

MISSIONS SUMMER 2024

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As we enter into a busy season of school, sports, practices and all of the holidays let's remember these 3 things.

1. The Lord is faithful, he will bless us in our busy seasons.
2. Be a light for Christ no matter what season your in, in all of your busy days, let your light for Christ shine!
3. Anytime you feel inadequate, go to God. If you feel weak or exhausted, trust God to be your strength.

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Mark 16:15

Fort Deposit Back to School

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On rare occasions, I get to come out from behind my desk and go to the service opportunities we organize for FBCT members. I am so grateful I took the time to go with the group that went to Fort Deposit on Saturday, August 3rd. Our outreach with Fort Deposit started years ago when we joined the Spirit of St. Luke ministry in their yearly visit to the community to host a medical clinic. The Spirit of St. Luke Ministry is an organization that aims to help our neighbors in the Black Belt community. The Black Belt region of our state is often overlooked because of its extreme poverty levels. The people in these areas are living way below the poverty line, and their basic needs are not being met. Dr. Sandra Ford started the Spirit of Luke Ministry to help provide for people's medical, dental, and spiritual needs. On the first Saturday of every month, this group goes down to different towns in the Black Belt region and serves the people there. While serving at the medical clinic, we were introduced to Bishop Bennie Stanford, who pastors the congregation at Bethlehem Christian Church. We learned that he and his church were working year-round to share the message of Christ with his community by meeting various needs. One need we recognized was at Christmas. First Baptist started with our toy drive for Fort Deposit, and that was one of the first projects I worked on when I started in 2013.

Over the past 11 years, I have had the opportunity to gather and send toys through our Christmas in July drive, organize school supplies through Jana's Kids, and purchase candy for the annual Fall Festival at Bethlehem Christian Church. Our visit on the 3rd was the first time I met Bishop Bennie, and as you can imagine, our greeting was full of joy and disbelief that we had not met sooner.

He and his parishioners were so welcoming as we pulled up in the church minibus loaded with goodies to assemble teacher welcome bags for Fort Deposit Elementary's back-to-school.

Over the next two hours, our group of 15 and their church's 30 members bonded over worship, food, and fellowship. It became clear that despite our different backgrounds, we shared a deep love for Jesus. At that moment, we were not just two communities but a family of brothers and sisters.

We will make this type of trip in the future, and I encourage all members at First Baptist to consider going. You will be blessed!



Summer 2024

We went to Alaska 2 times.

We took a team to Thailand for English teaching and Medical help.

We had over 195 people bag sweet potatoes at the Crop Drop.

We served food with CLCC.

We orchestrated VBS in Mississippi.

WMU did many local projects.

JAM Camp, Alaska



Thailand



Crop Drop



CLCC



Mississippi Delta VBS

Mark Your Calendar

Remember to Pray for Shades Valley this Football Season.

October

- Operation Christmas Child Boxes
- Family Fall Festival

November

- Operation Christmas Child collection week
- WMU Backpacks

December

- Lottie Moon Luncheon
- HIM graduation in the Fellowship Hall at FBCT

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We have many serving opportunities, Please reach out if you or your family would like to serve, we would love to connect with you.

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