## pastor's perspective



School is winding down and summer is here! Summers at FBC are packed with opportunities for kids and teens...laser tag, eating out, going to the movies, and of course camp! We work hard advertising our summer offerings, but sometimes I worry that we don't spend enough time highlighting our weekly Sunday and

Wednesday ministry and the leaders who serve in those roles week in and week out.

Did you know that we have about 50 people who are a part of our nursery team? This includes Sunday School teachers who serve every week, and volunteers who serve on a weekly rotation during the service. Next time you see Annette Domingue, Alana Parker, Kristy Forke, Bri Hopson, Deidre Oates, or Kathy Ormsby, tell them thank you! They serve EVERY WEEK in the preschool, giving up their time and energy to teach the youngest ones in our church and love on their families. And we couldn't have worship without our volunteers who work during the service playing with kids, serving snacks, changing diapers, and going outside on the playground. Almost every family with a child in our preschool currently volunteers for this rotation, but that only makes up half of our team. The other half of our volunteers do not have preschool-aged children and yet they still choose to serve in this vital ministry.

Our Kids Zone is the space where our Kindergarten through 6th Graders meet on Sundays and Wednesdays. Each week 30-35 kids fill up our classrooms and another group of awesome volunteers lead our small groups. Our Sunday morning classes are taught by TJ and Kayla Garris, Matt and Casey Adams, Matt Baker, and Suzy Childers. We just wrapped up our Wednesday night classes for the semester. Our attendance was consistently high this year, even as families got busier this spring. Our Wednesday leaders this year were Kayla Garris, Jule Fenley, Kristen Belshaw, and Tanya Williams.

I believe our classes for children can and will change the course of a child's life. We all know that if you don't help a child connect their life with Jesus, the chances of them finding that personal connection later in their teens or adult life goes down significantly. The volunteers in our church are literally helping children make that connection every week.

Next month our biggest children's event of the year will take place...FIRST KIDS KAMP! It takes about 75 volunteers to make the week a success. During that week, children who attend our church and many more who do not, will be exposed to the gospel and the love of a church family inside our walls. Parents will drop them off and entrust them to our care. I can't think of a better place for a child to spend four days than with our amazing group of volunteers.

Thank you church family, and especially THANK YOU to the volunteers in the preschool and children's ministry. The next generation of the church is being formed by you, and one of the greatest blessings of my life is serving with you!

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