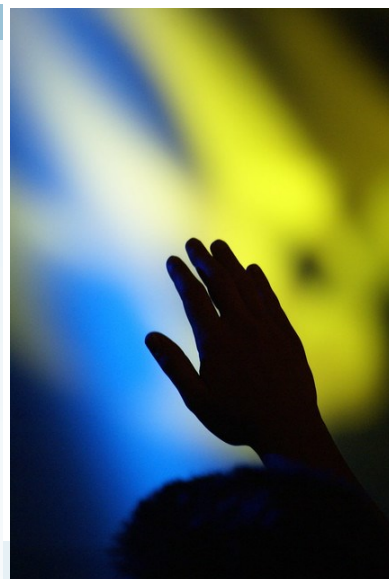




October 2022



# Fox River Life



## October Newsletter Article

*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an*

*ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."- 1 Timothy 5:17-18*

*The month of October is known as Pastor or Clergy Appreciation Month. You might be thinking to yourself right now how bold of Pastor Tim to write about this in light of the fact that he is a Pastor. The question may even arise in your heart and mind: "Is he writing on this to just illicit some sort of praise or an increase in financial compensation?" I promise that nothing could be further from my intentions in drafting this article. Actually, I hesitated to write it based upon that possible question and criticism. However, what I have to say is important and I will run the risk of being misunderstood (of which I have no control) to say it. So, having explained my intentions it is now "into the fray!"*

*The above passage calls for the Church in general and the Corinthian Church in particular, to make sure that the man of God, and underline man, is to be honored by the church that he labors for in multiple ways, in which financial compensation is included. My focus today is not so much on that element but rather the thankfulness to God for the ministers of the Gospel who have lovingly and sacrificially served us well in our lifetime. Once, again I am not speaking of myself in this article, but those who have come before me in my life and in the lives of the sheep that I have the privilege of shepherding.*

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*Ephesians 4:11-12*

*11 So Christ himself  
gave the apostles, the  
prophets, the evange-  
lists, the pastors and  
teachers,  
12 to equip his people  
for works of service, so  
that the body of Christ  
may be built up*

## From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

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*For the majority of you I am not the only Pastor that you have ever known, and for the few where that is true, I will more than likely not be your last. Each person will have multiple men of God lead them and love them in their lives. Each one will have different personalities and different giftings and this is a glorious gift of God. They were and are imperfect humans who will do their best to lead and point you to Christ. I love of how J.C. Ryle put it: "The best of men are men at best." They will fail and this will hurt them more than you can even imagine. For the true Pastor of a church is not a hired employee but a willing servant who is ultimately trying to do his Master's will in watching over His children. When we err, we not only let you down, more importantly we let down the Great Shepherd. These men live or lived in the proverbial fishbowl, everyone looking at them and making judgments upon their decisions and actions. It is a necessary thing to be held accountable by those they serve and yet that often spills over into unfair criticism. They must multiple times a week be lifted off the mat and get back into the fight. The count has come close to ten on many occasions, but they are put upright and sent back to go one more round. Often their confidence in the Word of God and their resolve to abide by it will be seen as arrogance or an unwillingness to reason. This can be true at times, but more than likely it is driven not by arrogance but by a desire to protect the sheep from those who are "wolves in sheep's clothing." They must endure this constant questioning, because it is good for them and their growth as well as just being part of the calling. When all is said and done, these men work and live for the approval of One. Their greatest desire is to hear: "Well done thou good and faithful servant."*

*So, as you think about Pastor/Clergy Appreciation month I would ask that you would bow your heads in prayer and offer a prayer of thanks to those men who have served you well in your spiritual growth and even repent, as the Spirit leads, for any undue and unjust treatment of those Pastors. I also, ask that you pray for your current Pastor that I may lead and direct you, along with my fellow Elders, this church well and that we may be able to hear from our Lord... "Well done thou good and faithful servant."*

In His Name and for His Glory,  
Pastor Tim



*"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness." Psalm 29:2*

Fill the Pack 'n' Play for Vida—The time has come again to bring donations to help supply Vida's "Little Dear Boutique." Here's a list of the most needed items at this point:



- ◆ Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- ◆ Pull-ups (Boys 3T-4T and 4T-5T, Girls 3T-4T)
- ◆ Baby hygiene products (baby lotion and baby shampoo)
- ◆ Pacifiers
- ◆ Baby Board Books
- ◆ Boys and Girls onesies (18-24 month)
- ◆ Boys and Girls winter boots

or Vida's "Little Dear Boutique." Last Sunday's bulletin included a flyer which listed their "most needed" items and "desired" items.

Most needed items at this time are:

- ◇ Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6) Watch for the flyer in Sunday's bulletin for even more

### **Craft fun and fellowship**

We hope you can join us for our Ladies' Craft Event after church on Sunday, November 13. The project will be a decorative "wreath," which can be displayed for winter or for the holiday of your choice. You may use paints and some other supplies that will be provided. We encourage you also to bring some of your own decorative items and a glue gun. More information will be forthcoming.

### **SPECIAL FALL EVENT—**

On Saturday, October 1, ladies of the church will take a road trip to visit our sister Ruby Z. We will have lunch with her at a local restaurant, and will help her celebrate her birthday with a special cake. If you wish to join us, please let Ellen, Becky, or Angela know so that adequate transportation can be arranged. A card is welcome if you cannot attend participated in either of the studies,





### "SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST - Mary Jhoana (7 years old)

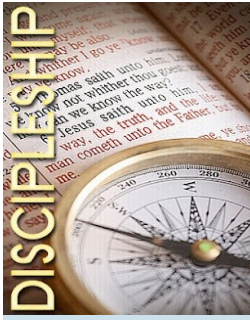
We highlighted Mary Jhoana a few years ago and specifically asked you to pray for her chance at adoption. God has answered your prayers! She left for Italy with her adoptive family this week! Here is more information about her.

Mary Jhoana came to CSC in 2015 when she was only two months old. Her young mother was unable to care for her. Mary Jhoana is a playful girl and cooperates well, but she has the tendency to be a little bossy. She usually wants to make sure all the other kids are following the rules. She is a caring and sweet girl who does not like to see any children playing alone or left behind.

Mary Jhoana has experienced some cognitive and physical delays, but she works hard to achieve normal growth milestones, and she maintains a positive attitude. She likes to run and play with the other children her age. Her adoptive family seems like a wonderful fit, and they are so happy to get the chance to be her parents. Please pray with us for this adjustment into her new adoptive family. We will undoubtedly miss her smiling face, but we are overjoyed for her and her new life.



## Intentional Discipleship Update



Lives change when people get plugged in with a group of believers who study scripture together and encourage one another. You are welcome any time to join in our studies.

Thursdays at 1:00 pm join the Women's Bible study. They are working through the books of 1st, 2nd and 3rd John .

Saturday Bible studies start at 8:00 am The men are working through the book of Revelation, and the women's study is in the book of Hebrews chapter 11.

Sunday School is meeting after church service in the fellowship room. We will be heading into a new study soon.



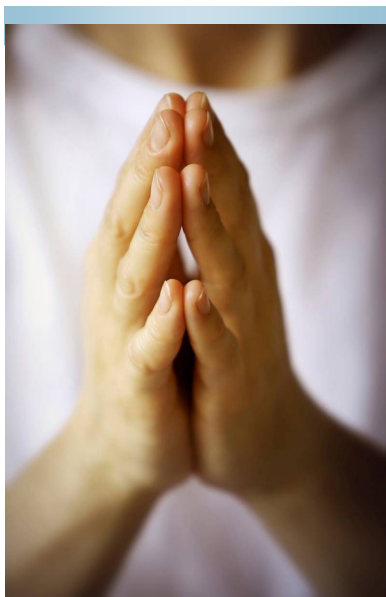
Please pray for our children church family. Gracie, Jordan, Alivia, Elliot and Wyatt. May their hearts and minds be open to hearing God's word. We are starting to learn about the Fall and how that impacts them personally.



**A book reads the better which is our own, and has been so long know to us, that we know the topography of it's blots, and dog's ear and can trace the dirt in it to having read it at tea with buttered muffins.**



**By Charles Lamb**



## Sunday Evening Services Schedule

October 2—Ask PT, 5pm

October 9 —Prayer at 5 pm

October 16—Solo Christos, 5pm

October 23—Prayer at 5pm

October 30—Reformation Sunday 5pm



Financial Update—September , 2022

Budget needed weekly: \$ 2,952.00

Received: \$ 2,244 per week

Contact Mark Wildenberg with questions.



Men's & Women's  
Bible Study  
Saturdays at 8am

Women's Bible Study  
Thursdays at 1:00pm

Women's Prayer  
Wednesdays at 9:30am



**October 2**

Pat Groff

**October 9**

**Christopher Smith**

**October 16**

**Ray Rudzinski**

**October 23**

**Jeffery Smith**

**October 30**

Kyle Tubbs



Please contact **Carol Smith**  
**at (920) 788-9795**

to volunteer in 3 different  
capacities in our children's  
ministry. There are also  
sign-up sheets for the  
different rooms you can

*Connect*  
WITH OUR  
CHURCH FAMILY

Here at FRBC, we have a prayer chain meant for the sharing of prayer request needs and for sharing praise for the awesome & mighty work God does in our lives. Please feel free to share any praise or request at our new prayer request email address: **[prayer@foxriverbaptist.com](mailto:prayer@foxriverbaptist.com)**

# Missions

“Go Ye into all the World, and preach  
the Gospel to every creature.”  
Mark 16:15

## News from the Missions Board—

We will be working to complete our Policy document as well as discussing the Mission Spotlight, the missions budget, and other miscellaneous items. Members of the board include Ray and Ellen Rudzinski, Mark and Nancy Wildenburg, Steve Krauss, and Rick Hinz.



## UPDATE...

October 6 @ 10:30 Young at Heart Ministry care partner

December 2 will be the next Praise Connection.

Anyone interested in joining Young at Heart please call Lynn Abitz at 920-788-9482.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 ESV

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; .

#### FRBC Vision Statement

We desire that everyone who enters Fox River Baptist Church grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in authentic, loving, familial relationships to make the name of Christ known in our community and world, all for the glory of God and joy of all.



2—Lynn Mlodzik  
5— Ruby Ziemendorf  
8—Hannah Hoffman  
18—Sara Smith  
25-Elliot Bressler



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Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you, and keep  
you;  
The Lord make His face shine on  
you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance  
on you,  
And give you peace.'