TEAM CONNECT CHURCH

March 2022

PRAISE ITEMS:

We thank the Lord for the ones coming to the Bible Study!

Mikayla is going to complete studies in MO in a few years.

Thankful for the many we have met through our many involvements.

Thankful for the opportunity to be prayer support for those in need in our community.



Frank & Debbie Webster

WE ARE CONNECTING

After moving here in June, we know too many in our community to list here. How many of those would be faithful to a weekly church schedule? That is yet to be determined, but we have been told by at least 6 that they are in, without our solicitation. So, these beginning stages are in motion.

Our Florida Salad group had 32 at its last meeting, and we start with prayer before playing the card game. One prominent person to our community who plays with us stated, *"There is just something about you two that makes this time special."* He also asked me to pray at a restaurant in which 9 of us went to recently.

Between pickleball, volleyball, water aerobics, exercise room, and about 8 other things we are involved in regularly, we are recognized by several. (*Thank you for the prayers for continued health and energy for us!*)

The connecting increased even further when Debbie partnered with our 84 yr old neighbor to do a *"Burgers on the Block"* for our 105th Court neighbors at our house on the evening of March 20. There were 26 of us to grill hamburgers for and get to know. Now we don't go outside without someone stopping to talk or wave at us. Most of them heard of our church planting desire that night as well through those who already know.

We have also recently prayed, shoulder to shoulder, on the pickleball court for two who are dealing with cancer. So, the fun involvements always have a spiritual purpose.

Connect Free Will Baptist Church is a legally recognized religious entity in Florida as well as with our denomination.

This doesn't mean that we are not on mission status. We are still in that classification with the Florida Mission Board and with North American Ministries. This does mean that you can donate to us for things outside of salary needs and get a receipt for tax purposes. This also means that people here can feel more secure that this effort is backed by a large group of people and not just something the Websters have put together.

Retirees are people who have *"been around the block a few times"* which makes this legal step important to us all. And, to be able to say that we are accountable to three mission agencies (Florida Board, Missouri Board and NAM) gives us high credibility.

"We have high credibility"



Connect Study group on Thursdays

Contact Us

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HOW IS THE CONNECT STUDY GOING?

We started with 5 and we have had up to 11. But the numbers don't tell the whole story. This group of people who knew very little about the scriptures on Nov. 9 have now gone through Genesis, Exodus and finishing John. The scripture knowledge and spiritual growth has been phenomenal!

One told us that she is no longer Catholic but "what we are". Another purchased her first Bible at age 64. Another who has anxiety so bad that she rarely leaves her house comes to our Bible Study. Those who didn't know the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament now do. Those who needed the Table of Contents to find Genesis, Matthew, or any book of the Bible can find many quickly. All but one of them read far beyond the few chapters I ask them to each week.

Of all the things we do each week, which is a lot, the Connect Study is the most fun for us. Watching these "sponges" soak up The Word is beyond priceless.

If all this ended today, which I'm not planning anytime soon, we are happy that the Lord led us to show this group to Him. There is early fruit for the labor in central Florida.

I hope to start a 2nd group this summer for more of those who don't know. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work now on those hearts and minds.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE WEBSTERS

To support the **Church Planter Salary of Webster's** there are several ways to give.

Give through your local FWB church. Designate it "Webster"

You can go to floridafwb.com/florida-fwb-mission-shares-program and follow

instructions use or your cell phone to let the **yellow** symbol take you to that website

Or go to momissions.com/give and follow instructions. The the **orange** symbol

will take you there too.

You can go to fwbnam.com/webster/ and follow instructions. The blue symbol

will take you to the **NAM** site.

For **Ministry Suport** for **Connect FWB** toward those many upcoming facility needs paypal.me/connectfwb or use this white symbol to take you there







