

Impact Report

FBCL LAKEWOOD

2017-2018

FBCL Mission Statement

We exist to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord by seeking, teaching, and caring for the people in our church, community, and world.

BEYOND THESE WALLS

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21 NKJV)

What a time we are experiencing together at First Baptist Church of Lakewood! It is amazing to see all that God is doing! We thank God for His faithfulness to us and for what He is doing in our church, community and world because of your willingness to step out in faith in service, giving and ministry.

In the following pages, you will see many of the ways FBCL has made an impact in our community and world, and you will get to know some of the

people and ministries we have had the opportunity to support. Often as needs arise, we respond willingly—but we don't always hear about what happened afterwards.

So it is our prayer that as you read this, you will celebrate all God is doing through us, be encouraged to continue supporting and praying for the people and ministries mentioned, and be inspired to continue overcoming evil with good together!

CHURCH PLANTING SUPPORT

First Baptist Church of Lakewood was established in 1952. Over the years, our church has been blessed to be able to help and support various church-planting efforts. Currently, we are excited to support five specific church planting efforts through budgeted missions giving and building usage.

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THESE BUILDINGS FOR GOD'S GLORY

Our prayer at FBCL is that in all we do—in and around our city, through missions, and in our small groups/Bible studies and weekly activities, we will exalt Jesus Christ as Lord and glorify Him (1 Cor. 10:31). As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to “go and make disciples” (Matt. 28:19). So we do that. And we encourage you to do so as well. But sometimes we have the distinct privilege of having our community come to us! These buildings God has so

graciously blessed us with have the ability to be entry points to share the love of Jesus with people through interactions with our staff and members.

In 2017, FBCL was honored to host two separate memorial service events for our law enforcement (LE) community. LE officers from across the state participated in and attended the services.

During the school year, a Bible Study Fellowship

(BSF) women’s group of 400+ class members meet to be transformed by the truth of God’s Word and equipped to share it in the world.

Colleen VanArsdall, BSF Teaching Leader shares, “In our area we have the opportunity to welcome military wives—women who often need help and encouragement to persevere in parenting while their husbands are deployed for several months. Many have shared how God’s Word gives them hope and strength and how the support and prayers of their small group members enable them to get through times of loneliness and un-

2 Corinthians 9:8

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.”

certainly... Yes, God’s Word and Spirit are at work making a difference in those who come through the doors of FBCL!”

The Youth and Community Center (YACC) is also being used for God’s glory! Most recently, the YACC hosted a leadership class for police officers led by Lakewood Police Chief Mike Zaro.

MISSIONS OFFERINGS

Throughout the year, FBCL gives to special missions offerings that support missions efforts both locally and globally. We are so grateful for a church family that has such a heart for missions!

2017 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	\$ 9,242
2017 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	8,587
2017 NW Impact (Pacific NW) Offering	4,647
2017 Vacation Bible School Missions Offering	1,036
SBC Cooperative Program (NWBC)	65,002
Puget Sound Baptist Association (PSBA)	13,784

TOTAL 2017 SBC MISSION OFFERINGS \$102,298

In 2018, you gave the largest Annie Armstrong Easter Offering which benefits North American missions in our church’s history: \$10,045! Thank you for giving!

LOCAL MISSIONS/PROJECTS

Our church is also able to support local organizations serving our community. Organizations like **CareNet of Puget Sound, Caring for Kids, Parkway Food Bank, Communities in Schools, LASA, and Tacoma Rescue Mission.** We budget over \$19,000 to support local missions, in addition to special drives. We love that many in our church family choose to volunteer with these organizations as well. You can too! Find out more on our website: fbclakewood.org/localmissions.

AN IMPACT AT THE YACC

“For one week per month over the last three months Lakewood’s First Baptist Church allowed us access to the YACC to host a leadership class for officers. Courses like this are in high demand but it requires a space to host it that provides flexibility and privacy in a professional setting. The YACC fit the bill perfectly and officers from around the region were able to attend this valuable training. There is no doubt that the generosity of FBC with the space at the YACC contributed to the betterment of law enforcement in our area. Thanks to FBC and your entire staff!” —*Chief Mike Zaro, Lakewood Police Department*



PASTOR'S PEN

"...the more we do together, the greater the eternal impact."

Dear Church Family,

We have put together this "Impact Report" to share with you the impact we as a church make in the community and throughout the world. Some of our members only see the weekly things that happen here within the facilities that we are privileged to enjoy. So we decided to create this report so you would know how much of a difference you are helping to make outside the four walls of our church facility. It is an honor to be able to share some of the things FBC Lakewood has been able to be a part of and the impact we are making for the Kingdom of God. And it is because of you—your financial gifts, your willingness to serve, your continued prayer—that all this is happening. Let's celebrate all God is doing!

As you read this report, I hope you will see more clearly how we are touching lives and having a transformational impact that is far-reaching and life-changing. In cooperation with other churches & church plants, we are able to reach people with the Gospel not only here in Lakewood, but also to people groups in Canada and Japan, as well as Cambodian and East Asia immigrants!

We have had the opportunity to collaborate with several other churches in Lakewood, along with our local police department, to address the homelessness issues in our community. We look forward to continued conversations on how we can work together on this major issue. And as many of you know, FBC Lakewood supports a number of local social service agencies, and our members volunteer in many social service & faith-based organizations.

I hope that as you read this, you will recognize the significance of what you are a part of by participating in the life and ministry of FBC Lakewood. Our sincere prayer is that God will bless you for being a part of something that is transformational, far reaching, and impacting the Kingdom of God for His Glory!

Thank you for being a part of our church family. Beyond a doubt, we are better together. And the more we do together, the greater the eternal impact.

Pastor Kelley

CHURCH PLANTING (Cont.)

Wellspring Church is a Korean language church plant that uses the Youth and Community Center (YACC) on Sunday mornings after we finish using it for Bible Study classes! They also utilize a room once a week for a mid-week Bible study/prayer service. Keep Pastor Doug and Hak Henry and Wellspring Church in your prayers as they continue to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

To the north of us in British Columbia, Rafael and Sarah Araujo, along with their two daughters, are reaching Portuguese and Spanish-speaking immigrants through the North American Mission Board church plant **Burnaby Born Again Baptist Church**. Burnaby Born Again began with 10 coming together to study God's Word and now have more than 30 coming regularly to worship and study together on Sundays. Recently, they had a baptism celebration, and five people were baptized at the lake!



In early 2018 we hosted **The Mission**, a military ministry group, at the YACC for a week when they coordinated some outreach/evangelism activities on Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The Mission wants to give a special thank you to FBC Lakewood for their prayer support and donations to cover some of the expenses incurred for those events.

Sahara and Sima Chea and their family are faithfully working to reach Cambodian families with the gospel through a new **Cambodian language church plant** here in the Puget Sound area. We are looking forward to seeing how God works in our region through the Chea family and being able to share it with you so we can celebrate what God is doing together!

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Many years ago, FBCL coined the phrase “In the heart of the city with the city on our hearts.” That statement is still as true today as it was the first time it was written down! There are a multitude of ways FBCL reaches out into our community—from YACCycles (a bicycle ministry) to our annual Trunk or Treat community event on Halloween night and much more. But the most visible is probably through our Benevolence Ministry.

The Benevolence Ministry is a program administered by our Deacon Body; and through financial donations from our church family, they are able to assist families in our Lakewood community with help with rent/utilities on our behalf. In 2017 through donations of over \$11,000, the Benevolence Ministry served 136 families. And halfway through 2018, over 60 families have been helped! But it is about more than just numbers. Those numbers represent people. People who are hurting and in crisis. People desperate to know that someone actually cares about *them*. We could probably tell hundreds of stories, but allow us to share just one with you today.

A few weeks before Christmas last year, the Lakewood Police Department reached out to Pastor Kelcy regarding a family in crisis. This single mom and her children had fallen on some difficult times—to the degree that the family had ultimately lost their housing and had been reduced to living in their vehicle. The police department knew our church had an assistance program and wondered if we might be able to help them get this

family back on their feet.

Through the Benevolence Ministry, we were able to give this family temporary housing for a few days. Then in collaboration with other Lakewood area churches, we are pleased to be able to report that the family was able to receive additional temporary housing until they were able to get into their own apartment in January! Because of the generosity and care of our church family and from ministries like our benevolence program, this family—and many others like them—did not wake up this morning in their vehicle. How incredible to be a part of their story!

Financial gifts to the FBCL Benevolence Ministry can be given at any time. Simply write “Benevolence” on your offering envelope or give online at fbclakewood.org.

Our teenagers are also learning what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Throughout this last year, members of our youth group have given over 500 volunteer hours doing community service projects, yardwork, special event setup and teardown, etc. All the while, putting into practice one of the youth group’s key Scripture verses: 1 Tim. 4:12.

*“Don’t let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.”
(1 Timothy 4:12)*

CHURCH PLANTING (Cont.)

The second international church plant we are excited to be able to partner with is with Jared and Tara Jones and **Impact Japan**. While the Jones family was stateside this spring, we were happy to have Jared join us for a Sunday in April to share more about the ministry and potential ways FBC Lakewood can partner with them in reaching this people group with the gospel. This Japanese church plant currently meets for worship and Bible study in a pediatrician’s office!

We are looking at a possible mission trip opportunity in the summer of 2019. More info to come this fall!

If you would like to give a financial gift to support the Japan Church Plant (JCP), write “JCP” on your check/offering envelope or use the “Love Offering” category through online giving & note “JCP” in the memo.

