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Serving Jesus Christ in Cleveland, Ohio at Faith Baptist Community Church & Center

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Sending Church: First Baptist Church Elyria, Ohio



Jackie's Greetings

Greetings to all of you. I was able to take some vacation time the last part of May. Those two weeks were just what I needed. Most of the vacation was a stay vacation which allowed me to get some things done around the house that I had been putting off. I did get to do a few fun things as well.

Praises

- For the good number of kids who came to Bible Seekers Club.
- For spiritual growth of two children who were saved last year. They faithfully continue to come to church and club.
- For the closet that was built.
- For kids getting to go to camp.
- For all the volunteers that help in the ministries.
- For extra gifts that have come in.

Prayer Request

- Pray for the Brick Building Event June 16-20.
- Pray for the group from Berea Bible Church as they prepare for VBS here in July.

Faith Baptist Community Church

The last week of May the staff at the church had a work week. We sorted through things and got rid of stuff we no longer needed. (I will be honest it is a hard thing for me to do, but it was necessary). Plus, we moved a few things around to make the rooms we have more useful. One great blessing is there were several individuals who attend the church that came alongside of us to help. A second blessing is that 2 men from my sending church came and built a closet for me to put my game equipment in. The handles on the two black cabinets I have been using kept breaking. The closet gave me so much more room. The walls around it still need to be sanded and then painted but that will have to be another time.



Bible Seekers Club



This year's theme for club was: "Defeating the Enemies And The Giants In Our Lives". Our



average attendance was between 12-15. There were a few new kids that came throughout the year but grateful for the 6 kids that came almost every week. Each year I have to adjust the way I teach depending on the needs of the kids but the Word of God always stays the same. We also had a volunteer that came each week and made a meal for the kids. She did such a great job. She had also gotten some donations from friends for candy, toys and school supplies. I would like to ask you to pray about our food need. We have been using some food from the food bank but will not be allowed to do that anymore for Saturdays. I already have one individual who buys lasagnas for us each month. If you are interested in helping please contact me.

Tutoring

The school year may be over, but I am still tutoring several kids. I am working with 6 kids and need to help another girl as well. I tutor on Wednesdays and Thursdays. It is such a joy to see when things start clicking

- Pray for salvation of the kids attending the summer ministries.
- Pray for more volunteers for the meal on Wednesdays & Thursdays.
- Pray for a lady I am having a 1 on 1 Bible Study with. She is saved but wants to grow.
- Needed support. Currently at 93% needing \$323 more a month to be at 100%.

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Thanks

I just want to take this time to thank all of you who are supporting me both in prayer and financially. I am constantly reminding the kids of two special verses that I repeat often.

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

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for them and they are understanding what they are reading. We are using the “Firm Foundation” material. Just the other day Sherri walked into my office and heard one of the younger boys reading a Bible passage. She couldn’t believe how well he was doing. To be honest, it brought tears to my eyes. I may not be the best tutor, especially since I struggled with reading myself as a kid, but God is using me and giving me the strength to help them.

Please pray for more people to come and help with the tutoring. I am looking for more volunteers to help on Saturday from 11:00 to 12:15 during the school year. If anyone would like to help, please contact me. My main reason for doing this is to help them read the Bible. It also gives me an opportunity to have one on one conversations with them. Included with each lesson is a passage of scripture. How neat it is to see them reading it right from the Bible.

Trip to Brazil



My last trip to Brazil was in January. January is the best time for me to go since the churches there are on break from club. Their school year goes from the end of February – November. I have been keeping in contact with Tricia who has helped me with registration of the clubs. There are now 14 churches using the Bible Seekers Club material in the Amazon region. I did a Teacher Training time with them. We use this time to encourage, pray and share with each other. It is a blessing to them as well as to me. I have decided to make it an every other year due mainly to the cost of travel. There is another lady there who is willing to help on the off year possibly. Pray as we work through this change. If it works out, I may be able to zoom in but the difficulty with that is the inconsistency of electricity.

Summer 2025

Things are already busy. I took 3 of the kids from the Bible Seekers Club to Skyview Ranch on June 9th. They earned their way to go by coming to club, saying their memory verses and attending church. I am grateful for some scholarship money that came in for them to go. Next year I hope to have 5 or 6 kids to go. The cost for each camper is \$459.00 this year but probably will be a little more next year.

June 16-20 will be our Brick Building Event. I have been busy decorating and preparing lessons for it. Right now, I have 10 kids signed up. I can have up to 30 total. It is for ages 7-12. This year’s theme is “Faith Building: Fully Relying of God (F.R.O.G.). Our second VBS will be July 28 - August 1. I have a youth group from Springfield, Ohio that will be leading this.



Visiting Supporting Churches

I have been able to visit four of my supporting churches this year. Will be giving a quick update in another in July. It is so great to see everyone and to share what God is doing here in Cleveland at FBCC&C.

