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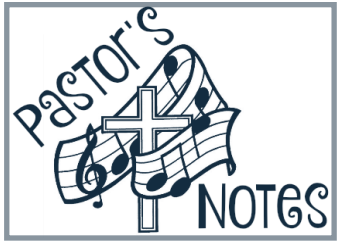
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Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Fremont, NE

PASTOR'S NOTES

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. —Hebrews 1:1-2 (ESV)



I don't know about you, but I have heard lots of news reports and businesses discussing the shift that is rapidly taking place in our society as a result of the COVID pandemic. They point out that change was coming anyway, but that the pandemic accelerated the process to the point that as things start to reopen and move to the next stage, they will likely never return to what life was like pre -2020. One of the big changes they point to is that many people will likely spend the rest of their careers working at home via the internet, rather than in "brick and mortar" buildings. Some of the businesses, as well as the individuals, are seeing this as a real positive thing, because not having to pay as much in overhead will save companies a lot of money, and not having to drive to work every day will save gas money and time for the employee, as well as being more convenient.

Change is inevitable anyway. Someone once said that the only that that never changes is that everything is always changing. We know that God doesn't change, but the methods he uses constantly change and adapt. Some people desperately resist change, not recognizing that change happens whether they resist or not...even the act of resistance changes them! Others adapt in life by learning to cherish each life season as they experience it, treasure the memories, and embrace the opportunity to learn something new. As I like to say, while we may *think* we don't like change, I have yet to hear anybody tell me they wish we still had to use outhouses or they wish we could still be living in the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression!

I invite you to consider change in your spiritual life today. How has the pandemic shaped your relationship with God in fresh ways? What are the lessons you can carry from the past as God leads you to the next chapter of your relationship with Him? As we see trees budding and flowers blooming this spring, and stores slowly reopening and restrictions lightening, can you also identify

the budding and blossoming God might be doing in your life and in our church, post-COVID? Are you willing to embrace change so that spiritually, and as a church, we can move from “outhouse” to “indoor plumbing”? Sometimes we don’t realize the limitations of what we currently know until we take the risk of trying something fresh. Give God the freedom to move into spiritual springtime, with you as a willing agent.



Richard

Pastor's Puzzle

This church member had the unique opportunity to stand in two different salt seas at the same time, with one foot in each. (He/she had even stood on the soil of 7 countries by the time of high school graduation!)



People's Puzzle

This month’s puzzle is in honor of Easter, there are (at least) a couple of stories in the Hebrew Bible that reflect the death/burial/resurrection of Jesus. One is the “binding of Isaac” when Abraham lays Isaac upon an altar. There is a second that Jesus refers to himself. What is it?

****March Answers****



Pastor's Puzzle:

The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117. Bonus question answer: Chapter divisions were first inserted by Canterbury Archbishop Stephen Langton around 1227, and the Wycliffe Bible of 1382 was the first English Bible to use chapters.

A Jewish rabbi named Nathan created verse divisions in the Hebrew Bible in 1448, and Robert Etienne (aka Stephanus) created verses for the New Testament in 1555, and used Nathan’s divisions of the Old. They were first published together in the 1560 Geneva Bible. The chapters and verses we take for granted were more complicated than you thought! (Sometimes the divisions seem rather arbitrary and confusing though. See Isaiah 3:21 as an example).

People's Puzzle:

The person who wanted to be archaeologist who mummified chickens was Cindi Dodd. She even used her interest when teaching, dressing up as the Egyptian Mummifying Woman when she taught about Egypt! (Bonus...Napoleon’s army in 1799 discovered the Rosetta Stone, which contained Greek and Hieroglyphics, leading to the translation of Egyptian inscriptions to this day! That is also why the language teaching program is named Rosetta Stone.)



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Happy Anniversary!

29th Tom & Jessica Peterson 402-719-5408



There are many ways to serve God. One of them is being part of our “Mission Impact Team”. Where you get to share ideas and serve in a way that is close and dear to you. Contact the office, or a member of the “Vision Team” for more information.

Our Friends Away from Home

NYE POINTE
2700 Laverna St, 402-727-4900
Sharlene Wilkinson #203

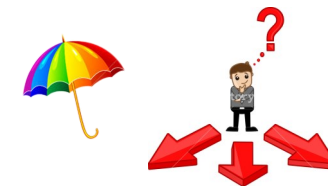
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652 W 21st St 402-721-9224
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749 E. 29th St, 402-721-1616
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Dona Laten #11

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Choose what is best for you.

- Kid’s Club
- Fremont Days
- LifeHouse
- The Bridge
- Youth Groups
- Communion
- Sunday Cookies
- Church Meal Team
- Kay Club Sewing
- Technology
- Bereavement
- Christmas Program
- VBS
- First Responders
- Missions
- Seniors
- Schools
- Ideas??????

Great News

FBY NEWS



Love. Grow. Serve.

Hey kids! 

Groups are meeting, projects are happening, and we want you to be part of it! Join the FBC Kids Club or FBY groups. Learn new things about Jesus, how to be closer to Him, all while having FUN!

 **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 6:30**



There is no better way to spend a week of your summer than SUMMER CAMP @ Camp Moses Merrill. Campers of all ages enjoy fun activities, making new friends, and growing in faith. Get away this summer and come to Camp Moses Merrill.

Register by May 1st and receive \$25 off a week long youth camp.



ABWM

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

1:30 PM

HOSTESS, DEVOTION, MUSIC
LADIES DAY OUT

There shall be showers of blessing

-Ezekial 34:26

Bible Book of the Month:

Zechariah

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

Monthly Meetings

April 12th - 11:30 am
Esther Circle

April 13th - 1:30 pm
Hannah Circle

April 22nd - 12:30 pm
Naomi Circle



Vision Team Meeting: March 13, 2021

Members present: Pastor Richard, Joel Foreman, Mary Weldon, June Cardwell, Mike Raasch, Eileen Cash, Marcia Hill, Randy Cash, Don Charleston, and Dorothy Charleston.



Mike Raasch opened the meeting with prayer. He read an inspiration from Max Lucado from Ps. 86:5, "God's love is constant".

Randy reviewed the Balance sheet for February. The bank balance in the checking account was \$16,031.29 at the end of February. The Memorial Fund had \$38,811.10 and Endowment was \$340,173.13. The PPP loan has been forgiven. Jody's restitution has been completed. Quarterly insurance and real estate taxes on the rental property was paid. February snow removal was \$1700. Getzschmans were paid \$1788 for removal of snow and patching leaks on the flat roof of the Church. \$2275 was taken from the Memorial Fund for painting the ceiling in the Parlor and hall. Caleb's guest speaking fees are being charged to Staff Replacement.

The Communion Fund is used for people in need, but no gasoline.



Don reported the Parsonage windows will be replaced beginning the first part of April. Funds for a new camera and CPU, to live stream sermons have been pledged. The balance up to \$1500 to be taken from Memorials has been approved. Nola and Paul are working on the source.

The handrail for the sanctuary was incorrectly made, so it is was sent back for remodel. The Parlor furnace has been repaired. The north parking lot is in need of repair. A discussion of options was held.

Personnel updated the Vision Team that we are no longer contracting with Second Baptist for Kristi's work with our youth. The Personnel Committee also shared the process for their choices and decisions as they updated the Vision Team in regard to the previous concerns discussed. The Vision Team concurred with the decisions made by

Passion & Purpose

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Bible Reading
Plan

Apr 1-Exodus 9:16	Apr 16- Matt 6:33
Apr 2- Prov. 19:21	Apr 17- 1 Cor 10:31
Apr 3- Rom. 8:28	Apr 18- Eph. 1:11
Apr 4- Rom. 9:11-12	Apr 19- Psalm 90:20
Apr 5- Rom. 9:17	Apr 20- Rev. 4:11
Apr 6- 1 Cor. 9:26-27	Apr 21- Col. 3:23
Apr 7- Gal. 4:18	Apr 22- Matt 6:21
Apr 8- Psalm 37:4	Apr 23- 1 Cor. 9:24-27
Apr 9- Job 42:2	Apr 24- James 1:17-20
Apr 10- Prov 20:5	Apr 25- John 14:12
Apr 11- Phil 2:12-13	Apr 26- 1 Cor 9:19-23
Apr 12- 2 Tim. 1:9	Apr 27- Isaiah 14:24
Apr 13- Psalm 138:8	Apr 28- Jer. 29:11
Apr 14- Rom. 12:2	Apr 29- John 6:38
Apr 15- Jer. 1:5	Apr 30- Eph. 2:10

Flourishing Today



Masks are one of the things that have become the new “norm”.

Kay Club Mask Makers have been busy making masks and were able to make a delivery to Washington Elementary.

If you would like more information on joining “KAY CLUB” or are interested with helping with cost of supplies please contact the office.



Cookies and Coffee



Oh how we missed the small pleasures of COOKIES and COFFEE. As of March 7th we have resumed the after service tradition.

The last Sunday of the month is “Sign up Sunday” where you can sign up to bring cookies for after worship. If you are interested there is a sign up sheet in the sanctuary or contact the office.



Dear FBC Family,
Thank you so much for the gift cards and food. Jerry and I are so grateful. The prayers you are sending on my behalf mean so much. You have forever changed me.
God Bless You,
Roxanne Woodman



Personnel on behalf of the church.

June reported Caleb has had up to 15 in Youth attendance He will continue until April 28. End of year activities will be May 5 with a possible BBQ. Farewell cards will be sent to Kristi.



VBS will be June 11 at MMCCC.

Joel reported bus transportation for Kids Club is now available when needed.

The upcoming calendar includes Easter Breakfast by the ABMen on April 4. Serving times are 8:30 to 9:15 and 10:15 to 11:00. There will be no cookies that day.

ABM and ABW will be participating in J.C. Fremont Days.

Pastor Richard reported he will be taking a week of vacation sometime after Easter.

The meeting was closed and ended with prayer by Dorothy

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Charleston , clerk

Thanks to America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) supported communities distressed by the devastation of COVID-19 last year, as the pandemic swept our country and Puerto Rico. We also helped families who lost homes to floods, wildfires and storms, along with children living on the edge because of poverty, and seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News. These are just a few of the ways we minister to those in need; there are many more. Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children and Jesus’ disciples in 2021 by supporting this year’s America for Christ Offering.



Pastor Gundar Lamberts, who serves at Westover Baptist Church in Des Moines, has his last day April 11th. He and his wife Kathy plan to do some traveling and spend more time with their grandchildren. If you would like to send a card to be given to him on his last day please mail to:

Westover Baptist Church
2330 62nd street
Des Moines IA, 50322



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Prayer Emphasis

**School Board,
Teachers,
Administration,
Custodians, and all
School Affiliates**

April Van Driver

**Alan Holzerland
402-421-7605**

Video Ministry

Rick & Linda Crytzer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.</i></p> <p>-Psalm 37:4</p>						
<p>1 6:45 am EASTER Sunrise Service @ Fremont Lakes Pancake Breakfast 8:30-9:30 and 10:15- 11:00 Easter Service 9:30 am Casual Service 11:00</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 7:00 am Mens Bible Study 8:00 am ABMen Breakfast</p>	<p>4 5:30 Zoom Fellowship 6:30 FBY Kids Club 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Sober & Crazy AA</p>	<p>5 1:30 ABWM Meeting 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>6 12:15-12:45 Good Friday Service</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service</p>	<p>9 11:30 Esther Circle</p>	<p>10 1:30 Hannah Circle 7pm Young People AA</p>	<p>11 6:30 FBY Kids Club 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Sober & Crazy AA</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7pm Young People AA</p>	<p>18 5:30 Zoom Fellowship 6:30 FBY Kids Club 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Sober & Crazy AA</p>	<p>19 12:30 Naomi Circle</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7pm Young People AA</p>	<p>25 6:30 FBY Kids Club 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Sober & Crazy AA</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Casual Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>32</p>	<p>33</p>	<p>34</p>	<p>35</p>