

THE Newsletter of FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Ministering to families in the Prickly Pear Valley

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“The Desires of Our Hearts”

“Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the *desires of thine heart*. Commit they way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.” (Psalm 37:4-5) Cathy and I and the Klass family have personally experienced the reality of this promise in our lives. Forty years ago, **September 10, 1983**, Cathy, Kjersten, Kaleb and I arrived in Helena in our 24 foot U-Haul with a 1972 Datsun pickup packed in the back along with all our earthly possessions, and our 1974 Subaru station wagon in tow. Just west of Scottsbluff, Nebraska we were met with the 30-40 mph headwinds of an unusually powerful early snowstorm. We bucked that headwind all the way to the Montana boarder and arrived in Helena to 12 inches of fresh snow. Helena looked like a disaster area with the weight of the early Fall snow wrecking havoc on still leafed trees. Our first thoughts were that we had moved to Siberia... but we knew the Lord had lead us to Montana and we were excited to be here! The Lord had clearly closed the doors for us to minister cross-culturally on a foreign mission field... so we came to the “mission field” of Montana to plant a church.

After two and a half years of ministry training under the mentorship of Rick DeMato at Liberty Baptist Church and getting better adapted to the Montana culture, we sensed it was time to *launch out* by faith and plant a church. Much prayer and research were spent seeking the Lord’s direction and it became evident that His clear choice was the Prickly Pear Valley. As the saying goes, “The rest is history!”

Our past 40 years here in Montana have been an incredible adventure! The Lord has used us to help birth a New Testament Church, build some wonderful life-long relationships, and raise our children in this “the last best place”. Sometimes I need to pinch myself to make sure this is all real. I get to serve the Lord in a place where I absolutely love to live! My *roots* are deep in the Ozark foothills of eastern Oklahoma... but my *heart* is in the Rocky Mountains of western Montana! I guess this is that “*desires of thine heart*” thing the psalmist was expressing in Psalm 37:4. It is incredible to know that the Lord has a specific purpose and plan for lives (2 Tim 1:9) and delights in revealing it to those “*who commit their ways to Him*” and “*trust in Him*.”

Hope I did not bore anyone with my nostalgic Montana memories, but I’m always looking for new angles to praise God for His goodness to my family and me. Truly the Lord has given us “*the desires of our hearts*”!

God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.

Pastor & Cathy

*Cathy and I want our church family to know how honored we are to serve with some of God’s choicest servants here at Friendship. Though we love everything about living in “Big Sky Country”... you-all are our dearest friends and you are what make Montana our home (Matthew 19:29).

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GUEST MISSIONARY SPEAKER, RICHARD MOELLER | Sunday, September 17th



We will welcome Rick & Cheri Moeller back to Montana. Rick will bring an update on their ministry in Scotland during the Sunday School hour then a message during the worship hour. Rick & Cheri Moeller were approved as missionaries to South Africa in May 1980 where they served 20 plus years. They had to come off the field for a couple years and during that time Richard served as a Missions Assoc. in the BBFI office. The Moellers returned to South Africa and then transitioned to Scotland in February 2009. They celebrated 40 years of service in May of this year. Richard is the brother of Brent Moeller, Missionary to South Africa, and father of our own Rich Moeller. The last time Rick & Cheri were here at FBC was for Rich’s ordination service October 31, 2010.

MEN'S ROADKILL COOKOUT | Saturday, September 16th @ 6:00 pm

Join us at the home of our "Famous Dave" Deskins for a meat feast. Details will be announced.

AWANA BBQ COOKOUT | Wednesday, September 20th, 6:00 pm

Please plan to join us to welcome the workers, children, parents, and visitors to a new year of Awana. Parents will register their kiddos. The church will provide burgers & hotdogs, Church members are encouraged to attend and bring a dish or dessert to share.

GAFFNEY BABY SHOWER | Friday, September 22nd, 6:30 pm

Kate Colon is hosting a baby shower for Kenzzie Gaffney and her baby girl Alora Violet who is due soon! Please contact Kate for details at 254-721-5174.

PRE-NUPTIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO RICH & KRISTA | Friday, September 22nd

Rich Moeller and Krista Kubischta will exchange marriage vows at a private ceremony this Friday evening. Please pray for their married life and their new Missionary endeavor that will include traveling to churches to present their ministry together in Scotland and to raise additional support.

CHURCH WIDE WORK DAY | Saturday, September 23rd

We will work in and outside the church on various projects that need some loving attention. Working only from 9:00 to noon. Please come to help with the fall duties and up-keep of your building and grounds. Should be a good time of fellowship too!

AWANA & YOUTH GROUP BEGIN THEIR NEW MINISTRY YEAR | Wednesday, September 27th

Church-wide meal is served at 5:30 then Awana has their opening ceremony at 6:00 (please plan to participate). The Youth Group and Adult studies will kick-off that evening.

HELP WANTED

- If you would like to help provide food for the church-wide meal at 5:30 on Wednesday evenings, please contact Myrna Summers to be added to the email she sends out requesting specific supplies for that week's meal 406-202-0137. Please reply to all on that email if you agree to bring something and bring it to their church by Wednesday at noon.
- If you would like to volunteer to help with Awana; when you can or as needed part-time—please contact Leslie or Jeff Gonzales (L) 714-825-7578 (J) 406-202-4208. Some evenings we have workers who are sick or new children attend who need one-on-one attention during book time in their respective class so an extra hand is very helpful.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Wednesday, September 27th, 7:00 am

Encourage your kids to participate with others in the prayer meeting near the flag pole at their school. This year's theme—**wholehearted!** "*And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*" Jeremiah 29:13

PROJECT 938

This is an intentional call to believers to be in prayer for more laborers, that more believers would respond favorably to the call from the Lord of the Harvest to go to the Mission field. Pick up a copy of the 7-day prayer guide, set your phone alarm for 9:38 am and/or 9:38 pm and join others around the world who are praying at this time. Check out the resources posted around the church for more information. **Project 938** will culminate on Sunday October 1st with 938 Sunday.

WANT TO ENRICH YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE?

.... Check out one of FBC's 4 Friendship Groups

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

PRAYER REQUESTS should be sent to Diane Liggett, email fbc4prayer@gmail.com or call or text 316-323-4859. If you are not receiving the Friendship prayer requests, missionary updates & letters, and Pastor David's weekly email, please let Pastor David or the church office know.

CALENDAR & STATS

July & August

Average Sunday AM Attendance: 114
General Fund to date: \$167,240
Missions giving after 17 weeks:
Faith Promise: \$ 28,729

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EVENTS

Sept.16 Road Kill Cook-Out, 6 pm
Sept.17 Guest Missionary Speaker,
Rick Moeller
Sept.20 Awana BBQ, 6 pm
Sept.22 Rich & Krista Wedding,
a private ceremony
Sept.22 Kenzzie Gaffney baby shower,
6:30 pm @ church
Sept.23 Fall Workday @ church, 9-noon
Sept.27 See you At the Pole, 7am
6pm—Awana begins & Youth Re-
Start
Oct. 1 Project 938 Sunday

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Linda Hulin 9/14
Bill & Myrna Summers 9/23

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