

# FBC News



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## Bible Study Happenings with Our International Members

On Sunday, July 3, 2011, three new Bible Study classes met for the first time. Members of those classes were formerly in the Oikos class led by Jeanne Anderson. Most class members are former refugees who had come together on the basis of their refugee status. But, just as the designation of "refugee" recedes in the wake of the more relevant descriptors of employee, parent, student, church member, legal permanent resident, and disciple of Christ, so, too, does the need for the original class combination.

With a little over one year of Christian belief and discipleship, Basu Mudhel was ready to begin a "Nepali Speakers' Discipleship Discussion Class". His wife Biva, a Christian since age 12, is by his side, supporting him with her knowledge of songs, prayers, and familiarity with the Bible.

They are a dynamic team growing the faith of class members while also teaching more thoroughly those Bhutanese who are illiterate in their own language. Speaking the Nepali language is a critical skill for the deepening of their faith experience. Their class is one of prayer, singing, and a back-and-forth discussion of the 8:30am sermon for the day and its scriptural basis. Most Sunday evenings they also meet in a family home for songs, prayers, discipleship and a common meal. They are excited about their faith! Please pray for them.

Another outcome of the division of the Oikos class is a gathering of students at the 8:30am hour.

They are the "Learning English with the Bible" Class. Using the Book of Mark, they are working hard to grow their English skills while also learning about the Bible. Class members are those who are still having difficulty picking up on most of the sermon in English.

Some members gained employment early in their arrival which meant they received little or no English instruction. Others are those who have little interaction with English speakers. Some are children and youth fine-tuning what they are picking up in school. This class is engaged and working from the moment they begin each Sunday. Jenna Anderson is the main teacher for this class. Please remember them in prayer as they grow their Bible knowledge and their English speaking abilities.

The third class to emerge from the Oikos group is the "Burundian Women's Class". Most members of this class have been with us since 2007. This class is a combination of women, female youth, and girls who are learning in Kirundi/Swahili and English. With language acquisition a struggle for many without literacy, this heavy emphasis on interpretation is allowing youth to help mothers understand what is being said in English and then mothers to elaborate on those points of instruction for youth and children.

For the adult women in the class, they have learned the Bible stories very, very well and this class dynamic allows them to make sure that their girls are also learning the stories. Women, youth, and children are all being stretched to apply their understandings to their lives, together. With a basic format of prayer, singing, scripture reading, and scripture discussion, each Sunday prepares the participants to go into the 11 o'clock worship with a basic understanding of the pastor's sermon topic for the day. Jeanne Anderson facilitates this class and provides scriptural questions and insights for their use, but they are teaching one another as they open up and discuss understandings in their own language. Please pray for these women as they grow their faith and the faith of their girls together.

The journey of faith is often unseen and can become just a habit of Sunday morning attendance. However, when we respond to faith needs or interests as the basis for Bible Study class formation, a new energy can emerge. Perhaps that means we are paying attention. Perhaps it means that we are following the Holy Spirit. May God bless the growing faith occurring in all Bible Study classes at FBC, and may we appreciate the blessings such fellowship and learning brings to our faith!

## Looking Ahead

### Saturday, July 16

Minister on Call-Patti English 899-6557

### Sunday, July 17

8:30am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture

### Monday, July 18

### Tuesday, July 19

11:30am Picnic in the Park

### Wednesday, July 20

6:00pm Citizenship Class  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, July 21

9:15am Worship Planning  
4:00pm International Choir  
5:00pm Community Dinner

### Friday, July 22

6:00pm In the House

### Saturday, July 23

Minister on Call-Larry Haun 786-7762

### Sunday, July 24

8:30am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture

## Missions e-update

Tori Wentz | Fredericksburg, Va.  
CBF field personnel serving in medical missions



[www.thebible.org/info](http://www.thebible.org/info)

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions

The latest newsletter from Tori Wentz, our CBF Affiliate missionary, is now available. You may view it by visiting the church website and clicking on the link on the homepage.



**Remember to keep in prayer all of the workers and participants enjoying SOKS Camp at Heritage Park this summer.**

## Responsibilities for July 17

### Extended Session

#### 8:30am Service

#### Contact Person:

Erin Silver 809-1303

#### Infant Care (PA14):

Van & Tammy

#### Toddlers & Preschoolers (PA12):

Frankie & Anna Lee

#### 11:00am Service

#### Contact Person:

Donna Morris 898-6479

#### Bed Babies:

Ellen Mayo, Jan Pierson Graebner, Liz Garnett

#### Toddlers:

Aaron & Tara Lehmann

#### 2s:

Allen Bennett, Kathy Davis

#### 3s & 4s:

Carla Harrington, Elizabeth Papier

### Greeters Schedule

Princess Anne St: Jerry & Vicki Silver

Hallway outside Chapel: Mike Wondree

Sanctuary Door: Joe & Pat DiCecca

Caroline Street: Harris & Dottie Judy

Children's Area: Bea Wondree

Youth Area: Volunteer from Youth Class

Amelia St: Hugh Mullen

### Bus Drivers

#### 8:30am

Cory Hicks

#### 9:45am

Dewey Lowman, Jimmy McGlone, Keith Morris

### Ushers

#### 8:30am

Bob Edwards, Mike Silver, John Rhea, Mike Wondree

#### 11:00am

Joe Alexander, Billy Hoovler, Daphna Marsh, Phyllis Patton, Reggie Bache, Winston Ward

### Deacons

#### 8:30am

Cassie Hart, Chuck Pitts, Susan Snellings, John Snellings, Marsha Stewart (W&B), Ralph Stewart (W&B)

#### 11:00am

Joe DiCecca, Pat DiCecca, Rick Fultz, Theresie Houghton, Susan Hilldrup, Bill King, Jeff Leggitt, John Fick (W&B), John Garnett (W&B)

### Audio Operators

#### 8:30am

John Ingram

#### 11:00am

Joe DiCecca

## Among Our Family

### In The Hospital

#### Children's Hospital Colorado:

Katie Berry

**Warsaw Healthcare:** Frank Smart (Sam Smart's father)

### Sympathy To:

Frank and Kathy Valentine in the death of their son-in-law, Howard "Howie" Cook

### Thank you:

Dear Church Family,  
My sincere "thank you" for the many visits and prayers I received while a patient at Mary Washington Hospital. I am recovering nicely at home and truly treasure the support felt from the church family. Sincerely, Sue Bowie

## Special Gifts

### In Memory of

**Embrey Endowment** for **Lottie Rodgers, for her birthday, July 21,** given by Gail Hylton

**Youth Ministry** for **Glenn & Jean Blair,** given by Joe & Glenda Gotshall

**Children's Ministry** for **Dan & Susan Hansen,** given by John & Margaret Ingram...for **David & Anne Pierce,** given by John & Margaret Ingram

**Baraca** for **Boyd Green,** given by Arnita Graham; Charlotte M. Walker

### In Honor of

**Building Upon Our Heritage** for **Starke & Madelyn Jones on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary,** given by Mildred Powell

## Our 2011 Financial Stewardship

### Ministry Budget

Weekly Needs	\$26,649
Sunday, July 10	\$34,989
Y-T-D Total	\$614,024
Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$132,143

### BUOH in Missions

Weekly Needs	\$4,808
Sunday, July 10	\$6,423
Y-T-D Total	\$99,527
Ahead/Behind Goal	-\$35,097

### Our Sunday School Attendance

Sunday, July 10	462
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## Lindsey Hershner Completes Internship; Looks to New Mission Opportunities

*Lindsey Hershner was a student at Mary Washington who attended and served along with us here at Fredericksburg Baptist throughout her undergraduate career. FBC continued to support her as she moved onto an internship with InterVarsity International Student Ministry. Please pray for her as she continues her faithful discipleship to Christ in a new way.*

### Thank You For a Wonderful Year!

by Lindsey Hershner

I wanted to write this long overdue update to each of you to thank you for your support of a wonderful year of International Student Ministry at UNC Chapel Hill and to let you know my future plans.

Since the last time I wrote, International Friends (our group at UNC) began the Spring semester with a renewed vision for building a sense of community and ownership of the group among the students. We tackled this goal by restructuring our Friday dinners, shifting the focus to small group gatherings after dinner rather than large events. We offered three groups: a bible study for Christian students, a Bible story discussion group for students who wanted to learn about Christianity, and a cultural exchange group for students not interested in spiritual issues. I took over the main leadership of the Bible story discussion group this semester with my co-leader, PhD Candidate and Korean professor, Haeyoung Kim. We were excited as the Friday night schedule allowed some new members to join our group and everyone engaged well with our new discussion based

format. We saw the students engage with the stories from Jesus' life we read each week and many told us reading the actual stories from the Bible had changed their understanding of who Jesus is.

This Spring semester we also participated in a regional conference for International Students called Discovery Weekend. Students from schools across Virginia and North Carolina spent the weekend at a camp hearing from a speaker and attending workshops on the topic of what true success looks like in all areas of their lives. Many students were inspired and we were very excited when two UNC students decided that weekend that they wanted to become followers of Jesus.

The semester ended with an encouraging interest meeting for students interested in becoming leaders with the group next year.

A solid group of students expressed an interest at this meeting and two of these students

have already begun to lead a bible study at their house this summer.

Personally this past semester I had to evaluate if I should make a commitment to stay with InterVarsity beyond this intern year. After taking into consideration many factors, praying, and speaking with my trainer and supervisor I came to the decision that I should not continue in full time employment with InterVarsity. I am so grateful for the opportunity I have had this year to focus on ministering to international students and I have learned so much. I want to thank each of you for all of your support for me in making this possible.

I have moved back to Richmond, VA and my hope is to serve on a volunteer basis as a resource to any individual or organization in the area with an interest in getting involved with international student ministry. And of course I will personally continue to seek to meet and get to know the strangers that God brings to my backdoor.



Friends and volunteers gathered at the final Friday Night Dinner.

### On-Line Giving (E-Giving)

You can now give your offering on-line using your computer. For more information visit [www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Online\\_giving\\_faq.htm](http://www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Online_giving_faq.htm)

## The Persons are in the USA Through December

The Person family, on mission through CBF to the B people, is now in the United States for a much-needed rest and to address health issues. A usual trip home means a whirlwind tour of CBF affiliated churches. However, this time the Persons are seeking some respite. Please pray for them as they regain strength and focus over these six months at home. Many of our new friends from around the world come to us as a result of hearing about Christ from a missionary or Christian agency abroad. The seeds of faith are often just waiting for the nourishment of Christian fellowship. Those initial discussions about faith come from hours and days and years of trust-building. It's hard work. Pray for Kirk and Susie Person as they spend this time with their children and family here at home. Pray that they will feel our prayers for their health and well-being. Pray that they will be able to relax and regain energy. Pray for the new believers among the B people. Pray for all of the B people as they continue to think on the gospel message which Kirk and Susie have presented in word and by example. Pray without ceasing!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade Pool Party!

**Saturday, August 13**  
**At the Home of**  
**Van and Tammy Snellings**  
**5:30pm- 8:00pm**

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served for dinner followed by an ice cream sundae!

You must sign up for this event by August 6<sup>th</sup> to ensure we have enough food.

For directions and sign up email  
Erin Silver at

[Erin@FredericksburgBaptistChurch.](mailto:Erin@FredericksburgBaptistChurch)

## Mommy and Me Groups Start Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>!

The Mommy-and-Me group is a group of moms and kids who gather as a playgroup during summer months to promote the development of their children by providing social interactions and age appropriate activities. Mothers are also encouraged to use this time to support one another through conversation about motherhood and parenting.

This is a time designed specifically for moms with kids birth through 5 years old. Moms who also have older children but would like to be a part of the Mommy-and-Me group are welcome to bring their older kids but are asked to provide activities appropriate for their age.

**Join us next week as we meet at the home of Ali Knighting for our first mommy-and-me group. We will begin around 11:30 and end around 1:30. Please bring a picnic lunch for your family to enjoy.**

**Email Erin Silver for directions**

### Youth Will Be "In the House"

Friday, July 22nd  
6pm-8pm

The Yelverton's House

In the House will meet for prayer, games, devotion, food... and many other things. Don't miss out on a great time to grow closer to God and each other. Tonight's In the House will be at the Yelverton's - 30 Steeplechase Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

Please make sure you sign-up so our hosts can plan accordingly. Also bring a snack to share.  
Sign-up Today!!

# THANKS!



A big THANK YOU to all who helped make VBS a great success!!

† Ministry Team †

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