in love, and offer hope to our world! I'd like to tell you about some of the things I've seen God do in and through our kids and teens this year. A few of our teens helped me write this report. Thank you Erin Lacy, Anabelle Shacoski, and Stephen Shacoski! To start us off, here are four things they want to tell you about the year.

1. Small groups were great. We had really good Bible studies, times to hang out, and play games. Tunnel soccer is amazing, going to see Beauty and The Beast together was so fun (thank you to the amazing adults who are leaders in our youth group! Irene Chew, Amy Joo, Shabnam Dietrich, Kelly Davidson, Renae Owens, Erin Johnson, Audge Escobedo, Amelia Biscardi, Vanessa O'Brien, Jo Main, Corrie Haffly, Andrew Calderwood, Willy Dominguez, Ethan Padilla, Nic Lattig, Nolan O'Brien, Tim Megenny, and Scot Overton. Social-distance high five these people and thank them when you see them next!)
2. Retreats were amazing! Justin Morton's talks on truth were really challenging and good. We got to discuss Christian truth claims, and also go on snow tubing runs and no one got dead.
3. Houseboats! Lots of teens who don't normally hang out got closer with each other.
4. Quarantine is hard. Netflix watch parties and zoom small groups really help. I am glad the youth group continued during the quarantine. But it has been hard.

LET ME ADD A FEW THINGS THAT I'VE SEEN GOD DO IN AND THROUGH OUR YOUTH COMMUNITY:

1. Praying has shaped us. Corrie Haffly led our prayer teams for kids and teens. People gathered at our *Pray For Our Kids* event in September and several other gatherings during the year. And our small groups devoted time to pray for each other and our world.
2. Service has been a priority. Teens led service and outreach events. Sydney Alexander co-led the Christian Club at Davis Senior High, and Zoe Rosendale and Brooke Alexander co-led the Christian Club at Harper Junior High. Small groups took turns leading events like picking up trash at DHS, honoring our Veterans, cooking meals for each other, and hosting cupcake decorating parties. Many teens also served as leaders in our kids ministry and in our worship service as greeters, musicians, and scripture readers.
3. Church unity has grown in Davis, especially between FBC and UCC. We had joint worship and games nights at Impossible Acres, and joint prayer times throughout the year.
4. Racism conversations have begun. Lighthouse is working to have sustained conversations and continued action against racism this new year.
5. We have gone through good times and hard times. 68 teens have been connected to our church, and while this report talks about many great times, there have been hard relationship things and hard faith things in our lives as well. God is at work in seen and unseen ways, but it is still really hard. Pray for us!

6. We have wrestled with truth, discussing significant topics like making big life decisions, anxiety and depression, how the Bible was made, apologetics, other religions, and an overview of theology.
7. Want to see pictures of our highlights? Follow [Lighthouse on Instagram](#) or view [our picture site](#)!

LET ME ALSO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE THINGS ABOUT FBC KIDS:

1. Teresa King joined our staff this year as an assistant to Vanessa and me. She brings so much passion, energy, and excellence to our ministries. We are deeply grateful for her presence and gifting.
2. This is our first year implementing our new [Vision for Kids and Teens](#). Our Kids Team and Youth Leader Team has done a good job shifting their focus accordingly, and I want to give special mention to our 56er team for piloting an entirely new curriculum and style of 56er discipleship. Thanks Grace Carley, Paige Abril, Stanford and Amanda Gibson, and Jeremy and Bronwyn Lea!

As I look back over this year, I am filled with thankfulness to our good God. He has blessed us and sustained us and led us this year. There have been some very painful and discouraging times, and some wonderful and exciting times. Thank You God! And thank you church family for your prayers, your investment, and your service in these ministries. Our God is working in wonderful ways, and our kids and teens need you in their lives as they discover faith in Jesus, grow in love for God and others, and live as ambassadors of hope!

One final word from the teens who helped me write this report. "There are a lot of adults in our church we look up to and admire. We want more connection with you. Come speak in Lighthouse, get to know us and the kids at our church!"

I am looking forward to another year with you all!
Neil

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

Year one, and some, is officially in the books!

When I began my journey at FBC in June 2018 I was so unsure what God had in store for me and His ministry. And now two years later I know that God was calling me to be here with you all. This year in many ways was a lot easier than last, but when looking at our current circumstances it has become more challenging than anyone has ever experienced to date.

Regardless of our current circumstances, there were a lot of great blessings and changes made this year. For starters, we created a year long calendar to help children and parents navigate Kid events. This year that included a Parent/Teacher get together in the Fellowship Hall, bimonthly 56er Nights Out, Kids Team Meetings (large and small huddles), a K-6th grade Family Event, and a newborn-PreK Family event (both of which were led by our Youth and Family Pastor Neil Redenbaugh), and of course 2019's Vacation Bible Camp and Redwood Day Camp. We also hired Teresa King as our Kids Team assistant!

It was a full year, but still a really good year! VBC was the highlight of this past year for our ministry. According to our numbers a total of 205 children attend our *In the Wild VBC*. That is over 35 more children than the year before, and boy was it the best week of the summer! We kicked off VBC with hot days and enthusiastic leaders that ranged from grandparents, parents, old FBC friends, our Lighthouse Teens and even some of their personal friends. It is without a doubt that without the hard work, dedication, prayer and love of our community, VBC would not have been as successful, nor would it have brought three PreKers to ask for Jesus into their hearts! VBC was not successful because of the increase in attendance, it was successful because we asked the Lord to lead this ministry, to open the hearts of our community to love and serve our kids and to show our team, Teresa, Neil and me, the direction He was calling us to. The success of the Children's Ministry is the Lord's and we are so eager to continue to walk, run, skip and jump into anything He calls us to.

Let's not forget the great success of Redwood Day Camp 2019. Not only was it led for the first time by our very own Xavier Yubeta - who at the time was an incoming College Freshman, it too was a great highlight of God's work! X successfully led RDC with passion, drive, excitement and hardwork. For weeks leading up to RDC, X and I met continuously, planned, prepped and equipped 3 college student-counselors, 5 junior assistants and a number of station leaders. X answered the call to step into this role due to his love for RDC as the Lord had literally been preparing him to take over since he was a child.

This year has been such a year of growth, excitement, prayer and surrender. Neil, Teresa and I would like to thank every single person who has partnered with us in the last year, whether it be in prayer, serving on Sunday mornings or Kid events, donating time and insight, investing in our children by using encouraging words or even saying a simple hello followed by a child's name. Thank you for the investment, love and showing this large community within FBC they belong and are cherished.

I am eternally grateful to the men, women and teens that we served alongside this year. Thank you friends! A special thank you to Corrie Haffly who helped make everything we did look extremely pretty!

With Love,
Vanessa, Teresa and Neil

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Adkins, Shirley
Albertazzi, Joseph
Albright, Gregg
Alexander, Brian
Alexander, Kristen
Ames, Jeannie
Armstrong, Jack
Bailey, Andan
Bailey, Irma
Bailey, Pat
Barksdale, Craig
Barksdale, Peggy
Barrett, Jack
Barrett, Jennifer
Barrett, Jo
Barrett, Tim
Barsam, Melissa
Barsam, Walter
Baughn, Jim
Baughn, JoJeanne
Biggs, Jenni
Biggs, Joe
Biscardi, Amy Vallier-
Biscardi, Drake
Blewett, Megan
Blewett, Tim
Boone, Shirley
Boone, Valerie
Bradford, Deborah
Brehmer, Jeff
Brehmer, Lisa
Brown, Kay
Brown, Lloyd
Brown, Mary
Buccieri, Janna
Burke, Lisa
Cantrall, Carola

Cantrall, Robert
Champagne, Linda
Champagne, Mark
Chapman, Bruce
Chapman, Nadia
Chapman, Nicki
Chel, Casey
Chel, Jennifer
Chew, Irene
Chuck, John
Chuck, Lesli
Cook, Corrine
Davis, Mike
Davis, Zulima
Day, Christopher
Day, Monique
De La Torre, Moises
Denton, Jacqueline
Dexter, Marilyn
Dietrich, Christopher
Dietrich, Shabnam
Dominguez, Guillermo
Dominguez, Noelia
Dufern, Cindy
Dunn, Chris
Dunn, Linda
Dunning, Beverly
Dunning, Lorry
Eggleston, Perry
Eggleston, Sherry
Ewers, Nancy
Ewers, Roger
Fago, Vonda
Finley, Curtis
Finley, Sue Ann
Flaming, Blake
Freeman, Kathleen

Galloway, Diana
Ganyo, Brian
Garrett, Aaron
Geiger, Linda
Geiger, Mark
Gibson, Amanda
Gibson, Stanford
Gilligan, Bobbi
Gordan, Nancy
Greif, Lisa
Greif, Ryan
Grindheim, Cathy
Gross, Dana
Gross, Doug
Haffly, Corrie
Haffly, Steve
Haile, James
Haile, Kelley
Harper, Meg
Harper, Rick
Hartley, Jennifer
Hartley, John
Hernandez, Michael
Hersh, Betty
Hiatt, Jessica
Hiatt, Ken
Hodges, Dave
Hodges, Shellie
Hunter, Debbie
Jaime, David
Jaime, Stephanie
Jee, Josiah
Jimenez, Adriana
Johnson, Don
Johnson, John
Johnson, Sandy
Johnson, William

Kam, Tim	North, Derek	Shacoski, Chris
Karr, Emily	North, Tricia	Shacoski, Julie
Katsch, Lori	Nunn, Cindy	Shatell, Debi
Katsch, Paul	Nunn, Curt	Shatell, Kerry
Kennedy, Allison	Nunn, Dorothy	Smiley, Thomas
Kennedy, Stan	Nunn, Heather	Snow, Debra
Kepner, Jeremiah	Nystrom, Elsworth	Snow, Don
Kepner, Lori	O'Brien, Rhonda	Snyder, Glen
Kimes, Matthew	Ozonoff, Martha	Snyder, Holly
King, Mary	Pavlina, Eric	Snyder, Pat
King, Teresa	Pavlina, Nalani	Souverville, Mark
Kondo, Vic	Peckham, Bob	Stark, Marilyn
Koo, Ramie	Peckham, Kelly	Stevenson, Judy
Koo, Tak	Pencin, Gaye	Stevenson, Tom
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Krage, Stephanie	Pettigrew, Jeanne	Tan, Jeff
Kreger, Jerry	Pfanner, Carolyn	Tavatli, Carol
Kreger, Sheryl	Real, Amy	Tome, Linda
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Lacy, Lori	Redenbaugh, Janet	Treguboff, William
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Leahy, Liz	Redenbaugh, Neil	Wade, Lucille
Lee, Allan	Redenbaugh, William	Wall, Lois
Lewis, Michelle	Reiff, Angie	Wall, Michael
Ludovina, Steve	Reiff, Gail	Wallace, Judith
Luxa, Jenny	Restrepo, Mark	Ward, Judy
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MacDonald, Daniel	Richard, Michael	Watson, Sherry
Marks, Jan	Richardson, Karen	Weathers, Christy
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McNece, Amy	Rigdon, Melissa	Wendlandt, Jansen
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Mendoza, Tanya	Romagosa, Juan	Werum, Mark
Mills, Barbara	Ruiz Ramos, Alejandro	Werum, Sherry
Monterroza, Erika	Rust, Mary	Wieking, Jim
Moore, Joyce	Ruth, Jon	Wieking, Julie
Moore, Marvin	Ruth, Susan	Wieking, Kim
Motz, Chuck	Schroeder, Cathy	Wieking, Scott
Nittler, Katie	Scoles, Jason	Williams, Karen
Nittler, Peter	Seitz, Allison	Williams, Norman
Norris, Jacqueline	Seitz, Dan	Wilson, Dru

Winchenbaugh, Sue
 Woodring, Craig
 Woodring, Jen

Zeigler, Simon

CLERK'S REPORT

BAPTISMS

King, Teresa

NEW MEMBERS

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 Leahy, Liz
 King, Teresa

DECEASED MEMBERS

Wilson, Lee

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Boone, Jamie
 Boone, Josh
 Brooks, Jeremy
 Brooks, Kelly
 Buckel, John
 Buckel, Rebecca
 Drefs, Rick
 Drefs, Rondi
 Evans, Asha
 Evans, Robert
 Fillingame, Dave
 Gill, Dave

Gill, Lorri Lovett-
 Heringer, Sarah
 Heringer, Steve
 Inns, David
 Inns, Jeanne
 Martinez, Dawn
 Meier, Inez
 Murphy, Bronwyn
 Murphy, Jarrod
 Restrepo, Alex
 Restrepo, Eric
 Restrepo, Rebecca
 Romagosa, Juan
 Sorbello, Kimberly
 Sorbello, Sarah
 Standiford, Judy
 Standiford, Richard
 Tinsley, Elizabeth
 Tinsley, Jeff
 West, Stephanie
 Wilbur, Dorothy
 Williams, Tim

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 Adkins, Yuriko
 Behymer, Billie Jean
 Carrier, Clyde
 Corsetto, Kristen
 Corsetto, Michael

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 Gibbs, Angelina
 Gibbs, Lonnie
 Haight, Robert
 Hiatt, Jessica
 Hiatt, Ken
 Johnson, Marcia
 Johnson, W. Arvid
 Landry, Monica
 Landry, Shawn
 Plamondon, Megan
 Plamondon, Scott
 Powell, Kent
 Powell, Margy
 Robinson, Anda
 Robinson, Brandt
 Rust, Mary
 Shull, Lee
 Tiangco, Emma
 Tiangco, Valentino
 Uyeyama, John
 Uyeyama, Sarah
 Wade, Lucille
 Wells, Teresa
 West, Daniel
 Wilson, James D.
 Wilson, Jean
 Wilson, Jim
 Young, Linda
 Young, Roger