



Thank you, church family, to those who helped us raise funds last week through our Taco & Quesadilla fundraiser. It was a blessing to see our church family welcome and affirm the guests from the Alpha & Omega Church.

This Sunday morning, students will be starting out a new study with material from Francis Chan. Students just completed a 4-week series looking at the differences between a fan of Jesus and a true follower of Jesus. During this next study we will look at the love of God.

Please continue praying for our students as they are in a critical time of their life. Statistics show that the teenage years have the highest likelihood for students commit to Christ. As students' progress in age, the likelihood of a conversion decreases greatly.

On Thursday nights this summer, we are hosting a Bible study at our house (104 Palmer Place in Smallwood) at 7pm. **This study is for everyone**, not just teens. We will be studying the basics of the Christian faith through the lenses of scripture. We hope to begin the study May 24<sup>th</sup>. If interested, let me know. There is a workbook that can be ordered for \$10.

By God's grace a group of 12 of us are going to **Guatemala** this summer. Below are the next two fundraisers we have planned.

- May 21 from 5-8pm at Pizza Inn. Come eat pizza with a purpose.
- May 24 from 10-2pm at Belk. BBQ plates for \$8. Tickets available.

FBC students raising money include: Macy Morgan, Rebecca Banta, Ashley Cullom, Courtland Whitley, and Ryleigh Hombirg plus 5 from the Alpha & Omega Church.

Soli Deo gloria!  
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## **Student Ministry Summer Mission Trip 2018**

**WHO:** Students from FBC and Alpha & Omega Church (our hispanic church partner).

**WHEN:** The last week of June

**WHERE:** Guatemala

**WHAT:** A week long short term mission trip to introduce students to mission work, to the needs of the world around them, cultivate a deeper love of Jesus and what it means to serve Him through serving others,

We will work with Catalyst Resources International ([catalystresources.net](http://catalystresources.net)), which is an organization that seeks to partner with Guatemalan pastors to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people. The scope of the work done through CRI is to build houses and churches, establish feeding programs, care for orphans, conduct VBS, support medical/dental/vet clinics, and more. CRI then directs the people they serve to a local church and partners with the local pastor to continue meeting the needs of the people.

**WHY:**

- \* Because the Lord told us to go (Acts 1:8).
- \* Not everyone will be a 365 day-a-year cross-cultural missionary, but everyone should be a career missionary in your culture and a cross-cultural missionary as often as possible.
- \* There is more work than there are laborers (Matthew 9:35-38).
- \* Short-term efforts allow us to be humbled, taught and stretched by God so that when we return, we will be more excited and involved in His work.
- \* God has called us, those who were once orphans, to engage in orphan care both in service and in the Gospel message in evangelism (James 1:27)

**YOUR PART:**

- \* Commit to be a prayer partner (prayers, notes, encouraging words, etc.).
- \* Participate in our fundraising efforts.
- \* Allow one of our students to work at your house to earn money.
- \* All monetary gifts will run through the church office.
- \* All checks should be made out to FBC with Guatemala in the memo.
- \* Sponsor a student with a full or partial scholarship for the trip. The total cost of the trip \$1500.
- \* Donate towards our projects. (Home building \$3000, bathroom \$1200, cooking stove \$150, items for the orphanage, and more.)