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**“Family education and order are some of the chief means of grace. If these fail, all other means are likely to prove ineffectual.”**

**- Jonathan Edwards**

I am frequently asked why our students drop out of sight from the local church after graduating high school. Many ideas, some of them good ones, are suggested as to why this happens and many solutions, some of them good ones, are provided as to how the church should respond. Although providing a strong college-age program in the local church is a great thing and although teaching the reality of postmodernism in our church classes is a helpful thing, nothing will compare to the life-long impact on a child than a family who worships together.



If family worship and order are out of place, then all of our church means will ultimately find themselves less effective.

We are seeing God do some great things at FBCE. The student ministry is alive and thriving, students are excited about church, in-depth Bible study is eliciting a host of conversation and question (I spoke for 15 minutes last night with a student who was wanting to know more about when “messenger of God” in

the Old Testament is actually Jesus Christ Himself), the Genesis Café is packed when the doors are open, our children are learning the narrative of the Bible in Sunday School, and all ages have opportunities to serve others. As thankful as I am for all these wonderful things, I count them as secondary to getting our families, especially fathers, more plugged in to family worship. It is that important.

The Family Ministries of FBCE has been providing consistent resources for families. Our Family Ministry website is regularly updated with family related articles and resources for growth and worship, and the pastors have provided home worship tools, such as the Biblical Exploration Guide and the Holy Week Devotional Book. Beginning in the fall of 2010, we will step up our emphasis and education of family worship through the addition of several ministry opportunities. You can read about these in greater detail in this newsletter. Some of them will include:

### [A Family Worship One-Day Conference](#)

I will spend a few hours with parents on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> discussing family worship in the Bible, in History, and in the Home.

### [Simple Family Worship Guides](#)

Pastor Drew and I will make available a series of simple, easy to

follow family worship guides that will provide your family with a once a week worship “service.” This will be a supplement to your other family worship times during the week.

### [Big Questions Club](#)

September 1<sup>st</sup> will be the kick-off of the Big Questions Club, the systematic theology program for children ages K-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Accompanying this program will be a parent’s “Big Questions Book” that will be used as a great tool for family worship and will coincide with the Big Question being studied by the children at church.



Pray with me that God will work in the hearts of all our families. Then, let’s be excited about what will happen. God is big. Bigger than we can imagine. And He does big things.

With great love,  
Pastor Philip



## FAMILY WORSHIP ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

Please mark your calendar now for what could be the most important 3 hour conference you will ever attend. On Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm, Pastor Philip and Pastor Drew will be providing an overview of family worship in the Bible, in History, and in the Home. All participants will receive a free copy of Don Whitney’s simple, short, and powerful book simply entitled “Family Worship.” Come and learn why family worship is an essential element to your child’s future spiritual maturity, endurance, and growth. We will also provide simple, practical, easy to follow guides and models for family worship. This is an especially important conference for fathers. I hope to see you there.



## CARING FOR ORPHANS

### Orphan Care Team

A great group of folks have come together to form the orphan care team of FBCE. In addition to praying for orphans in Colorado and around the world, one of the first projects we are implementing is partnering with Packs of Hope, a Colorado based ministry. Packs of Hope offers dignity to children in the foster care system who are ushered, sometimes very quickly, from their home into a foster home. They usually have to carry a trash bag with their belonging. Packs of Hope provide backpacks to churches and folks “check out” a backpack and fill it with items that are included on a list. After filling the backpack, it is turned back into the church and then provided to children who are in transition. This is an easy and powerful way for us to help fulfill the command by God in James 1:27 to care for orphans. Please prayerfully consider picking up a backpack from our Packs of Hope table beginning July 25<sup>th</sup>.



### PORTRAITS OF HOPE

IN AUGUST OUR CHURCH WILL HOSTING PORTRAITS OF ORPHANS IN THE COLORADO FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. A MINISTRY CALLED “PORTRAITS OF HOPE” WILL BE FILLING OUR DOWNSTAIRS AREA NEXT TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH BEAUTIFUL PORTRAITS OF PRECIOUS CHILDREN WHO NEED A HOME. THIS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A FACE TO PRAY OVER AND PERHAPS WILL TURN THE HEARTS OF SOME FAMILIES TO ADOPTION.

## Promotion Sunday

Children will be moving up in the Sunday School (CBF) classes on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Wendy Kitting teaches 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders and Pat Judge teaches 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Children who are entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade will start attending Wendy’s class and children who are entering the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will begin attending Pat’s class. Any student entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be promoted to the youth ministry and will move to the Godshack.

### MONDAY MAYHEM FOR CHILDREN

Hey, why should the youth group have all the crazy fun? On Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> children in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will meet at the church at 1 pm to have fun with their own version of Monday Mayhem. We will start by opening the Genesis Café and letting the children enjoy what is normally reserved for the teenagers. They can enjoy snacks, play Wii, foosball, board games, listen to music, etc. Then, we will move outside for a couple of high energy (and maybe messy?) games. Plan on your 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grader being at the church from 1pm-3pm. \*children in grades K-2nd are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by a parent for the duration of the event.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

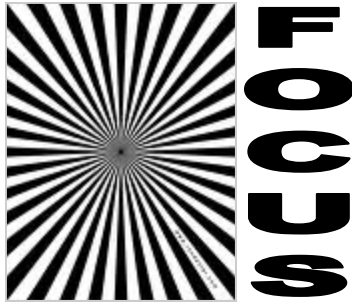
August 2-6 are the dates for our VBS this year and we will be taking our children on a High Seas Expedition to discover the mighty love of God and truthfulness of the Bible. You can go ahead and register your child by visiting our church website, [www.fbcevergreen.com](http://www.fbcevergreen.com), or by swinging by the welcome center at the church. We are still in need of volunteers, especially crew leaders, so be thinking about plugging in VBS this year in a service capacity.





## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FBCE

Starting September 1st, Wednesday nights at FBCE will be a place of fellowship and ministry for all ages. We are excited to provide the following opportunities on Wednesday nights so that we can enjoy time together with the congregation as a whole on a day other than just Sunday morning. Start thinking now about making Wednesday evening a time together with your church family.



Students in grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will continue to study verse-by-verse the books of the Bible. This is a no-frills, in-depth Bible study that would blow the minds of most adults. Yet, our students are turning out, digesting the material, and asking great questions. Focus is designed around a six year plan to cover the entire Bible.

### FAMILY MEALS

STARTING SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, A FAMILY MEAL WILL BE OFFERED FOR ALL AGES. FAMILIES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO SIT TOGETHER AND ENJOY A MEAL AT THE CHURCH BEFORE THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS BEGIN. THE FAMILY MEAL IS NOT JUST FOR MOMS, DADS, SONS, AND DAUGHTERS, BUT ALSO FOR OUR SINGLES, SENIOR ADULTS, AND ANYONE WHO WANTS TO COME JOIN US FOR A MEAL!

SPECIFIC DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON ABOUT OUR FAMILY MEAL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH MEALS, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR PHILIP.



### PRAYER AND STUDY WITH PASTOR DREW

All ages are invited to spend time with Pastor Drew on Wednesday nights. While children are busy with the Big Questions Club and teenagers are busy with Focus, adults will have a time of prayer and study with Pastor Drew. This will be an incredible time of growth you will not want to miss.



### Family Ministries Purpose Statement

*THE PURPOSE OF THE FBCE FAMILY MINISTRIES IS TO GLORIFY GOD. WE WILL DO THIS BY LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, FOLLOWING CHRIST, AND CHANGING THE WORLD.*

### Family Ministries Website

Are you a regular visitor to our family ministries website? If not, then you are missing out on updated blogs that included topics such as sermon follow-up, parenting articles, and event information. You can also access a bunch of resources online from Bible reading plans to worship songs to internet safety suggestions.

[www.fbcevergreen.com/family](http://www.fbcevergreen.com/family)

The Big Questions Club has been a work in progress for over a year. It will finally kick-off on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a systematic theology program designed for our children, ages K-6<sup>th</sup> grade, that will build class units around a "Big Question." Parents will receive a "Big Questions Book" that will have questions and answers to coincide with what the children are learning at church. This is a terrific family worship tool. We have a tremendous volunteer staff for the Big Questions Club which is being led by Stephanie Cowen. Be looking for much more information in the near future.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Softball Game	2	3
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 Noon - Monday Mayhem	6	7 6PM Focus	8 Softball Game	9	10
11	12 Noon - Monday Mayhem	13	14 5PM HELP Project—Concert at the Lake	15 Softball Game	16	17
18 10:15AM Outdoor Worship & Picnic 12—VBS Volunteer Meeting	19 Noon - Monday Mayhem	20	21 6PM Focus	22 Softball Game	23	24
25	26 Noon - Monday Mayhem 1PM Children's Monday Mayhem	27	28 5PM HELP Project—Concert at the Lake	29 Softball Game	30	31 HEAVENFEST

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	3 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	4 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	5 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	6 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	7
8 1PM -VBS DECORATING	9 ROPES COURSE	10	11 5PM—Concert at the Lake	12	13	14
15 10:15AM — Outdoor Worship & Picnic	16	17	18 6PM—FOCUS	19	20	21
22 PROMOTION SUNDAY	23	24	25 5PM—Concert at the Lake	26	27	28
29	30	31				