

# THE WEEKLY WORD

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## Clothing Closet

We had a great turnout for the Community Clothing Closet on Saturday! A handful of volunteers was able to serve dozens of people. We were able to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our city! St. Francis of Assisi once said, "It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching." And that's exactly what we were doing on Saturday! We were able to break into the lives of people who might not normally come to church and we were able to share the Gospel through our actions. What item at the Clothing Closet was completely cleared out? The table full of Bibles! As we met physical needs, we were also able to meet spiritual needs! There is a hunger for truth in Clayton, and we can find dozens of ways to bring it to people, including through clothing! A special thanks to all who served on Friday and Saturday! You are so appreciated!

## A Monday of Meetings

On Monday, August 14th we will be hosting two informational meetings: **FBC Kids** at 6pm and **Praise Team** at 7pm. We need you to come and be a part of these incredible ministries! Pray and ask the Lord if He may be calling you to serve with us!

## Sermons and Roadtrips

Since I began my sermon series *Numbers: Roadtrip to the Promised Land* on July 9th, the Lord has given me many, many practical learning experiences\*. I have traveled nearly 5,000 miles in the last month as I visited six different states. And none of it came with the exotic adventure of travel. I experienced intense, grinding traffic in major cities, planes were delayed, I spent a night in an airport, I had several near-accidents that made my heart beat for miles and miles afterward. It has been crazy. And beautiful. God has shown me through these roadtrips that traveling through life is not easy. We face difficulties and problems and pain and pressure. This world is filled with aches and mistakes and heartbreaks. But there is one constant through it all: *God's guiding presence*. He never leaves His people. He listens to every prayer, catches every tear, blesses every step of the way. Over and over again, I am reminded of the truth that we cannot make it on this journey without Him.

– Pastor Mark

## Upcoming Events

*Nominating Committee Meeting*

Tuesday, August 8th @ 6:30pm

*Business Meeting*

Sunday, August 13th @ 12pm

*FBC Kids Ministry Meeting*

Monday, August 14th @ 6pm

*Praise Team Meeting*

Monday, August 14th @ 7pm

*Church Potluck Dinner*

Sunday, August 20th @ 12pm