



# FBC Focus

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## Help serve at outreach event

By Pastor Georgie Filber

The Hope Depot will happen again on Saturday, August 27. It will be similar to the last two events in many ways, but it will also have a couple key changes. I hope this event helps you find a way to bring the Gospel to Oskaloosa in word and deed.

The event takes place at New Hope from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Families are able to come and receive help for physical needs such as food, clothing and medical screenings. The Gospel is also shared.

As usual, we are looking for folks from FBC to help host the event. We will need you to help provide oil changes, purchase groceries, medical screenings, distribute clothing and groceries,

and be guides for families. You can sign up to be involved at the Connection Center or on the church website. Volunteers are needed beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the 27th.

The guides will help each family find their way around to each service offered, as well as spend a short time praying for each family and hopefully find ways to share the Gospel. In hopes of creating more Gospel discussions between the guides and their families, each family who attends will have to listen to a 15 minute Gospel and testimony sharing time. Please be in prayer for those who will be sharing and those who will be guides.

Also, in order to make this event less of a "hand out" and more of a

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## Changes coming to T&T program

By Ben Drost, T&T Director

It seems that just last year I was holding my son Andrew's hand as we walked down the stairs to his first night of Cubbies. Or maybe it was the year before. No, actually, this year Andrew starts his second year of youth group. My daughter, Morgan, will be in her final year of Awana, and my daughter, Paige, is starting Truth & Training (T&T). Kids grow up quickly, and we have a great opportunity to share Christ with them through the Awana ministry at FBC.

With the start of a new Awana year, it would be good to take a few moments to let everyone know about changes that are coming to T&T this year. The Awana program

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## Awana Kick-Off

August 31

Pizza for the family at 5:45 p.m.

Regular Clubs 6:45 - 8:15 p.m.

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# Event to help physical & spiritual needs

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“hand up,” we have come up with two ways for those who attend to help others in need. First, each family who attends must bring a canned food item to donate

**THE HOPE DEPOT**  
Saturday, August 27  
11 AM – 3 PM  
at New Hope, 308 5th Ave. W.

to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard. Second, each family who attends must help others in need by either packaging meals for Take Away Hunger IA or assembling Chlorine Producing Units for Safe Water International Ministries (SWIM). These are two things we think almost anyone can do. If you have experience packing meals for Meals from the Heartland or have helped build the CPU units for SWIM, you can help others do the same.

Please be in prayer for this event, those who attend and those who will help serve others. Each time this event happens, great stories are shared about Gospel conversations, needs being met, and helping the hurting.

## Awana program sees curriculum changes

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is phasing in new curriculum for the T&T program, with the goal of being able to better build relationships with kids and disciple them.

The new books have what they are calling an “all together method.” This is similar to the Cubbies program, where all of the children learn the same verse each week. The verses will tie in with a large group lesson and small group discussion time. Kids will still be able to move through the books at their own pace, and there are extra verses and at-home activities for kids (and parents) who desire to work on more. When we gather as groups for handbook time, those in the new book will have more of a small group discussion instead of students waiting their turn to say their verses to a leader or listener as it has been in the past.

All incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and any new attendees will start with the new book. Those who have attended in the past can continue with their old handbook. If a parent feels their 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader would benefit from the new book and small group setting, we are happy to let any child start on the new book.

Those who attended T&T last year and are returning will be able to continue the same way as they worked last year, so they will not see as much change. For those who are new this year, they will have the chance to say any verses they memorized over the past week before we start club, from around 6:30 to 6:50 p.m. Those who don't have any verses to say from the past week will be able to carry on with basketball and whatever other games they care to play in the New Hope gymnasium. From the time we start

at 6:50 until we wrap up around 8:15, it will look very much the same as it has in the past with flag ceremony, Awana song, prayer, council time/large group lesson, handbook time/small group time, singing time, games and awards.

We may offer some crafts for those who would rather not participate in the game portion of the night.

Obviously, it takes a lot of adult volunteers to make this all run as smoothly as possible. So, if you are looking for something to do on Wednesday nights, we would be glad to have your service! And if you have plans on Wednesdays, we could still use you from 6:30 to 6:50 to listen to students say their verses. You could still be finished in time to catch your favorite TV show at 7:00! :) We could also use a game leader, if that is something you would be interested in doing.

We appreciate all of the parents who bring their children to club each week and the chance we get to share about Jesus with them each Wednesday evening. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the changes, feel free to contact me, Ben Drost, at 673-5349 or bendrost@yahoo.com.



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## Fall Schedule Changes

### Promotion Sunday - August 28

- Children's Sunday School will resume and kids will move up to their new grade level.
- Fall Adult Sunday School classes will begin.

### Return to Two Services - September 11

### Youth Group – Campus Craze

To end the summer and kick-off the new school year, the youth group will have their annual Campus Craze. All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the youth group at this time. The events are as follows:

- Friday, August 12 – Game Night – 5:00 p.m. at FBC. Pizza, games and fun - bring a friend.
- Saturday, August 13 – Adventureland – Meet at FBC at 8:30 a.m., returning late. Cost is \$42 plus money for supper. Lunch will be provided.
- Monday, August 15 – Service Project – Meet at FBC at 9:45 a.m. It will conclude at 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 17 – Swim Party and Water Games at De Boefs', 2460 Otter Hills Lane. Swimming starts at 3:00 p.m. Hotdogs and S'mores for supper. Bring a side to share.

Youth group will return to meeting at the church on August 31.



Wednesdays from 6:45 - 8:15 p.m.

Cubbies (Age 3-PreK) and Sparks (K-2nd) meet at FBC.  
T&T (3rd-5th) meets at New Hope, 308 5th Ave. West.

August		October	
31	Kick-Off with Pizza @ 5:45 p.m.	5	Crazy Glasses Night
		12	
September		19	
7		26	Funny Hat Night
14	Crazy Sock Night	November	
21		2	Family Pizza Night @ 5:45 p.m.
28	Parent Night with Pizza @ 5:45 p.m.		

### Worship Workshop

There will be a Worship Workshop September 16-17.

The workshop will be Friday evening and Saturday morning. Watch for specific details. Anyone involved in the worship ministry will be encouraged to attend and others are welcome to come as well.

Chuck Steddum will lead the event. Chuck pastors and works with worship at Bethlehem Baptist Church in the Minneapolis area. His parents attended FBC before moving to Pella.

### Men's Retreat

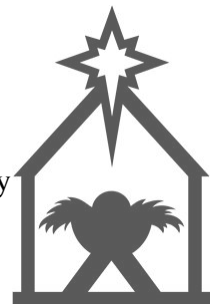
The annual Men's Retreat is scheduled for October 14-15 at Still Waters Cabin just south of Oskaloosa. Mark your calendar and watch for more details.

### Newsletter Change

You may or may not have noticed this issue of the FBC Focus covers three months. We have changed to a quarterly newsletter instead of bi-monthly. Watch your inbox for a new monthly email newsletter to help keep you informed of upcoming events.

### Christmas Choir

Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin on October 13 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. with worship team rehearsal to follow. The choir is tentatively scheduled to perform on December 11.



### Christmas Outreach

The Women's Ministry Team is still considering a Christmas outreach event. At this time, there are several people interested in serving on a planning committee. However, no one has shown an interest in leading this committee. If no one steps forward to lead the committee in the next few weeks, we will not proceed with the event. If you are interested in leading or being on the planning committee, please contact Susan Strong at 641-295-4468 or Cori Drost in the church office at 641-672-2225.