



This year, we will have two different 3-day sessions of VBS in July for grade-school aged children (Kinder through 5th grade) that families may choose from:

July 7, 8, & 9 – 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
July 12, 13, & 14 – 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Volunteer registration is now open at fbcep.com/children. Participant registration will open on June 1.

April Giving

2020

Budgeted	\$126,885
Received	\$144,779

2021

Budgeted	\$137,755
Received (est.)	\$120,000

Ways to Give

- Text "Give" to (915)975-7300
- Online at fbcep.com
- First Baptist Church El Paso Mobile App
- Mail Gift to:
805 Montana Ave.
Attn: Finance
El Paso, TX 79902



Camino de Luz: Sweet 16
by Mary Wakefield

Camino de Luz (CdL) has not been spared from the pandemic that has upended our world. The 15th anniversary/quinciñera for CdL that was planned for last May never happened, and now we are approaching our 16th anniversary, which we will not get to celebrate together in person.

Through God's grace and provision CdL began meeting together via Zoom April 2020. Zoom itself presented many challenges for the CdL participants. Many are elderly, without smartphones, without Wi-Fi, without the ability to make long distance calls on their phones, and some are illiterate or with very little education. Zoom can be accessed by phone without Wi-Fi by entering a long series of numbers. This process has been confusing for many, but we have persevered.

One gentleman who cannot afford Wi-Fi drives to an area where he can access it for free, and sits in his car in the heat or cold to be able to focus for 1 1/2 hours worshipping God and studying His word. One of our volunteers went to the apartment of a couple to show them how to connect with Zoom using just a phone call. After CdL the gentleman called Carmen Estrada crying because he was so overjoyed to understand the process to connect and participate in Bible Study.

Out of spiritual hunger a new Zoom prayer group began last August. It is called En Su Presencia (In His Presence) and meets every Wednesday evening for a sweet hour of prayer. There is beauty from the ashes left behind by COVID. We are thankful for the ability to continue to connect with CdL participants despite the challenges and look forward to the day we can be together.well WITH each other. We all are winners. We all will make it to the final box in the bracket of heaven!

Abide
Women's Ministry

Phil. 1:6
FBCfit

daughters
of The
KING

May 8, 9:00–11:30 a.m.
Registration deadline May 3
fbcep.com/women

2021 At Home Fundraiser Luncheon for Global Missions by Dr. Edgardo Martinez



Summer missions are just around the corner. Our Global Missions Team have considered it prudent not to travel abroad until further notice,

but rather focus on the mission field here at home. So, this summer, you will not need to purchase a plane ticket, or travel thousands of miles to serve. For those who are wondering what service activities we are doing, here are the ones we currently have planned:

Jardin de Milagros

This is a family run farm south of La Union, NM. They grow all the vegetables that are donated to the Kelly Center for Hunger Relief, among other charities. We will plan a couple of trips where you will have the opportunity to help harvest summer crops of squash, cucumbers, onions, herbs, and more.

Agape

Each Sunday morning the Agape team serves a delicious hot meal down on Ninth Avenue to the homeless and to farm workers. This effort has grown to become a worship service since its start. In fact, it's being called by the team members "Church on Ninth Avenue" This summer, we are leading a few outreach events into the community around the area by serving food baskets, providing clothing and hygiene items, and finding other opportunities to fill needs.

Ministry to Refugees

We are looking forward to partnering with Cristo Rey Lutheran Church and with Scottsdale Baptist Church to provide lunches and other activities of hospitality to refugee families. Participants will have the opportunity to prepare and serve lunches as well as to share the gospel.

Community Outreach

We are planning a couple of outreach activities for all ages right around our church community such as games at Houston Park with grilled hotdogs and hamburgers. This will be a great opportunity to meet and serve our surrounding neighbors.

Prestonwood Church

We are happy to inform you that Prestonwood Church, of Dallas, TX, will joins us this summer (July 19–23) to partner in ministry along with their preteens and families.

During this month of May, you will be hearing more about these ministries. On May 23, we will hold our annual Global Missions Fundraiser Luncheon to help sponsor some of the above efforts. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and dessert to go. We

will serve after our two morning services, which will help to avoid overcrowding. Please make plans to pick up your lunch plate on your way home and help us share the love and life of Jesus right here in our own back yards. The suggested donation is \$5. All donations are welcome!

International Student Fellowship

by Linda Nodjimbadem

Students of all ages all over the world have suffered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and that is certainly true for international students at UTEP and EPCC – from concerns about their families in hard-hit areas such as the Indian subcontinent to



frustrations of not being able to advance their research or having to present a doctoral defense via Zoom, the past year has been difficult! Thank you, First Baptist, for providing ways for us to continue to be in communication with students and to meet needs with furniture distribution and food box distribution. We are now looking forward to hosting our annual (except for last year) graduation party to honor graduates with Associates Degrees, BA/BS, MA/MS and PhD in a large variety of disciplines. The party will be held at the home of Barbara and Charlie Horak on Sunday evening, May 15. Continue to pray for these graduates as they go out into a more uncertain world. A good number of African students are worshipping with us on Sunday morning, so take time to speak to them and welcome them to our family. If you'd like to contribute something for the party, contact Barbara Horak at 591-2501.

**Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
Matthew 6:33 (NLT)**

New Member

Kelsey Dunning by baptism

Sympathy

- Chris Monk in the passing of his mother, Ruby.
- The family of Bob Heasley.
- The family of Barbara Melson.

Dates to Remember

5/9 – Mother's Day

5/16 @3:30 p.m. – Deacons' Meeting

5/19 @5:30 p.m. – Quarterly Business Meeting

Women on Mission in May

The WOM leadership team will present the Women on Mission (WOM) Meeting by zoom May 4, 2021, from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. which is the first Tuesday of the month.

Mission Service Project for May: the WOM will partner with the BSM to help support their mission trips this summer. In May several BSM students will join Casas por Cristo in Juarez, Mexico to build a house for a family in the poorest area. The materials to build the house cost \$7,500. The BSM students have been doing fund raisers, but still need \$5,000. This short-term mission trip is filled with adventure in faith and service as the students make God's love known in word and deed. You can help by giving money to the BSM Summer Mission Projects on the FBC Giving web page. Also pray for these students as they work on constructing this new home.

Pray for Missionaries Passage:

Hebrews 13:1-3 "Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."

"Do not forget" (Heb. 13:2). What? Why not simply say, "Remember"? Yet the first statement gives the imperative oomph. It sounds like the proverbial stirring around our finger.

The writer of Hebrews admonished his readers not to forget. Don't forget to remember to love one another. Yet when we remember the people around us, we often recall how they let us down, spoke harshly, or made our lives difficult. Nevertheless, God calls us to love with His self-giving love.

Don't forget to remember to show hospitality. Whether you have the gift of hospitality or not, you can meet needs. You can feed, clothe and care for strangers, along with people you know. You can also make your home and presence places of refuge.

Don't forget to remember those in prison and the mistreated as though you were right there with them. Nonstop news coverage tends to immunize us to the daily reality for so many people in our world. Watch. Listen. Don't forget to remember.

All-knowing God, help me to never forget Your love for me and Your commission to share that love with a hurting world. Amen.

Prayer focus: Sub-Saharan African Peoples: A new water well was dug in Mozambique during 2019. The leader, after tasting the water from the well, ran to take water to the surrounding houses so they could taste too. Pray many people in Mufa would repent and believe and would taste and see the Lord is good and run to invite others to do the same. (John 4).

North American Mission Board: Arizona, Joel Salazar Sr., International Mission Board: Central Asian Peoples: BB, LG, East Asian Peoples: Jordan Eaves, European Peoples: AB, Caleb Beaty, SC, Northern African and Middle Eastern Peoples: CS, South Asian Peoples: MB, SR Southeast Asian Peoples: DL, SL, Chaplains, Volunteers, State Convention Missionaries, Retired NAMB: Russell Begaye, Daniel Caceres, Dorothy Hughes, Jim Pinkley, Greg Torres; Retired IMB: Ellen Gill, Dan Hylden, John Johnston, Pauline Moore.

Thank you for your amazing faithful mission ministry. Many people are blessed by your generosity.
—Martha Caldwell, Director, WMU, and Pat Murtland, WOM Facilitator.