Pastor’s Report 2018

2017 is now in the books and it has been a good year for our church and ministry. God has faithfully guided us through this past year as we have reached out in many different areas from adults, to youth, to missions, and a variety of other ministries we support and even some new ventures God has brought us through. One big ministry that we have been pouring much time and effort into is our, “Journey of Hope Counseling Center.” This was only a thought, two years ago, and now has grown into full functioning counseling ministry. This is not just a church ministry, but counseling help is available to anyone in need; including church members and the general public.

It has been my privilege to minster here with you at FBCWD over the last year. Looking back, in the month of November 2017 our Youth Pastor, Jackson Garrell and his wife Liz, resigned from our ministry. They felt God leading them to pursue more education in preparation for another ministry. In light of that transition the Deacon Board and myself have been prayerfully considering another Associate Pastor. The opportunity to have Pastor Seth and Julie Finch return here to FBCWD to minister is now in the process. We will be discussing this in greater detail later on in our Annual Business Meeting.

I am encouraged and trusting God as I look ahead in the future of our church. The more I look at our church body the more I see God’s hand moving people into areas of service and ministry. The heartbeat of West Danby must always be our ministry and service to others. Like I have said before, “every member is a minister, and every job is important.” Jesus has given the church a mandate to reach out and bring people into the church, so the good news of the gospel can be heard. He also wants us to serve those within the church; ministering, loving and caring for each other. When a church functions this way, we become the hands and feet of Jesus. A church will be known for its heartbeat for Christ and Christian service, let’s make West Danby a church that will attract people because of Christ. I encourage each one of you to be faithful in your specific area of ministry, and for all of us to reach out with Christ’s love; we must be faithful, and God will bring the blessings. I’m looking forward for another year of ministry together.

Love,
Pastor Bruce
Recently one of our family members went to be with our Savior. We join in mourning with Dan Clements and family as we also rejoice in the life of Kathy Clements. It was touching to read in her emails that her confidence was in Christ alone and that she knew whatever the case, He would either deliver her from the illness or deliver her into His caring arms.

We’ve seen a few changes over this past year. One big change for us was the departure of Pastor Jackson and Liz. We certainly enjoyed their time here and trust they will do great things for God back in North Carolina.

The vacancy left by Pastor Jackson may be short lived. We are looking forward to seeing God’s will in the possibility of bringing Seth & Julie Finch and their kids back into ministry here.

We are thankful for Pastor Bruce and Deb who continues to teach, encourage, and equip our people for service. Pastor Bruce keeps his deacons keenly aware of the things that can hurt a church. He’ll often read excerpts from a book whose title escapes me but it’s something like “The Anatomy of a Dying Church”. A common characteristic of a dead or dying church is inward focus. We take it seriously as we’ve seen its effects firsthand in the revitalization efforts.

The annual increase in our mission’s budget alone is evidence of our focus here. Each year we increase our support for missionaries and mission programs or we adopt new ones.

It’s awesome to see how many of our people have been involved in missions at our church. Our people have been around the globe. We had a crew in South Africa, the Tubbs in Guatemala, and many others like Alyssa Cody. Kim Baldwin, the Owens and the rescue mission come to mind when I think of outward focus.

I believe the new Christ-centered counseling center is yet more evidence that we intend to keep doing that which pleases the Lord and it has and will certainly benefit many inside and outside our church family.

Our attention to outreach is significant but it is not at the expense of what goes on here at the church. We have a great Awana staff, faithful trustees, dedicated Sunday school teachers, youth group leaders, awesome band/worship teams, care groups, and small groups.

It’s great to be a part of a functional thriving church. Like Dean says, we see a lot of new people come in to our church. They may not always stay but they are hearing the truth. It’s not our job to save people but to show them the Savior and I’m confident that happens here. We are just a group of

Great things have happened here for the Kingdom (at least on a West Danby scale 😁) but I truly believe greater things are in the works and yet to come. May God continue to bless us here at First Baptist Church of West Danby!

In Christ,

The FBCWD Deacon Board
Collide Youth Group is on Sunday nights from 6pm – 7:30pm. It is for 5th – 8th Graders. It is filling a huge need at the church to keep the kids involved during that important pre-high school age – through junior high. Our high this year is the amazing growth in numbers of young people coming to Collide. We have approximately 25 each week, many of whom are unchurched. Our events like Nerf Wars, sledding, THAW Winter Camp at Rock Mountain Bible Camp and Reverb in the fall, were all very well attended.

Our low this year is having to say farewell to Pastor Jackson and Clint Seely who were called to follow God in other ways. Their passion and wealth of knowledge and experience are well missed. In the fall we are praying for some other people to come on board and help us function and minister to this age group.

Our needs are few... Maybe a new longer VGA cable for running the video for our lessons. some sports equipment like cones and balls... But mostly for scholarships to help our newer members to ease their burden to participate. We appreciate the ones who have helped cover costs for the big events, lives are being changed.

The team for Collide Youth Group is Ron Lau and Brian & Billie Jo Owens. We appreciate your faithfulness and we appreciate how you have stepped up to lead this important ministry to our young people! Plans are being made for April and May, so we will end well before summer time comes! Please continue to pray for Collide Youth and pray that we will see fruit in the lives of the children.

Collide Team

Last year’s VBS was a great success. We had a large number of children attend and our church pulled together to help with all the different aspects of set up, drama, scenery, decorating, snacks, crafts, games, verse listening, prizes and much more! We appreciate how our church body pulls together. It was based on Pilgrim’s Progress.

We are looking forward to this years VBS. We are doing “Time Lab: Discovering Jesus From Eternity Past to Eternity Future”. It is scheduled for July 23rd – 27th. There is a sign up sheet to help with many different areas to help make this VBS a huge success! There are many different areas that you can be involved in from being a team leader for a specific age, puppets, drama, games, snacks, crafts and more! Please pray about the opportunity to be involved in this ministry. It is a great outreach to new families in the area and a great opportunity to share the gospel! It also will broaden our children’s views of God and how He has a plan for their lives. Check out the sign-up sheet and see where you might be involved.

VBS Team
As of November 2017, Jenny and I have had the amazing opportunity to take the leading role for the Tribe Youth Group. It has been an incredible blessing to be able to invest in these teenagers lives and grow in many friendships. God has also blessed us with an amazing team of volunteers; Shaun and Erica Keturi, Amber Dekoyer, and Pat Sexton. Other than Pat Sexton, who had previously helped while Pastor Jackson was leader, all of the youth leaders are new to this ministry. With that said, it has been truly incredible to see how well our group of leaders have come together and worked together in big events as well as every Sunday night.

Our group began in the middle of November. In fact the very first event we held, before even any Sunday night meetings was the Word Of Life Reverb event hosted in Binghamton with over 40 kids attending! We also took a smaller group of teens to the Word of Life Snow Camp in Schroon Lake.

While I was incredibly amazed with how many kids brought out for that event I have been even more amazed with what God does on a weekly basis at Tribe. We currently average somewhere around 15 students each week. We have our core group on teens who come every week and are often surprised with some unique guests. It’s been amazing as well as challenging to understand and meet the needs of the group as a whole, as well as each individual teen.

In order to best meet the needs of some individual teens we have also begun a more personal approach to discipling teens. This involves going through one of our books with a teen. For the girls we use the book “Lies Young Women Believe”. For the boys “Disciplines For A Godly Young Man” is being used. This has just recently began and we are looking forward to God answering our prayers as we invest wholeheartedly into them.

Being a new group of leaders for Tribe we have also determined that we should put into place our own mission statement and vision statement. We are currently working toward putting these together as a team, as well as putting them into place.

I believe I can honestly say that God has chosen this group of leaders for this very group of teens. We see this every week at Tribe. These teens have real hurts, real hang ups, real fears. These teens face a world that no other generation has known. However, we fully believe that we serve an almighty God who is the King of all things and is sovereign over all things. He alone can change these teens lives. This is what we strive to show these teens every week through our lessons, our beliefs, and our actions.

Grace upon grace,

Seth Clark
2018 Trustee Report

The trustees of the church take our stewardship over the finances, the building, and the general administration of the church very seriously. Each year we look to improve and maintain the function of our building, continue to be financially responsible, and attempt to make church operations as smooth and as efficient as possible. We’re happy to serve this way in our church.

We’re continually at work throughout the building each year. This isn’t an exhaustive list of all the things we’ve done: updated a ceiling in one of the Sunday School rooms, adjusted parking in the parking lot to accommodate more parking, performed annual service and repairs on the furnace, continued to work on getting HDMI throughout the building, repaired the drinking fountains (Yay! They work!!) and invested in new windows across the new building. We had a unique situation and needed to replace two leaking fuel oil tanks (at the church and at the parsonage). We also acquired the bounce houses that we have been enjoying. We’ve acquired some additional cabinets for the gym kitchen, Tom Sessler refurbished our storage shed, and the trustees also collaborated with the deacons to help develop our new emergency response procedures.

A building planning team of brothers within the church was established to discuss plans for the second floor of the new building, and we’re hoping to develop a more concrete plan this year. We praise God for the additional room to grow into.

Financially, we continue to maintain the status quo. We continue to pay down mortgage debt on the building, invest in the capital projects noted above, and ensure effective financial controls are in place across the church. We also look forward to helping our counseling ministry grow and help the team to implement the right administrative procedures to properly control information and financials.

As we look forward to this year, we hope to purchase a man lift for the gym. We’ll continue with our ceiling tile replacement project in the Sunday School wing. We’ll continue to work to bring HDMI video of our main service into the Nursery, the main hallway, and the coffee house. We also plan on updating the windows in the sanctuary (this year or next). We’re always receptive to other capital investments that may be needed. If your ministry has something that needs maintenance or updating, please contact a trustee or Pastor.

The trustees rely on and depend on our Treasurer, Mrs. Liz King. We’re very blessed by her excellent service! We’re very thankful for the great job that Boult Higgins and the Higgins family does cleaning the church each week! We would also like to thank the many other members and volunteers that take on projects to continue to develop our ministry. Whether it is chopping wood, washing windows, cleaning out a room, or simply stopping to improve anything, many hands make light work, and we love your hearts for service.

To God be the Glory,
The Board of Trustees of FBCWD
Rescue Mission Ministry

The Ithaca Rescue Mission provides an emergency shelter, a drop-in day center, permanent and transitional supportive housing. The day center, called the Friendship Center, provides a safe place out of the elements that is open to all M - F. Due to budgetary restraints, the friendship center is no longer open on weekends. Three meals are served weekly there, and their community food pantry is open five days a week.

The shelter and residence offer case management, employment resources, spiritual care, and support services necessary for individuals and families experiencing homelessness to move forward to greater stability and independence. They have two transitional housing units. The Court Street residence provides 10 units of quality, affordable housing for men. The W. State St location provides an additional 15 unit for men and women.

We have provided several meals regularly throughout the year at the Friendship Center. On average we serve 40 – 50 individuals. We provided gift bags and knit hats during the winter months. In November we created a love table full of clothes, toiletries and gifts that were given to Mr. Bennet, the director, when he and Mike Foster, Manager of friendship center, came to speak at our church and provide an update of their ministry. One of our future goals it to build a larger donation cupboard that we can use for collecting clothing, pantry items, toiletries, and other essential items. We are also working with the Ithaca Homeless Crises group for fundraising opportunities that will benefit the Rescue Mission, Second Wind Cottages, and those homeless in the jungle.

We continue to make weekly donations to the food pantry while also meeting some of the ongoing disposable supplies needed for the friendship center. We continue to provide individual household and clothing supplies.

Our goal for the Rescue Mission is to provide basic needs to those hurting and homeless, while seeking opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our consistency at the rescue mission has built a trusting relationship with those lost and hurting. We are now familiar faces to several of the people we serve. When they speak among themselves it is routinely said, “Our food is always shared with lots of love”. We talk about our church family and faith and they open to us with their struggles. We always leave with a few new friends and names we can be in prayer for.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Bill and Kim Baldwin
We have had a great year in AWANA. We praise God for a consistent group of children and we praise God for the many children that have completed their books this year. We are so thankful for our fantastic AWANA Team.

Cubbies / Puggles – Paul & Marcy Cody – Hailie Ingram

Sparks – Amanda Schumacher – Jenny Baker, Bonita Hogben, Nicole Ingram, Ericka Blyler

T & T – Debbie Scott – Pastor Bruce, John Frandsen, Doug Heath, Angie Blyler, Pam Hammond

Games – Blake Schumacher – Steve Blyler, Caleb Ingram

Snacks – Skip & Janet Fairchild

We are looking forward to the last month of AWANA. Only four weeks left. We have Wheelie Dealie Night coming up. This is always a huge hit! We have enjoyed many special theme nights this past year.

We are so very thankful for our Verse Listeners that come each week to help our AWANA Program function so much better. They make all the difference in the world. They allow our leaders to have two to four children to listen to rather than five – six. It makes verse listening a joy and gives the children the attention they need to get through their books.

This past year our church participated in AWANA Bible Quizzing in Syracuse, New York. We had three clubbers participate. They competed against many other churches in a written exam and a verbal competition. Our team represented FBC of WD well. They came in first place. Congratulations Hannah Scott, Parker King and Sam Brown. Sam, also received a special high honors trophy for getting second place overall. We were very proud of our clubbers that participated!

God Bless,

Pastor Bruce
AWANA Commander

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Sincerely,
Deb Scott
AWANA Treasurer
Our Children's Church Program is divided into a Toddler Church and Junior Church Program (formerly called Rush Hour). The older group includes grades 1 – 6. We are so grateful to all those who volunteer in our children's church program! Parents can be confident that our staff will welcome their children, love them, and teach them about Jesus in a safe and caring environment.

Our faithful Toddler Rush Hour Teams include Autumn King, Erica Boehme, Tori Masters, Hope Clark, Joe and Faith Broome, Madison Scott and Christen Blyler, Paul & Eden Bast, Jenny Baker and Abigail Cody. They also have great youth volunteers that help them each week! Three of these teams are expecting babies in the next couple of months, so we will be super short handed! Please come alongside this ministry!

Five teams minister in junior church. Our current teams are:

Team One – Mike Scott, Clint Seely, Skip Fairchild & Peggy Hamley

Team Two – Ron and Laura Lau and Amy Jo DeKoeeyer

Team Three – Debbie Scott and rotating volunteers

Team Four – Kenny & Christina VanEtten, Jennifer Hubbard, Angie Holmes.

Team Five – This team ministers when there is a 5th Sunday in a month. Currently NO ONE is helping during this week. Might God be leading you to join this team? There is a fifth Sunday in April. Please help!

Unlike many ministries that require a commitment each week, this ministry is unique because it only requires each team to prepare for one week of service every month, letting them worship with the adults during the other weeks. Each team has its own personality and plays to the strength of each person.

Are you part of a ministry team here at FBCWD? Would you consider joining one of our children's church teams? Some people hold back from this ministry because they do not think they have the needed skill set, but we have many needs! Some team members take turns doing things like teaching the verse, performing with puppets, doing a science experiment that teaches a lesson or leading song time. Other teams have the same person always teach the lesson, run game time, prepare a craft, bring a snack, or just help with their adult presence. We can also use people to help run the sound system.

Two things that will last for eternity are God's Word and our souls. What a wonderful opportunity we have to build God's Word into the souls of children!

We currently need more people in both Toddler Church and Junior Church. Please pray that God will provide the workers we need, and be open to God directing YOU to volunteer to meet the need!

God Bless,

Amy Jo DeKoeeyer

Children's Church Ministry Team
Crew is a Men’s Ministry at the church. We meet usually once a month. We have gone through several studies. Right now, we are in Tony Evan’s study, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John. This past year we enjoyed a great night called Tech Talk. We had several men share about different interesting things concerning cars. Jim DeKoeyer, Randy Tubbs, and Shaun Keturi all participated and everyone enjoyed what the men shared! It was a great success!

We also had a night where we went out to dinner and to a hockey game in Binghamton. We had a nice group of men come and enjoy the fellowship of being together.

We are looking forward to our next meeting the end of April. We have been asked about hosting a golf tournament this summer. We are looking forward to that! We also enjoy our annual Father or Son Campout! This is a great time that our men love to get together and camp, cook out, shoot, fish, swim and have a blast making memories with their families and friends.

Wrecking Crew is a part of our Crew Ministry. The Wrecking Crew is a group within our group that reaches out and helps people with various projects that need to get done. The Wrecking Crew has been alive and well this year and been a blessing to several of our people who have had needs.

Crew is an important part of our church. It is so important to offer men the opportunity to grow in relationship with each other as well as grow in relationship with the Lord!

God Bless,
Pastor Bruce

Our Small Group Ministry is really the backbone of the church. It gives people an opportunity to pray together, study the Word together and grow. We appreciate the many people that have hosted small groups this past year. It is so important to have welcoming homes within our body.

We also appreciate the many people who have facilitated small groups this year! What a blessing you are to the Lord! It would not function without you. Small Groups make church so much better, so much closer, so much more intimate. So many have been challenged in their walk with Christ because of the Small Group Ministry. Thanks so much for your faithfulness!

Small Group Team
Ladies’ Ministry 2017 held many celebrations of weddings! We held bridal showers just before our regular meeting for 3 months. Each was a wonderful way for the women of our church to come together and support and encourage our younger ladies. The year ended with a great turn out in May for our Mother’s Day event, “Paint and Pastries” with around 30 women in attendance. We may even do it again this year!

There were various conferences our women attended in the Fall, such as Ladies Advance and Raising Generations Today.

We kicked off our ministry year in October and held the annual Wreath Workshop at the end of November (with Lori Wilhide’s help -what a blessing). 50 wreaths were made, and it was great to see our ladies bring visitors to our gathering to fellowship and hear about our God!

Our January meeting started with a baby shower for Hollie Rimbey, and a beautiful testimony and sharing by Kim Baldwin. In February we began the study “When God Doesn’t Fix It”. We met at Kim Scott’s house, and put together Blessing Bags for the needy. Our March meeting was held at Liz King’s. We recognized babies Elijah Lau and Hezekiah Hubbard. We also heard from Loreen Miner and her love of DIY health using dandelions.

We will continue our study in April and will hold our next Mother’s Day Celebration in May. We also have a group going to the Ladies LYFE Conference at Clarks Summit University.

Thank you for the opportunity to gather the women of our church, as we strive to encourage one another, be challenged to use our gifts, serve others, and grow in our relationship with the Lord, and the ones He has placed in our lives.

Kimberly Clark
Missions Committee Report

This year has been another exciting year for missionary support. As a church body we continue to seek God's guidance and direction to expand this area of our budget. We presently have twelve active missionaries and four retired members.

This past summer we had an opportunity to support Pastor Seth and Julie Finch as they started their new Church ministry in Indian Lake. Church members and many of our teens ventured up to Indian Lake for a week to help run the summer Vacation Bible School. It was a great success.

John Early from the Renovation House shared their goal to expand their ministry for women. They have purchased the old TTCA building and hope to start construction in the next year.

We were also blessed this past winter and summer with visits from our South African friends. Ruth Rising spoke at our church and gave an update on Bethesda. She brought one of the teachers, Johanna, who was previously in the foster care system, to share her testimony and the impact Bethesda had had on her life.

The Ballard’s from Russia have expanded their summer camp location to include their first winter camp. The funds we provide helped support placement of a heating unit in one of their buildings to provide orphans a winter camp retreat. Over 40 kids were in attendance, many hearing the gospel for the first time.

Kevin Maki, pastor for the death in California has now taken on a role as an international deaf leader. Leading a team to bring the gospel of Christ all around the world.

Our church continues to sponsor Randy and Cheryl Tubbs on their yearly short term missions trip to Guatemala each year. This year we were able to make 100 dresses to provide for young girls in rural villages and also provided school uniforms for a whole village of children in Guatemala!

A team also visited our new missionary team at RESTORE. They were able to meet Pastor Lucas and Rele as well as catch up with Pastor Zwide. It was such a blessing to see God at work in Welkom, South Africa as well as visiting Ruth Rising and her missionary team at Bethesda.

We have a team of nine going to China in October – November to help minister alongside Jon and Doreen Baker. They will be helping build greenhouses and water systems. It is such a blessing to see our missionaries first hand and how God uses them to reach out to the lost.

Another work team is underway to go to South Africa and help with major building projects at the Butterfly House. This is an outreach to abandoned babies and a wood working area for young men to learn a trade.

As a missionary committee we continue to be in prayer over the growth and development of our missionary budget and plan to continue to step out in faith as God directs our path.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Missionary Committee
We are excited about what God is doing in our Discipleship Ministry! It is not an easy ministry to be involved in because it is a big commitment of time. It takes about six months to get through the book. Most teams take much longer because of the length of this commitment.

Many people have gone through the Discipleship Ministry. It is really challenging and encouraging to see that if people are discipled and then continue to disciple two people per year that within sixteen years 65,536 people could potentially be discipled.

How are you doing spiritually? Are you solid in your walk with Christ? Are you part of this exciting ministry that will make a difference for eternity? If you are in the process of being discipled, we want to encourage you to finish, finish the book. Accomplish this for Christ! Then, we want to encourage you to disciple someone else.

We appreciate Nathan and Kim Clark. They held a Discipleship Dessert Night where they invited all the disciplers over for encouragement and sharing. It was a great night. It was encouraging. They shared some ideas of acknowledging people when they complete the process.

At present, we have several teams that are faithfully discipling other believers. Kim and Nathan Clark are discipling Joe and Faith Broome. Tom Sessler is discipling Sean Nuvision. Dan and Beth Crosier are discipling Gary and Angie Holmes. Janet Fairchild is discipling Ruth Marshall.

Discipleship is a great way to meet with someone who will go through a book with you, dig in the Word of God, give opportunity for great discussion and growth. We would love for you to be part of this fantastic ministry. If you have been discipled, and aren’t presently discipling anyone, maybe it is time to reach out. It will refresh you spiritually and encourage you and challenge you.

If you haven’t been discipled and desire to, please let Pastor Bruce know. We would love to connect you with someone that will be an encouragement in your life.

God Bless,

Pastor Bruce
Sunday School Ministry

Our S.S. ministry is very active due to the many dedicated leaders that greet and disciple our young and “not so young” individuals, each week. We provide Sunday School in a diversity of ways.

Children’s nursery provides care for infants and children under the age of four. This is provided by a faithful group of ladies, Suzanne, Ceil, Connie, Janet, and Ruth that rotate through this ministry.

The Core of our Sunday School Program – Pre-K – 12, and our Adult class are all using the Gospel Project.

**The Gospel Project for Kids** is a Christ-centered Bible study resource that looks at the big picture of God's story — the story of redemption through Jesus Christ. Each week, kids of all ages will follow a chronological timeline of Bible events, all the while learning how each story points to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our children’s ministry is led by three amazing ladies. The 4-5-year olds are taught by Jenn Pasto, 1st – 3rd grade is taught by Jenn Goodwin and 4th – 6th is taught by Tricia Brown.

Seth Clark is our newest member to our SS team. He teaches 7th – 12th grade teens. We appreciate the time he invests in the lives of our young people.

**The Gospel Project for Adults** takes men and women on a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Participants will encounter God’s plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of the faith, and the call to join in God’s mission locally and around the world.

The Adult Class has been led by Dean Everhart for many years. We appreciate his dedication to the Word of God and expansion of kingdom work.

The Young at Heart Class is led by Tom and Shannon Sessler. They have offered a diversity of topics that meet the needs of singles and married couples. They do a tremendous job of meeting individuals right where they are at while showering them with the love of Christ.

Deb Scott leads wonderful chummy time with the College Age group. She does an amazing job encouraging them to serve the Lord and grow in their walk with Him.

In June, we plan to bring back our SS verse contest. The end of June will conclude our school year program. A party to end our successful year is in the works.

We are creating a wonderful summer Sunday School Program that will blend our children’s ministry classes and give our Sunday School teachers a summer break. It will be full of many biblical truths, crafts, games and fun, summer time activities. We welcome volunteers to assist in our summer program.

We will be seeking new members to our Sunday School team in the fall. If you have an interest in children’s ministry or would like to be placed on our sub list, please see me for more details.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support to this wonderful ministry.

Blessings to all

Kim Baldwin

SS Director
The Body Builders Ministry is vital to the church. It helps the church function as a whole and helps us stop letting people slip through the cracks in our church. It is a huge blessing to me as your pastor to have help in reaching out and meeting the needs of the people in our ministry.

I want to say thank you to the many people who served faithfully this past year. We appreciate your service to the Lord! We recently had a planning and organizational meeting for this upcoming year. We have some new people who have joined. We are praising God for you as well.

The Body Builders team consists of some church members who function in areas of our ministry such as, help for our widows, reaching out to new members in the church, visiting the sick and hospitalized, and providing meals when people are sick and laid up. There are few other areas that we focus on as well. The Body Builders is a ministry that is not advertised much in our church because it is a “behind the scenes” type of ministry where we see the importance of coming along side of our people and reaching out in order to build up the body of Christ. Thanks again for your faithful service. We are praying that God will bring fruit as we reach out together to strengthen the body at FBCWD.

God Bless,
Pastor Bruce