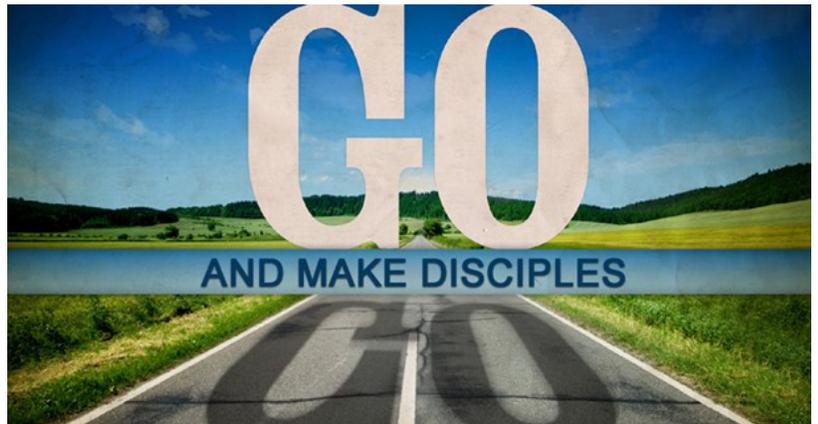


FBCOKC – A family of faith, growing in God’s love, striving to be faithful.

Church, we have the most amazing mission from Christ. We get to carry on the work that he started. I keep thinking about the commission Jesus gave the disciples. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Go and make disciples. That’s the call of the church.

Friends, we are called to be disciples and make disciples. I love being a church where we are challenged to grow as disciples and then empowered to go and make disciples. This is the place where Brad and I got to grow as disciples. This church opened the door for us to learn how to lead and serve and make disciples. That is our story and that is the story of so many who have been in our church. Ariel Koerner has been in this church her whole life. She gave her life to Christ here and learned how to serve in this place. She has been serving this church for a long time and growing in her faith and her giftedness. She experienced a profound call to minister many years ago and has been serving as a volunteer all this time, waiting for the day God would open the door for her to be in vocational ministry.

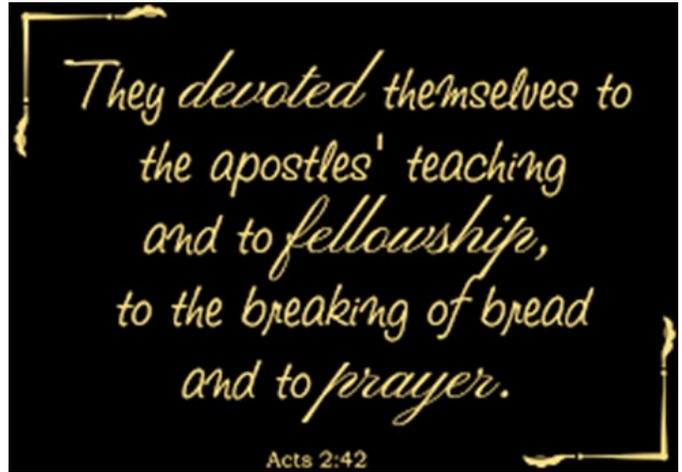


Would you please join us on Wednesday night at 6pm in the Dining Hall for a Town Hall Meeting, to hear Ariel’s story and hear about this important step for our church family? Pray for Ariel Koerner as she is taking this next step in her journey of faith. She looks forward to ministering to our children and youth families. As the personnel committee interviewed her, it became obvious this was where God was leading and had been leading for some time. We will be blessed by our time together Wednesday night and then vote on Sunday morning to call Ariel as our Minister for Young Families. After her call weekend, we will look forward to ordaining her to the gospel ministry in the coming months. Ariel will also begin her journey with seminary to better prepare her for the life of ministry to which she has been called. Thank you for being the kind of church that equips and empowers disciples to say yes to the call of Christ. This is a new position for us as a church. Please see the job description later in the First Connect. Ariel will work with our Children’s Coordinator, Jordan Browne, to minister to children and youth families. We cannot grow a church without a strong children’s and youth ministry. We have chosen to staff according to our priorities and where we feel God leading.

Sarah

FAMILY BUILDING COMMUNITY

July 30-August 1 FBCOKC is having an in-town Midtown Mission Trip called, "Love Where you Live" Weekend. This dream is based on Acts 2:42. It is a time to think and act as the kingdom minded church. We will have incredible Missions Teaching throughout the weekend from a well-respected and gifted Missions Pastor, Rene Maciel, the Missions Pastor at First Woodway in Waco. We will also have fellowship through a meal and worship with the different congregations that meet in our building and who partner with us in our ministries here. Help us connect to our neighbors in Midtown through the school supply drive thru and community block party in the courtyard. Save the date! Plan to be a part of this incredible weekend. Check out the schedule of events and join us whenever you can! We need help in the kitchen, doing light construction work, spreading mulch, running sound, barbequing burgers, collecting school supplies in the drive thru, watching the bounce house, taking flyers to neighbors in Midtown, cutting watermelon, and ice down water. We want all of you to be a part of this important weekend in the life of our church. Come for part of it or come for all of it! See Toni Adams and Kevin Driskill after worship on Sunday.



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FBCOKC Mission Trip

“Love Where You Live”

Friday, July 30

- 9am “Missions Teaching” Session 1 led by Rene Maciel
- 10am Work Day Begins! (Construction/CareforOKC/playground mulch...)
- 10am-1pm School Supply Drive thru north side carport
- Connect with community around the church with lunch under carport (Northside) a whole lot of grilling going on. Invite businesses around the church and firemen in our area, mail man, and construction crews around the church and across the street working in our area.
- 11:30-1pm Lunch grilled/north side
- 1:30pm “Missions Teaching” Session 2
- 2:30pm Work Day Continues!
- 5:30pm Church wide indoor picnic!
- Dining Hall (invite different congregations in our building, Academy, Good Shepherd staff, Woven Life ministries and those we met at lunch)
- 7:00pm Church wide Worship in dining hall

Saturday, July 31

- 9am-10:30am “Missions Teaching” Session 3
- 12pm—2:30pm Go to MLK Elementary and partner with Restore OKC to handout school supplies & uniforms
- 1:30pm Finish Construction items
- 5:00pm Prep for Courtyard Fellowship
- 6:30pm Courtyard Block Party (Robinson side) live music with Stephanie Peña and friends, concession food truck (Upbeat Treats Food Truck) parked on Robinson, bounce house, cotton candy, watermelon, etc.

FBCOKC—Come be YOU with US!

FAMILY BUILDING COMMUNITY

It's time to get away! Join us for a great overnight retreat at St. Crispin's Retreat Center for a time of renewal, rest, deepening relationships, and encouragement. We are strong! We can do hard things.

We will meet at St. Crispin's Friday evening by 6pm (earlier if you like) and conclude Saturday afternoon. Bring your friends! \$20 discount for anyone who brings a friend! Scholarships available upon request.

Cost is \$65 which includes three meals, t-shirt, and lodging. The rooms have two queen beds, so each person will have their own bed. If you want your own room, the cost goes up to \$100. Feel free to let us know if you have a roommate request. Follow the link below or use the QR code to sign up. <https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/6b3b2ad1-54f8-4c89-a27c-9b2a20773e46>



When people ask what I do, I say:

Whatever it takes.

Women's Retreat

Sept 10-11
St. Crispin's

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. -Philippians 4:13



Men's Retreat: October 15-17 at Lake Lawtonka

All gentlemen are invited to join us for a Men's Retreat as we camp at Lake Lawtonka and enjoy the Wichita Mountains! We'll begin the weekend Friday evening and wrap up Sunday around noon. Cost is \$25 per person. More details coming soon!



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MEN'S RETREAT

WITCHITA MTS.

OCT. 15-17

CAMPING AT LAKE LAWTONKA

COST: \$25

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Toni Adams Executive Ministry Associate.....	232-4255 extension 112

RESTORE SCHOOLS



It is time to bring school supplies for the 2021 year. Restore Schools also needs volunteers to come organize supplies and donations to buy student uniforms. Please bring the following supplies to support the students.

Packets of Index Cards

Pencil Storage Boxes

Boxes of Crayons (24 count)

Wipes Expo Dry Erase Markers

Folders (solid colors)

Boxes of Colored pencils (12 count)

Expo dry erase marker

Crayola Markers (8 or 10 count)

Composition Notebooks - Wide Ruled

1" or 2" Binders

Glue Bottles

Glue Sticks

Box of Tissue

Rulers

Pink Erasers

Wipes

Pencil Storage Boxes

Kid Scissors

FAMILY BUILDING COMMUNITY

Young Adult Ministry News!

Bible Study Update: Over the past year we combined the 20 Somethings and 30 Somethings into one group for Sunday morning Bible Study. Starting August 15th we will launch individual groups once more! Brad Stewart will be teaching the 20 something group and we hope you will join us. We will meet at 9:15am on the 3rd floor (just across the hall from the 30 Somethings). Come check out this great new group! Email BradStewart@fbcokc.org or SarahStewart@fbcokc.org for more info.

Upcoming Events:

- 20 Somethings: Brad and Sarah are inviting all 20 Somethings over for dinner and a time of worship in their home on Sunday, August 15th! Let us know if you plan to come and we'll email details.
- All Young Adults (20's and 30's): Swim Party at Pam and Gary William's house on Sunday, August 29th at 4pm. Come swim, fish, and enjoy dinner.

Vera Ashford's memorial service will be held in our sanctuary Saturday, July 31st at 1:00pm. Bill, Mike and Jim—we loved Vera.



FBCOKC town hall meeting will be held in the dining hall Wednesday, July 28 at 6:00pm. This will be a sweet time for Ariel Koerner to share her call story with the church. Please make every effort to be present. The personnel committee is presenting Ariel as the new young adult minister at FBCOKC.

August 1st a special called business meeting will be held directly after the service to vote on this candidate.

Community Care Offering this Sunday, August 1 to provide for the needs in our community. Thank you for giving.

CareForOKC Renovations!

Have you seen CareForOKC lately? Our CareForOKC Team has been hard at work renovating the Food Pantry and the Clothes Closet. And we'll be doing even more remodeling as part of the "Love Where You Live" weekend! We'd love for you to join in the work God is doing through this vital ministry. Email bradstewart@fbcokc.org if you're interested in volunteering once, once a month, or whatever you can manage. We believe God has called us to serve "the least of these" in our community, and we count it joy to show His love. Enjoy these pics and stay tuned for more!

*******CareforOKC** is in need of jeans, especially men's jeans, socks, and tennis shoes. Also, bottled water for the clients as they wait. Thank you for giving to this ministry.

Please **volunteer** in the newly remodeled CareforOKC Clothes Closet. The closet will have training every Tuesday from 9:00am-2:00pm and then whatever time you can give to this ministry would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

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POSITION DESCRIPTION FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, OKLAHOMA CITY

TITLE: Minister for Young Families (Children and Youth) 2021

TYPE: Full Time

RESPONSIBILITY: This role will serve to provide primary staff leadership for ministries focused on the discipleship of Children, Youth and Families.

REPORTS TO: Pastor

RELATES TO: Ministry Staff, Operations Staff, Youth Committee, and Children's Committee

SUPERVISES: Children's Coordinator, Nursery or Contract workers, Children and Youth Volunteers, College and/or Seminary Interns when appropriate

DUTIES:

Ministry Responsibilities:

- Serve as a part of the FBC ministry staff including participation in church staff meetings and retreats. The minister will participate in hospital visits and visitor follow-up.
- The minister will have opportunities to preach, teach, and provide pastoral care to the larger congregation.
- Relate to other ministry staff members on church wide strategy issues and/or special emphases.
- Participate in the wider life of the congregation.
- Other duties as required by the needs of the Church as assigned by the Pastor and Personnel Committee.

Children/Youth Responsibilities:

- Work with the Children's and Youth Committees on the development of a ministry plan for the congregation's children/youth ministry and their families.
- Develops relationships with children, youth, and families as well as the broader church family.
- Work with the Children's Coordinator and engage committees in securing volunteer roles required to meet the needs of the children and youth as well as events and programs.
- Support and supervise Children's Coordinator and nursery workers when needed. Assist in training workers and volunteers. Maintain current background checks on all volunteers/workers for children and youth.
- Provide an annual ministry plan and budget proposal for ministry areas. It is understood that both the ministry plan and budget proposal will be developed in concert with appropriate lay leadership.
- Serve as a resource for pastoral care and support for children/youth, children/youth families, and discipleship leaders.
- Work with other church committees as appropriate in the normal operation of the ministry with students and families.

Additional skills Desired: Computer, media, and website management.

FAMILY BUILDING COMMUNITY



Pioneer
Bible Translators

Our mission partners, Aaron and Grace Ogburn will be with us in worship on August 15th.

Back in the USA

After spending the last year and a half in Italy during a challenging season of life and ministry, we are back in the US for a trip to see family as well as connect with our individual and church partners. Our flights went about as smoothly as possible, especially considering the additional protocols that come with international travel these days. Thanks to all of you who prayed for our safe travels!

We are starting out in North Carolina. My family is here in the Raleigh area, as are a couple of our church partners. It has been fun to be here and be able to grab some Carolina-style barbecue, celebrate July 4th with family, and cheer for the Italian team in the Euro Cup. Getting our first dose of the vaccine the day after we arrived, we have taken things slow here at the start. That said, we are excited for the time that we will be spending in the US over the rest of the summer and into the early fall.

Though we are back in the US, thanks to the wonders of video conferencing, our ministries will be continuing where possible. Grace has already been able to continue her work connecting directly with several Bible translation teams on the book of 1 Kings, just now from a different time zone. I have been able to take part in several meetings myself. My parents are still getting used to just how many languages are coming from their kitchen table. *Aaron*

Prayer Request:

- Be praying for the opportunities we will have to share about our ministry. We see it as a true privilege to get to share about Bible translation and the ways we have gotten to see God working around the world.
- Be praying for us to be able to find a healthy and fruitful balance between spending time with family, connecting with friends, and our ministry responsibilities. We will be working to find a good rhythm during this trip to both be present where we are as well as continue to do the work that we love.
- Be praying for those who will be hearing about our work! We hope that in sharing about our ministries that someone might be able to see where their gifts and skills could contribute to the wide work of Bible translation.