



# FWC NEWS

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## UPCOMING:

**February 14 - 16th:**

Winterfest/Kidsfest

**February 22nd:**

Monthly Prayer Night

**March 6th:**

Youth Game Night

**March 21st:**

Monthly Prayer Night

**March 29th:**

Youth/Missions Sunday

**April 12th:**

Easter Service/Youth Program

In March Sunday school will begin again!

## FWC Spotlight

The spotlight in this edition is focused on Brian and Kristina Hoff. They are currently moving back to North Carolina to be closer to Kristina's family. Keep them in your prayers.



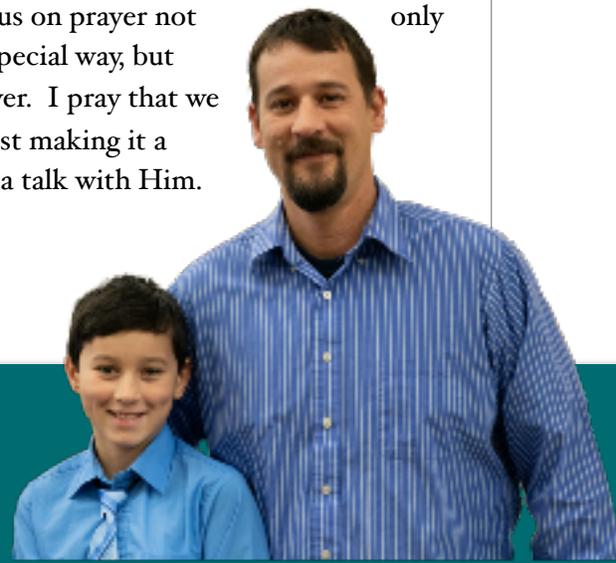
## MOVING FORWARD ON OUR KNEES

When praying for vision coming into the new year, I couldn't shake the notion that we as a church need to grow in corporate prayer. In fact, if I were to be transparent, I felt this in 2019 and struggled to make it a reality. However, 2020 has already been different. We had our first monthly prayer meeting on January 25th and it was outstanding. There are some things that are undoubtedly good for us, but when we start practicing these things we don't fully see all the benefits. One of the greatest things that came out of that night were children learning how to pray and opportunities to grow together in prayer.

So what does this look like for our church, this focus on prayer this year? Once a month the church will be open for prayer for an hour. The purpose is not only to allow people to come and be in the presence of God, but to grow and learn how to pray together. I believe that if we learn how to tarry in the presence of God together, He in return, will come and move in a way we have never seen. I believe that strongholds will be broken and miracles will happen.

Second, this means that our church is going to have preservice prayer. We have already had a few individuals join together to bathe the sanctuary in prayer on Sunday mornings from 10:00 - 10:15am. I also long to see people joining together to pray before Bible Study on Wednesdays or anytime we gather corporately.

I hope and pray that this focus on prayer not only opens up God to move in a special way, but changes our thinking on prayer. I pray that we don't do anything without first making it a point to go to God and have a talk with Him.





#### **John 4:24**

**24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."**

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is the story of the woman at the well. Why? Because Jesus takes a woman who is completely dead in her sin and going through the motions of religion and speaks truth to her in a loving and creative way.

In the middle of this story we get a golden nugget about worship. What I believe to be an attempt to deter Jesus' attention from her living situation, she asks where is the proper place to worship? The Jews and Samaritans (which were Jew and Gentile mix) believed there were different places to worship. Basically, it was a tricky question because of the controversy. Jesus blows her mind by explaining the true purpose of worship. It's not about the music, the place or even how you feel. It's about your life being fully surrendered to Him. He wanted to help her change her ways by focusing on truth and God's Spirit.

#### *FWC Kids*

We have been blessed with wonderful children and youth volunteers! Jennifer has been taking the kids through the books of the Bible. What an amazing thing to have someone teaching the children the foundations of our faith. It's so important to make sure our youth are grounded in His Word. As I read in Proverbs, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, and even in the New Testament through Paul's teachings, I see a constant standard which is following God's commands.

The youth put on a wonderful presentation during our Christmas program showcasing God's gift, but also how we have all been chosen to spread this gift. I am looking forward to seeing what they come up with for our Easter celebration.

#### *FWC Youth*

Winterfest is fast approaching and we are excited to see what God is going to be doing in the lives of our teens. Keep them in your prayers. Even though Winterfest is the main focus because it's directly in front of us, I'm equally excited about the leadership that these youth are training in. Last year they helped with VBS, Sunday morning worship, and even raised some funds for the Parking Lot Campaign.

Pray specifically for these students to have the wisdom and courage to reach out to their generation. I truly believe we have solid teens that love God with all their heart and love their peers. They are world changers in the making!





# PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN

## NEW PROJECTOR

A few months ago, we were able to finally purchase a new projector. Our old projector was hard to see and failing. We received a generous donation from two sources for this. First was the Buechler family in honor of Calvin and Caroline Buechler. They were faithful members of the Beulah Church of God and their legacy continues with their children and grandchildren who serve God.



The other portion of the projector came from David Sandquist and family who grew up at Family Worship Center. Thank you to both for helping further the ministry.

Just in case you haven't heard, Family Worship Center is working on a project to pave the parking lot at our church. The current plans are to put asphalt down far enough out to park along both sides of the building and put concrete for parking directly in front of the building. We will have to put extra gravel in to make this possible, along with installing the bases for some LED lights for extra visibility.

The need for this has been apparent for sometime, but became more visible with last year's spring rains. The gravel created a mess, which also creates a financial mess when we have to have the parking lot graded. This project will not only help us save money in the long run with gravel maintenance, but it will make it easier to clear snow and ice in the winter months, which we live in more than summer months. I didn't even mention the curb appeal that this will create, which will help welcome visitors.

As I wrestled with how to present this project to different people, God gave me some confirmation on the spiritual aspect to all of this. I was reading in the Old Testament where Moses was gathering resources and offerings from the people to help build the Ark of the Covenant and the Altar for the priests. It was an honor for the people to give of their finest to help make God's "house" beautiful. At the end of the day, there is no doubt that the church buildings are just physical buildings, but they're sacred things that God creates to help us better connect with Him. Communion, water baptism, music, and church buildings; these are all things He uses as tools to help us understand and connect with our faith better.

We have already raised \$15,000 for this campaign through fundraisers. The youth did an amazing job with a car wash, selflessly working to show their support. We also had a wonderful brisket dinner and

## FROM THE PASTOR

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I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has been a part of this church. Previous members, pastors and those who have given in any form. I believe God wants to do something great with this church. I believe that soon we will have an even greater connection to God. We will have a stronger connection with each other, and we will have a focused connection with our purpose, especially in giving to Missions and our local community. Paul encourages us **Galatians 6:9** **9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.** Time, obstacles and even ourselves can get in the way of what God wants to do in and through us. Join us through prayer as we run the race, with a steadiness and undying fever to win the lost for Jesus Christ!

auction, where the community members and local businesses came together to raise a huge chunk of the \$15,000. It really opened my eyes to the faithful people we have and the amazing community we live in. Last, we have had some generous donations from various people.

We still have a ways to go, but we have money trickling in from Sunday to Sunday, and we have some fundraisers planned for this year. We know the God who owns the cattle on a thousand hills. We plan to pour the cement for the front part of the church in the spring. Look for updates in later editions of FWC News.

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