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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.



April 2024



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Music Director Sasha White

Pastors Notes

“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” -- Matthew 26:41

Do you recognize that statement? I hope so, since we just celebrated Holy Week! Those are the words Jesus said to the disciples as he led them into the Garden of Gethsemane prior to his arrest. What was the temptation he wanted them to avoid? To fall asleep? To strike out against those who arrested him? To run away in fear? If so, they fell for all of those. Jesus doesn't say what specific temptation...but those were among his last words to the disciples prior to the crucifixion... the same admonition he included in his model prayer: *“And lead us not into temptation....”* --Matthew 6:13. Do you pray those words?

Clearly it was an important concern to him. Perhaps part of his concern stemmed from the very beginning of his ministry...remember what happened? *“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”* --Matthew 4:1 He knew first hand the trickery and intensity of satan's traps...so had legitimate concern for the safety of his disciples, including us!

London and Stoler's The Minister's Little Devotional Book addresses the topic in this way:

“An article in Enrichment magazine asked the question, ‘When are you most likely to face temptation?’ Respondents were allowed multiple choices. Of those surveyed,

- 81 percent said it was when they had not spent much time with God;*
- 57 percent when they had not had enough rest;*
- 45 percent when life was difficult;*
- 42 percent during times of change; and*
- 37 percent after a significant spiritual victory.”*

How would you have answered that survey question? Self-awareness in this area can be extremely helpful. Knowing when you are about to face temptation can enable you to arrange plans for facing it. Or, how about this question: Do you know what areas of your life satan is most likely to use to tempt you? That is important, too. Military strategists know that it is their weakest areas of defense that are most likely to be attacked, and, conversely, are the best locations to attack their enemy. Foolish though he is to attack God, satan is smart enough to know our weaknesses and how to attack them with temptations. I'm pretty sure I am not ever going to be tempted to fly an airplane into a skyscraper...probably not you either, right? But then, satan doesn't waste his time tempting us to do that...he uses more personalized temptations. What are yours?

The book of James provides some insight into how that process works:

“Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God can-



not be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.” --James 1:13-14

Temptations to do wrong never come from God...and we aren't free to just blame everything on satan. We have to also be willing to take a good look at ourselves, the weak areas of our lives that provide the openings satan can take advantage of. Satan will attack you based on your own specific desires; Paul illustrates it with an example that applied not only in his time, but is very relevant in this day and age:

“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.” --1 Timothy 6:9

Satan knows where to set the snares that are most tempting for each of us. Do you know where he sets the snares for you? What are the desires in your heart that he will twist and tempt? Are you prepared for the battle? There are other lessons for us to learn.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! --Matthew 18:7

In this world, temptations to do and be less than what God desires of us abound. They always have, and always will. You and I have to learn how to deal with them...knowing that when one temptation is no longer effective against us, satan will move to attack another desire area of our lives...he is relentless in his pursuit of causing us to lose heart, to abandon our faith, leading us to neglect the things of God in our lives as we pursue lesser things in our wayward desires. In addition, there is one other way he can twist our desires to his advantage in the verses above: he can use US as the agents of temptation for others... our words and actions to drive others away from the faith, our little compromises to lead others to compromise, and even as agents of discouragement for people who are in desperate need of encouragement instead. Woe to us if we allow ourselves words and actions to be stumbling blocks!

Finally, perhaps one of the most important (and famous) verses about temptation is

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it”. --1 Corinthians 10:13

Bird on head vs building nest

Every temptation we face, every opportunity to sin that strikes at the heart of our desires, always comes with an escape hatch, an alternative path, a chance to pursue righteousness and victory instead. It is a hard thing to resist the temptations that come our way, and if we fall for the traps God will forgive and restore us. But let us never forget that God always see in advance the traps satan will set, and arranges resources, opportunities and Holy Spirit guidance and support for us to avoid the trap. One of my favorite sayings in this area is that *“we can't stop a bird from landing on our heads, but we can prevent it from building a nest in our hair.”*

Circling back to the Devotional book above, they offer an admonition for the importance of overcoming the temptations we face. I will close with it:

... There is a 'new wind' blowing amidst the Church and Satan is doing all he can to prevent the Spirit's outpouring. Let us not be guilty of 'putting out the Spirit's fire' through our own moral weakness.”



The month of March has been pretty busy for young folks here at the church. Mid-march took four of our Wednesday youth out to Moses Merrill for the Spring Youth Retreat for a great weekend together! Wednesday the 20th was an evening of fun and prizes at Bingo for the Kids Club, the Youth and a number of adults that came to help and to enjoy meeting and participating with the kids. Then, as the month drew to a close, work began on filling Easter Eggs with treats in preparation for making available on Palm Sunday and also to be delivered surreptitiously on Easter morning, all in an effort to raise funds to help cover expenses for the summer Youth Conference in Estes Park for the high schoolers and other upcoming events for both high school and middle school participants. In April, you will have opportunities to “rent-a-kid” to help out for a donation. Helpers are willing to do such things as change batteries in smoke alarms, replace light bulbs, wash windows, walk dogs, rake yards, help prepare gardens for planting, or even assist with grocery shopping, all for a donation to the youth group fund. You can call the church office any time to make arrangements for your own day of help.



Get to know FBYouth!

This month as you get to know our youth, we feature **Matty Howell**, an 8th grader at Fremont Middle School. Matty is the middle child with 2 brothers and lives with his parents over near the Bell St. viaduct, and has been involved with our Wednesday night activities for many years. Matty has lots of personality, and he likes to eat almost any kind of food, just hanging out with his friends, and extra naps when he gets the chance. Like many teens today, he likes playing video games, and when asked his favorite movie, he selected 21 Jump Street.

Samantha (Sami) Hill is a sophomore at Fremont High School. She lives with mom and dad, along with her 2 brothers and sisters, only one of which is younger than her. She has been to Camp Moses Merrill multiple times for a variety of events, and considers it her favorite place to go. She likes to roller skate, enjoys sleepovers with friends, is a Lions fan and selects Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets as her favorite movie. She likes to play 9 square (we need to get our court fixed for spring!) and her favorite food is French Toast. She thinks she would like to open a hair salon when she grows up. Sammie brings a lot of energy, smiles and curiosity to our Wednesday night group.

NO ABW MEETING



Monthly Meetings
April 8th - 11:00 am
 Esther Circle
April 9th - 11:30 pm
 Hannah Circle @ Gambino's
April 25th - 12:30 pm
 Naomi Circle



Ladies Day Out
April 4, 2024
 Heading to Brazen Head
 in Omaha for Lunch
 Arrive @ Church 10am
 Depart @ 10:15am
 -No Charge for Transportation-
 -RSVP by calling the office-



FBC Fremont
Saturday Women's Bible Study
Esther
 April 27, 2024
 9:30 a.m. - Parlor



**Bible Book of
 the Month:**
Micah

American Baptist
**Women's
 MINISTRIES**



I ASKED GOD TO HELP ME GROW,
 AND IT
 STARTED TO
 RAIN.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."



Jeremiah 1:5

Vision Team Meeting: March 9, 2024

In attendance were Mike Raasch, Larry Hill, Joel Foreman, Alan Holzerland, Marcia Hill, Eileen Cash, Randy Cash, Marilyn Pueppke, Mary Weldon, Betty Laughlin and Pastor Richard.




Randy reported that the current checking balance is 11,499.00. Discussion followed including mention of 3 payrolls coming in June, completion of upcoming Fix-it projects, and need for youth funds for camp and Colorado conference, which may mean endowment request in a couple months.

Eileen reported on ABWM: April Woman's Day Out to the Brazen Head restaurant and a luncheon in May, delivery of 20 Lap-robies to MapleCrest, along with a check for \$990.00, and support for Alaska projects. She encouraged any ladies who are able to attend the monthly meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month. Nebraska Women's conference is scheduled in June, hosted by the North Platte Church, cost will be \$176.00 per attendee.

Upcoming Calendar: Joel reported that the ABMen Easter Breakfast before the first service and between services, money will go to Moses Merrill's Weaver Hall project and Fremont Days booth is reserved. Youth group also has permission for an additional space for a cotton candy and lemonade fund-raiser sale.

Alan and Marcia described upcoming Youth Group fundraisers to help activity costs. On Easter they will be offering to hide filled eggs in people's yards, and that on Palm Sunday they intend to have some bags of similar eggs. In April they are going to offer a Rent-a-Kid for various home help needs, and more. Mothers Lacey Pilkington and Cassie Burt are helping coordinate fund raisers. Also reported was the need to separate Middle School and High School youth on Wednesday night, with the need for more adult help.

Youth Minister Intern search continues, contact info has been provided to individuals at Midland University.

 Larry shared updates on the various Property activities, including carpet repair, ceiling fan questions, bids for the driveway at the Parsonage and entrances to Family

Center. The new van will have our name soon, the vacant office in the Complex is being advertised by realtor Rob George, and the individuals working on plans for new signs to replace faded banners are going to be asked to help complete that project by this summer, and a meeting is scheduled with the sound people.

It was brought up that the boiler inspectors informed us that if we aren't using it, it needs to be capped off to be in compliance, and would need to be capped prior to their next Inspection. Discussion followed about the adjustments needed for the new system's regulation, and whether there is reason to keep the boiler available at this point. When Don

Happy Birthday!

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Paul Foreman	402-719-4316	07
Tom Scott	402-525-6937	08
Cindi Dodd	402-727-7228	12
Dorothy Charleston	402-720-5238	14
Everett Moerker	402-721-4290	17
Mike Raasch	402-727-6854	22

Happy Anniversary!

29th Tom & Jessica Peterson 402-719-5408



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| Day 1: Psalm 37:7-9 | Day 16: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 |
| Day 2: Jeremiah 29:11-14 | Day 17: James 1:19-20 |
| Day 3: Romans 12:12-13 | Day 18: Romans 5:2-5 |
| Day 4: Philippians 4:5-7 | Day 19: 2 Timothy 2:24-26 |
| Day 5: Isaiah 40:30-31 | Day 20: James 1:2-4 |
| Day 6: Ecclesiastes 7:8-9 | Day 21: Colossians 1:11-12 |
| Day 7: James 5:7-8 | Day 22: Hebrews 10:35-36 |
| Day 8: 1 Timothy 1:15-16 | Day 23: Proverbs 16:32 |
| Day 9: Romans 5:3-5 | Day 24: Luke 21:17-19 |
| Day 10: 1 Thessalonians 5:14 | Day 25: Psalm 130:3-6 |
| Day 11: Ephesians 4:1-3 | Day 26: Luke 8:15 |
| Day 12: Psalm 37:7-8 | Day 27: Colossians 3:12-14 |
| Day 13: 2 Corinthians 6:4-6 | Day 28: Proverbs 25:15 |
| Day 14: Galatians 6:9-10 | Day 29: Hebrews 6:10-12 |
| Day 15: Romans 8:24-25 | Day 30: Romans 2:6-8 |

Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word. Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.



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John C. Fremont Days is fast approaching!! As many of you are aware, one of our ministries is to hand out FREE books. We are currently in need of Gently Used or New **Christian** Books, Bibles, and especially Children's Bibles. All donations can be brought to the office. Thanks in advance!!!

One fine March Sunday morning, Nola Crooks had the opportunity to speak at a women's conference in Pakistan via the internet, as shown in this photo. Several of our members know Louis Irfan, President of the Baptist World Alliance of Pakistani Women who made the arrangements, because Louis is one of several individuals who regularly attend some of our Bible studies online.



March Bible Puzzle Answer

How many queens can you name (not anonymous) from the Bible? This month we will have just the Old Testament answer. If focusing on the title “queen”, we know names of only 5 with that title: Tahpahnes queen in Egypt, Vashti & Hadassah (Esther) who reigned in Persia and then two among the Jewish people—Maacah (wife of Abijah) and Athaliah. **Including other wives of kings whose names we know (but without specific use of the title) I count an additional 23!**-- Michal, Ahinoam, Abigail, Maacah David's wife, Abital, Eglah, Bathsheba (Bath-shua), Naamah, Maacah (Micaiah) Rehoboam's wife, Jezebel, Azubah, Haggith, Zibiah, Jehoaddin (Jehoaddan), Jecoliah, Hephzibah, Meshullemeth, Jedidah, Hamutal, Zebidah, Nehushta, Jerushah (Jerusa), and Abijah (Abi).

Other queens mentioned, but unnamed, include the Queen of Sheba, Artaxerxes's queen present when Nehemiah was sent to rebuilt, and Balshazzar's wife who speaks in Daniel's presence. Song of Solomon also mentions 60 queens in Solomon's time. Strikingly, Jeremiah makes reference to the idolatrous worship of the “queen of heaven” among the Israelites. If you want more details or references, stop by the church office and pick up the list

March People Puzzle Answer

The rowdy youngster who had fallen off a roof and also head-butted by his brother-in-law's bull was Jerry Adams.

April Bible Puzzle



Following up on March's puzzle, how many queens are named in the New Testament? And, bonus question, what other women of political rulers are mentioned by name?

April People Puzzle

This month's church member shares a delightful story of a memorable vacation of a foursome on a car-trek eastward. When driving the beltway around Baltimore, they were involved in an accident damaging the vehicles (but gratefully, with no injuries!). Somewhat stranded in these circumstances, the patrolman took it upon himself to take the part of 10 into his home and help them arrange the needed repairs! How's that for hospitality?!?

Charleston returns, property team will discuss details and options going forward.



Joel and Pastor shared outreach plans: Easter baskets for the clients of The Bridge again this year, and the week of March 25, the Andersons will be coordinating the delivery off food supplies to Linden School. Pastor also shared that Mark had helped us secure close-out gloves, hats and mittens at a considerable discount from Hy-Vee for school delivery next winter. We have not received many coats, though. Cash donations to help offset the cost would be appreciated.

Pastor raised Holy Week Services. Good Friday service will be at 6:30 p.m. and Sunrise Service may be in the Sanctuary instead of at the Lakes. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 p.m. as usual.

Mike Raasch indicated that Paul Weers from the Foundation will be at our church on Tuesday, March 19 (and in the area additional time), and would be available for anyone wanting to discuss planned giving (contact the church office to schedule an appointment). He will be meeting with the new Endowment Team (Mike Raasch, Deb Peterson, Wayne Muff with Pastor) to review the updated guidelines for handling the church endowment funds that the previous Endowment Team has been working on and to provide guidance, as well as to bring the New Endowment Team up to speed on the changes and possibilities available through ABF.

The Mission Conference plans for this year were the time with Gordon and LeeAnn Hwang just completed, and then on May 20-21, Walt and Jeanine White will participate with us for the World Mission Conference that will be held on Zoom, our participation will be in the Family Center.

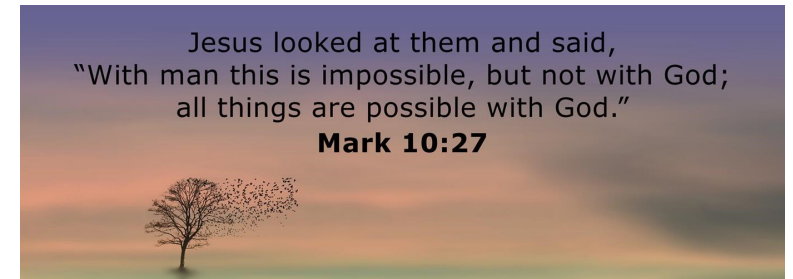
The Moses Merrill renovation of Weaver Hall was discussed, Bev Pacas will be coming to our church on April 7 to provide details.

We continue to plan for a Grandparents' dinner in the fall. Pastor suggested we also consider if there might be something we would have that people would enjoy inviting others to and that we could include our Wednesday families to join. A possibility was to hold a "day away" at Moses Merrill for everyone, that would include use of the facilities, lunch, fellowship time. It was agreed pastor should make inquiries with Bev about options.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Weldon, substitute

Jesus looked at them and said,
"With man this is impossible, but not with God;
all things are possible with God."

Mark 10:27



April 2024

It's always a good idea to verify times and places, Thanks!

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

Go to God
 BE THE
GLORY

NEW NIGHT

Cookies & Coffee

7 - Hannah
 14 - Esther
 21 - Naomi
 28 - ABM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 April Fools' Day 9am - Men's Coffee	2 7pm - AA Meeting	3 9:30am - Women's Coffee 6:15pm - Meal 6:45pm - FBKids FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	4 Ladies Day Out 9:30am - Pastor Led Bible Study in Parlor and via ZOOM 5:30pm - Kay Circle Mat Weaving	5 9am - Men's Coffee 12pm - Bible Study in Parlor	6 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team 10:30am - Prayer Room w/Pastor 6pm - Food & Fellowship
7 Communion 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service	8 9am - Men's Coffee 11am - Esther Circle 7pm - Woodcarvers	9 11:30am - Hannah circle 7pm - AA Meeting	10 9:30am - Women's Coffee 6:15pm - Meal 6:45pm - FBKids FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	11	12 9am - Men's Coffee 12pm - Bible Study in Parlor	13 8:50am - Personnel Team 9:30am - Vision Team 11am - Prayer Tour
14 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 11am - Bible Study in Parlor 6pm - Brown Bag Fellowship 6:30pm - Movie	15 9am - Men's Coffee	16 7pm - AA Meeting	17 9:30am - Women's Coffee 6:15pm - Meal 6:45pm - FBKids FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	18 1:30pm - ABWM 9:30am - Pastor Led Bible Study in Parlor and via ZOOM 5:30pm - Kay Circle Mat Weaving	19 9am - Men's Coffee 12pm - Bible Study in Parlor	20 9:30am - ABGirls Craft Day
21 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 11am - Bible Study in Parlor	22 9am - Men's Coffee 7pm - Woodcarvers	23 7pm - AA Meeting	24 9:30am - Women's Coffee 6:15pm - Meal 6:45pm - FBKids FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	25 12:30pm - Naomi Circle	26 9am - Men's Coffee 12pm - Bible Study in Parlor	27 9:30am - ABW Bible Study on Esther
28 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 11am - Bible Study in Parlor	29 9am - Men's Coffee	30 7pm - AA Meeting				

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. *-Psalm 37:4*

