

Upcoming Events

- Today's Nursery Attendants: Joyce & Lexi
 - Children ages 0-5 years
 - Parents/Guardians - Nursery attendant will escort you.
- All of March (Every Sunday) - New Members Class @ 9-10AM
- TODAY - "5th Sunday Fellowship"
 - In need of volunteers for clean-up (Please see Marina & Anna)
- Starting April 6th (Every Sunday) - L.I.F.E. Groups @ 9-10AM
 - Groups of All Ages > Please sign up in Foyer
- April 6th @ FBC - Joint Worship Service - FBC & Living Word
 - Lunch to follow
 - In need of volunteers for clean-up (Please see Marina & Anna)
- April 8th (Tues) - Monthly in-person Board Meeting @ 7PM
 - Members welcome
- May 7th (Wed) - Worship Service with Guest Speaker, Tucker Rodkey
 - Dinner @ 5:30-7pm > then Family Worship @ 7pm
 - In need of volunteers for clean-up (Please see Marina & Anna)
- 10% of ALL our Giving goes to Global Missions
Designated Offerings can be made to - Local Outreaches, Changemakers, Etc.
- Get CONNECTED with God, His Church & His People see - CONNECT Card
- Join us Wednesday nights @ 7:00PM - Bible Study & Prayer Time
 - www.fairmeeting.net/fbcblackwood

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- INDONESIA -

SAFE HOUSES BLESS MUSLIM - BACKGROUND BELIEVERS

- A Christian ministry in Indonesia runs 4 "blessing houses" that are temporary safe houses for Christian converts from Islam who are from 1 of Indonesia's largest minority groups. These houses also serve as places of worship, discipleship/skill development centers for persecuted Christians. A front-line worker said that every week she suffers "small-scale persecution" (people throwing rocks at the houses, spreading rumors or trying to stir up local imams against her). But her kindness & generosity to the community has earned her more friends than enemies. *Pray for the work done through these blessing houses, for favor in the community, & for renewed leases as all 4 houses' leases expire this summer.*
- Indonesia has the largest Muslim population in the world, with more than 220 million Muslims (about 13% of the world's Muslim population). While most Indonesian Muslims practice an animistic/superstitious version of Islam known as "folk" Islam, proponents of Islamic extremism have encouraged & engaged in violence against Christians. *The wickedness of attacks has led many Muslims to question Islam & to be more open to the gospel. Bold evangelists are taking advantage of this opportunity to share the gospel & lead many Muslims to faith in Christ.*
- The main persecutors in Indonesia are Islamic extremists, however, in Bali, the main persecutors are Hindus. While government doesn't usually persecute Christians, neither does it consistently defend them.
- It's illegal to evangelize but, it's legal for people to convert to Christianity. Christians living in cities can worship openly. In rural areas, Christians who share their faith face persecution from Muslims, local government & community. In some areas, small house churches are generally tolerated & meet openly. Muslims pay a price for converting to Christianity, & most Christian converts from Islam attend churches outside their community. Those who openly share their faith face pressure from family because their conversion affects their social standing. Muslim families often disown their children who come to faith in Christ. Foreigners who evangelize Muslims must leave the country. One province, Aceh, has implemented Islamic law.
- Bibles are available in most cities, but not in many rural locations. People can legally own a Bible & the Indonesia Bible Society prints Bibles inside the country. However, many live in hostile/remote areas where Bibles are unavailable, & others cannot afford to purchase one.
- *PLEASE PRAY: that Christians will boldly share the gospel, although it is illegal. That persecuted Christians in rural areas will find ways to fellowship with other Christians. That Christians who live in hostile & remote areas will have access to God's Word. For Maria Solon, whose husband, Marten, was killed in Indonesia because of his Christian faith. That members of Muslim extremist groups will seek the one true God.*

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