

Fact or Fiction

Fact: The church exists in the world to bring glory to God by telling and sharing God's love with all people.

Fact: A church only focused on itself (inward and unwilling to change) is a church that is dying.

Fiction: Reaching out to others means ignoring the needs of those in the church.

Fiction: It's our church. Nope, it is Christ's church. He is the head. We are His body. He is Savior and Lord. Our mission is clear and it is defined not by us but by Christ!

Fact: The B2SB (Back to School Bash) is a way to share the love of Christ with our community! It is just one way of many ways that we should be extending God's love to those around us. Based on last year's attendance, it is more than worthy of doing again this year. It is way to bring together everyone in our community for an evening of fun, food, interaction that ends with children receiving a back pack with school supplies. These type of events (and we should be doing 2 or 3 of these every year along with a series of other outreach events) are based on a simple belief. When a person is touched by the love of Christ, they are never the same. Who knows if in a week or 3 months, someone who came will be going through a difficult time and God will remind them of us (a church that showed them in a practical way the love of Jesus on a Wednesday evening in August), and that will be the very thing that leads them to come and find salvation, hope and strength!

Fiction: The B2SB is only for those outside our church, and that it ignores those who are a part of our church. No, not true, fiction, just not accurate. It is for the community, BUT it is also for our children, youth and adults too. We want ALL to come and enjoy the evening and we want to provide a back pack with school supplies to all the children who come. The B2SB is for everyone! Was last year, and is this year as well.

Fact: There is joy in serving and being obedient to Christ's commission. Get involved. The acronym for this year's B2SB is "GPS." *Give, Pray, Serve!*

This is an opportunity, even more, a privilege to be the loving hands and feet of Christ. Oh, Lord, help us to be faithful to love you and to share your love with our community that you may be glorified and uplifted.

^{ESV} **John 20:21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

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